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# PITT BASKETBALL

## HISPANIC COLLEGE FUND CHALLENGE • NOV. 9-11, 2007 • PETERSEN EVENTS CENTER

### 2007-08 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time
O31	PITT-JOHNSTOWN(Exh.)	W	97-56
N4	INDIANA (Pa.) (Exh.)	W	83-31

#### Hispanic College Fund Challenge (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

N9	HOUSTON BAPTIST	7 p.m.
N10	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	4 p.m.
N11	SAINT LOUIS (FSN)	6 p.m.
N15	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	7:30 p.m.

N23	BUFFALO	7:30 p.m.
N27	BOSTON U. (FSN)	7:30 p.m.
D1	TOLEDO	TBA
D5	at Duquesne (ESPN-U)	7 p.m.
D8	at Washington (FSN)	3 p.m.
D15	OKLAHOMA STATE (ESPN)	Noon

#### Aeropostale All-America Classic (New York, N.Y.)

D20	vs. Duke (ESPN)	7 p.m.
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D29	at Dayton (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
J2	LAFAYETTE (ESPN-U)	7 p.m.
J6	at *Villanova (FSN)	Noon
J9	at *South Florida (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
J12	*SETON HALL (FSN)	2 p.m.
J14	*GEORGETOWN (ESPN)	7 p.m.
J19	at *Cincinnati (FSN)	4 p.m.
J23	at *St. John's (FSN)	7 p.m.
J26	*RUTGERS (ESPN-Classic)	6 p.m.
J30	*VILLANOVA (ESPN-U)	7 p.m.
F2	at *Connecticut (CBS)	1 p.m.
F7	*WEST VIRGINIA (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
F12	*PROVIDENCE (FSN)	7:30 p.m.
F15	at *Marquette (ESPN)	9 p.m.
F21	at *Notre Dame (ESPN)	7 p.m.
F24	*LOUISVILLE (WTAE)	Noon
F27	*CINCINNATI (FSN)	7:30 p.m.
M1	at *Syracuse (ESPN)	Noon
M3	at *West Virginia (ESPN)	7 p.m.
M9	*DEPAUL (WTAE)	Noon
M12	at Big East Championship (ESPN)	TBA
M20	at NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBA
M27	at NCAA Regionals	TBA
A5	at NCAA Final Four	TBA

### GAME

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## HOUSTON BAPTIST (22-7 in 2006-07)

### at #22 PITT (29-8, 12-4 Big East in 2006-07)

#### Hispanic College Fund Challenge • Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 7 p.m. ET • Petersen Events Center (12,508) • Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Television:** None.

**Radio:** Pitt Panthers Radio Network (Bill Hillgrove and Dick Groat), 94.5-FM (WWSW), 970 AM (WBGG). Satellite Radio: Channel 107 (Pitt feed).

**Internet Broadcast:** www.pittsburghpanthers.com

**The Coaches:** Pitt: Jamie Dixon, 9th year at Pitt, 5th year as head coach (105-30); HBU: Ron Cottrell, 18th year at HBU (361-168), 18th year overall (361-168).

**Rankings:** Pitt: 22-AP, 20-ESPN; Houston Baptist, not ranked.

**Series:** Pitt and Houston Baptist meet for the first time in men's basketball.

No. 22 ranked Pitt (29-8, 12-4 Big East in 2006-07) opens its 2007-08 season this week-end when it hosts the Hispanic College Fund Challenge, Nov. 9-11, at the Petersen Events Center. Pitt hosts Houston Baptist Friday at 7 p.m., North Carolina A&T on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Saint Louis on Sunday at 6 p.m. The Saint Louis contest will be televised regionally on ESPN Regional and broadcast locally on FSN-Pittsburgh.

A win over Houston Baptist on Friday will give Pitt its 11th consecutive home opening victory since the 1997 season and its 20th consecutive home win over a non-conference opponent. Pitt owns a 47-1 record in games against non-conference opponents at the Petersen Events Center.

Last week, Pitt claimed each of its two

exhibition games. The Panthers defeated NCAA Division II Pitt-Johnstown 97-56 on Oct. 31 and followed that performance with an 83-31 win over NCAA Division II Indiana (Pa.) on Nov. 4.

Pitt begins its 2007-08 season after completing a 29-8 campaign and 12-4 Big East slate in 2006-07. Pitt earned a school record sixth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth and advanced to Sweet Sixteen play for the fourth time in the last six years. Pitt is one of only five schools nationally to appear in at least four Sweet Sixteens since 2002. Duke (5), Pitt (4), Kansas (4), Texas (4) and Connecticut (4) are the schools who have achieved that honor. Pitt is one of only 12 schools nationally to advance to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last six seasons. The other schools include Arizona, Duke,

### TODAY'S TOP STORYLINES

- Pitt opens its 2007-08 men's basketball season Friday with the Hispanic College Fund Challenge (Nov. 9-15, 2007).
- No. 22/20 Pitt returns two starters and six of its top nine players from a team that finished 29-8 overall, advanced to its fourth NCAA Sweet Sixteen in the last six seasons and appeared in its sixth Big East Championship Final in the last seven years.
- Pitt begins its sixth season in the Petersen Events Center and carries an 80-8 all-time record (.909 winning percentage) in the arena. It has won 19 consecutive home games against non-conference opponents and is 47-1 vs. non-conference opponents at the Petersen Events Center. Additionally, Pitt has won 68 of its last 69 home games against regular season non-conference opponents.
- Pitt has won each of its last 10 consecutive opening day contests dating back to Nov. 17, 1997.

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### PITT PANTHERS ROSTER NOTES

#### PROBABLE STARTERS

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	PPG	RPG	CAREER/2007-08 NOTES
23	Sam Young	F	6-6	215	JR	7.4	3.0	•Double figures in 28 career games
31	Mike Cook	F	6-4	215	SR	10.5	3.4	•Shot 49.8% from floor, started 37 games
45	DeJuan Blair	C/F	6-7	265	FR	-	-	•Pittsburgh, Pa./Schenley H.S.
2	Levance Fields	G	5-10	190	JR	9.2	3.6	•Averaged 4.6 apg, 2.41 asst:to ratio
4	Ronald Ramon	G	6-1	185	SR	8.8	1.8	•45.1 3FG%, 51.6 3FG% in BEC games

#### OFF THE BENCH

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	PPG	RPG	CAREER/2007-08 NOTES
0	Austin Wallace	C	6-9	230	FR*	-	-	•Redshirted 2006-07 season
1	Keith Benjamin	G	6-2	190	SR	3.3	1.5	•86 career games, 1070 minutes
5	Tyrell Biggs	F	6-8	240	JR	3.2	1.8	•37 games in 2006-07, 68 career games
11	Gilbert Brown	G/F	6-6	200	FR*	0.7	0.7	•Earned medical hardship in 2006-07
22	Brad Wanamaker	G	6-4	200	FR	-	-	•Philadelphia, Pa./Roman Catholic H.S.
24	Tim Frye	G	6-4	190	FR	-	-	•Walk-on freshman, Mars, Pa.
40	Maurice Polen	F	6-5	245	JR	0.4	0.6	•Walk-on forward, 11 career games
50	Cassin Diggs	C	6-10	270	JR	-	-	•JC transfer-Cloud County C.C.
52	Gary McGhee	C	6-10	255	FR	-	-	•Anderson, Ind./Highland Senior H.S.

**SERIES HISTORY**

**HOUSTON BAPTIST-PITT SERIES**

Series Record: 0-0.  
 Hosted by Pitt: 0-0.  
 Hosted by HBU: 0-0.  
 Neutral: 0-0.  
 Overtime: 0-0.  
 One-Point Games: 0 (0-0).  
 Two-Point Games: 0 (0-0).  
 Most Points Scored-Pitt: N/A.  
 Most Points Scored-HBU: N/A.  
 Largest Victory Margin-Pitt: N/A.  
 Largest Victory Margin-HBU: N/A.  
 Longest Win Streak-Pitt: N/A.  
 Longest Win Streak-HBU: N/A.  
 Last 10: 0-0.  
 Last 20: 0-0.

**GAME SUMMARY**

*Pitt and Houston Baptist meet for the first time in college basketball.*



**NATIONAL POLLS** *(Preseason Polls)*

**ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL**

Rk.	School (1st Place)	W-L	Pts.
1.	North Carolina (29)	0-0	1,728
2.	UCLA (24)	0-0	1,710
3.	Memphis (18)	0-0	1,680
4.	Kansas	0-0	1,568
5.	Georgetown (1)	0-0	1,504
6.	Louisville	0-0	1,380
7.	Tennessee	0-0	1,371
8.	Michigan State	0-0	1,296
9.	Indiana	0-0	1,145
10.	Washington State	0-0	1,103
11.	Marquette	0-0	1,002
12.	Oregon	0-0	918
13.	Duke	0-0	868
14.	Gonzaga	0-0	711
15.	Texas	0-0	638
16.	Texas A&M	0-0	623
17.	Arizona	0-0	499
18.	Southern California	0-0	480
19.	Arkansas	0-0	468
20.	Kentucky	0-0	372
21.	North Carolina State	0-0	338
22.	<b>PITT</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>293</b>
23.	Stanford	0-0	290
24.	Southern Illinois	0-0	222
25.	Kansas State	0-0	216

**Others receiving votes:** Villanova 144, Ohio State 128, Butler 114, Syracuse 103, Clemson 83, Xavier 73, Connecticut 50, Davidson 50, Miss. State 38.

**NOTE:**

- Associated Press poll is voted upon by the nation's media (both polls are released on Monday)
- USA Today/ESPN poll is voted on by the nation's coaches

**USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES POLL**

Rk.	School (1st Place)	W-L	Pts.
1.	North Carolina (10)	0-0	739
2.	UCLA (12)	0-0	734
3.	Memphis (8)	0-0	731
4.	Kansas (1)	0-0	669
5.	Georgetown	0-0	625
6.	Louisville	0-0	620
7.	Tennessee	0-0	598
8.	Michigan State	0-0	503
9.	Indiana	0-0	479
10.	Washington State	0-0	464
11.	Duke	0-0	390
12.	Marquette	0-0	381
13.	Oregon	0-0	360
14.	Gonzaga	0-0	252
	Texas A&M	0-0	252
16.	Texas	0-0	216
17.	Arizona	0-0	205
18.	Southern California	0-0	189
19.	Arkansas	0-0	173
20.	<b>PITT</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>160</b>
21.	Stanford	0-0	158
22.	Kentucky	0-0	155
23.	Southern Illinois	0-0	137
24.	North Carolina State	0-0	119
25.	Villanova	0-0	111

**Others receiving votes:** Kansas State 94, Syracuse 69, Ohio State 65, Clemson 56, Connecticut 55, Davidson 42, Xavier 38, Alabama 31, Miss. St. 30.

Florida, Gonzaga, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan State, Pitt, Southern Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin. Pitt is the only Big East Conference team to advance to the NCAA Tournament in six consecutive seasons. Villanova currently has a streak of three straight seasons in the NCAA Tournament.

Over the last six years, Pitt has proven to be the winningest Big East Conference basketball program. From 2001-07, Pitt owns the league's top records for league play (71-25) and overall games (162-41).

It has averaged 11.8 league wins and 27 overall wins per year during that period, the best totals in the Big East. Pitt is the only Big East Conference school to win 20 or more overall games and 10 or more league contests in each of the last six seasons. Last year, Pitt also set a school record with its sixth consecutive 20-overall win and 10-league win season. Prior to the 2001-02 season, Pitt won 20 or more games in only two consecutive seasons.

Pitt's Jamie Dixon (105-30) became the first head coach in school

history to guide Pitt to four consecutive NCAA Tournaments. Additionally, Dixon has guided Pitt to Sweet Sixteen appearances in two of his first four seasons at Pitt ('04 and '07). Additionally, Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon (105 career wins) is the first coach in school history to win 20 or more games in four consecutive seasons. Dixon is one of only nine coaches in NCAA Division I history to win 100 or more games in the first four years of a coaching career. His 105 victories ranks as the second most victories for a head coach

after four seasons in NCAA history. North Carolina's Everett Case totaled 107 wins from 1947-50. With his 100th career against Seton Hall on Feb. 19, 2007, Dixon became the fastest coach in school history to reach 100 victories (see chart page 5). His accomplishment also ranks among NCAA Division I's all-time top-15 fastest coaches to reach 100 wins (see page 4).

Dixon enters the Houston Baptist contest with an undefeated 18-0 record in November games. In addition, he is 29-2 in contests played

**PITT BASKETBALL WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER**

*All practices are closed. For more information on coverage of Pitt men's basketball, contact Associate Media Relations Director Greg Hotchkiss at (412) 491-5296.*

**WEDNESDAY**

November 7

Practice: 1-3:30 p.m.  
 Media Opportunity, 3:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

November 8

Practice 1-3:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

November 9

SLU vs. NCA&T, 4:30 p.m.  
 Pitt vs. HBU, 7 p.m.  
 94.5 FM/970

**SATURDAY**

November 10

NCA&T vs. Pitt, 4 p.m.  
 SLU vs. HBU, 6:30 p.m.  
 94.5 FM/970

**SUNDAY**

November 11

NCA&T vs. HBU, 3:30 p.m.  
 SLU vs. Pitt, 6 p.m.  
 ESPN-R/FSN, 94.5 FM

**MONDAY**

November 12

Off Day

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL'S BEST PROGRAMS OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS**

*Where Pitt ranks among national winning percentage leaders and top programs over the last six seasons; updated as of May, 2007.*

School	2006-07	2001-06	Total	Pct.
Duke	22-11	145-27	167-38	.815
Gonzaga	23-11	136-25	159-36	.815
Memphis	33-4	127-34	160-38	.808
Kansas	33-5	135-36	168-41	.804
<b>PITTSBURGH</b>	<b>29-8</b>	<b>133-33</b>	<b>162-41</b>	<b>.798</b>
Illinois	23-12	140-32	163-44	.787
Florida	35-5	123-40	158-45	.778
Southern Illinois	29-7	123-37	152-44	.776
Connecticut	17-14	136-35	153-49	.757
Kentucky	22-12	131-38	153-50	.754
Syracuse	24-11	126-44	150-55	.732
Texas	25-10	123-45	148-55	.729
Wisconsin	30-6	112-49	142-55	.721
Xavier	25-9	116-46	141-55	.719
Arizona	20-11	120-44	140-55	.718
Louisville	24-10	118-48	142-58	.710
Western Kentucky	22-11	110-43	132-54	.710
Oklahoma	16-15	118-40	134-55	.709
Oklahoma State	22-13	119-46	141-59	.705
Marquette	24-10	111-48	135-58	.699
Boston College	21-12	113-47	134-59	.694
Maryland	25-9	111-52	136-61	.690
Mississippi State	21-13	112-48	133-61	.686
Saint Joseph's	18-14	115-48	133-62	.682
Stanford	18-13	108-48	126-61	.674

**MOST NCAA SWEET SIXTEEN APPEARANCES IN LAST SIX YEARS**

*Since 2002, Pitt is one of only five schools nationwide to advance to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen at least four times over the last six years. Pitt has advanced to Sweet Sixteen action in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2007. Here is a chart depicting where Pitt ranks among schools over the last six years:*

School	App. since 2002
Duke	5
<b>PITT</b>	<b>4</b>
Kansas	4
Texas	4
Connecticut	4
Arizona	3
Illinois	3
Kentucky	3
Michigan State	3
Southern Illinois	3
UCLA	3

**PITT'S FIVE-YEAR SUCCESS (2001-07)**

*The following is a list of accomplishments achieved by the Pitt Basketball program over the last five seasons (2001-07):*

- Compiled a 162-41 record over the last five seasons and .798 winning percentage which ranks among the nation's top five best winning percentages during that span. The record also tops the Big East from 2001-07.
- Captured three Big East regular season titles: 2001-02 Big East West Division, 2002-03 Big East West Division, 2003-04 Big East regular season.
- Won Pitt's first-ever Big East Tournament title in 2003.
- Advanced to the NCAA Tournament for a school-record six consecutive seasons.
- One of only 12 schools nationwide to advance to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last six seasons.
- Achieved a school record and sixth straight 20-plus win season in 2006-07.
- Averaged 27.0 victories per season over the last six years.
- Advanced to the Big East Championship title game in four straight seasons (2001-04), one of only two conference schools to achieve that honor. Pitt has advanced to the Big East Championship title game in six of the last seven years.
- Compiled a Big East-best 71-25 (.740) record in league regular season games.
- Finished ranked among the nation's top-10 programs in four of the last six seasons.
- Ranked among the nation's top-25 in a school record 61 consecutive polls.
- Appeared on television in 152 total games.
- Set the school record with a 40-game win streak which spanned two years and 68 days.
- Opened the Petersen Events Center with a 34-game win streak, a streak which ranks as the third all-time longest win streak to open a new arena.
- Concluded its fifth year in the Petersen Events Center with an 80-8 record and .909 winning percentage.
- Set all school records for attendance.
- Sold out the Petersen Events Center in each of the arena's first five seasons.

in December. Combining his November and December pre-conference games, Dixon owns a 47-2 record. Previously, Dixon won 45 consecutive games in Nov. and Dec. before dropping a contest at No. 7

Wisconsin on Dec. 16, 2006.

Pitt begins its sixth season in the Petersen Events Center and carries a 80-8 all-time record and .909 winning percentage in the building. The .909 winning percentage ranks

among the nation's best home court records over the last five years (see chart page 8). Pitt has won 38 of its last 45 Big East home games and is 33-7 against Big East opponents in the Petersen Events Center. Pitt owns a 47-1 record vs. non-conference opponents in the Petersen



**2007-08 PITT PANTHERS NUMERICAL ROSTER**

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	EX	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL(s)
0	Austin Wallace	C	6-9	230	FR*	RS	Bronx, N.Y./LaSalle Academy
1	Keith Benjamin	G	6-2	190	SR	3L	Mount Vernon, N.Y./Mount Vernon
2	Levance Fields	G	5-10	190	JR	2L	Brooklyn, N.Y./Xaverian
4	Ronald Ramon	G	6-1	185	SR	3L	Bronx, N.Y./All Hallows
5	Tyrell Biggs	F	6-8	240	JR	2L	Nanuet, N.Y./Don Bosco Prep (N.J.)
11	Gilbert Brown	G/F	6-6	200	FR*	RS	Harrisburg, Pa./South Kent Prep (Conn.)
22	Brad Wanamaker	G	6-4	200	FR	HS	Philadelphia, Pa./Roman Catholic
23	Sam Young	F	6-6	215	JR	2L	Clinton, Md./Hargrave Military Academy/Friendly
24	Tim Frye	G	6-4	190	FR	HS	Mars, Pa./Mars
31	Mike Cook	G/F	6-4	215	SR	1L	Philadelphia, Pa./East Carolina/Friends Central
40	Maurice Polen	F	6-5	245	JR	1L	Philadelphia, Pa./West Philadelphia
45	DeJuan Blair	F	6-7	265	FR	HS	Pittsburgh, Pa./Schenley
50	Cassin Diggs	C	6-10	270	JR	TR	Williamsport, Pa./CloudCty.C.C./Bridgeton Acad. (Maine)
52	Gary McGhee	C	6-10	255	FR	HS	Anderson, Ind./Highland Senior

\* By class denotes redshirt year

**Head Coach:** Jamie Dixon (TCU, 1987), begins 5<sup>th</sup> Year as Head Coach, 9<sup>th</sup> year at Pitt, 105-30 overall; **Assistant Coach:** Tom Herrion (Merrimack, 1989); **Assistant Coach:** Pat Sandle (San Francisco State, 1987); **Assistant Coach:** Orlando Antigua (Pittsburgh, 1995); **Director of Basketball Operations:** Brandin Knight (Pittsburgh, 2005); **Video Coordinator:** Brian Regan (Saint Vincent, 1988); **Athletic Trainer:** Tony Salesi (Pittsburgh, 1980); **Strength & Conditioning Coach:** Tim Beltz (Northern Colorado, 1995); **Academic Coordinator:** Mike Farabaugh (Pittsburgh, 1987); **Equipment Manager:** Brian Brigger (Xavier, 2004); **Team Managers:** Kevin Funston, Jeremy Grubbs, Jordan Marks, Pete Paradise-Asher, Matt Steinbrink, Ben Stirt; **Student Trainers:** Steve Gaul, Jackie Meathe, Luke Romanow; **Administrative Assistant:** Beth Schoedel

**RECORD WHEN...**

Controlling the tip: .....0-0  
 Scoring first: .....0-0  
 Leading at the half: .....0-0  
 Trailing at the half: .....0-0  
 Tied at half: .....0-0  
 Leading with 5:00 left: .....0-0  
 Trailing with 5:00 left: .....0-0  
 Tied with 5:00 left: .....0-0  
 In Overtime: .....0-0  
 Double Overtime: .....0-0

Pitt outrebounds opp.: .....0-0  
 Pitt is outrebounded: .....0-0  
 Rebounds are equal: .....0-0

Pitt commits more TO: .....0-0  
 Pitt forces more TO: .....0-0  
 Turnovers are equal: .....0-0

Pitt has more FTA: .....0-0  
 Opp. has more FTA: .....0-0  
 FT attempts are equal: .....0-0  
 Pitt shoots better than 60%: .....0-0  
 Pitt shoots better than 50%: .....0-0  
 Pitt shoots less than 50%: .....0-0  
 Opp. shoots better than 50%: .....0-0  
 Opp. shoots less than 50%: .....0-0  
 Opp. shoots less than 40%: .....0-0  
 Pitt outshoots opp. (FG%): .....0-0  
 Opp. outshoots Pitt (FG%): .....0-0  
 Shooting is tied (%): .....0-0  
 Pitt hits 40% of 3FG: .....0-0  
 Pitt hits less than 40% of 3FG: .....0-0  
 Pitt outshoots opp. (3FG): .....0-0

Pitt hits at least 70% of FTA: .....0-0  
 Pitt hits at least 60% of FTA: .....0-0

Pitt bench outscores opp.: .....0-0  
 Opp. bench outscores Pitt: .....0-0  
 Bench scoring is equal: .....0-0  
 Following a Pitt win: .....0-0  
 Following a Pitt loss: .....0-0

3 score in double figures: .....0-0  
 4 score in double figures: .....0-0  
 5+ in double figures: .....0-0

**UNIFORMS**

White uniforms: .....0-0  
 Blue uniforms: .....0-0

**MONTHS OF THE YEAR**

In November: .....0-0  
 In December: .....0-0  
 In January: .....0-0  
 In February: .....0-0  
 In March: .....0-0

**DAYS OF THE WEEK**

Monday .....0-0  
 Tuesday: .....0-0  
 Wednesday: .....0-0  
 Thursday .....0-0  
 Friday: .....0-0  
 Saturday: .....0-0  
 Sunday: .....0-0

**PITT'S BEST SEASON STARTS**

*Head Coach Jamie Dixon has engineered four of the school's top-10 best starts to a season. Here is a look at Pitt's other top season starts:*

<u>W-L</u>	<u>Season</u>
*21-0	1927-28
18-0	2003-04
15-0	2005-06
15-0	1915-16
12-0	1929-30
<b>10-0</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
10-0	2004-05
9-0	1987-88
9-0	2002-03
6-0	1998-99

*\*21-0 record was the 1927-28 team's final record.*

Events Center. Pitt has also won 68 of its last 69 home games against regular season non-conference opponents.

Pitt begins the start of another difficult non-conference slate. Last year, Pitt played through its most difficult schedule assembled in recent years as its strength of schedule rating ranked No. 5 nationally. It played a difficult three-game stretch against No. 7 Wisconsin, No. 15 Oklahoma State and Dayton. Pitt dropped consecutive contests to Wisconsin and Oklahoma State and defeated Dayton by 30 points. The Panthers also hit the road for three games (Auburn, Wisconsin and Buffalo) and played two neutral site contests against Oklahoma State (in Oklahoma City) and Western Michigan (at West Point, N.Y.).

Pitt has won 81 of its last 107 contests and 36 of its last 53 Big East regular season games and 69 of its last 74 non-conference games. Pitt has won 10-plus non-conference games in each of the last six seasons (13-2 in 2006-07, 11-0 in 2005-06, 10-1 in 2004-05, 14-0 in 2003-04, 10-1 in 2002-03 and 11-1 in 2001-02). Additionally, Pitt has won 24 of its last 26 non-conference games dating back to a January 2, 2005 loss to Bucknell.

**SEASON OPENER NOTES**

Pitt is 67-33 all-time in season openers. The Panthers are currently on a 10-game opening day win streak and have won 23 of their last 25 opening day contests.

**BIG EAST'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES BY PERCENTAGE**

*(Conference Regular Season and Championship Games combined as of May, 2007, according to Big East records)*

<u>Coach, Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>BEChamp.</u>
<b>Jamie Dixon, Pitt</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.693</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7-4, .636</b>
John Thompson, GU	231	123	.653	20	33-13, .717
Jim Boenheim, Syracuse	329	182	.644	28	42-23, .646
Jim Calhoun, Connecticut	252	143	.638	21	28-15, .651
Lou Carnesecca, St. John's	139	80	.635	13	12-11, .478
Mike Jarvis, St. John's	57	36	.613	5	7-4, .636
Ben Howland, Pitt	46	29	.613	4	8-3, .727
Rollie Massimino, Villanova	123	92	.572	12	13-12, .520

**WHERE PITT RANKED NATIONALLY IN THE 2006-07 NCAA STATISTICS**

*Source: www.ncaa.org, (Final Statistics)*

<u>Category</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Average</u>
Scoring Offense	124	71.3
Scoring Defense	48	62.8
Scoring Margin	30	8.5
Field Goal Percentage	42	47.2
Field Goal Percentage Defense	39	40.7
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game	199	6.2
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.	43	38.2
Free Throw Percentage	254	66.1
Rebound Margin	38	4.7
Assists Per Game	8	17.5
Blocked Shots Per Game	92	3.6
Steals Per Game	297	5.2
Won-Lost Percentage	19	78.4
Turnovers Per Game	22	11.9
Personal Fouls Per Game	36	16.6

**NCAA DIVISION I BEST COACHING STARTS AFTER FOUR SEASONS (by wins)**

*Source: 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball Recordbook, page 158.*

<u>Coach, Team</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Everett Case, North Carolina State	1947-50	107-22	.829
<b>JAMIE DIXON, PITT</b>	<b>2003-07</b>	<b>105-30</b>	<b>.778</b>
Mark Few, Gonzaga	2000-03	105-29	.784
Bruce Stewart, WV Wesleyan & MidTenn.	1983-86	104-34	.754
Roy Williams, Kansas	1989-92	103-30	.774
Thad Matta, Butler & Xavier	2001-04	102-31	.767
Jim Boenheim, Syracuse	1977-80	100-18	.847
Speedy Morris, LaSalle	1987-90	100-31	.763
Paul Westphal, Gr. Canyon & Pepp.	87-88, 02-03	100-40	.714
Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-75	98-22	.817
Dick Hunsaker, Ball State	1990-93	97-34	.740

**BLAIR EXPECTED TO START FIRST CAREER GAME**

Freshman DeJuan Blair is expected to make his first start in his first career game at Pitt against Hous-

ton Baptist on Nov. 9. The 6-7, 265-pound Pittsburgh product guided Schenley to the 2007 state title. He attended high school a little over a mile from the Petersen Events Cen-

**BIG EAST'S BEST PROGRAMS OVER THE PREVIOUS SIX SEASONS (2001-07)**

Totals are as of May, 2007.

School	Big East		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
<b>PITT</b> .....	<b>71-25</b> .....	<b>.740</b> .....	<b>162-41</b> .....	<b>.798</b>
Connecticut .....	68-28 .....	.708 .....	153-49 .....	.757
Syracuse .....	61-35 .....	.635 .....	150-55 .....	.732
Louisville.....	18-14 .....	.563 .....	141-58 .....	.709
Marquette .....	20-12 .....	.625 .....	135-58 .....	.699
Cincinnati .....	11-21 .....	.344 .....	131-62 .....	.679
Villanova .....	55-41 .....	.573 .....	126-70 .....	.643
Notre Dame .....	55-41 .....	.573 .....	121-68 .....	.640
Georgetown .....	50-46 .....	.521 .....	113-71 .....	.614
West Virginia .....	41-55 .....	.427 .....	109-68 .....	.616
DePaul .....	14-18 .....	.438 .....	99-82 .....	.547
Providence .....	42-54 .....	.438 .....	97-84 .....	.536
Seton Hall .....	42-54 .....	.438 .....	93-85 .....	.522
Rutgers .....	38-58 .....	.396 .....	89-94 .....	.486
St. John's .....	32-64 .....	.333 .....	84-94 .....	.472
USF .....	4-28 .....	.125 .....	74-103 .....	.418

**DIXON REACHES 100 CAREER WINS**

Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon reached 100 career victories faster than any other head coach in school history. He registered his 100th career win on Feb. 19, 2007 at Seton Hall. Dixon also reached 70, 80 and 90 wins faster than any other Pitt head coach. Here is a look at the top Pitt coaches and the total games it took to win 100 games at Pitt:

Pitt Coach	Games to			
	100 wins	W-L	1st Year	Date of 100th Win
Jamie Dixon	126	100-26	2003	Feb. 19, 2007 at Seton Hall
H.C. Carlson	140	100-40	1922	Feb. 22, 1930 vs. West Virginia
Paul Evans	156	100-56	1986	Nov. 20, 1991 vs. Manhattan

**SCHOOLS EARNING NCAA TOURNAMENT BERTHS IN EACH OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

Pitt is one of 12 NCAA Division I schools to advance to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last six seasons (2001-07). Those programs include: Arizona, Duke, Florida, Gonzaga, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan State, **PITT**, Southern Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin.

ter. Should Blair start, he will become the first freshman to start on opening day since Ronald Ramon in 1994. Prior to Ramon, Ricardo Greer made his first career start on opening day in 1997.

**NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS**

Pitt has won 24 of its last 26 games against non-conference opponents and concluded its 2006-07 season with a 13-2 non-conference record. In 2005-06, Pitt completed its non-conference schedule unde-

feated (11-0) for just the second time in school history. Pitt went 14-0 in 2003-04. Pitt has now won 10-plus non-conference games in each of the last five seasons (13-2 in 2006-07, 11-0 in 2005-06, 10-1 in 2004-05, 14-0 in 2003-04, 10-1 in 2002-03 and 11-1 in 2001-02). It has compiled a 69-5 non-conference record over the last six years. Additionally, the Panthers are 47-1 overall (.979) against non-conference foes in the Petersen Events Center and have won 68 of their last 69 home games against non-conference opponents.

**PITT PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH IN BIG EAST CONFERENCE IN COACHES POLL**

**NEW YORK, N.Y.**—The Pitt men's basketball team was selected by league coaches to finish fourth among 16 teams at the league's annual media day Wednesday morning at Madison Square Garden.

In a vote of league coaches, Pitt finished fourth with 170 total points. Georgetown and Louisville were picked to win the title with 217 points each. Marquette was picked to finish third with 191 points, Pitt fourth, followed by 5. Syracuse (153), 6. Connecticut (149) and 7. Villanova (143).

Junior Levance Fields was named an All-Big East preseason honorable mention selection. Last year Fields earned Second Team All-Big East honors after averaging 9.2 points and 4.6 assists per game. He led the Big East in assist:turnover ratio with a 2.41 clip.

Pitt returns two starters and six of its top nine players from a team that finished 29-8 overall, advanced to NCAA Sweet Sixteen play for the fourth time in the past six seasons and appeared in a sixth Big East Championship title game in the last seven years. Pitt is also the only program in the Big East to have won over 20 overall games and 10 league games in each of the past seasons.

Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon along with seniors Keith Benjamin, Mike Cook and Ronald Ramon represented the Panthers at media day.

**2007-08 PRESEASON BIG EAST COACHES' POLL**

Rk.	Team	Points
1. ...	Georgetown (8) .....	217
1. ...	Louisville (8) .....	217
3. ...	Marquette .....	191
<b>4. ..</b>	<b>PITT</b> .....	<b>170</b>
5. ...	Syracuse .....	135
6. ...	Connecticut .....	149
7. ...	Villanova .....	143
8. ...	Providence .....	141
9. ...	Notre Dame .....	122
10. ...	West Virginia .....	112
11. .	DePaul .....	79
12. .	Cincinnati .....	62
13. .	Seton Hall .....	56
14. .	St. John's .....	52
15. .	Rutgers .....	32
16. .	South Florida .....	23

\*first place votes in parenthesis

**2007-08 PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST SELECTIONS**

**2007-08 PRESEASON BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Roy Hibbert, Georgetown

**2007-08 PRESEASON BIG EAST CO-ROOKIES OF THE YEAR**

Donte' Green, Syracuse  
Jonny Flynn, Syracuse

**2007-08 PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST TEAM**

\*Roy Hibbert, Georgetown, C, Sr., 7-2, 278, Adepti, Md.

Jeff Adrien, Connecticut, F, Jr., 6-7, 238, Brookline, Mass.

Jonathan Wallace, Georgetown, G, Sr., 6-1, 188, Harvest, Ala.

David Padgett, Louisville, C, Sr., 6-11, 245, Reno, Nevada

Terrence Williams, Louisville, F, Jr., 6-6, 210, Seattle, Wash.

Dominic James, Marquette, G, Jr., 5-11, 185, Richmond, Ind.

Jerel McNeal, Marquette, G, Jr., 6-3, 200, Chicago, Ill.

Geoff McDermott, Providence, F, Jr., 6-7, 230, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Kentrell Gransberry, South Florida, C, Sr., 6-9, 270, Baton Rouge, La.

Eric Devendorf, Syracuse, G, 6-4, 180, Bay City, Mich.

\*Scottie Reynolds, Villanova, G, So., 6-2, 195, Herndon, Va.

**2007-08 PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST HONORABLE MENTION**

Edgar Sosa, Louisville, G, So, 6-1, 175, New York, N.Y.

Levance Fields, Pittsburgh, G, Jr., 5-10, 190, Brooklyn, N.Y.

\*denotes unanimous selection

PITT PLAYERS IN THE CAREER RECORDBOOKS

**THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE**

259	Jason Matthews	1987-91
239	Sean Miller	1987-92
210	Julius Page	2000-04
209	Brandin Knight	1999-03
196	Jason Maile	1992-97
190	Carl Krauser	2002-06
167	Jarrett Lockhart	1996-00
<b>166</b>	<b>Ronald Ramon</b>	<b>2004-06</b>
152	Jerry McCullough	1991-97
147	Donatas Zavackas	1999-03
134	Vonteego Cummings	1995-99
119	Antonio Graves	2003-07
110	Andre Alridge	1992-96

**THREE-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**

654	Brandin Knight	1999-03
624	Julius Page	2000-04
574	Sean Miller	1987-92
567	Jason Matthews	1987-91
517	Carl Krauser	2002-06

504	Jarrett Lockhart	1996-00
500	Jason Maile	1992-97
477	Jerry McCullough	1991-96
<b>410</b>	<b>Ronald Ramon</b>	<b>2004-06</b>
401	Vonteego Cummings	1995-99

**THREE-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE**

.457	Jason Matthews	1987-91
.416	Sean Miller	1987-92
.409	Rod Brookin	1986-90
.405	Donatas Zavackas	1999-03
<b>.405</b>	<b>Ronald Ramon</b>	<b>2004-</b>
.392	Jason Maile	1992-97
.386	Orlando Antigua	1991-95
<b>.382</b>	<b>Levance Fields</b>	<b>2005-</b>
.379	Antonio Graves	2003-07
.368	Carl Krauser	2002-06
.367	Garrick Thomas	1992-96
.358	Andre Alridge	1992-96
.337	Julius Page	2000-04

**FREE THROW PERCENTAGE**

.885	Sean Miller	1987-92
.878	Jason Matthews	1987-91
<b>.835</b>	<b>Ronald Ramon</b>	<b>2004-</b>
.823	Don Hennon	1956-59
.808	Mike Paul	1969-72
.807	Donatas Zavackas	1999-03
.806	Bob Lovett	1963-66
.790	Demetreus Gore	1984-88
.783	Terry Knight	1974-79

**ASSISTS**

785	Brandin Knight	1999-03
744	Sean Miller	1987-92
617	Darelle Porter	1987-91
568	Carl Krauser	2002-06
552	Jerry McCullough	1991-96
458	Vonteego Cummings	1995-99
436	Dwayne Wallace	1978-82
378	Curtis Aiken	1983-87
373	Ricardo Greer	1997-01
363	Pete Strickland	1975-79

343	Billy Culbertson	1981-84
329	Keith Starr	1972-75
307	Tom Richards	1972-76
300	Demetreus Gore	1984-88
295	Jaron Brown	2000-04
284	Wayne Williams	1975-79
258	Andre Alridge	1992-97
244	Julius Page	2000-04
<b>242</b>	<b>Levance Fields</b>	<b>2005-07</b>
<b>206</b>	<b>Ronald Ramon</b>	<b>2004-07</b>

**ASSIST:TURNOVER RATIO**

2.32	Sean Miller	1987-92
<b>2.26</b>	<b>Levance Fields</b>	<b>2005-</b>
1.95	Darelle Porter	1987-91
1.93	Brandin Knight	1999-03
1.88	Billy Culbertson	1981-84
<b>1.79</b>	<b>Ronald Ramon</b>	<b>2004-</b>
1.80	Jerry McCullough	1991-96
1.53	Curtis Aiken	1983-87
1.49	Antonio Graves	2003-07

**HOME COURT SUCCESS**

Pitt owns an 80-8 record and .909 winning percentage in the five-year old Petersen Events Center (16-0 in 2002-03, 19-1 in 2003-04, 13-4 in 2004-05, 16-1 in 2005-06 and 16-2 in 2006-07).

Pitt also owns a 33-7 regular season record vs. Big East East opponents in the Petersen Events Center. Its 12-game home win streak last year ranked tied for sixth among the school's all-time longest home win streaks. Pitt opened the Petersen Events Center with 34 straight home wins.

**PITT RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S TOP-25**

Pitt enters the 2007-08 season ranked No. 22 in the Associated Press

poll and No. 20 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll. It is the first week in the last 19 polls that it has spent outside the nation's top-10.

Last season Pitt was ranked as high as No. 2 for two straight weeks. The No. 2 ranking marked the first time Pitt has been ranked as high in both polls since January 28, 2003. The No. 2 rankings also tied for the highest ranking in school history.

Pitt remains ranked among the nation's top-25 teams in the Associated Press poll for the 29th consecutive poll. Since January 7, 2002, Pitt has been ranked among the nation's top-25 in 95 of the last 104 national polls.

**DIXON AND WINNING**

In 2006-07, Jamie Dixon (105 wins currently overall) became the first coach in school history to win both 20-plus overall games and 10-plus league games in four consecutive seasons. He became the fastest coach to reach 100 wins at Pitt. His 76 career wins over his first three seasons as Pitt's head coach ranked sixth among the top-10 NCAA Division I coaches for a best three-year start.

Dixon, who also has reached 70, 80 and 90 wins faster than any other coach in school history, has guided Pitt to a 31-5 record in the 2003-04 season, 20-9 slate in 2004-05, 25-8 record in 2005-06 and 29-8 slate in 2006-07. He coached in his 100th career game vs. Delaware State on Nov. 14, 2006.

Dixon also ranks first among all-time Big East coaches in conference winning percentage (Big East games

only) with a current .693 mark (52-23). See chart on page 4.

Dixon currently sports a .778 winning percentage.

**BACK-TO-BACK LOSSES A RARITY FOR PITT, DIXON**

With its losses at Wisconsin and Oklahoma State, Pitt dropped back-to-back games for only the fifth time in Head Coach Jamie Dixon's four seasons and 135-game tenure as head coach at Pitt. Dixon's teams have only lost three in a row on one occasion: Feb. 20-Feb. 26, 2005 (at Villanova, West Virginia and Connecticut).

**YOUNG CONCLUDES 2006-07 SEASON ON SCORING STREAK**

Junior forward Sam Young reached double figure scoring in eight of his last 11 games last season including a 17-point performance against Marquette. During that 11-game streak, Young has led Pitt in scoring three times and has scored

114 points (10.4 ppg), all coming off the bench.

In the NCAA Tournament, Young ranked second on the Panthers in scoring (12.3 ppg) and is averaged 4.3 rebounds per game. Expect to see more of the same in 2007-08.

**PRODUCTIVE BENCH PLAY IS A KEY TO PITT'S SUCCESS**

For the second consecutive season last year, bench production was a key component to Pitt's success. Over the last two seasons, Pitt's bench has outscored its opponents in 54 of its last 70 games.

Last year, Pitt's bench outscored its opponents in 27 of 37 games and outscored opponents by a 823-494 margin. Additionally, Pitt bench players reached double figure scoring 37 times on the year.

In 2006-07, Pitt's bench averaged 22.2 points per game, 8.2 rebounds per game and a total of 63.5 minutes per game. Here are some

**PITT'S BEST HOME COURT WINNING PERCENTAGES**

*Pitt's 16-2 home record ranks among the school's top home record percentages (modern era):*

Year	W-L	Pct.
2002-03	16-0	1.000
1973-74	13-0	1.000
1974-75	10-0	1.000
2003-04	19-1	.950
2005-06	16-1	.941
2001-02	16-1	.941
1963-64	10-1	.909
1987-88	10-1	.909
1990-91	9-1	.900
<b>2006-07</b>	<b>16-2</b>	<b>.889</b>

**WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES BY PCT.**

*(Records as of November, 2007)*

Coach	2006-07 W-L	Previous W-L	Total W-L	Pct. Pct.
Mark Few, Gonzaga	23-11	186-40	209-51	.804
Roy Williams, North Carolina	31-7	492-127	523-134	.796
Thad Matta, Ohio State	35-4	148-48	183-52	.779
<b>Jamie Dixon, Pitt</b>	<b>29-8</b>	<b>76-22</b>	<b>105-30</b>	<b>.778</b>
Bo Ryan, Wisconsin	30-6	495-151	525-157	.770
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	22-11	751-249	773-260	.748
Jim Boheim, Syracuse	24-11	726-253	750-264	.740
Lute Olson, Arizona	20-11	759-268	779-279	.736
Rick Pitino, Louisville	24-10	470-182	494-182	.731
Tubby Smith, Kentucky	22-12	364-134	386-146	.726



**PITT'S LONGEST HOME COURT WIN STREAKS**

*Pitt's 12-game home win streak in 2006-07 ranked among the school's all-time longest home win streaks. Streaks do not include contests played at Mellon Arena/Civic Arena.*

*\*27-game win streak includes Civic Arena games.*

No	Streak	Dates
40	1/22/01-2/15/04	
*27	12/10/73-12/23/75	
25	12/10/73-12/23/75	
16	11/19/05-3/3/06	
14	1/31/87-1/25/88	
<b>12</b>	<b>11/14/06-1/21/07</b>	
12	2/9/84-1/22/86	
11	1/2/64-12/4/65	
10	12/2/92-2/6/93	
9	3/6/04-1/2/05	
8	11/17/00-1/3/01	
7	2/6/62-12/7/63	
7	11/23/90-1/12/91	
7	11/20/91-2/10/92	

**2007-08 SENIOR CLASS: WINNERS**

*Pitt's 2007-08 senior class of Ronald Ramon, Keith Benjamin and Mike Cook ranks among Pitt's all-time winningest classes. Here is where the threesome ranks among Pitt's top four-year men's basketball periods:*

Senior Class	W-L	Pct.
2004-05	108-25	.812
2005-06	104-27	.794
2003-04	107-30	.781
2006-07	105-30	.778
1930-31	80-27	.748
<b>2007-08</b>	<b>74-25</b>	<b>.747</b>
2002-03	89-40	.690
1987-88	81-41	.663
1988-89	81-42	.658
1989-90	78-45	.634
1981-82	74-45	.622
1986-87	75-47	.615

other interesting facts and figures concerning Pitt's bench in 2006-07:

Statistic	Pct.	Bench/Total
Minutes Played	31%	2348/7500

**YEAR-BY-YEAR NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS**

*A look at Pitt's non-conference records since joining the Big East Conference:*

Year	W-L	Pct.
1982-83	7-4	.636
1983-84	12-2	.857
1984-85	9-3	.750
1985-86	9-3	.750
1986-87	12-3	.800
1987-88	11-2	.846
1988-89	7-5	.583
1989-90	6-5	.545
1991-92	9-6	.600
1992-93	8-1	.889
1993-94	6-2	.750
1994-95	4-4	.500
1995-96	5-3	.625
1996-97	7-6	.538
1997-98	5-3	.625
1998-99	9-2	.818
1999-00	8-3	.727
2000-01	9-4	.692
2001-02	11-1	.917
2002-03	10-1	.909
2003-04	14-0	1.000
2004-05	10-1	1.000
2005-06	11-0	1.000
<b>2006-07</b>	<b>13-2</b>	<b>.867</b>
Total	214-70	.754

Points	31%	823/2637
Rebounds	23%	305/1329
FG Made	31%	298/961
10+ Scorers	30%	37/124

**CLOSE QUALITY LOSSES**

Pitt's eight losses in 2006-07 came by an uncharacteristic average of 10.0 points per game (80 points). Two of the eight losses were either in overtime over double overtime. Pitt's 23-point loss to Georgetown (65-42) in the Big East Championship Final, 14-point loss at Wisconsin (89-75) on Dec. 16 and its 13-point loss to Louisville (66-53) were uncharacteristic of the Pitt program.

Pitt's eight losses in 2005-06 came by a combined 33 points and an average of 4.1 points per loss.

Over the last four years, Pitt's 30 losses have been by a combined 187 points for a 6.2 average points per loss.

In 2004-05, Pitt's nine losses came by a combined 52 points (5.8 average margin of loss). In 2003-

**PITT'S BEST DEFENSIVE SEASONS**

*Pitt yielded 62.8 points per game in 2006-07. Here is where that mark ranks among the school's best defensive points per game averages:*

PPG	Year	W-L
56.4	2003-04	31-5
59.2	2002-03	28-5
59.3	1951-52	10-12
60.9	2001-02	29-6
62.0	1950-51	9-17
<b>62.8</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>29-8</b>
63.1	2005-06	25-8
63.5	2004-05	20-8
64.7	1983-84	18-13
64.8	1979-80	17-12

**TOP BIG EAST CONSECUTIVE WIN STREAKS**

*Here is a look at Pittsburgh's longest regular season conference win streaks:*

Wins	Date
12	2/2/02-1/25/03
10	2/18/03-1/17/04
8	1/24/87-2/14/87
6	1/9/88-2/3/88
6	2/28/05-1/21/06
<b>5</b>	<b>1/24/07-2/12/07</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1/4/07-1/21/07</b>
4	3/3/01-1/8/02
4	3/4/95-1/13/96
4	1/12/93-1/23/93
4	2/11/89-2/20/89
4	2/2/85-2/13/85
4	1/29/83-2/7/83

04, Pitt's five losses came by a combined 22 points for a 4.4 average.

Since Jamie Dixon became head coach, only four losses during his four-year tenure—Pitt's 23-point loss to Georgetown (March 10, 2007), a 13-point loss to Louisville (66-53 on Feb. 12), its 14-point loss at Wisconsin (89-75 on Dec. 16, 2006) and a 12-point loss to Oklahoma State (63-51) in the 2004 NCAA Regional—came by more than 10 points. Amazingly, Dixon has lost 15 of his 30 losses by four points or less.

**PITT'S WINNINGEST SEASONS**

*A look at Pitt's all-time 20-win seasons (by victories):*

Year	W-L
2003-04	31-5
2001-02	29-6
<b>2006-07</b>	<b>29-8</b>
2002-03	28-5
1973-74	25-4
2005-06	25-8
1986-87	25-8
1987-88	24-7
1929-30	23-2
1927-28	21-0
1990-91	21-12
1930-31	20-4
2004-05	20-9
1981-82	20-10

**PITT'S BEST BIG EAST RECORDS**

*A look at Pitt's best Big East regular season records (by victories):*

W-L	Season
13-3	2003-04
13-3	2002-03
13-3	2001-02
<b>12-4</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
12-4	1987-88
12-4	1986-87
10-6	2005-06
10-6	2004-05
10-8	1996-97
9-7	1990-91
9-7	1988-89

**NOVEMBER SUCCESS**

Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon enters the 2007-08 season with an undefeated 18-0 record in November contests. Combining his November and December games, Dixon is 47-2 in early season games.

**DECEMBER SUCCESS**

Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon owns a 29-2 record in December contests. Overall against non-conference competition, Dixon sports a .940 winning percentage and a record of 47-3.

**PETERSEN EVENTS CENTER RECORDS**

Entering its sixth basketball season, the Petersen Events Center has provided Pitt a tremendous homecourt advantage. Consider the following facts:

**Overall Record:** 80-8 (.909)  
**Big East Record:** 33-7 (.825)  
**Non-Conference Record:** 47-1 (.979)

**Consecutive Wins at the Petersen Events Center:** 34 (11/23/02-2/29/04)  
**Consecutive Losses:** 2 (two times)  
**Consecutive Non-Conference Wins:** 28 (11/23/02-1/2/05), 19 currently (11/19/05-current)  
**Consecutive Non-Conference Losses:** 1 (Bucknell)

**Average Victory Margin:** 17.7 points per game (5991-4574, 80 games)  
**Average Non-Conference Victory Margin:** 21.6 (3566-2552, 47 wins)  
**Average Margin of Loss:** 4.9 points (Pitt: 497, Opp: 536, 8 losses)  
**Pitt Victories by 10 points or more:** 61  
**Pitt Victories by 20 points or more:** 35  
**Pitt Victories by 30 points or more:** 12  
**Pitt Victories by 40 points or more:** 2

**Pitt Points Per Game:** 73.7 ppg.  
**Opponents' Points Per Game:** 58.1 ppg.

**Opponents held to 60 points or less:** 52 of 88  
**Opponents held to 70 points or less:** 81 of 88  
**Big East Opponents held to 60 points or less:** 15 of 40  
**Big East Opponents held to 70 points or less:** 35 of 40  
**Non-Conference Opp. held to 60 points or less:** 37 of 48  
**Non-Conference Opp. held to 70 points or less:** 46 of 48  
**Consecutive Opp. held to 60 points or less:** 9 (11/27/02-1/18/03)  
**Consecutive Opponents held to 70 points or less:** 22 (1/17/04-2/23/05); 21 (11/23/02-12/13/03)

**Most Points Scored by Pitt:** 100 (Notre Dame, 1/4/06)  
**Most Points Scored-Opponent:** 97 (Notre Dame, 1/4/06)  
**Least Points Scored by Pitt:** 46-OT (Syracuse, Feb. 29, 2004)  
**Least Points Scored-Opponent:** 37 (Penn State, Dec. 6, 2003)

**Largest Victory:** 45 (Norfolk State, Dec. 3, 2002, 96-51)  
**Largest Loss:** 13 (Louisville, Feb. 12, 2007, 66-53)  
**Closest Win:** 1 point (Georgetown, Jan. 25, 2003, 65-64)

**Largest Big East Win:** 36 (West Virginia, Feb. 12, 2003, 82-46)  
**Largest Big East Loss:** 13 (Louisville, Feb. 12, 2007, 66-53)

**Record vs. Ranked Teams (AP poll):** 6-2  
**Record on Senior Day:** 3-2  
**Overtime Record:** 1-2  
**Double Overtime Record:** 1-0

**PITT IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS**

A look at where Pitt ranked among the nation's top-25 this season:

Date	AP	ESPN
Preseason	22	20

ARV-also receiving votes

**LEVANCE FIELDS IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOB COUSY AWARD FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON**

For the second consecutive season, Levance Fields is a candidate for the Bob Cousy Award, which honors the nation's top point guard.

As a sophomore last year, Fields was named one of 17 finalists for the award.

Fields is following in the footsteps of successful Pitt point guards as Carl Krauser was a back-to-back finalist in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons.

**WHAT PITT RETURNS IN 2007-08**

Category	Percent Returning
Last year's starters:	40% (2 of 5)
Last year's total starts:	41% (76 of 185)
Team's top-10 in minutes played:	70% (7 of 10)
Total minutes played:	59% (4428 of 7501)
Points scored:	60% (1570 of 2637)
Field goals made:	58% (553 of 961)
Field goal attempts:	58% (553 of 961)
3-point FG made:	79% (182 of 229)
3-point FG attempts:	77% (464 of 599)
Offensive rebounds:	50% (222 of 445)
Defensive rebounds:	54% (475 of 884)
Total rebounds:	52% (697 of 1329)
Assists:	66% (427 of 647)
Blocked shots:	23% (30 of 133)
Steals:	63% (123 of 194)

**PITTSBURGH CITY LEAGUE PLAYERS**

DeJuan Blair becomes the first Pittsburgh City League player to compete for Pitt since Darelle Porter from 1987-91 and the first Schenley H.S. product to play for the Panthers since Wayne Williams from 1975-79. Here is a list of Pittsburgh City League players to play basketball for the Panthers since 1969:

Years	Player	Pos.	High School
1969-73	Cleveland Edwards	G	Fifth Avenue H.S.
1970-72	Chris Jones	F	Westinghouse H.S.
1971-74	Sam Fleming	G	Fifth Avenue H.S.
1972-73	Leroy Freeman	G	Westinghouse H.S.
1973-77	Frank Boyd	G	Oliver H.S.
1974-75	Mel Bennett	C/F	Peabody H.S.
1975-79	Wayne Williams	G/F	Schenley H.S.
1976-78	Sonny Lewis	G	Schenley H.S.
1977-81	Sam Clancy	F	Brashear H.S.
1984-86	Darryl Shepard	F	Peabody H.S.
1987-91	Darelle Porter	G	Perry Traditional H.S.
2007-08	DeJuan Blair	F/C	Schenley H.S.

**NATION'S TOP HOMECOURT WINNING PERCENTAGES (LAST FIVE SEASONS)**

(Research is as of the opening of Pitt's Petersen Events Center, as of May, 2007)

School	W-L	Pct.	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04	02-03
Southern Illinois	65-3	.956	12-0	11-2	15-0	13-1	14-0
Wisconsin	79-4	.952	19-0	14-2	15-1	15-0	16-1
Gonzaga	62-4	.939	13-2	15-0	13-0	11-0	10-2
Illinois	70-5	.933	14-3	15-1	15-0	12-1	14-0
Kansas	73-7	.913	16-2	14-2	15-1	15-1	13-1
Duke	72-7	.911	15-4	14-1	14-1	14-1	15-0
<b>PITT</b>	<b>80-8</b>	<b>.909</b>	<b>16-2</b>	<b>16-1</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>19-1</b>	<b>16-0</b>
Memphis	79-9	.898	16-0	19-1	15-6	15-0	14-2
Michigan State	70-8	.894	18-1	12-2	14-1	12-2	14-2
Florida	72-10	.878	17-0	16-2	13-3	11-4	15-1
Connecticut	76-11	.873	15-5	16-0	14-3	17-1	14-2
Oklahoma State	65-10	.867	14-2	11-5	12-1	15-0	13-2
North Carolina	66-11	.857	15-1	13-4	15-0	12-2	11-4
Kentucky	61-11	.847	14-2	10-5	14-1	11-2	12-1
Syracuse	77-14	.846	16-4	14-5	16-2	14-3	17-0
Arizona	65-12	.844	11-5	12-3	15-1	13-2	14-1

**UNDER 70 DEFENSIVE MENTALITY**

Defense has been a key ingredient to Pitt's success over the last six

seasons. Following are some defensive notes:

- In 2006-07, Pitt limited 31 of

**2007-08 PITT PRESEASON RANKINGS/HONORS/AWARDS**

**PRESEASON RANKINGS & PREDICTIONS**

(according to national publications and columns)

National Rankings

ACC Basketball Yearbook-13  
Jay Bilas-13  
Andy Katz-14  
Lindy's-17  
Lindy's-At-large NCAA selection  
Athlon-2 & out  
The Sporting News-23  
Rivals.com-23  
Dick Vitale-24  
CBS Sportsline-24  
Gary Parrish, CBS Sportsline-24  
NCAA Hoops Today-32

Big East Conference Predictions

Athlon-4<sup>th</sup>  
The Sporting News-4<sup>th</sup>

Lindy's-4<sup>th</sup>

**INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES**

Mike Cook

Lindy's-All-Big East Second Team  
Lindy's-nation's No. 18 shooting guard

Levance Fields

Athlon-Bob Cousy Award candidate  
The Sporting News-Big East's Best Under Pressure  
Athlon-All-Big East Third Team  
Lindy's-nation's No. 19 point guard  
Lindy's-All-Big East Second Team

Ronald Ramon

Lindy's-Big East's Top-3 returning 3-point shooters

Sam Young

Lindy's-Big East's Most Exciting Player  
Lindy's-nation's No. 19 power forward  
Lindy's-All-Big East Third Team

**RECRUITING CLASSES**

National Rankings

Athlon-21  
Rivals-26

Big East Conference

Athlon-3rd  
The Sporting News-6<sup>th</sup>

**MAGAZINE COVERS**

Levance Fields, Athlon regional magazine

than one time in the Petersen Events Center.

- The Panthers won their first 34 consecutive games in the Petersen Events Center. The 34-game win streak to open the new arena ranks third all-time among winning streaks to open new arenas (51-UCLA in 1964, 41-Providence in 1971-72 and 34-Pitt, 2002-04).
- Pitt has won 38 of its last 44 Big East league home games and is 33-7 against Big East opponents in the Petersen Events Center.
- Pitt has won 19 consecutive home games against non-conference opponents at the Petersen Events Center.
- Pitt owns a 47-1 record vs. non-conference opponents in the Petersen Events Center. Bucknell was the only non-conference team to defeat the Panthers.
- Pitt has won 68 of its last 69 home games against regular season non-conference home opponents. In addition, the Panthers are 72-2 in their last 74 regular season non-conference home games.

its 37 opponents to 70 points or less. Opponents averaged 62.8 points per game against Pitt on the year. Only two of 16 Big East regular season opponents has scored over 70 against Pitt this season (77, Marquette in overtime on Jan. 21, 2007 and 75, Marquette on March 3, 2007).

- In 2005-06, Pitt limited 26 of its 33 opponents to 70 points or less. Only five of 16 Big East regular season opponents in 2005-06 scored more than 70 points against Pitt.
- Over the last three seasons (2004-07), Pitt has limited 39 of its 48 Big East regular season opponents to 70 points or less.
- In 2004-05, Pitt limited 11 of the 16 Big East regular season opponents under 70 points. Only six of its 29 opponents in 2004-05 (at West Virginia-70, at Villanova-80, at West Virginia-83, Penn State-71, Connecticut, 73, at Notre Dame, 77) managed to score 70-plus points against Pitt.
- Pitt has held 51 of its last 64 Big East regular season opponents to 70 points or less dating back to Jan. 12, 2004.
- Additionally, since Jamie Dixon became head coach, Pitt has held 112 of its 135 opponents under 70 points.

- Pitt has won 86 of its last 95 home games which includes a 40-game home win streak in 2004.
- Over the last six seasons, Pitt is a combined 96-9 in home games (16-1 in 2001-02, 16-0 in 2002-03, 19-1 in 2003-04, 13-4 in 2004-05, 16-1 in 2005-06 and 16-2 in 2006-07). Its 19 home wins in 2003-04 set school

record for most home victories in a season.

- Pitt has lost just eight times in the Petersen Events Center and sports a 80-8 record (.909) in the five-year old arena. The eight losses are to Louisville, Connecticut, West Virginia, Syracuse, Bucknell, Georgetown, Seton Hall and Marquette. No opponent has defeated Pitt more

**NCAA DIVISION I FASTEST TO 100 WINS**

Source: 2007 NCAA Men's Basketball Recordbook, page 152.

Coach, School(s)	Games	Won	Lost	Pct.	Season	Year
Doc Meanwell, Wisconsin & Missouri	109	100	9	.917	7th	1918
Buck Freeman, St. John's (NY)	110	110	10	.909	5th	1932
Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	116	100	16	.862	6th	1936
Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	117	100	17	.855	4th	1980
Jerry Tarkanian, Long Beach State	117	100	17	.855	5th	1973
Everett Case, North Carolina State	120	100	20	.833	4th	1950
Fred Taylor, Ohio State	120	100	20	.833	5th	1963
Lew Andreas, Syracuse	122	100	22	.820	7th	1931
Denny Crum, Louisville	122	100	22	.820	5th	1976
Everett Dean, Carleton & Indiana	122	100	22	.820	7th	1929
Clair Bee, Rider & Long Island	123	100	23	.813	5th	1934
Don Haskins, UTEP	125	100	25	.800	5th	1966
Nat Holman, CCNY	125	100	25	.800	10th	1929
Buster Sheary, Holy Cross	125	100	25	.800	5th	1953
<b>JAMIE DIXON, PITT</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>.794</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2007</b>
Mark Few, Gonzaga	126	100	26	.794	4th	2003
Tony Hinkle, Butler	126	100	26	.794	7th	1933
Ray Meyer, DePaul	126	100	26	.794	6th	1948
Harry Combes, Illinois	127	100	27	.787	6th	1953
Peck Hickman, Louisville	127	100	27	.787	6th	1949
Vic Bubas, Duke	128	100	28	.781	5th	1964
Hugh Greer, Connecticut	129	100	29	.775	6th	1952
Roy Williams, Kansas	129	100	29	.775	4th	1992
Speedy Morris, LaSalle	130	100	30	.769	4th	1990
Fred Schaus, West Virginia	130	100	30	.769	5th	1959
Clifford Wells, Tulane	130	100	30	.769	6th	1951
Thad Matta, Butler & Xavier	130	100	30	.769	4th	2004
Harry Fisher, Columbia	131	100	31	.763	10th	1916
Joseph Lapchick, St. John's (NY)	131	100	31	.763	7th	1943
Nolan Richardson, Tulsa	131	100	31	.763	5th	1985
Gale Catlette, Cincinnati	132	100	32	.758	5th	1977
Jack Ramsey, Saint Joseph's	132	100	32	.758	5th	1960
Bruce Stewart, WV Wesleyan & Midd. Tenn.	132	100	32	.758	4th	1986

**HOME SWEET HOME**

In a *Sports Illustrated* poll, Big East Conference players voted Pitt's Petersen Events Center as the most difficult place to play in the league. Here are some facts to support that statement:

**JAMIE DIXON ERA HIGHS AND LOWS**

**PITT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS**

Points:	High	100	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		93	vs. Loyola (Md.) (11/27/04)
		91	vs. Penn State (12/10/05)
	Low	42	vs. Georgetown (3/10/07)
		46	vs. Syracuse (2/29/04)
		50	at St. John's (1/21/06)
FG Made:	High	42	vs. St. Francis (Pa.) (11/22/03)
		37	vs. Penn State (12/10/05)
		35	Three times
	Low	13	vs. Central Florida (3/19/04)
		16	vs. Georgetown (3/10/07)
		17	Three times
FG Att:	High	79	vs. Penn State (12/10/05)
		67	vs. St. Francis (Pa.) (11/22/03)
		66	Three times
	Low	38	at Cincinnati (1/24/07)
		39	vs. St. John's (2/8/05)
FG Pct.:	High	.674	vs. Kent State, 31-46 (3/17/06)
		.627	vs. St. Francis (Pa.), 42-67 (11/22/03)
		.625	vs. Florida State, 35-56 (11/24/06)
	Low	.262	vs. Georgetown, 16-61 (3/10/07)
		.295	vs. Central Florida, 13-44 (3/19/04)
3FG Made:	High	14	vs. Albany (11/28/03)
		13	vs. Florida A&M (12/30/06)
		12	at Cincinnati (1/24/07)
		12	vs. Auburn (12/4/05)
	Low	2	11 times
3FG Att.:	High	31	vs. Florida A&M (12/30/06)
		29	vs. Albany (11/28/03)
		25	at Marquette (3/3/07)
		25	vs. Syracuse (3/11/06)
	Low	6	vs. Rutgers (1/17/04)
		7	vs. Connecticut (3/13/04)
3FG Pct.:	High	.632	at Cincinnati, 12-19 (1/24/07)
		.625	vs. South Florida, 10-16 (1/7/07)
		.600	vs. Georgia, 6-10 (12/30/03)
		.571	vs. Auburn, 12-21 (12/4/05)
	Low	.100	at Connecticut, 2-20 (1/31/06)
		.118	vs. Robert Morris, 2-17 (11/29/06)
FT Made:	High	30	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		28	at Providence (3/2/04)
		27	vs. Marquette (3/8/07)
	Low	1	vs. New Hampshire (12/27/03)
		3	vs. St. Francis (Pa.) (11/22/03)
FT Att.:	High	46	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		42	vs. Memphis (12/7/04)
		41	vs. Marquette (3/8/07)
	Low	4	vs. New Hampshire (12/27/03)
		7	at West Virginia (2/27/06)
		7	at Connecticut (1/19/04)
FT Pct.:	High	.909	vs. Bradley, 10-11 (3/19/06)
		.903	at Providence, 28-31 (3/2/04)
		.889	at Connecticut, 16-18 (1/31/06)
		.875	Two times
	Low	.250	vs. New Hampshire, 1-4 (12/27/03)
		.333	vs. St. Francis (Pa.), 3-9 (11/22/03)
		.450	vs. Bucknell, 9-20 (1/2/05)
Rebounds:	High	55	vs. Howard (11/20/04)
		53	vs. Loyola (Md.) (11/27/04)
		51	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		51	vs. Memphis (12/7/04)
	Low	23	vs. Georgetown (1/13/07)
		25	vs. Virginia Tech (1/6/04)
		26	at Penn State (12/11/04)
Assists:	High	30	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		29	vs. St. Francis (Pa.) (11/22/03)
		28	vs. Florida State (11/24/06)
	Low	5	vs. Louisville (3/8/06)
		7	vs. Central Florida (3/19/04)
		8	Three times
Steals:	High	12	vs. St. John's (1/18/05)
		11	Four times
	Low	0	vs. Oakland (11/19/06)
Blocks:	High	9	Five times
	Low	0	at Cincinnati (1/24/07)
		0	vs. Syracuse (2/26/04)
Turnovers:	High	25	vs. Howard (11/20/04)
		24	vs. Seton Hall (2/9/04)
		23	at Georgetown (2/24/04)
	Low	6	vs. Washington (2/17/07)
		6	vs. Louisville (3/9/07)
		6	vs. Notre Dame (1/12/04)
Fouls:	High	28	vs. Oklahoma State (12/21/06)
		28	vs. Wisconsin (12/16/06)
	Low	7	at Syracuse (1/4/06)

**OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS & LOWS**

Points:	High	97	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		95	vs. Oklahoma State (12/21/06)
		89	vs. Wisconsin (12/16/06)
	Low	37	vs. Penn State (12/6/03)
		38	vs. New Hampshire (12/27/03)
		41	vs. Auburn (12/4/05)
		41	vs. St. Francis (Pa.) (12/1/04)
FG Made:	High	34	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		33	at Miami (1/10/04)
		29	Five times
	Low	14	vs. Penn State (12/6/03)
		15	Six times
FG Att.:	High	83	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		73	vs. Syracuse (1/23/06)
		71	vs. Virginia Commonwealth (3/17/07)
	Low	38	at Georgetown (2/24/07)
		40	vs. Auburn (12/4/05)
		42	vs. UCLA (3/22/07)
		42	at South Carolina (12/28/05)
FG Pct.:	High	.609	vs. Georgetown, 28-46 (1/13/07)
		.523	vs. Georgetown, 23-44 (3/10/07)
		.511	vs. Bucknell, 24-47 (1/2/05)
		.508	at Miami, 33-65 (1/10/04)
	Low	.263	vs. New Hampshire, 15-57 (12/27/03)
		.273	at Syracuse, 15-55 (1/24/04)
		.278	vs. St. John's, 15-54 (2/8/05)
3FG Made:	High	14	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		14	vs. Notre Dame (2/12/05)
		13	at West Virginia (2/5/05)
	Low	0	vs. Youngstown State (12/13/03)
		1	Four times
3FG Att.:	High	40	at West Virginia (2/5/05)
		36	at West Virginia (2/27/06)
		36	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
	Low	6	vs. Bradley (3/19/06)
		8	vs. Oklahoma State (3/25/04)
3FG Pct.:	High	.727	vs. Virginia Tech, 8-11 (1/6/04)
		.636	vs. Washington, 7-11 (2/17/07)
		.571	at Louisville, 8-14 (1/15/06)
	Low	.000	vs. Youngstown State, 0-11 (12/13/03)
		.091	vs. Georgia, 1-11 (12/30/03)
FT Made:	High	32	vs. Oklahoma State (12/21/06)
		31	at Wisconsin (12/16/06)
		26	vs. Bradley (3/19/06)
		26	vs. Villanova (3/10/05)
	Low	1	vs. Albany (11/28/03)
		1	vs. William & Mary (1/3/04)
FT Att.:	High	44	at Wisconsin (12/16/06)
		38	vs. Oklahoma State (12/21/06)
	Low	1	vs. Albany (11/28/03)
		4	Two times
FT Pct.:	High	1.000	at Rutgers, 7-7 (1/8/05)
		1.000	vs. Robert Morris, 5-5 (11/24/04)
		.938	vs. Oklahoma State, 15-16 (3/25/04)
	Low	.167	vs. William & Mary, 1-6 (1/3/04)
		.200	vs. Auburn, 3-15 (12/4/05)
Rebounds:	High	47	vs. Oklahoma State (12/21/06)
		44	vs. Louisville (3/9/07)
		43	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
	Low	18	vs. Georgetown (1/13/07)
		19	vs. William & Mary (1/3/04)
Assists:	High	22	at West Virginia (2/5/05)
		20	vs. Providence (2/25/06)
		19	Two times
	Low	2	vs. Boston College (3/12/04)
		5	vs. Chicago State (12/17/03)
		7	11 times
Steals:	High	12	vs. Georgetown College, Ky. (12/15/03)
		11	Four times
	Low	0	vs. Notre Dame (1/12/04)
		1	Six times
Blocks:	High	10	vs. Syracuse (1/23/06)
		9	at Connecticut (1/31/06)
		9	at Connecticut (1/19/04)
	Low	0	Eight times
Turnovers:	High	26	vs. Virginia Tech (1/6/04)
		22	vs. Penn State (12/10/05)
		21	Two times
	Low	3	at Rutgers (1/8/05)
		4	at West Virginia (2/5/05)
Fouls:	High	32	vs. Notre Dame (1/4/06)
		31	vs. Virginia Tech (3/11/04)
		29	Two times
	Low	9	vs. New Hampshire (12/27/03)
		10	at Georgetown (2/5/06)



**PITT BASKETBALL PERSONALITY PROFILES**

**KEITH BENJAMIN**

- Roommate of teammate Ronald Ramon.
- Nickname is “K-Rucker” because he first started playing basketball at New York City’s Rucker Park at the young age of 14.
- 2004 graduate of Mount Vernon High School where he helped lead his team to the 2004 state title. Sports a red #1 championship ring on his finger.
- Mount Vernon has produced several college/NBA standouts including Scooter McCray, Rodney McCray, Gus Williams, Ray Williams and former Connecticut guard Ben Gordon.
- Finished his four-year high school career at Mount Vernon with a 98-13 overall record.

**TYRELL BIGGS**

- Lost close to 20 pounds during the summer of 2006, dropping to 240 from 260 pounds. Prior to the start of practice, Dixon rated him as the team’s Most Improved Player.
- Has drawn comparisons to Boston College power forward Craig Smith because of his size and playing style.
- Became the third consecutive Pitt player to earn Windy City Classic All-Star MVP honors last summer in the Chicago All-Star Game. Chris Taft and Ronald Ramon were the previous MVP winners.
- Nickname is T.J. or TBiggs.
- Stood 6-5 inches tall and weighed 230 pounds as an eighth grader.
- Played with Pitt guard Keith Benjamin on the MetroHawks/Riverside Church AAU team.
- Has taken up golf, played the piano and bowls.
- Along with teammates Leverage Fields and Gilbert Brown, loves to go bowling.
- Named a McDonalds Top-100 All-America Team finalist.

**GILBERT BROWN**

- Owns a 38-inch vertical leap.
- Relative Troy Drayton played at Penn State.
- Played on the same South Kent Academy team as NBA Draft picks Arday Blatche and Dorell Wright.

**MIKE COOK**

- Junior transfer from East Carolina University. Cook sat out the 2005-06 Pitt season but participated in practice.
- Mother Dawn Cook (Hoover) played basketball at Temple from 1979-83. She is still ranked among all-time school leaders in rebounding with a 6.0 average. She is now a coach at Philadelphia’s University City High School.
- Last summer, a former team manager had a tee-shirt made up with the words “Who is Mike Cook?” The tee-shirt made reference to Cook’s outstanding summer league performances.
- Led ECU in scoring (15.0 ppg in 2004-05) and averaged 12.8 points per game and registered 41 double-figure scoring games in two years with the Pirates.
- A Philadelphia native who played high school basketball with current Memphis Grizzlies player Hakim Warrick and Mustafa Shakur (Arizona).
- Transferred to Pitt for its style of basketball, location and league.

**LEVANCE FIELDS**

- Played at the same high school (Xaverian) attended by former Pitt player and NBA player Chris Taft. Several other Big East players attended Xaverian including Chris Mullin.
- Nickname is the “General” and/or “Lee-lee.”
- Played in the Jordan Classic All-Star game at Madison Square Garden on April 16, 2005 and finished with 18 points, all in the second half.
- Committed to Pitt on Dec. 6, 2004, a day prior to Pitt’s appearance in the Jimmy V. Classic at Madison Square Garden.
- As a high school senior, led Xaverian to eight consecutive wins en route to a state title game appearance.
- Named New York’s Player of the Year by the *New York Daily News* and *Newsday*.
- Named a McDonalds Top-100 All-America Team finalist.
- Along with teammates Tyrell Biggs and Gilbert Brown, loves to go bowling.

**MAURICE POLEN**

- Talented singer who sang the national anthem before Pitt’s men’s basketball game against Seton Hall on March 3, 2006.
- A senior walk-on in his third season with Pitt. He was injured during his sophomore season.
- High school coach at West Philadelphia High School was former Pitt basketball player Gerald Jordan (1995-97).
- Other notable players who attended his high school include: Gene Banks, Jordan, Ricardo Lovelace and Clarence Tillman.

**RONALD RAMON**

- Roommate of teammate Keith Benjamin.
- Father Ricardo Ramon, a professional basketball player, spent a month in Pittsburgh this summer working out Ronald and several of his teammates. He was in town to assist Ronald’s recovery from shoulder surgery.
- Interned at FSN Pittsburgh this summer.
- Nickname is “Double-R” for Ronald Ramon. Krauser nabbed him “Double-R with the Radar.”
- Hails from a basketball family as his father Ricardo Ramon played professional basketball in the Dominican Republic, Brazil and Argentina. His role model is his father because he “showed him everything.”
- Played for one of the nation’s top AAU basketball programs, the New York Gauchos. Other Pitt basketball players who played for the Gauchos include Jerry McCullough, Eric Mobley and current assistant coach Orlando Antigua.
- Native Dominican who follows in the footsteps of several former Pittsburgh Dominican players including Ricardo Greer, Jaime Peterson and Orlando Antigua.
- Invited to play on the Dominican Republic basketball team during the summer of 2006, but his schedule would not allow it.
- Fluent in Spanish.
- All Hallows High School retired his jersey No. 14 at the conclusion of his career.

- Named Most Valuable Player at the Wendy’s All-Star Shootout in Chicago after scoring 23 points, hitting five 3-pointers (including three in the final five minutes) and registering three assists.

**SAM YOUNG**

- Named the 2004-05 National Prep School Player of the Year by Scout.com.
- Has drawn comparisons to Villanova forward Curtis Sumpter because of his size and playing style.
- Favorite sports figure is Michael Jordan and also sports his number 23.
- Interested in gymnastics because of his natural ability. When Young was visiting Pitt on his recruiting trip, the coaches took him on a tour of the athletic facilities. When he saw the gymnastics equipment, he started doing several tricks and backflips.
- Also performed a gymnastics routine for ESPN prior to a game in 2005-06.
- Prior to his senior season at Friendly H.S., promised his coach that he would do back flips if his team won the state title, then held true on his promise after he led the team to the championship.
- Owns a 35-inch vertical leap.
- Hobbies include playing the piano. He took a piano class during his freshman season at Pitt.

**AUSTIN WALLACE**

- Nickname is “A-Wall.”
- LaSalle Academy product of the Bronx, N.Y. LaSalle has also produced several notable athletes including Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest, former Milwaukee Bucks guard Shamgod Wells and former Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher John Candelaria, who is the school’s all-time leading scorer in basketball.
- Played on same AAU team as current Pitt guards Leverage Fields and Ronald Ramon.

**Exhibition Games**  
**PITT Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 04, 2007)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>ALL GAMES</b> . . . . .	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>
<b>CONFERENCE</b> . . . . .	<b>(0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>
<b>NON-CONFERENCE</b> . . . . .	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---FT-FTA		---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg									
23 YOUNG, Sam.....	2-2	40 20.0	14-23	.609	0-2	.000	5-7	.714	10	3	13	6.5	4	0	0	1	3	2	33	16.5
45 BLAIR, DeJuan.....	2-2	36 18.0	8-13	.615	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	11	8	19	9.5	6	0	2	5	3	3	22	11.0
05 BIGGS, Tyrell.....	2-0	37 18.5	9-11	.818	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	10	13	6.5	4	0	0	3	1	0	19	9.5
02 FIELDS, Levance....	2-2	44 22.0	7-13	.538	1-7	.143	2-2	1.000	2	8	10	5.0	2	0	8	2	0	0	17	8.5
11 BROWN, Gilbert.....	2-0	41 20.5	6-17	.353	3-10	.300	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	1.0	0	0	4	2	2	3	17	8.5
01 BENJAMIN, Keith....	2-0	38 19.0	4-11	.364	2-6	.333	4-4	1.000	0	9	9	4.5	4	0	7	2	0	3	14	7.0
31 COOK, Mike.....	2-2	37 18.5	6-12	.500	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	1	6	7	3.5	1	0	3	6	0	0	14	7.0
04 RAMON, Ronald.....	2-2	42 21.0	3-10	.300	2-7	.286	3-5	.600	0	2	2	1.0	3	0	4	1	0	3	11	5.5
22 WANAMAKER, Brad....	2-0	31 15.5	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	1-8	.125	1	3	4	2.0	2	0	10	0	0	7	11	5.5
50 DIGGS, Cassin.....	2-0	25 12.5	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0	5	5	2.5	8	0	0	2	1	2	7	3.5
52 MCGHEE, Gary.....	2-0	14 7.0	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	7	4	11	5.5	1	0	1	1	0	2	6	3.0
00 WALLACE, Austin....	2-0	7 3.5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	3	2	5	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
40 POLEN, Maurice.....	2-0	4 2.0	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1.5
24 FRYE, Tim.....	2-0	4 2.0	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	1.5
TEAM.....									1	4	5	2.5	0			0				

Total.....	2	400	70-136	.515	11-40	.275	29-49	.592	41	65	106	53.0	36	0	42	25	10	25	180	90.0
Opponents.....	2	400	32-102	.314	7-42	.167	16-27	.593	12	35	47	23.5	37	-	23	44	2	6	87	43.5

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	180	87	10/31/07	PITT-JOHNSTOWN	W	97-56	4798
Points per game.....	90.0	43.5	11/04/07	IUP	W	83-31	7216
Scoring margin.....	+46.5	-					
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	70-136	32-102					
Field goal pct.....	.515	.314					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	11-40	7-42					
3-point FG pct.....	.275	.167					
3-pt FG made per game..	5.5	3.5					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	29-49	16-27					
Free throw pct.....	.592	.593					
REBOUNDS.....	106	47					
Rebounds per game.....	53.0	23.5					
Rebounding margin.....	+29.5	-					
ASSISTS.....	42	23					
Assists per game.....	21.0	11.5					
TURNOVERS.....	25	44					
Turnovers per game....	12.5	22.0					
Turnover margin.....	+9.5	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.7	0.5					
STEALS.....	25	6					
Steals per game.....	12.5	3.0					
BLOCKS.....	10	2					
Blocks per game.....	5.0	1.0					
WINNING STREAK.....	2	-					
Home win streak.....	2	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	12014	0					
Home games-Avg/Game....	2-6007	0-0					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
PITT.....	89	91	- 180
Opponents.....	29	58	- 87

**Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS**

**IUP vs PITT**

**11/04/07 5:00 PM at Petersen Events Center, Pittsburgh, PA**

**IUP 31**

#	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	WEBB, Darryl	f	3-12	1-6	0-1	0	7	7	4	7	0	3	1	2			34	
43	AMADOU, Adeniyi	c	1-2	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	4	4	0	1	0	0			32	
03	LUCUS, Jernardo	g	1-4	0-2	5-6	0	0	0	1	7	1	5	0	1			21	
24	GARTNER, Justin	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0			21	
32	CHRISTIANSEN, Sean	g	2-6	0-1	3-7	0	3	3	1	7	2	5	0	1			39	
05	ROCCO, Joe		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0			16	
13	SHAW, Jordan		0-5	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	1			20	
30	URDA, Jude		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			3	
42	ROBINSON, Ethan		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0			14	
Team						1	2	3						2				
Totals			9-37	3-20	10-17	2	15	17	15	31	5	21	1	5			200	

FG % 1st Half:	4-17	23.5%	2nd half:	5-20	25.0%	Game:	9-37	24.3%	Deadball
3FG % 1st Half:	2-11	18.2%	2nd half:	1-9	11.1%	Game:	3-20	15.0%	Rebounds
FT % 1st Half:	4-6	66.7%	2nd half:	6-11	54.5%	Game:	10-17	58.8%	2

**PITT 83**

#	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
23	YOUNG, Sam	f	7-8	0-0	2-2	3	1	4	2	16	0	0	1	1			19	
31	COOK, Mike	f	0-4	0-3	1-2	0	4	4	0	1	3	2	0	0			18	
45	BLAIR, DeJuan	c	4-8	0-0	4-5	8	4	12	3	12	2	3	0	2			19	
02	FIELDS, Levance	g	2-6	0-4	0-0	1	2	3	1	4	3	0	0	0			20	
04	RAMON, Ronald	g	2-5	2-5	1-2	0	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	1			18	
00	WALLACE, Austin		1-1	0-0	1-4	3	2	5	1	3	0	0	0	0			4	
01	BENJAMIN, Keith		1-5	1-3	4-4	0	3	3	2	7	2	2	0	2			21	
05	BIGGS, Tyrell		5-5	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	4	10	0	3	0	0			18	
11	BROWN, Gilbert		3-8	2-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	2			20	
22	WANAMAKER, Brad		2-6	0-1	1-4	1	0	1	2	5	4	0	0	4			17	
24	FRYE, Tim		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0			3	
40	POLEN, Maurice		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0			3	
50	DIGGS, Cassin		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	4	2	0	1	1	0			13	
52	McGHEE, Gary		1-3	0-0	0-0	4	2	6	0	2	1	1	0	1			7	
Team						0	3	3										
Totals			31-62	7-24	14-23	21	31	52	20	83	19	12	2	13			200	

FG % 1st Half:	16-30	53.3%	2nd half:	15-32	46.9%	Game:	31-62	50.0%	Deadball
3FG % 1st Half:	2-13	15.4%	2nd half:	5-11	45.5%	Game:	7-24	29.2%	Rebounds
FT % 1st Half:	6-8	75.0%	2nd half:	8-15	53.3%	Game:	14-23	60.9%	4

Officials: Bob Donato (R), Wally Rutecki, Chris Beaver

Technical fouls: IUP-None. PITT-None.

Attendance: 7216

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
IUP	14	17	31
PITT	40	43	83

**Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS**

**Pitt-Johnstown vs PITT**

**10/31/07 7:30 PM at Petersen Events Center, Pittsburgh, PA**

**Pitt-Johnstown 56**

#	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
01	TULLIS, Marcus	f	4-8	1-3	1-2	1	3	4	4	10	2	4	0	0	27			
22	DAVIS, Quinton	f	0-7	0-6	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	4	4	0	1	26			
50	GILLIAM, Chris	c	11-19	0-0	1-3	3	0	3	3	23	2	4	1	0	38			
05	MINTZ, Rashad	g	5-14	2-5	0-1	0	4	4	4	12	0	4	0	0	27			
14	SHARPE, William	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	2	3	5	3	2	4	2	0	0	26			
02	HIRSCH, Dan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1				
04	BRANCH, Danny		0-4	0-2	0-0	1	4	5	2	0	2	4	0	0	17			
10	BYER, Andy		1-3	1-2	2-2	0	1	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	12			
20	IONADI, Matt		1-4	0-2	2-2	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	19			
24	HEIDENTHAL, Steve		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4				
33	MEDICH, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3			
Team						2	3	5										
Totals			23-65	4-22	6-10	10	20	30	22	56	18	23	1	1	200			

FG % 1st Half: 6-32 18.8%	2nd half: 17-33 51.5%	Game: 23-65 35.4%	Deadball Rebounds 2
3FG % 1st Half: 1-10 10.0%	2nd half: 3-12 25.0%	Game: 4-22 18.2%	
FT % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0%	2nd half: 4-5 80.0%	Game: 6-10 60.0%	

**PITT 97**

#	Player	f	Total			3-Ptr			Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot								
23	YOUNG, Sam	f	7-15	0-2	3-5	7	2	9	2	17	0	1	2	1	21			
31	COOK, Mike	f	6-8	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	13	0	4	0	0	19			
45	BLAIR, DeJuan	c	4-5	0-0	2-3	3	4	7	3	10	0	2	3	1	17			
02	FIELDS, Levance	g	5-7	1-3	2-2	1	6	7	1	13	5	2	0	0	24			
04	RAMON, Ronald	g	1-5	0-2	2-3	0	1	1	2	4	4	1	0	2	24			
00	WALLACE, Austin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
01	BENJAMIN, Keith		3-6	1-3	0-0	0	6	6	2	7	5	0	0	1	17			
05	BIGGS, Tyrell		4-6	0-0	1-2	2	4	6	0	9	0	0	1	0	19			
11	BROWN, Gilbert		3-9	1-4	2-2	1	1	2	0	9	2	2	2	1	21			
22	WANAMAKER, Brad		3-5	0-0	0-4	0	3	3	0	6	6	0	0	3	14			
24	FRYE, Tim		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1			
40	POLEN, Maurice		0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
50	DIGGS, Cassin		2-4	0-0	1-1	0	2	2	4	5	0	1	0	2	12			
52	McGHEE, Gary		1-2	0-0	2-4	3	2	5	1	4	0	0	0	1	7			
Team						1	1	2										
Totals			39-74	4-16	15-26	20	34	54	16	97	23	13	8	12	200			

FG % 1st Half: 19-35 54.3%	2nd half: 20-39 51.3%	Game: 39-74 52.7%	Deadball Rebounds 6
3FG % 1st Half: 1-6 16.7%	2nd half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 4-16 25.0%	
FT % 1st Half: 10-13 76.9%	2nd half: 5-13 38.5%	Game: 15-26 57.7%	

Officials: Jim Haney (R), Mike Roberts, Ron Tyburski

Technical fouls: Pitt-Johnstown-None. PITT-None.

Attendance: 4798

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Pitt-Johnstown	15	41	<b>56</b>
PITT	49	48	<b>97</b>