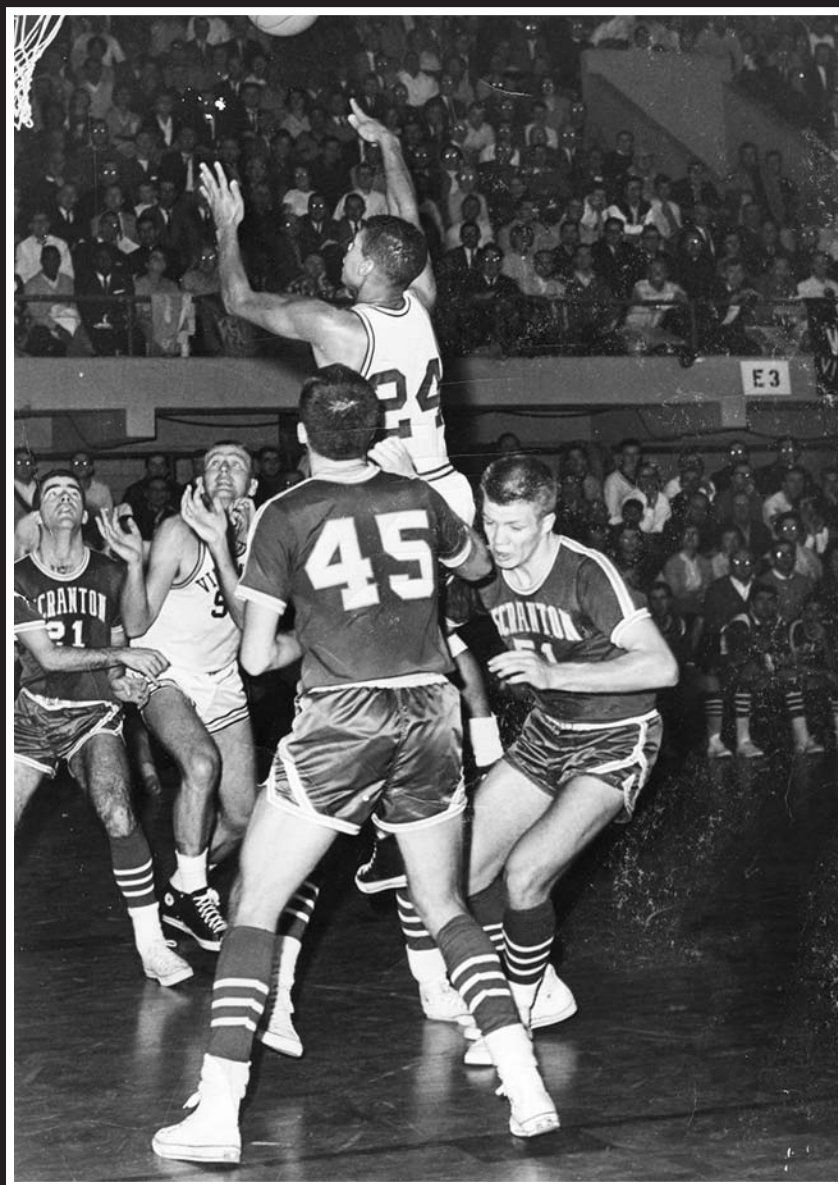


# VILLANOVA



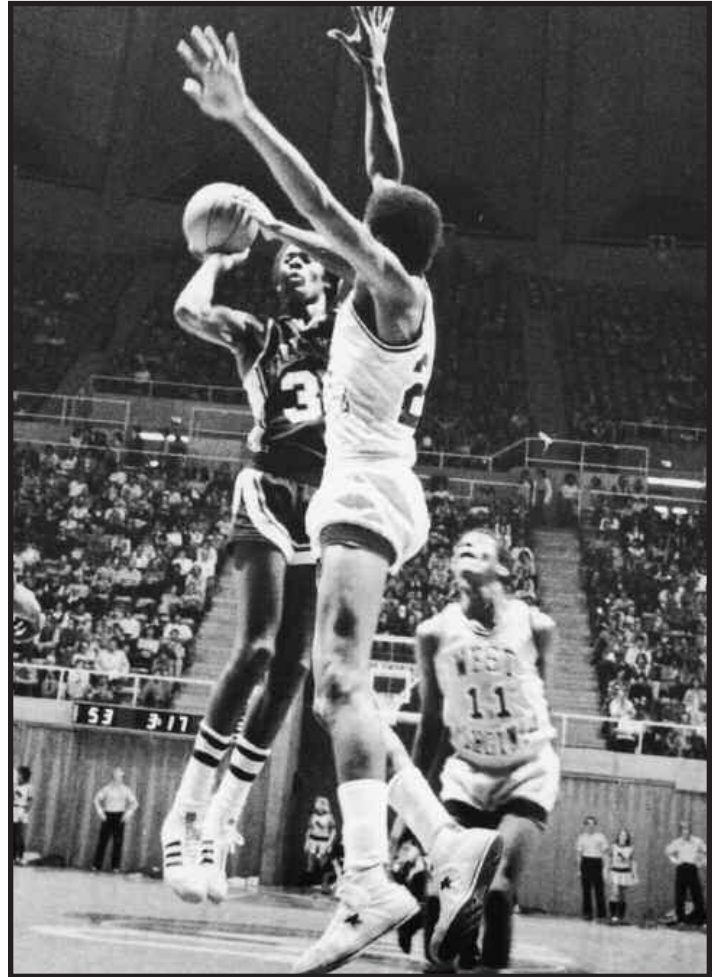
*Tournaments*



# NCAA Tournament History

**OVERALL RECORD: \*Won 42, Lost 28  
28 Appearances**

- 2007 — First Round (Chicago, Ill.): Lost to Kentucky 67-58
- 2006 — First Round (Philadelphia, Pa.): Defeated Monmouth 58-45; Second Round (Philadelphia, Pa.): Defeated Arizona 82-78; Minneapolis Regional Semi-final (Minneapolis, Minn.): Defeated Boston College 60-59 (overtime); Minneapolis Regional Final (Minneapolis, Minn.): Lost to Florida 75-62
- 2005 — Defeated New Mexico, 55-47, in Syracuse Region first round; defeated Florida, 76-65, in Syracuse Region second round; lost to North Carolina, 67-66, in Syracuse regional semifinal.
- 1999 — Lost to Mississippi 72-70, in East first round;
- 1997 — Defeated Long Island, 101-91, in East first round; lost to California, 75-68, in East second round.
- 1996 — Defeated Portland, 92-58 in Midwest first round; lost to Louisville 68-64, in Midwest second round.
- 1995 — Lost to Old Dominion, 89-81, in East first round.
- 1991 — Defeated Princeton, 50-48, in East first round; lost to North Carolina, 84-69, in East second round.
- 1990 — Lost to LSU, 70-63, in the Southeast first round.
- 1988 — Defeated Arkansas, 82-74, in the first round; defeated Illinois, 66-63, in the second round; defeated Kentucky, 80-74, in the Southeast regional semifinals; lost to Oklahoma, 59-78, in the Southeast regional finals.
- 1986 — Defeated Virginia Tech, 71-62, in the first round; lost to Georgia Tech, 61-66, in the second round.
- 1985 — Defeated Dayton, 51-49, in the first round; defeated Michigan, 59-55, in the second round; defeated Maryland, 46-43 in the Southeast regional semifinals; defeated North Carolina, 56-44, in the Southeast regionalfinals; defeated Memphis State, 52-45, in the semifinals; defeated Georgetown, 66-64, in the National Championship game.
- 1984 — Defeated Marshall, 84-72, in the first round; lost to Illinois, 56-64, in the second round.
- 1983 — Bye first round; defeated Lamar, 60-58, in the second round; defeated Iowa, 55-54, in the Midwest regional semifinals; lost to Houston, 71-89, in the Midwest regional finals.
- 1982 — Bye first round; defeated Northeastern, 76-72, in triple overtime in the second round; defeated Memphis State, 70-66, in overtime in the Eastern regional semifinals; lost to North Carolina, 60-70, in the Eastern regional finals.
- 1981 — Defeated Houston, 90-72, in the first round; lost to Virginia, 50-54, in the second round.
- 1980 — Defeated Marquette, 77-59, in the first round; lost to Syracuse, 83-97, in the second round.
- 1978 — Defeated LaSalle, 103-97, in the first round; defeated Indiana, 61-60, in the second round; Lost to Duke, 72-90, in the Eastern regional finals.
- 1972 — Defeated East Carolina, 85-70, in the first round; lost to Pennsylvania 67-78, in the second round; lost to South Carolina, 78-90, in consolation.
- 1971 — \*Defeated St. Joseph's, 93-75, in the first round; defeated Fordham, 85-75, in the second round; defeated Pennsylvania, 90-47, in the Eastern



**Keith Herron**

- regional finals; defeated Western Kentucky, 92-89, in double overtime in the semifinals; lost to UCLA, 62-68, in the National Championship game.
- 1970 — Defeated Temple, 77-69, in the first round; defeated Niagara, 98-73, in the second round; lost to St. Bonaventure, 74-94, in the Eastern regional finals.
- 1969 — Lost to Davidson, 61-75, in the first round.
- 1964 — Defeated Providence, 77-66, in the first round; lost to Duke, 73-87, in the second round; defeated Princeton, 74-62, in the consolation.
- 1962 — Defeated West Virginia, 90-75, in the first round; defeated NYU, 79-70, in the second round; lost to Wake Forest, 69-79, in the third round.
- 1955 — Defeated Duke, 74-73, in the first round; lost to Canisius, 71-73, in the second round; defeated Princeton, 64-57, in the consolation.
- 1951 — Lost to North Carolina State, 62-67, in the first round.
- 1949 — Lost to Kentucky, 72-85, in the first round; defeated Yale, 78-67, in the consolation.
- 1939 — Defeated Brown, 42-30, in the first round; lost to Ohio State, 36-53 in the Final Four.

*\*1971 NCAA Tournament games were later declared null and void by the NCAA.*



**NCAA All-Tournament Teams**

<b>2006</b>	Randy Foye (All-Minneapolis Region)
<b>2005</b>	Randy Foye (All-Syracuse Region)
<b>1988</b>	Doug West (All-Southeast Region)
	Kenny Wilson (All-Southeast Region)
<b>1985</b>	Harold Jensen (All-NCAA Championship)
	Dwayne McClain (All-NCAA Championship)
	Gary McLain (All-NCAA Championship)
	Ed Pinckney (MVP NCAA Champ. game, All-NCAA Champ., MVP Southeast Region, All-Southeast Region)
	Harold Pressley (All-Southeast Region)
<b>1983</b>	John Pinone (All-Midwest Region)
<b>1982</b>	Ed Pinckney (All-Eastern Region)
	John Pinone (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1978</b>	Keith Herron (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1972</b>	Hank Siemiontkowski (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1971</b>	Howard Porter (MVP NCAA Championship game, All-NCAA Championship, MVP All-Eastern Region, All-Eastern Region)
	Chris Ford (All-Eastern Region)
	Hank Siemiontkowski (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1970</b>	Howard Porter (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1964</b>	Wali Jones (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1962</b>	Hubie White, Wali Jones (All-Eastern Region)
<b>1955</b>	Bob Schafer, Jack Devine (All-Eastern Region)



Howard Porter



Dwayne McClain

**Villanova Year-By-Year in the Postseason**

2007	NCAA	1982	NCAA
2006	NCAA	1981	NCAA
2005	NCAA	1980	NCAA
2004	NIT	1978	NCAA
2003	NIT	1977	NIT
2002	NIT	1972	NCAA
2001	NIT	1971	NCAA
2000	NIT	1970	NCAA
1999	NCAA	1969	NCAA
1997	NCAA	1968	NIT
1996	NCAA	1967	NIT
1995	NCAA	1966	NIT
1994	NIT	1965	NIT
1992	NIT	1964	NCAA
1991	NCAA	1963	NIT
1990	NCAA	1962	NCAA
1989	NIT	1960	NIT
1988	NCAA	1959	NIT
1987	NIT	1955	NCAA
1986	NCAA	1951	NCAA
1985	NCAA	1949	NCAA
1984	NCAA	1939	NCAA
1983	NCAA		

**Villanova vs. All-Opponents (NCAA Tournament)**

Opponent	Record	Opponent	Record
Arkansas	1-0	Memphis State	2-0
Arizona	1-0	Michigan	1-0
Boston College	1-0	Mississippi	0-1
Brown	1-0	Monmouth	1-0
California	0-1	New Mexico	1-0
Canisius	0-1	New York University	1-0
Davidson	0-1	Niagara	1-0
Dayton	1-0	North Carolina	1-3
Duke	1-2	North Carolina State	0-1
East Carolina	1-0	Northeastern	1-0
Florida	1-1	Ohio State	0-1
Fordham	1-0	Oklahoma	0-1
Georgetown	1-0	Old Dominion	0-1
Georgia Tech	0-1	Pennsylvania	1-1
Houston	1-1	Portland	1-0
Illinois	1-1	Providence	1-0
Indiana	1-0	Princeton	3-0
Iowa	1-0	St. Bonaventure	0-1
Kentucky	1-2	St. Joseph's	1-0
Lamar	1-0	South Carolina	0-1
LaSalle	1-0	Syracuse	0-1
Long Island	1-0	Temple	1-0
LSU	0-1	UCLA	0-1
Louisville	0-1	Virginia	0-1
Marquette	1-0	Virginia Tech	1-0
Marshall	1-0	Wake Forest	0-1
Maryland	1-0	West Virginia	1-0



Sam Sims and Fran O'Hanlon were part of NCAA Tournament teams in 1969 and 1970.



# NCAA Tournament History



Wali Jones helped lead the 'Cats to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances.

### Final Four Game Records

#### Team Records

- Fewest Field Goals Attempted**
1. 28, Villanova vs. Georgetown, CH, 1985
  2. 38, Villanova vs. Memphis, NSF, 1985

#### Field-Goal Percentage

1. 78.6% (22-28), Villanova vs. Georgetown, CH, 1985

#### Fewest Rebounds

1. 17, Villanova vs. Georgetown, CH, 1985

#### Team and Two-Team Scoring by Halves

##### Fewest Points in a Half, Team

1. 10, Villanova vs. Ohio State, NSF, 1939 (1st)

##### Fewest Points at Halftime, Team

1. 10, Villanova vs. Ohio State (25), 1939

##### Fewest Points at Halftime, Both Teams

3. 35, Ohio State (25) vs. Villanova (10), NSF, 1939  
*(record: 32, Pittsburgh (18) vs. Wisconsin (14), NSF, 1941)*

### Two-Team Records

#### Field Goals Attempted

3. 178, \*Western Kentucky (105) vs. Villanova (73), NSF, 1971  
*(record: 204, Utah (103) vs. \*St. Joseph's (101), N3d, 1961 4ot)*

### Championship

#### Game Records

##### Team Records

##### Fewest Field Goals Attempted

1. 28, Villanova vs. Georgetown, 1985

##### Field Goal Percentage

1. 78.6% (22-28), Villanova vs. Georgetown, 1985

##### Fewest Rebounds

1. 17, Villanova vs. Georgetown, 1985

### Semifinal Game Records

#### Team Records

##### Fewest Field Goals Attempted

1. 38, Villanova vs. Memphis, 1985

#### Team and Two-Team Scoring by Halves

##### Fewest Points in a Half, Team

- 10, Villanova vs. Ohio State, 1939 (1st)

##### Fewest Points at Half time, Both Teams

2. 35, Ohio State (25) vs. Villanova (10), 1939  
*(record: 32, Pittsburgh (18) vs. Wisconsin (14), 1941)*

### Two-Team Records

#### Points

4. 181, \*Villanova (92) vs. Western Kentucky (89), 1971 (2ot)  
*(record: 197, UCLA (108) vs. Wichita State (89), 1965)*

#### Field Goals

3. 75, \*Western Kentucky (39) vs. Villanova (36), 1971 (2ot)

#### Field Goals Attempted

1. 178, \*Western Kentucky (105) vs. Villanova (73), 1971, (2ot)

### Final Four Two-Game Records

#### Team Records

##### Field Goal Percentage

3. 57.6 % (38-66), Villanova 1985  
*(record: 62.1% (64-103), Michigan State, 1979)*

### Final Four

#### Cumulative Records

*(does not include vacated years)*

##### Final Four Winning Percentage

11. 66.7% (2-1), Villanova 1939-85  
*(record: 85.7% (24-4), UCLA 1962-95)*



Sparked by its starting lineup of four guards under 6-4 – Allan Ray, Kyle Lowry, Randy Foye and Mike Nardi – and forward Will Sheridan, Villanova advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 2006.

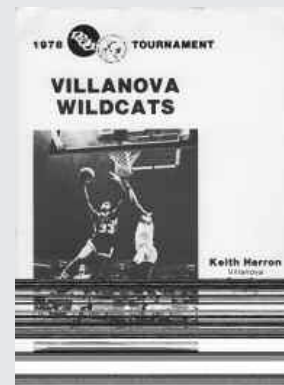


Will Sheridan

**Tournament History Facts**

**Tournament Appearances**

- 49, Kentucky, 1942-07
- 40, UCLA, 1950-07
- 39, North Carolina, 1941-07
- 36, Kansas, 1940-07
- 34, Indiana, 1940-07
- 33, Louisville, 1951-07
- 31, Syracuse, 1957-06
- 31, Duke, 1955-07
- 28, Villanova, 1939-07**
- 28, Notre Dame, 1953-07
- 27, St. John's, 1951-02
- 27, Connecticut, 1951-06
- 27, Arkansas, 1945-07
- 27, Illinois, 1942-07
- 26, Utah, 1944-05



**Highest Free Throw Percentage, Year-by-Year**

- (minimum 10 FTM and 2.5 FTM per game)*
- 1983, John Pinone, Villanova, 1.000% (15-15), 3 games
  - 1985, Dwayne McClain, Villanova, 96.0% (24-25), 6 games
  - 1988, Tom Greis, Villanova, 1.000 (11-11), 4 games

**Individual Rebounding Leaders, Year-by-Year**

- 1985, Ed Pinckney, Villanova, 48 (8.0), 6 games

**Highest Rebounding Average, Year-by-Year**

- 1982, Ed Pinckney, Villanova, 30 (10.0), 3 games

**Highest-Rated Televised College Basketball Games**

- 2. 4/1/85, Georgetown vs. Villanova, 23.3 rating, 33 share, 19,780,000 homes  
*(record: 3/26/79, Michigan State vs. Indiana State, 24.1 rating, 38 share, 17,950,000 homes)*

**Most-Watched Telecasts (By Home)**

- 4. 4/1/85, Georgetown vs. Villanova, 19,780,000 homes  
*(record: 4/6/92, Duke vs. Michigan 20,910,000)*



Doug West helped lead Villanova to the Elite Eight in 1988.



Villanova's Class of 1997, including (L-R) Zeffy Penn, Jason Lawson, Alvin Williams and Chuck Kornegay, reached three NCAA Tournaments and won the 1994 NIT title.



# 1985 NCAA Champions

It was April 1, 1985 when David met and beat Goliath.

It was a game remembered by many as one of the most perfectly-played NCAA championship games ever. It was a game few felt the undermanned Villanova Wildcats had much of a chance winning.

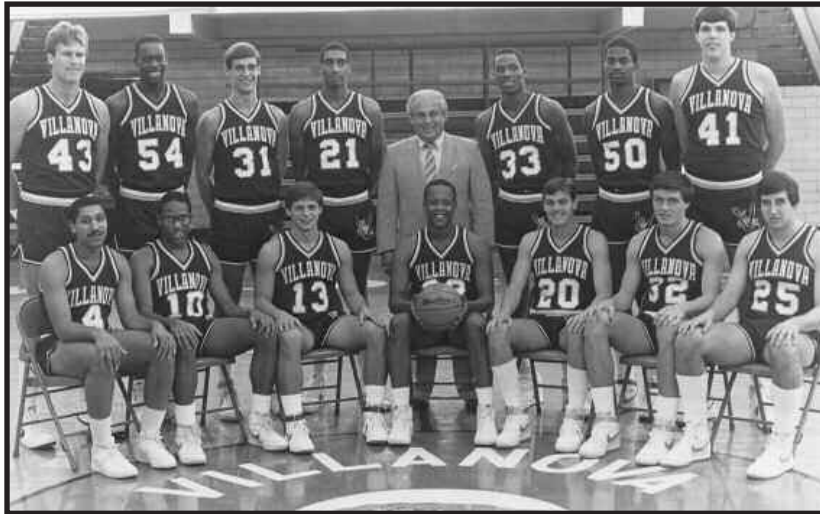
What the capacity crowd in Rupp Arena, and one of the largest national television audiences ever witnessed on April 1, 1985 was as stunning of an upset as there has ever been in an NCAA championship game. Head coach Rollie Massimino's Wildcats claimed Villanova's first national basketball title by shocking one of college basketball greatest teams ever, Georgetown, 66-64.

It was a trio that coined themselves "The Expansion Crew," Ed Pinckney, Dwayne McClain and Gary McLain. And of course it was a typical Villanova team effort with Harold Pressley, Harold Jensen and Dwight Wilbur being most noticeable.

And Villanova's victory was no fluke. On April 1, 1985, Villanova was simply the best team. The Wildcats, as expected, played stellar defense and controlled the tempo just as many thought they would have to in order to keep it a game. Massimino, in a press conference the day before the championship clash, stated that he believed in order for his Wildcats to upend the Georgetown Hoyas it would probably take a perfect game.

His Wildcats weren't perfect, but they were close. The 'Cats sank an amazing 22 of 28 field goal tries for a sizzling and unheard of 78.6 percent field goal percentage. Even more startling, the 'Cats in the second half, when things really began cooking, connected on nine of 10 field goals. 90 percent field goal shooting! From the foul line the 'Cats went 22 of 27, including 11 of 14 pressure packed ones in the last two minutes.

What made Villanova's shooting performance even more startling was who it was accomplished against. Patrick Ewing and company were the number one defense in the country and had limited opponents to just 39 percent shooting from the field for the entire season. Having lost twice to Georgetown in the regu-



The 1984-85 Villanova Wildcats (l to r): Dwight Wilbur, Veltra Dawson, R.C. Massimino, Gary McLain, Brian Harrington, Harold Jensen, Steve Pinone. Standing: Wyatt Maker, Ed Pinckney, Mark Plansky, Harold Pressley, Head Coach Rollie Massimino, Dwayne McClain, Connally Brown, Chuck Everson.

lar season, the two squads were familiar foes. Georgetown jumped on the 'Cats quickly and enjoyed 10-6, 18-12 and 20-14 leads in the game's early going. But for every Georgetown offensive, Villanova regrouped and rallied and when Harold Pressley followed up his own missed shot with just four seconds left before half, Villanova went to the locker room leading 29-28 while a nation-wide audience stared in disbelief.

Villanova's half-time lead lasted until 10:41 was left when the Hoyas moved into the lead 42-41. The lead would exchange hands five times until Villanova had silently slipped out to a 53-48 advantage. But Georgetown roared back, and with 4:50 to go had a 54-53 lead. In possession of a one-point lead and the ball, Georgetown tried to spread the floor and run the clock. However, the 'Cats Dwayne McClain, a player remembered for the many big shots he made in his career, came up with a crucial

steal and as Villanova patiently worked for a good shot, freshman Harold Jensen nailed a 16 footer to push Villanova to a 55-54 lead with 2:36 to go.

Pinckney, at the other end, blocked David Wingate's driving baseline layup and was fouled retrieving the ball, and after making both free throws, the Wildcats had a 57-54 lead. Villanova's ability to sink free throws was crucial in the closing minutes and with 18 seconds left, Villanova led 65-60. A Villanova free throw and two Georgetown layups made it 66-64 with two seconds left. Dwayne McClain, who had tripped and fallen to the floor, caught the inbound pass on the floor and when the final two seconds ticked off the clock, the victory was Villanova's.

"Needless to say, this is probably the greatest moment in Villanova basketball history. I am extremely elated, proud and grateful for everything that happened this year. These kids were just great...I think we beat one of the greatest teams in history. Georgetown played extremely well and we played great."

For the Villanova Wildcats, it was a fairy tale finish.

### VILLANOVA 66, GEORGETOWN 64

April 1, 1985 — Rupp Arena, Lexington, KY

VILLANOVA	MIN	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Pressley	40	4	6	3	4	4	1	1	11
McClain	40	5	7	7	8	1	3	3	17
Pinckney	37	5	7	6	7	6	5	3	16
Wilbur	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
McLain	40	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	8
Jensen	34	5	5	4	5	1	2	2	14
Plansky	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Everson	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>66</b>

**Turnovers:** 17 (Jensen 6; McClain 5; Pinckney 3; McLain 2; Pressley, 1); **Blocks:** 1 (Pressley);

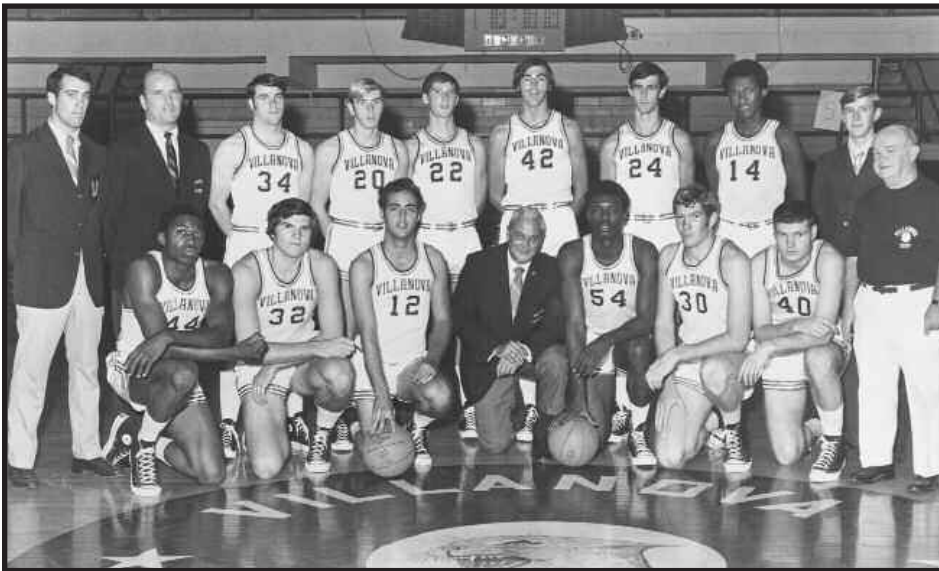
**Steals:** 8 (Pressley 3; McClain, Pinckney 2; Jensen 1).

G'TOWN	MIN	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Martin	37	4	6	2	2	5	1	2	10
Williams	29	5	9	0	2	4	2	3	10
Ewing	39	7	13	0	0	5	2	4	14
Jackson	37	4	7	0	0	0	9	4	8
Wingate	39	8	14	0	0	2	2	4	16
McDonald	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Broadnax	13	1	2	2	2	1	2	4	4
Dalton	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>64</b>

**Turnovers:** 11 (Wingate 4; Williams 3; Martin, Ewing, McDonald, Broadnax 1); **Blocks:** 1 (Ewing); **Steals:** 6 (Ewing 2; Williams, Jackson, Wingate, Broadnax 1); **Halftime Score:** VU 29-28; **Attendance:** 23,124



## 1971 NCAA Finalist



The 1970-71 Villanova Wildcats (l to r): Clarence Smith, Hank Siemiotkowski, John Fox, Head Coach Jack Kraft, Howard Porter, Gary Jentz, Joe McDowell. Standing: Manager Tom Himes, Assistant Coach Dan Dougherty, Mike Daly, Bob Gohl, Ed Hastings, Chris Ford, Tom Ingelsby, Greg Newman, Manager Larry Morgan, Trainer Jake Nevin.

On March 27, 1971, Villanova made its first appearance ever in a NCAA basketball tournament championship game. The unheralded Wildcats had the unenviable job of taking on none other than the Wizard of Westwood, legendary John Wooden and his mighty UCLA Bruins. It was a 28-1 UCLA squad that was paced by Sydney Wicks, Curtis Rowe, Henry Bibby and Steve Patterson.

"Gimme Five" boldly exclaimed buttons worn by UCLA fans in the Houston Astrodome for the championship game. UCLA, heading into the 1971 championship game, had won an incredible four-straight NCAA championships and had won six of the previous seven NCAA titles. Equally impressive, UCLA had run up an amazing 144-5 record dating back five seasons, and the Bruins had won 27-straight NCAA Tournament games.

Jack Kraft's Villanova Wildcats might have been small in number, however, they certainly were not small in deed. Despite featuring a squad made up of just nine members, the Villanova "Iron Men," as they came to be known, had plenty of talent. Led by Howard Porter, Clarence Smith, Hank Siemiontkowski, Chris Ford and Tom Ingelsby, Villanova had rolled along to a 27-6 record, had shocked a powerhouse Penn squad 90-47, and the Wildcats were making their 10th straight postseason appearance.

It had all the makings for another David and Goliath story.

Playing in front of a record crowd of 31,765, the Wildcats began the contest in its traditional two-three zone, concentrating defensively on Wicks and Rowe. With Wicks and Rowe finding the going tough, UCLA looked to 6-9 fifth-year senior center Steve Patterson. Patterson would burn the 'Cats for 20 points by half, hitting nine of 13 field goals, and finish with a game high 29.

"It just shows you what a good team can do. You hold down Wicks and Rowe as well as we did and that third guy kills you," exclaimed Wildcat mentor Kraft.

UCLA opened up in its usual pressing zone defense and the anxious Wildcats quickly turned the ball over four times in the first five minutes and fell behind 15-10.

But the Wildcats bounced back to take a 22-21 lead after a Porter follow-up, and trailed 26-25 with 9:11 to play. UCLA outscored the Villanova squad 13-7 over the next four minutes, and took a 39-32 lead with just over five minutes to play, then

went to the surprising tactic of a stall to force the Wildcats from their zone defense. Villanova finally obliged and switched to its man-to-man, and by half the Bruins had taken a commanding 45-37 lead.

"I didn't think they could beat us man-to-man. We went to the slowdown to bring them out of their zone defense and it worked. Yes, it did hurt our momentum but that's a gamble you have to take," explained Wooden.

The second half was much the same. Wooden instructed his team to spread the floor and force Villanova from its zone defense. However, this time it was the 'Cats who reaped the benefits of the defensive change to man-to-man.

After a sweeping hook shot by Porter, the 'Cats pulled within four, 58-54 with 5:09 to play, UCLA went again to Patterson for what many would later call the game's crucial play. Taking a pass from Bibby, Patterson flipped a short shot which 'Nova's Porter brutally rejected. However, the official called goaltending giving the Bruins a 60-54 lead with 4:34 to go.

Twice, Porter would drill a jumper to cut the lead to three, 61-58 after a Porter baseline-turn-around jumper and 63-60 after a Porter 15-footer, but that's as close as the 'Cats could come as UCLA sealed its victory with three free throws from Bibby and another goaltending call on a Patterson layup.

The crown tipped and wavered but did not fall. The dynasty lived on. In the loss, Villanova earned a consolation prize of sorts. The six-point victory spread was the narrowest among UCLA's seven title-clinching victories.

UCLA 68, VILLANOVA 62										
March 27, 1971 — Houston Astrodome, Houston, TX										
VU	MIN	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS	
Smith	40	4	11	1	1	2	0	4	9	
Porter	40	10	21	5	6	8	0	1	25	
S'ntkowski	38	9	16	1	2	6	0	3	19	
Ingelsby	40	3	9	1	1	4	7	2	7	
Ford	40	0	4	2	3	5	10	4	2	
McDowell	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>62</b>	
UCLA	MIN	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS	
Rowe	40	2	3	4	5	8	2	0	8	
Wicks	40	3	7	1	1	9	7	2	7	
Patterson	40	13	18	3	5	8	4	1	29	
Bibby	40	6	12	5	5	2	3	1	17	
Booker	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Schofield	26	3	9	0	0	1	4	0	6	
Betchley	9	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>68</b>	
<b>Halftime Score: UCLA 45-37.</b>										



## 1939 NCAA Final Four

### VILLANOVA, OHIO STATE WIN N.C.A.A. BASKETBALL GAMES

By Edward J. Klein  
(Reprinted with permission from the  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*)

While three Palestra scoring standards were shattered, Villanova's towering tossers and Ohio State's skyscraper squad marched into the final in the Eastern Division of the National Collegiate A. A. basketball championships last night, jolting semi-windup rivals in a twin-bill before 3500 at Penn's Palestra.

Selected to represent the Middle Atlantic States in the title tournament, Villanova outclassed Brown, 43 to 30, in the lid lifter, while vaunted Ohio State, champion of the Western Conference, walloped Wake Forest, 64 to 52, in a wild-scoring fray that hardly ever lacked for action.

The Wildcats and Buckeyes tangle tonight in the Eastern windup at the Palestra. The opening tap-off being slated for 8:30. The winner will automatically qualify to meet the Western division victor in the tournament final at Evanston, Ill., on March 27.

### 'CATS NEVER PRESSED

There was never really any doubt about the outcome of Villanova's duel with Brown, standard-bearer of the New England area. The Wildcats, tied at 2-2 in the opening two minutes, went ahead shortly afterwards and always remained in the van. At the halftime halt the Main Liners owned a 17-7 edge.

All three Palestra scoring records were created in the whirlwind windup. Ohio State's total established a new team peak, surpassing the 53 mark set up by Army against Penn earlier this season. And the joint State-Wake Forest sum of 116 easily topped the 87 made by Army-Penn when the Cadets tabbed 53 points.

Far different from the opener was the duel waged by two bands of sharp-shooters in the nightcap. Wake Forest, member of the Southern Conference, weathered a see-saw first half to lead, 29-23, at the intermission, but the Deacons couldn't stop Ohio State's roaring rush from the fear in the second session.

### BAKER SETS PACE

But to Richard (Dick) Baker, at 5'11", the only Buckeye first-stringer under six feet in height, went to the laurel of both, blazing the trail to Ohio State's triumph and setting the evening's top total. Dick achieved the twin goal by chalking up 25 points, the result of 10 field goals and five free tosses.

Baker's brilliant basket-bombing erased the existing Palestra criterion of 21 points established by Penn's Ray Menzel in 1937 and Dickinson's Lou Meyer in 1931. Baker, a senior forward from Anderson, Ind., had scored 99 counters thus far this season, the fourth best figure on the Buckeye band.

The top scorer in Villanova's victory was 155-pound, 5-foot-9-inch Johnny Krutulis, senior from North Braddock, Pa., who hit the hoops with a half-dozen field goals and a brace of singletons for 14 points, Big Jim Montgomery, with an even dozen, also aided materially.

Contrary to advance warning, Brown came here without the band of eagle-eyed sharp-shooters who could cut the cords from mid-floor. Even broad-shouldered Harry Platt, who scored 240 points for the New Englanders this semester, was conspicuously silent in the early stages. Later he got going and tabbed seven markers.

Villanova, which took almost twice as many shots at the scoring strings as Brown did, repeatedly broke up the visitors' plays by intercepting passes. The losers hindered themselves considerably by frequent misses of easy lay-up tosses.

### VILLANOVA SURGES AHEAD

After shattering the 2-2 stalemate, the Wildcats stepped out swiftly. They piled up an 11-3 advantage with eight minutes gone and, paced by the brilliant Krutulis, were ahead 17-7 at half time. The Main Liners were on top by 28-12 and 36-18 at stages in the second session, easing up in the last five minutes to thus allow Brown to whittle the winning margin.

Ohio State, which five times traded the lead with the Deacons from Dixie and on six occasions — at 3-3, 5-5, 11-11, 13-13, 14-14, 39-39 — held parity with its smaller rivals, jumped into a 41-39 advantage with some eight minutes of the second session elapsed and stayed there ever after.

Three field goals by Baker, all on lay-up shots, enabled the Buckeyes to tie at 39-39. And it was Baker who put State out in front, breaking the knot with a short stab from near the sidelines. After that, Wake Forest threatened often, but never enough to catch the tall lads from Columbus.

BoByd Owen, six-foot guard, showed the way for the Southerners. He bucketed seven field scores and two charity conversions for 19 points. Captain Jim Waller, forward, tabbed 14 markers before he was forced out on personals, just after Baker had created the 39-39 deadlock.

### OHIO STATE JARS VILLANOVA; HULL STARS IN TOURNEY TILT

By Edward J. Klein  
(Reprinted with permission from the  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*)

Ohio State University's sky-scraping passers exploded Villanova's long-cherished dreams of a national championship last night by walloping the Wildcats, 53 to 36, in the Eastern division final of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's basketball tournament before 3000 at Penn's Palestra.

Led by mark-making exploits of Captain Jim Hull, five-foot 11-inch senior forward from Greenfield, Ohio, the Buckeyes, champions of the Western Conference, stepped out into the lead at the very start, stayed there all the way, and never were seriously threatened.

Just 24 hours after Richard (Dick) Baker, his running-mate, established an individual Palestra scoring standard by chalking up 25 points against Wake Forest, Hull bombed the baskets with 10 field goals, eight fouls, to post a new peak of 28 markers.

### BUCKEYES EASTERN FINALIST

Victory earned Ohio State the right to represent the East in the right to represent the East in the tournament finals at Evanston, Ill. On March 27. The Buckeyes qualified for the Eastern division windup by whipping Wake Forest in a wild-scoring duel that produced 116 points, while Villanova drubbed Brown to enter the regional final.

Operating around the sharp-shooting Hull, Ohio State, easily the best point-making band ever to invade the Palestra, led only by 4-3 in the opening six minutes, but skyrocketed its edge to 21-8, during the ensuing nine minutes. At the halftime halt, the Buckeyes were ahead, 25-10.

Still surging onward, Ohio State widened its advantage to 21-12 in the starting quarter of the second session, but thereafter slackened its pace considerably, content to coast in on its huge margin. Coach Harold Golsen aided the slow-up measurably by taking out Hull with seven minutes remaining.

### VILLANOVA OUTCLASSED

Villanova, representing the middle Atlantic District in the tournament, never could get really started. The Wildcats, who didn't look too impressive in defeating Brown, were plainly outclassed. They missed numerous stabs at the scoring strings, and of ten sadly lacked on defense, a department in which they were regarded highly all season.

In fact, the only Villanova youth who played up to par was Paul Nugent, sophomore guard, who tallied 16 points, twice as many as any of his mates. Paul caged but five markers in the opening half, but opened up in the middle and late stages with a barrage that almost alone kept the Cats even near to the Buckeyes.

While Hull, who scored 13 of his 28 points within the 13 minutes he saw action in the second half, accounted for the lion's share of Ohio State's scoring, Baker, a 25-marker-man against Wake Forest, tabbed only four, the result of a pair of field goals.

Six foot and a half inch Bill Sattler, substitute centre, contributed eight counters in the winner's behalf. Bill did most of his scoring in the later half of the second session, serving to counterbalance the bombing of the trailing Wildcats, Nugent in particular.



## 2006 Big East Champions

In March of 2005, Villanova came to Syracuse and was greeted warmly as it prepared for its Sweet 16 encounter with North Carolina in the NCAA Tournament. The local populace and Carrier Dome crowd adopted its Big East rival in its battle with the top seeded Tar Heels.

In March of 2006, the reception was far less warm. On this Sunday afternoon, Villanova's trip here coincided with the final home game of senior guard Gerry McNamara for the host Orange. A crowd of 33,633 was present, eager to send its departing star – and sole remaining on-court link to its 2003 NCAA crown – in style.

Clearly, Villanova's final step in its quest for a share of the Big East regular season crown would offer a considerable challenge. As it had throughout the previous 15 contests, the Wildcats relied heavily on their backcourt – on this day Allan Ray, Randy Foye, Kyle Lowry and Mike combined for 78 points — and held off every furious charge the Orange and McNamara made, resulting in a 92-82 win before a national television audience.

"We came into a great college basketball environment and displayed the kind of toughness we value as a coaching staff," stated head coach Jay Wright. "Earning a Big East championship is a tribute to all of our guys."

Villanova proved itself over the course of the 16-game slate, posting a 14-2 record. The wins



matched the program's most in its Big East history and the winning percentage (.875) was the school's best since joining the league in 1980. Foye was named Big East player of the year and Wright was the conference's coach of the year. The 'Cats were as proficient at home (7-1) as they were away from it.

The difficult assignments began on opening night, Jan. 5. The Wildcats traveled to Louisville where a crowd of better than 20,000 and a national television audience were eager to welcome the Cardinals to the Big East. But Foye was exceptional and Jason Fraser provided a lift off the bench in a 76-67 win over the No. 9 ranked Cardinals.

After a setback at home to West Virginia on Jan.

8, Villanova bounced back at Rutgers, downing a pesky Scarlet Knights group 84-78 in overtime. A workmanlike Pavilion win over Seton Hall was next followed by an 80-65 triumph over Syracuse before a sellout crowd at the Wachovia Center on Jan. 21.

A pair of close calls on the road ended well when VU downed USF 49-46 and a Lowry tip in with two seconds left allowed the 'Cats to escape Notre Dame with a 72-70 win. Hard-fought home wins over Louisville (79-73) and Marquette (72-67) gave Villanova an 8-1 conference record.

Following a methodical 61-51 win over DePaul, Villanova dodged a snowstorm and returned home to face No. 1 UConn at the Wachovia Center. Before the largest crowd to witness a college basketball game in the state of Pennsylvania, VU knocked off the Huskies 69-64. They then avoided a let-down, defeating a Georgetown squad which would ultimately advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, 75-65 at the Pavilion.

The 'Cats won another cliffhanger at Cincinnati when Lowry found Dante Cunningham on an inbounds play at the end of regulation to give VU a 74-72 win. A much-ballyhooed encounter with UConn resulted in only the second loss of the season, 89-75 in Storrs. But Villanova bounced back with a 65-52 win on Senior Night against St. John's and the triumph at the Carrier Dome to wrap up its most successful Big East regular season ever.

## 1995 Big East Champions

A decade after Villanova had achieved the greatest milestone in college basketball, Steve Lappas' squad made the nation sit up and take notice once again.

On Sunday, March 12, 1995, the Wildcats defeated Connecticut 94-78 to capture the school's first-ever Big East Tournament Championship. Junior All-America Kerry Kittles became the first Wildcat in Villanova history to win Most Outstanding Player honors of the tournament, with sophomore Jason Lawson joining him on the All-Tournament team.

The Wildcats killed the Huskies outside with Kittles and inside with Lawson, with the duo chipping in 27 points apiece. Lappas coined Lawson's performance as the "best game of his career," as the sophomore shot 10-of-14 from the field, and seven-of-eight from the charity stripe to go with five rebounds and three blocks. Kittles, meanwhile, was a sizzling 11-of-16 from the floor, converting four-of-six from the three-point arc, while grabbing four steals and four boards. Eric



Jonathan Haynes played a key role in Villanova's push to the 1995 Big East Tournament title.

Eberz, nicknamed "The Assassin" by Lappas, hit for 16 points, while Alvin Williams scored nine.

Villanova shot 56.7 percent for the game to go with only six turnovers, while Connecticut shot 43.1 percent and turned the ball over 13 times.

After a furious first half, the Wildcats led 40-39, taking their first lead, 39-38, with 38.4 seconds remaining.

Villanova opened the second half outscoring Connecticut 19-3 over a span of nearly five minutes. Capping the run was a Kittles' dunk, the junior's 10th point of the half. That broke the game open, and the Wildcats maintained the intensity and brought home the trophy to the Main Line.

Just as it was a decade ago, it was the Wildcats' time to shine. It was yet another milestone attained, another achievement posted in the record books. The tradition of excellence that is Villanova Wildcat basketball became entrenched deeper still in the minds of Villanova faithful.



# Big East Tournament History

## Year-By-Year in the Big East Tournament

<p><b>2006-07 (#11 seed)</b> Villanova 75, DePaul 67 Georgetown 62, Villanova 57</p> <p><b>2005-06 (#2 seed)</b> Villanova 87, Rutgers 55 Pittsburgh 68, Villanova 54</p> <p><b>2004-05 (#4 seed)</b> Villanova 67, Pittsburgh 58 West Virginia 78, Villanova 76</p> <p><b>2003-04 (#10 seed)</b> Villanova 61, Seton Hall 60 Villanova 69, Providence 66 Connecticut 84, Villanova 77</p> <p><b>2002-03 (#4 seed East Division)</b> Georgetown 46, Villanova 41</p> <p><b>2001-02 (#5 seed East Division)</b> Villanova 78, Syracuse 64 Connecticut 72, Villanova 70</p> <p><b>2000-01 (#6 seed East Division)</b> Villanova 82, West Virginia 71 Boston College 93, Villanova 79</p>	<p><b>1999-00 (#6 seed)</b> Villanova 65, Pittsburgh 55 St. John's 75, Villanova 70</p> <p><b>1998-99 (#5 seed)</b> Villanova 73, West Virginia 61 Syracuse 70, Villanova 62</p> <p><b>1997-98 (#7 seed)</b> Villanova 96, Pittsburgh 93 (2OT) Villanova 66, Syracuse 69</p> <p><b>1996-97 (#1 seed)</b> Villanova 73, Syracuse 63 Villanova 80, Providence 70 Villanova 58, Boston College 70</p> <p><b>1995-96 (#3 seed)</b> Villanova 78, Providence 68 Villanova 76, Georgetown 84</p> <p><b>1994-95 (#2 seed)</b> Villanova 68, Boston College 64 Villanova 90, Providence 75 Villanova 94, Connecticut 78</p> <p><b>1993-94 (#5 seed)</b> Villanova 67, Providence 77</p>	<p><b>1992-93 (#10 seed)</b> Villanova 70, Boston College 74 (OT)</p> <p><b>1991-92 (#4 seed)</b> Villanova 80, Syracuse 83</p> <p><b>1990-91 (#8 seed)</b> Villanova 74, Boston College 73 Villanova 70, Syracuse 68 Villanova 72, Seton Hall 74</p> <p><b>1989-90 (#5 seed)</b> Villanova 70, St. John's 60 Villanova 61, Syracuse 73</p> <p><b>1988-89 (#5 seed)</b> Villanova 66, Pittsburgh 71</p> <p><b>1987-88 (#4 seed)</b> Villanova 71, St. John's 68 Villanova 72, Pittsburgh 69 Villanova 68, Syracuse 85</p> <p><b>1986-87 (#6 seed)</b> Villanova 66, Syracuse 72</p> <p><b>1985-86 (#4 seed)</b> Villanova 75, Providence 63 Villanova 64, St. John's 75</p>	<p><b>1984-85 (#4 seed)</b> Villanova 69, Pittsburgh 61 Villanova 74, St. John's 89</p> <p><b>1983-84 (#3 seed)</b> Villanova 75, Pittsburgh 65 Villanova 65, Syracuse 66</p> <p><b>1982-83 (#2 seed)</b> Villanova 69, Connecticut 68 Villanova 80, St. John's 91</p> <p><b>1981-82 (#1 seed)</b> Villanova 88, Seton Hall 73 Villanova 74, Boston College 71 Villanova 54, Georgetown 72</p> <p><b>1980-81 (#4 seed)</b> Villanova 65, Connecticut 54 Villanova 58, Providence 49(OT) Villanova 80, Syracuse 83 (3 OT)</p>
--	---	---	--

## Villanova Versus The Big East

	Big East Tourney	Regular Season	Overall
vs. Connecticut	3-2	26-22	31-26
vs. Georgetown	0-4	19-26	27-36
vs. Notre Dame	0-0	11-3	16-13
vs. Pittsburgh	6-2	18-20	29-26
vs. Providence	6-1	28-21	47-34
vs. Rutgers	1-0	11-3	23-7
vs. St. John's	2-4	23-23	41-58
vs. Seton Hall	2-1	28-17	59-37
vs. Syracuse	3-8	23-21	26-33
vs. West Virginia	2-1	7-7	18-17
vs. Cincinnati	0-0	2-0	3-0
vs. DePaul	1-0	1-1	10-7
vs. Marquette	0-0	1-1	6-4
vs. USF	0-0	1-0	1-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26-23</b>	<b>198-165</b>	<b>338-298</b>

## Big East All-Tournament Honorees

Randy Foye, 2005
Alvin Williams, 1997
Tim Thomas, 1997
Kerry Kittles, 1995 (MVP), 1996
Jason Lawson, 1995
Marc Dowdell, 1991
Tom Greis, 1990
Doug West, 1988
Mark Plansky, 1988
Harold Pressley, 1986
Ed Pinckney, 1982, 1984, 1985
Stewart Granger, 1983
Alex Bradley, 1981
John Pinone, 1981

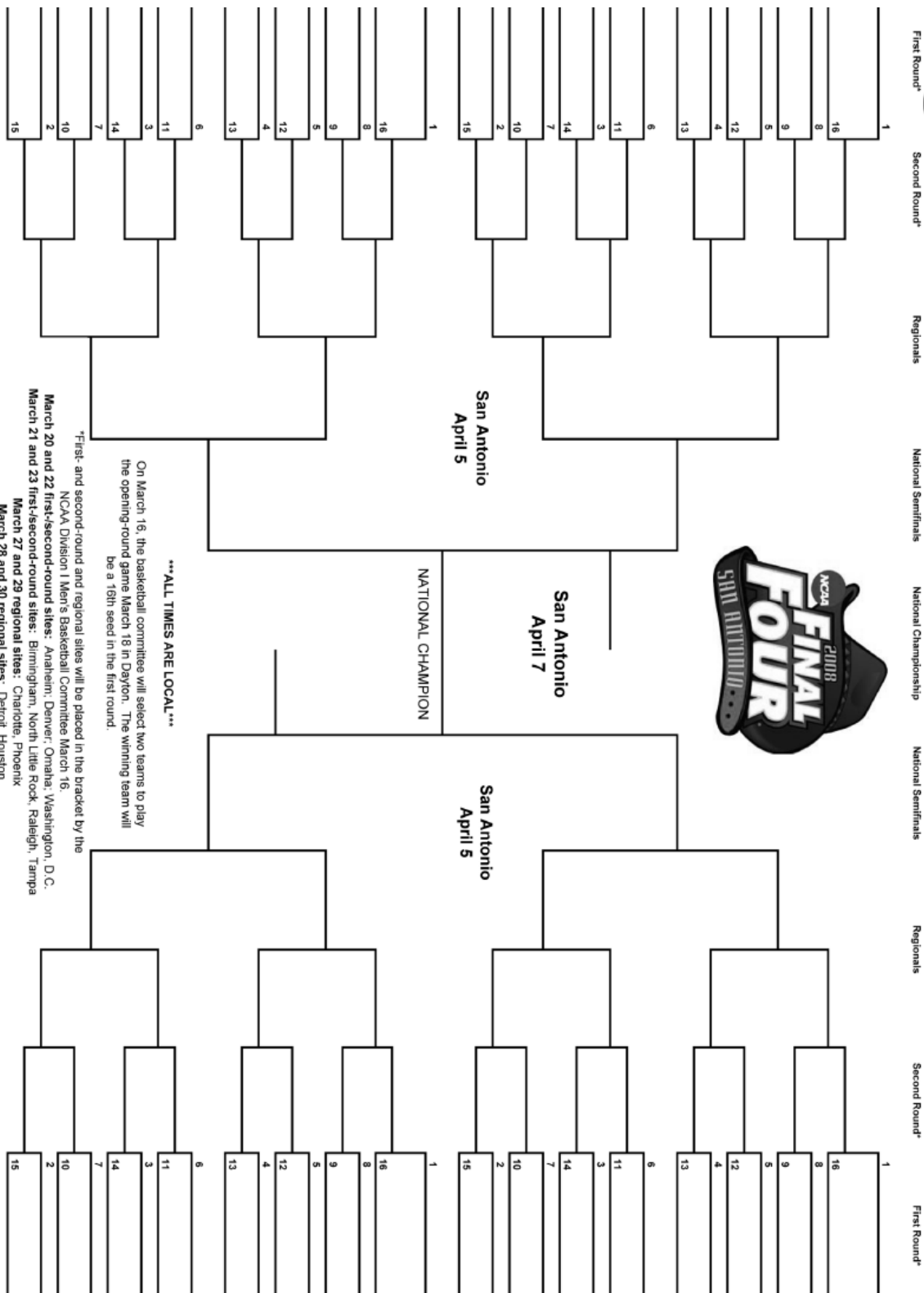
## Regular-Season Big East Finishes Year-By-Year

2006-07	9-7	T-8th	1997-98	8-10	4th (BE 6)	1988-89	7-9	5th (T)
2005-06	14-2	T-1st	1996-97	12-6	1st (T) (BE 6)	1987-88	9-7	3rd (T)
2004-05	11-5	T-3rd	1995-96	14-4	2nd (BE 6)	1986-87	6-10	6th
2003-04	6-10	T-9th	1994-95	14-4	2nd	1985-86	10-6	4th
2002-03	8-8	T-3rd East	1993-94	10-8	4th (T)	1984-85	9-7	3rd (T)
2001-02	7-9	5th East	1992-93	3-15	10th	1983-84	12-4	2nd (T)
2000-01	8-8	T-3rd East	1991-92	11-7	4th	1982-83	12-4	1st (T)
1999-00	8-8	6th	1990-91	7-9	7th (T)	1981-82	11-3	1st
1998-99	10-8	4th (T)	1989-90	8-8	5th (T)	1980-81	8-6	3rd (T)





# 2008 NCAA Tournament Bracket



© 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association. No commercial use without the NCAA's written permission. The NCAA opposes all sports wagering. This bracket should not be used for sweepstakes, contests, office pools or other gambling activities.



# NIT History

**OVERALL RECORD: \*Won 24, Lost 17**  
**17 Appearances**

- 2004 — Defeated Drexel 85-70, in the first round.  
Defeated Virginia, 73-63, in the second round.  
Lost to Rutgers, 72-60, in the quarterfinals.
- 2003 — Lost to Siena, 74-59, in the opening round.
- 2002 — Defeated Manhattan 84-69, in the first round.  
Defeated Louisiana Tech, 67-64, in the first round.  
Lost to Temple, 61-58, in the quarterfinals.
- 2001 — Lost to Minnesota, 87-78, in the first round.
- 2000 — Defeated Delaware 72-63, in the first round;  
Lost to Kent State, 81-67, in the second round.
- 1994 — Defeated Canisius, 103-79, in the first round;  
defeated Duquesne, 82-66, in the second round;  
defeated Xavier, 76-74, in third round; defeated  
Siena, 66-58 in the semifinals;  
defeated Vanderbilt, 80-73 in the Championship game.
- 1992 — Lost to Virginia, 83-80, in the first round.
- 1988 — Defeated St. Peter's, 76-56, in the first round;  
defeated Penn State, 76-67, in the second round;  
lost to Michigan State, 63-70, in the quarterfinals.
- 1987 — Lost to LaSalle, 84-86, in the first round.
- 1977 — Defeated Old Dominion, 71-68, in overtime in the first round; defeated  
Massachusetts, 81-71, in the quarterfinals; lost to St. Bonaventure, 82-  
86, in the semifinals; defeated Alabama, 102-89, in the consolation.
- 1968 — Defeated Wyoming, 77-66, in the first round; lost to Kansas, 49-55, in  
the quarterfinals.
- 1967 — Lost to Marshall, 68-70, in overtime in the first round.
- 1966 — Defeated St. John's, 63-61, in the first round;  
defeated Boston College, 86-85, in the  
quarterfinals; lost to NYU, 63-69, in the semifinals; defeated Army,  
76-65, in the consolation.
- 1965 — Defeated Manhattan, 73-71, in the first round;  
defeated NYU, 91-69, in the semifinals; lost to  
St. John's, 51-55 in the championship.
- 1963 — Defeated DePaul, 63-51, in the first round; defeated Wichita, 54-53, in  
the quarterfinals; lost to Canisius, 46-61, in the semifinals; lost to  
Marquette, 58-66, in the consolation.
- 1960 — Defeated Detroit, 88-86, in the first round; lost to Utah State, 72-73, in  
overtime in the quarterfinals.
- 1959 — Lost to St. John's, 67-75, in the first round.



Tom Samulewicz was part of Villanova's 1960 NIT team.

### Villanova vs. All Opponents (NIT)

Opponent	Record	Opponent	Record
Alabama	1-0	Michigan State	0-1
Army	1-0	Minnesota	0-1
Boston College	1-0	New York University	1-1
Canisius	1-1	Old Dominion	1-0
Delaware	1-0	Penn State	1-0
DePaul	1-0	Rutgers	0-1
Detroit	1-0	St. Bonaventure	0-1
Drexel	1-0	St. John's	1-2
Duquesne	1-0	St. Peter's	1-0
Kansas	0-1	Siena	1-1
Kent	0-1	Temple	0-1
LaSalle	0-1	Utah State	0-1
Louisiana Tech	1-0	Vanderbilt	1-0
Manhattan	2-0	Virginia	1-1
Marquette	0-1	Wichita State	1-0
Marshall	0-1	Wyoming	1-0
Massachusetts	1-0	Xavier	1-0
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>24-17</b>

### Wildcats captured '94 NIT crown

On March 30, 1994, Villanova became the 15th major college basketball program to win both an NCAA and NIT Championship, when the Wildcats defeated Vanderbilt 80-73 to take the NIT title. The Wildcats' championship run capped a season that surpassed all expectations.

The Wildcats were led by Jonathan Haynes, who scored 19 points, and Kerry Kittles, who posted 18. Eric Eberz added 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds in the Wildcat victory. Both Haynes and Kittles earned a spot on the All-Tournament team for their efforts in leading the Wildcats from behind to victory.

In the first half, the Wildcats couldn't get in sync. Vanderbilt led by as many as 17 points in the opening period, shooting 52 percent from the field and 60 percent from the three-point arc to go into the locker room at the half up by 15.

The second half, however, was a different story. The Wildcats came out with determination, and outscored the Commodores 30-16 over the next 12 minutes to take a one-point lead with 8:22 remaining. Kittles led the charge with 11 points, while Eberz contributed eight during the run.

From that point, it was a see-saw battle, with the Wildcats battling back at every turn. With 4:19 left in the game and Vanderbilt holding a precarious 70-67 lead, Kittles hit a three-pointer to tie the game, and Vanderbilt would manage only one more bucket in the game. Alvin Williams then took center stage, stealing a Billy McCaffrey pass which Haynes promptly converted into a three-pointer. Williams was there on the next Commodore possession as well with another steal and one foul shot.

The score then stood at 74-70, and the Wildcats were not to be denied. In the final 33 seconds of the game, Ron Wilson and Eberz each converted a pair of free throws and Williams scored on a layup as the clock wound down.

The comeback typified a Wildcat season in which Villanova battled the odds and came out on top. Picked to finish no better than 10th in the Big East Conference, Steve Lappas' squad placed fourth with a record of 10-8. At the time it was the biggest turnaround in Big East history, a full seven victories better than the season before. All in all, the NIT Championship signified a changing of the guard at Villanova, with only the best yet to come.