

Atlantic A10 CONFERENCE



CHARLOTTE



DAYTON



DUQUESNE



FORDHAM



GEORGE WASHINGTON



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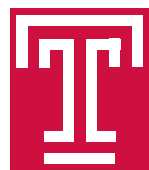
ST. BONAVENTURE



SAINT JOSEPH'S



SAINT LOUIS



TEMPLE



XAVIER

◆The Charlotte 49ers are proud members of the Atlantic 10 Conference◆

DID YOU KNOW?

◆ Since 1990, LaSalle's **Lionel Simmons** (1990), Massachusetts' **Marcus Camby** (1996), Xavier's **David West** (2003) and Saint Joseph's **Jameer Nelson** (2004) have been named Division I National Men's Basketball Player of the Year.

◆ **Briana Scurry**, starting goalkeeper on the gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic Women's Soccer Teams in 1996 and 2004 and the 1999 World Cup Champs, played collegiately at UMass.



Scurry

◆ Over the last 10 years, the Atlantic 10 has produced six Elite Eight NCAA men's basketball teams, including 1996 Final Four participant UMass.

◆ In 2003-04, the A-10 sent two teams (Saint Joseph's and Xavier) to the NCAA Elite Eight in men's basketball. Saint Joseph's head coach **Phil Martelli** was named National Coach of the Year.

◆ Since 2000, nine A-10 schools have made 20 trips (3.3 per year) to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

◆ The A-10 got a little stronger in men's basketball in June, when George Washington's **Pops Mensah-Bonsu** and **Mike Hall** and La Salle's **Steven Smith** withdrew their names from the NBA Draft.

◆ UMass softball has advanced to the Women's College World Series three times since 1992 behind the likes of 1999 National Player of the Year **Danielle Henderson**.

◆ La Salle has had three National Basketball Players of the Year (**Tom Gola**, 1954; **Michael Brooks**, 1980 and **Lionel Simmons**, 1990). Only Duke, Georgia Tech and UCLA have more.

◆ Fordham's **Rose Hill Gymnasium** (3,470) is the oldest Div. I gym in the country. It opened Jan. 16, 1925.

◆ Saint Louis has won 10 NCAA Men's Soccer Championships and been to 42 of the sports' 46 NCAA Tournaments.



Team USA star Brian McBride of Saint Louis.

◆ Duquesne's first recorded black athlete, **Cumberland Posey** (a.k.a. Charles Cumbert) went on to found and manage the fabled Homestead Grays of the Negro Baseball League.

◆ Temple's **Mark Macon** was named National Freshman of the Year and **John Chaney** was named National Coach of the Year in 1988 after the Owls became the first A-10 team to be ranked #1 in the country.

◆ A-10 schools have produced several National Freshmen of the Year, including **Macon** (1988), **Larry Hughes**, SLU (1999), **Rodney White**, Charlotte (2001) and **Jameer Nelson**, Saint Joseph's (2001).

◆ Temple head men's basketball coach **John Chaney** was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.



Hall of Fame Coach John Chaney of Temple.



With many a packed house, Dayton's UD Arena could be renamed L-O-U-D Arena.



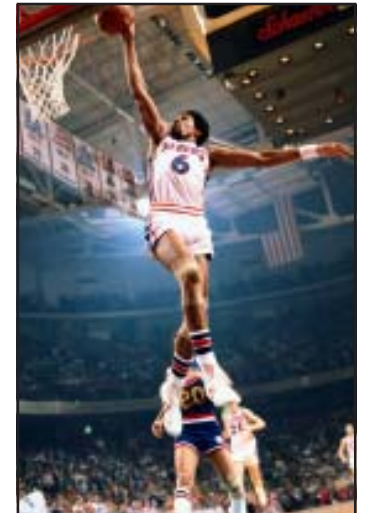
Hall of Famer John McGraw (St. Bonaventure, Class of 1895) coached baseball's New York Giants for 30 years.



Former Rhode Island Ram Lamar Odom plays for the LA Lakers.

"The best teams in the Atlantic 10 have been competitive with the best in any league during the past two decades. Marcus Camby, David West and Jameer Nelson all became national player of the year from this conference. Xavier and St. Joe's were in the Elite Eight only two years ago. The league's problem hasn't been the absence of quality teams or programs. Charlotte gives the A-10 one more, and that can only help."

-- Mike DeCourcy, The Sporting News



All-time NBA great Julius Erving played collegiately at UMass.



La Salle's "L-Train", Lionel Simmons was the 1990 Player of the Year.

"Fans at schools like Dayton, Xavier and George Washington sell out their venues for hoops because they, like Charlotte, have teams that are capable of making noise nationally. With the league being a young one last season, this season the A-10 should be one of the most competitive conferences in the country."

-- Jason Jordan ESPN the Magazine

"The A-10 received one NCAA Tournament bid last season, but last season was the exception, not the rule. The A-10 is better than a one-bid league — much better — and the addition of Charlotte will drive home that point in 2005-06."

-- Gregg Doyel CBS Sportsline



2003 National Player of the Year David West of Xavier.



Fordham's **Rose Hill Gym**, built in 1925, is the oldest Division I gym in the country.



Saint Joseph's **Phil Martelli** was the National Coach of the Year in 2004.



Temple women's basketball coach **Dawn Staley** carried the American flag at the 2004 Olympics.

"The Atlantic 10 is a conference with a rich tradition and history, and has produced some really memorable teams and rivalries over the years. Now, with the addition of the Charlotte 49ers, the A-10 will have another team that will compete annually for the postseason honors. Bobby Lutz was the equal of any coach in Conference USA, and I know that Lutz will compete favorably against the really good coaches in the Atlantic 10. Charlotte will raise the level of competition in the league, and form some new rivalries up the East Coast."
Jay Bilas, ESPN



Red Auerbach, during his playing days with George Washington.



Former Saint Louis National Freshman of the Year **Larry Hughes** is now a huge asset for the Washington Wizards.



Cincinnati Reds all-star **Sean Casey** starred at Richmond.



Cumberland Posey (middle row; 3rd from left), of Duquesne, went on to found and coach the Homestead Grays of the Negro Baseball League.



Saint Joseph's famed mascot, **The Hawk**.

FAST FACTS:

◆ NCAA Bound

The Atlantic 10 has sent at least three teams to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in 8 of the last 10 years, and at least four teams in four of those years.

◆ NCAA Men's Final Four Participants

- Charlotte, 1977
- Dayton, 1967
- Duquesne, 1940
- La Salle, 1954, 1955
- Massachusetts, 1996
- St. Bonaventure, 1970
- Saint Joseph's, 1961
- Temple, 1956, 1958

◆ Men's Basketball National Champions

- La Salle, 1954

◆ All-Time Team of National Players of the Year

- G- Jameer Nelson, St. Joseph's
- G/F - Lionel Simmons, La Salle
- C - Tom Gola, La Salle
- F - Marcus Camby, UMass
- F - David West, Xavier



Nelson

◆ Another Really Good Team

- G- Norm Nixon, Duquesne
- G- Larry Hughes, Saint Louis
- C - Bob Lanier, St. Bonaventure
- F - Julius Erving, UMass
- F - Cedric Maxwell, Charlotte



Lanier

◆ National Coaches of the Year

- 1977 - Lee Rose, Charlotte
- 1987 - John Chaney, Temple
- 1988 - John Chaney, Temple
- 1994 - Charlie Spoonhour, Saint Louis
- 1996 - John Calipari, Massachusetts
- 2004 - Phil Martelli, Saint Joseph's

◆ Notable Alums

- Alan Alda, M*A*S*H (Fordham)
- Christiane Amanpour, CNN (Rhode Island)
- Jim Bunning, MLB Hall of Fame (Xavier)
- Natalie Cole, Singer (UMass)
- Bill Cosby, Comedian (Temple; UMass)
- Richard Gere, Actor (UMass)
- James Gunn, *The Scooby Doo Movie* writer (SLU)
- Bruce Hornsby, Musician (Richmond)
- Brian Jordan, Atlanta Braves (Richmond)
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (George Washington)
- Bob Lanier, NBA Hall of Fame (St. Bonaventure)
- Jamie Moyer, Seattle Mariners (Saint Joseph's)
- Norm Nixon, LA Lakers (Duquesne)
- Dan Patrick, ESPN (Dayton)
- Colin Powell (George Washington)
- Bill Raftery, ESPN (La Salle)
- Art & Dan Rooney, Pittsburgh Steelers (Duquesne)
- William Schultz, Fender Instruments (Duquesne)
- Denzel Washington, Actor (Fordham)

◆ Top Coach

Who is the best coach that graduated from an A-10 school?

- Red Auerbach, George Washington
- Vince Lombardi, Fordham
- John McGraw, St. Bonaventure
- Chuck Noll, Dayton
- Jon Gruden, Dayton



Lombardi

A-10 Sponsored Sports

in which the Charlotte 49ers Compete:

- ♦ Baseball
- ♦ Men's Basketball
- ♦ Women's Basketball
- ♦ Men's Cross Country
- ♦ Women's Cross Country
- ♦ Golf
- ♦ Men's Indoor Track and Field
- ♦ Women's Indoor Track and Field
- ♦ Men's Soccer
- ♦ Women's Soccer
- ♦ Softball
- ♦ Men's Tennis
- ♦ Women's Tennis
- ♦ Men's Outdoor Track and Field
- ♦ Women's Outdoor Track and Field
- ♦ Volleyball

Automatic NCAA Tournament Qualifiers:

- ♦ Baseball
- ♦ Men's Basketball
- ♦ Women's Basketball
- ♦ Golf
- ♦ Men's Soccer
- ♦ Women's Soccer
- ♦ Softball
- ♦ Men's Tennis
- ♦ Women's Tennis
- ♦ Volleyball

2004-05 A-10 Champions:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Regular-Season</u>
Baseball	Rhode Island	Rhode Island; GW
M. Basketball	GW	St. Joseph's; GW
W. Basketball	Temple	Temple; GW
M. Cross Country	La Salle	
W. Cross Country	La Salle	
Golf	Xavier	
M. Indoor Track	Rhode Island	
W. Indoor Track	Rhode Island	
M. Soccer	GW	Duquesne
W. Soccer	Dayton	Dayton
Softball	UMass	Fordham
M. Tennis	Richmond	
W. Tennis	Richmond	
M. Outdoor Track	Rhode Island	
W. Outdoor Track	Rhode Island	
Volleyball	Dayton	Dayton; Xavier

2004-05 NCAA Qualifiers:

Baseball	Rhode Island
M. Basketball	George Washington (NIT: St. Joseph's; Temple)
W. Basketball	George Washington Richmond Temple (WNIT - Xavier)
Golf	Rhode Island Xavier
M. Soccer	George Washington
W. Soccer	Dayton
Softball	UMass
M. Tennis	Richmond
W. Tennis	Richmond
Volleyball	Dayton



Formed: August 13, 1975

(Eastern Collegiate Basketball League)

(Changed Name to Atlantic 10 in 1982-83)

First season: 1976-77

(Charter members: Duquesne, George Washington, Massachusetts, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Villanova, West Virginia)

Current Membership/City:

Charlotte 49ers/Charlotte, N.C.

Dayton Flyers/Dayton, Ohio

Duquesne Dukes/Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fordham Rams/Bronx, N.Y.

George Washington Colonials/Washington, D.C.

La Salle Explorers/Philadelphia, Pa.

Massachusetts Minutemen/Amherst, Mass.

Rhode Island Rams/Kingston, R.I.

Richmond Spiders/Richmond, Va.

St. Bonaventure Bonnies/St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

Saint Joseph's Hawks/Philadelphia, Pa.

Saint Louis Billikens/St. Louis, Mo.

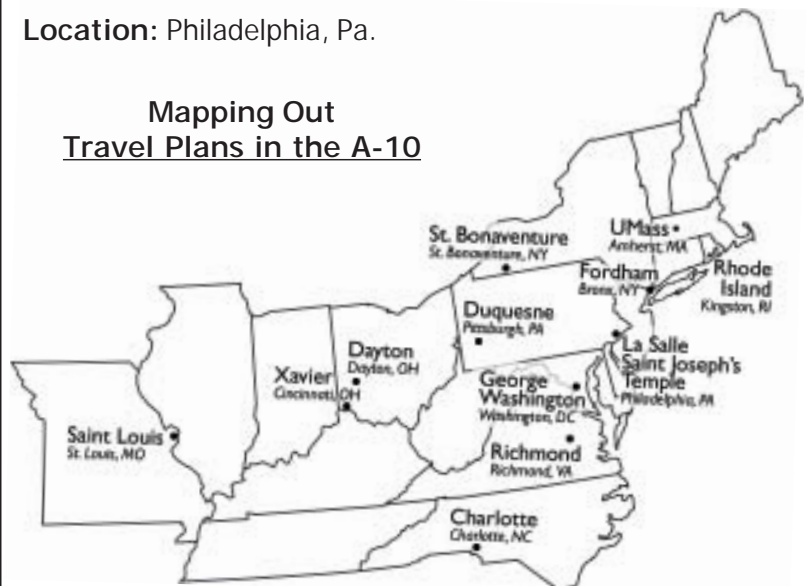
Temple Owls/Philadelphia, Pa.

Xavier Muskateers/Cincinnati, Ohio

Commissioner: Linda Bruno

Location: Philadelphia, Pa.

Mapping Out Travel Plans in the A-10



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