

# Panther Report

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## Gibbs, Wright Represent Pitt with USA Basketball

Two University of Pittsburgh men's basketball players—junior *Ashton Gibbs* and redshirt freshman *Cameron Wright*—have been named to various USA Basketball Team trials rosters, the organization announced in June.

Gibbs will attend the World University Games Team training camp, held July 29-August 7 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. The 12-member team will represent the USA at the 2011 World University Games August 13-23 in Shenzhen, China. The team will be coached by Purdue's Matt Painter.

Wright, who redshirted the 2010-11 season at Pitt, auditioned for the Under-19 USA team that is playing in the 2011 FIBA World Championship. Training camp for the selected finalists took place June 17-24 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Wright was praised by the coaches on the coaching staff during the try-outs, however he was the final player cut from the official 12-member USA roster that is now competing in Valmiera, Liepaja and Riga Latvia. The team is coached by George Mason's Paul Hewitt. More information is available at [www.usabasketball.com](http://www.usabasketball.com).

This could be Gibbs' second stint with the USA Basketball program. In 2009, Gibbs helped lead the USA Under-19 team to a Gold Medal and an undefeated 9-0 record at the FIBA World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand. Gibbs averaged 9.8 points, dished out 20 assists and led the team in both minutes played (202) and minutes per game (22.4). He started six games and finished with 13 points in the USA's 88-80 Gold Medal victory over Greece. Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon guided the Americans to the championship, capturing its first Under-19 title in 18 years.

As one of the nation's top shooters and scorers in 2010-11, Gibbs earned AP All-America honorable mention, USBWA and NABC All-District honors while becoming just the ninth player in school history to be selected to the All-Big East First Team. He ranked third among NCAA Division I leaders in 3-point field goal percentage (49.0 percent), fifth in 3-point field goals made per game (3.3) and 18<sup>th</sup> in free throw percentage (88.9 percent). He also led the Panthers in scoring for the second straight season (16.8 ppg.) and also set a Pitt season record for 3-point field goals made (102). As a sophomore in 2009-10, Gibbs was named the Big East Most Improved Player, earned Second Team All-Big East honors and was a Bob Cousy Award finalist.

A two-time Big East Academic All-Star, Gibbs will enter his senior season ranked among Pitt's career leaders in scoring (1,207 points, 23<sup>rd</sup>), 3-point field goals made (216, 4<sup>th</sup>), 3-point field goal percentage (44.1 percent, 2<sup>nd</sup>) and free throw percentage (87.9 percent, 2<sup>nd</sup>). In 100 career games played and 64 starts, he has averaged 12.1 points, scored 20 or more points 23 times and converted at least three 3-pointers in 43 games.



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## Panther Trivia

**Q: How many teams in NCAA Division 1 basketball have won at least one game in the last six NCAA March Madness Tournaments? What are the names of the schools?**

**A:**



'41, '57, '58, '63, '74, '81, '82, '85, '87, '88, '89, '91  
'93, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11

Sweet 16: '57, '74, '02, '03, '04, '07, '09  
Elite 8: '41, '74, '09

**Pitt's APR  
One of the  
Best!**

The 2010-2011 Pitt Men's Basketball team scored a 985 in the APR. This landed the Men's Basketball team in the top 10% of all Division I Men's basketball teams in the entire nation!



**Former Pitt Coach wins NBA Championship**



Former University of Pittsburgh head coach and long time NBA assistant coach Tim Grgurich won his first NBA Championship this past season with the Dallas Mavericks. Grgurich, one of the most sought out assistant coaches around the league, joined the Mavericks at the beginnings of the season and helped contribute to their success in the NBA Finals. Before landing with the Mavericks, Grgurich had a long career as an assistant having stints with the Seattle Super Sonics, Portland Trail Blazers and the Denver Nuggets.

A Pittsburgh native, Grgurich played and coached at the University of Pittsburgh before continuing his career at UNLV and then the NBA. Grgurich was an assistant for Pitt for 5 years before taking over as head coach in 1975. He was a vital part of the 1974 team which landed in the Elite 8 led by Billy Knight. He was a major component developing the legendary "ameoba defense" displayed by Pitt's teams in the 70's coached by Buzz Ridl.

Congratulations to former Pitt and now NBA Finals Champion Tim Grgurich for his success here at Pitt and at the NBA level.



**WANAMAKER, BROWN, MCGHEE  
NBA WORKOUTS**

We recently saw the end of Pitt's three seniors careers this past March. Brown, McGhee and Wanamaker finished as one of the most successful senior classes that had ever put on the Pitt jersey. However, their careers are still far from over. Even though they won't be playing basketball for the University of Pittsburgh next season, they are beginning the process of chasing their dreams of becoming professional basketball players. Since graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Brown, Wanamaker, and McGhee have been working out in different parts of the country preparing for pre-draft workouts. NBA teams are allowed to bring in six potential NBA draftees at a time for a workout that entails on court drills and competition, as well as weight room testing and interviews prepared by the respective teams front offices. Coaches and front office executives are there to watch the potential NBA draftees to evaluate their skill levels as well as their professionalism. Our three seniors have been flying from city to city working out for potential teams that would want their services in the NBA.



**Gilbert Brown:** Washington Wizards, Indiana Pacers, Phoenix Suns, Detroit Pistons, Sacramento Kings, Boston Celtics

**Brad Wanamaker:** San Antonio Spurs, Boston Celtics, Chicago Bulls, Memphis Grizzlies, New Jersey Nets, Atlanta Hawks, Oklahoma City Thunder, Minnesota Timberwolves, Los Angeles Lakers

**Gary McGhee:** New York Knicks, Milwaukee Bucks, Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers, Phoenix Suns, Oklahoma City Thunder Toronto Raptors

Brown, Wanamaker, and McGhee had very successful workouts and continue to talk to NBA teams to try and make a final roster. Yesterday, the NBA announced their lockout for this upcoming season until further notice.

**Calling  
All  
Panther  
Hoopers!**

If you wish to join the Panther Hoop Report and receive our monthly newsletter please contact Jason Richards with the Pitt Men's Basketball Staff.

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## Jamie Dixon Basketball Camps

### Camp Information

Jamie Dixon Basketball Camp is open to boys ages 7-17. Space is limited in order to provide intensive individualized attention for each camper. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Camp Features

Individual instruction, Pittsburgh Panther players as counselors, Nike camp t-shirt, Spaulding basketball, campers grouped by grade and ability, outstanding lectures, team and individual awards.

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach Jamie Dixon will be assisted by his staff, who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge. Also working with the camp will be current and former Panther players as well as some of the best high school and college coaches in the area.

**DAY CAMP #2**– July 11-14

**DAY CAMP #3**– July 25-28

**DAY CAMP #4**– August 1-4 \*\*

\*\* (at La Roche College)

Camp Hours: Monday – Thursday  
9 AM– 4 PM

Registration: Starts on the first day of camp from 8:00– 9:00 AM

Check in: Petersen Events Center Concourse A

Contact Brian Regan at [bregan@athletics.pitt.edu](mailto:bregan@athletics.pitt.edu)



**Big East Regular Season Champions:** 1987, 1988, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2010

**Big East Tournament Champions:** 2003, 2008



## *Pitt Pro-Am Summer League*

This summer you can catch your Pitt players as they compete in the Pittsburgh Basketball Club Pro-Am Summer League at the Greentree Sportsplex. Returning players, as well as former players have showcased their talents as they compete against one another during Monday and Wednesday night games. Also, the Pro-Am gives the Pitt fan base their first look at the incoming Freshman that will be entering their inaugural season with the Panthers. Last week fans got a treat as former Panther and now NBA forward DeJuan Blair came back to play in the Pro-Am against some of his former teammates. Come support your Panthers as they continue to get better during the summer.

Game Times are Monday and Wednesday Nights at 7 PM, 8 PM, and 9 PM

