2016-17 Pitt Basketball Preseason Information Sheet

GENERAL

Name of School	University of Pittsburgh
City/Zip	Pittsburgh, Pa. 15261
Founded	1787
Enrollment	28,766
Nickname	Panthers
School Colors	Blue & Gold (PMS 289 / PMS 4515)
Arena	Petersen Events Center
Capacity	12,508
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Atlantic Coast
Chancellor	Patrick D. Gallagher
Alma Mater, Year	Benedictine '85
Athletics Director	Scott Barnes
Alma Mater, Year	Fresno State, '86
Athletic Phone	(412) 624-5550
Ticket Office Phone	(412) 648-7488 or (412) 643-PITT

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Kevin Stallings
Alma Mater, Year	Purdue '82
Record at Pitt	0-0 (1st season)
Career Record	455-283 (24th season)
Basketball Phone	(412) 648-8350
Best Time to Reach	ACC Teleconference (TBA); through media relations office
Assistant Coach	Tom Richardson, St. Xavier '77
Assistant Coach	Kevin Sutton, James Madison '88
Assistant Coach	Jeremy Ballard, Colgate '03
Director of Basketball Operations	Dan Cage, Vanderbilt '07
Video Coordinator	Jason Richards, Davidson '08
Graduate Manager	Ontario Lett, Pittsburgh '03
Graduate Manager	Matt Richardson, Tennessee '14
Strength & Conditioning Coordinator	Garry Christopher, Baylor '08
Athletic Trainer	Tony Salesi, Pittsburgh '80

HISTORY

First Year	1905-06
Overall All-Time Record	1,583-1,110 (110 years)
Years in NCAA Tourn./Last	26/2016
Years in NIT/Last	8/2015
Last postseason opp.	Wisconsin
Result	Lost, 47-43, NCAA Opening Round

TEAM INFORMATION

	Total	Home	Away	Neutral
Overall Record Last Year	21-12	15-4	3-6	3-2
ACC Record/Finish	9-9 (T-9th)			
Final Ranking (poll)	nr (AP) / nr (ESPN/USA Today)			
Starters Returning/Lost	2/3			
Lettermen Returning/Lost	11/5			

SPORTS INFORMATION

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RADIO INFORMATION

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Play-by-Play Announcer	Bill Hillgrove
Color Announcers	Dick Groat / Curtis Aiken
Flagship Station	93.7 The Fan (KDKA-FM)

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Internet Site	PittsburghPanthers.com
Twitter	@Pitt_MBB
Instagram	@pitt_mbb
Snapchat	Pitt Athletics
Facebook	/PittsburghPanthers

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Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	OTHER
0 James Robinson **** (L)	6-3	198	-	G	33/33	10.2	3.2	NCAA record holder with 3.45:1 career A:TO ratio
1 Jamel Arits *** (R)	6-7	215	Sr	G	33/33	14.4	4.8	team-high 49 three-point field goals
2 Michael Young *** (R)	6-9	235	Sr	F	33/32	15.7	6.9	Third team All-ACC selection in 2015-16
5 Rafael Maia * (L)	6-9	245	-	C	33/25	2.0	3.6	12.0 rebounds per 40 minutes
15 Sterling Smith * (L)	6-4	185	-	G	33/23	4.5	3.0	36 three-point field goals

Other Returnees	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	OTHER
3 Damon Wilson *	6-5	195	So	G	30/0	3.3	1.1	2.05:1 assist-to-turnover ratio
4 Ryan Luther **	6-9	225	Jr	F	32/0	5.0	2.9	team-high .583 field goal percentage
12 Chris Jones ***	6-6	215	R-Sr	G/F	33/9	6.1	2.1	20 career double-figure scoring games
21 Sheldon Jeter **	6-8	230	Sr	F	32/4	8.1	4.8	.533 field goal percentage; team-high 24 blocks
23 Cameron Johnson **	6-8	210	R-So	G	32/1	4.8	1.8	2 games with 20 or more points scored
25 Rozelle Nix *	6-11	300	R-Jr	C	-	-	-	redshirt in 2015-16
35 Zach Smith *	6-3	200	Jr	G	-	-	-	transfer from Pitt-Bradford in 2015-16
50 Ryan Seelye *	6-6	225	So	F	8/0	0.5	0.1	walk-on; made first career FGA
55 Jonathan Milligan *	6-2	170	R-Jr	G	4/0	3.3	0.3	redshirt in 2015-16 after playing in 4 games

Other Losses	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	OTHER
24 Mike Lecak ***	6-2	175	-	G	11/0	0.2	0.0	walk-on
33 Alonzo Nelson-Ododa *	6-9	235	-	F	30/5	1.3	1.6	second on the team with 23 blocks

Newcomers	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	PPG	RPG	OTHER
0 Crisshawn Clark	6-4	210	So	G	15.0	5.3	missed 2015-16 JC season with knee injury; 2015 NorCal FOTY
5 Justice Kithcart	6-1	185	Fr	G	25.0	6.0	First team all-state; scored over 1,500 points in high school
11 Corey Manigault	6-8	230	Fr	F	13.0	10.0	First team all-state

* - returning letterwinner (number of letters indicated by asterisks)

NOTABLES

• Kevin Stallings enters his first season at Pitt and his 24th season as a Division I head coach overall ... Stallings, a three-time conference Coach of the Year, has compiled a 455-283 record with 16 postseason appearances.
• Michael Young is the fourth-leading returning scorer in the ACC after averaging 15.7 points per game a year ago ... he is also the third-leading returning rebounder (6.9 rpg.) in the conference.
• Michael Young (15.7 ppg.) and Jamel Artis (14.4 ppg.) form on of the top returning scoring tandems in the ACC after the duo combined to average 30.1 points per game last season.
• Michael Young is one of three returning All-ACC selections (joined by Grayson Allen, Duke and Jaron Blossomgame, Clemson) from a year ago.
• Seniors Sheldon Jeter (8.1 ppg.) and Chris Jones (6.1 ppg.) will look to expand their roles in 2016-17. Both players have shown the ability to be effective starters or key contributors off the bench. Jeter began his career at Vanderbilt under Kevin Stallings.
• Junior Ryan Luther (5.0 ppg.) and redshirt sophomore Cameron Johnson (4.8 ppg.) emerged late in the 2015-16 season and will look to build on that success in the coming year. Luther led the team with a .583 field goal percentage and had four double-figure scoring games over the final 11 games, while Johnson had a pair of 20-point games, including a career-best 24 points in Pitt's ACC Tournament win over Syracuse.
• Pitt returns six of its top seven scorers and 75.7 percent of its scoring (56.8 of 75.0 ppg.) from last season.
• The Panthers schedule features at least 18 games against teams that played in the postseason a year ago. Pitt will face NCAA Tournament participants North Carolina, Syracuse and Virginia twice apiece in addition to single games versus Buffalo, Duke, Maryland, Miami, Notre Dame and Yale. Pairings for the 2K Classic will be announced at a later date with Pitt, Marquette, Michigan and SMU comprising the field for the championship rounds.
• Pitt is expected to rely on its length and versatility in 2016-17 with nine of its 12 scholarship players standing 6-5 or taller.