

# FRIAR BASKETBALL 2002-03

#3 (East) PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (16-12, 8-8) Vs. #2 (West) #5/#5 PITTSBURGH (23-4, 13-3)



Thursday, March 13, 2003 - 2:00 p.m. - ESPN2  
BIG EAST Tournament Quarterfinals - Madison Square Garden (18,470)



## PROVIDENCE COLLEGE FRIARS 2002-03 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

NOVEMBER			
2	Sat.	GLOBAL SPORTS (exhibition game)	W, 80-56
16	Sat.	USDBL (exhibition game)	W, 92-77
23	Sat.	BROWN	W, 83-64
26	Tue. at	South Florida	Fox Florida L, 68-64
30	Sat.	OHIO UNIVERSITY	W, 91-68
DECEMBER			
4	Wed.	VERMONT	W, 71-60
7	Sat.	RHODE ISLAND	WJAR L, 73-71
19	Thur.	RICHMOND	W, 84-55
21	Sat. at	#2/#4 Alabama	Fox South L, 69-61
28	Sat.	NORTHEASTERN	W, 80-61
30	Mon.	PENNSYLVANIA	W, 74-71 OT
JANUARY			
2	Thur. at	Boston College *	NESN W, 93-80
4	Sat. at	Siena	L, 89-81
8	Wed.	ST. JOHN'S *	W, 75-71
11	Sat. at	Villanova *	NESN L, 81-67
15	Wed.	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	W, 67-58
18	Sat. at	Virginia Tech *	L, 92-79
21	Tue.	#16/#12 NOTRE DAME *	L, 71-65
29	Wed. at	Miami *	NESN L, 60-57
FEBRUARY			
1	Sat.	VIRGINIA TECH *	W, 89-58
4	Tue. at	#4/#4 Pittsburgh *	ESPN2 L, 68-61
8	Sat.	#18/#17 CONNECTICUT *	ESPN L, 84-68
12	Wed.	BOSTON COLLEGE *	NESN L, 80-69
15	Sat. at	St. John's * (at Alumni Hall)	NESN W, 69-59
17	Mon.	MIAMI *	Fox Fla. W, 73-63
22	Sat.	VILLANOVA *	NESN W, 70-60
25	Tue. at	Georgetown *	L, 71-56
MARCH			
5	Wed. at	Connecticut * (at Gampel)	WPXQ W, 76-70
8	Sat.	SETON HALL *	WJAR W, 64-61 OT
12	Wed. vs.	West Virginia at Big East	ESPN W, 73-50
13	Thur. vs.	#5/#5 Pittsburgh at Big East	ESPN2 2:00 p.m.
14	Fri. at	BIG EAST Tournament	ESPN 7:00 p.m.
15	Sat. at	BIG EAST Tournament	ESPN 8:00 p.m.

All Times Are Eastern Standard Time and Subject To Change  
\* - BIG EAST Game

### HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

## FRIAR FACTS

Location:	Providence, R.I. 02918
Founded:	1917
Enrollment:	3,700
President:	Rev. Philip A. Smith
Athletic Director:	Bob Driscoll
Conference:	BIG EAST
Home Arena:	Dunkin' Donuts Center (12,993)
1st Year of Basketball:	1926-27
All-Time Record:	1,174-752 (.610)
Years In NCAA Tourn:	14 times -- 2001 (last appearance)
Years in NIT:	15 Times -- 1999 (last appearance)
Head Coach:	Tim Welsh (Potsdam St. '84)
Career Record:	149-93/Eighth Season
Record at PC:	79-71/Fifth Season
Ass't Coaches:	Steve DeMeo, Phil Seymore, Bob Walsh
Dir. of BB Oper.:	Vince Cautero
Strength Coach:	Mark Stephenson
Athletic Trainer:	Kevin Mahoney
Sports Info:	Arthur Parks (401) 865-2759
Website:	www.friars.com
Sports Hotline:	(401) 865-INFO (4636)

## MEDIA INFO

**Radio:** WSKO AM/FM - John Rooke (play-by-play) and Joe Hassett (color)  
**Live Internet Broadcast** - www.friars.com  
**Television** - ESPN2 - Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Bill Raftery (color), Mike Molinari (producer)

## PROBABLE STARTERS

NO	NAME	2002-03 PTS/REB	POS	HT	WT	CL
3	Ryan Gomes	18.7/9.6	F/C	6-7	238	So.
	<i>Waterbury, Conn./Wilby HS</i>					
33	Rob Sanders	6.6/3.3	F	6-7	213	So.
	<i>New London, Conn./St. Thomas More</i>					
21	Marcus Douthit	5.1/4.6	C	6-10	235	Jr.
	<i>Syracuse, N.Y./Notre Dame Prep</i>					
13	Sheiku Kabba	10.0/2.6	G	6-2	190	Jr.
	<i>Bronx, N.Y./Bronx Regional</i>					
1	Donnie McGrath	8.6/2.1	G	6-4	185	Fr.
	<i>Katonah, N.Y./John F. Kennedy Catholic</i>					

## OFF THE BENCH

NO	NAME	2002-03 PTS/REB	POS	HT	WT	CL
4	Romuald Augustin	6.9/2.7	F	6-7	215	Jr.
	<i>Montreal, Que./Youngstown Rayen</i>					
5	Chris Burns	-----	G	6-0	160	Fr.
	<i>Merrimack, N.H./Merrimack High School</i>					
11	Abdul Mills	Injured	G	6-3	190	Sr.
	<i>Brooklyn, N.Y./Milford Academy</i>					
15	Kareem Hayletts	0.8/0.6	G	6-0	175	Sr.
	<i>Bergenfield, N.J./Bergenfield</i>					
20	Chris Anrin	3.0/0.7	F	6-7	220	Jr.
	<i>Varmdo, Sweden/Alvik</i>					
22	Maris Laksa	9.0/2.6	F	6-9	222	Jr.
	<i>Ventspils, Latvia/Latvian Jr. National</i>					
25	Tuukka Kotti	8.3/3.6	F	6-9	215	So.
	<i>Forssa, Finland/Salon Vilpas Salo</i>					
35	Stephen Traugott	0.0/0.7	F	6-5	208	Sr.
	<i>New Rochelle, N.Y./Iona Prep</i>					
44	Herbert Hill	-----	F	6-9	205	Fr.
	<i>Kinston, N.C./Kinston High School</i>					

**FRIARS IN THE BIG EAST TOURNAMENT...** The Friars entered the BIG EAST Tournament as a No. 3 seed from the East Division. PC finished the season in third place in the BIG EAST East Division with an 8-8 mark. The Friars will play Pittsburgh on Thursday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Quarterfinals. The Panthers finished as the No. 2 seed from the West Division with a 13-3 record in conference play. The Friars will be looking to earn consecutive wins at the BIG EAST Tournament for the first time since 1997 when PC defeated Rutgers, 77-56, in the first round and West Virginia, 76-69, in the Quarterfinals. Providence is 1-4 in its last five BIG EAST Tournament games. The Friars hold an all-time record of 15-22 at the BIG EAST Tournament. PC won its only BIG EAST Tournament title in 1994 when the team defeated Georgetown, 74-64, in the championship game.

**FRIARS VERSUS PITTSBURGH...** On Thursday, March 7, the Friars will play fifth-ranked Pittsburgh at Madison Square Garden in the Quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Tournament. The Friars and the Panthers have met 36 times in the all-time series with Pittsburgh holding a 20-16 lead in the series. PC is 12-6 all-time at home against Pittsburgh, 3-14 on the road and 1-0 on neutral courts against the Panthers. The two teams first met on March 18, 1975 when the Friars earned a 101-80 win at Madison Square Garden in the NIT. In the only meeting between the two teams this season, Pittsburgh defeated the Friars, 68-61, on February 4 at Pittsburgh. In the Friars' most recent win against the Panthers, Providence earned a 77-61 victory at the Dunkin' Donuts Center on January 23, 2001. Pittsburgh leads the all-time series in BIG EAST regular season play, 20-15. Today's game will mark the first meeting ever between the two teams in BIG EAST Tournament action.

**NEXT GAME...** The winner of the PC/Pittsburgh game will advance to the BIG EAST Semifinals on Friday, March 14 to play Boston College or St. John's at 7:00 p.m. on ESPN. Boston College finished as the No. 1 seed in the East and St. John's entered the Tournament as the No. 5 Seed in the East.

# HEAD COACH TIM WELSH

Fifth Year at PC:	16-12/8-8
Fourth Year at PC:	15-16/6-10
Third Year at PC:	21-10/11-5
Second Year at PC:	11-19/4-12
First Year at PC:	16-14/9-9
Overall at PC:	79-71/38-44
Overall at Iona:	70-22
8-Year CAREER:	149-93
BIG EAST TOURNAMENT:	1-4
BIG EAST GAMES:	38-44
NON-LEAGUE GAMES:	41-27
NCAA TOURNAMENT:	0-2 (1997-98, 2000-01)
NIT:	0-3 (1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99)

**2001-02 (15-16/6-10)**...Team was slowed by injuries as five players missed a combined 49 games...Finished sixth in the BIG EAST East Division with a 6-10 mark...Squad posted a 15-16 record overall...

**2000-01 (21-10/11-5)**...Finished second in the BIG EAST East Division with a school record 11 BIG EAST wins (11-5)...Team was 21-10 overall and earned its first bid to the NCAA Tournament since 1997...Had the Friars ranked No. 25 in AP Poll for the first in-season ranking at PC since January 24, 1989...

**1999-00 (11-19/4-12)**...Team showed signs of maturity and improvement as season progressed...Upset national power Arkansas, 87-81...Defeated archrival Rhode Island for second consecutive season, 62-49...

**1998-99 (16-14/9-9)**...9-9 record in the BIG EAST is the best by a Friars' first year coach...First win as a Friars' head coach was upset of #23 Rhode Island, 87-63...Coached 100th career game against Brown University (12/5)...Upset #9 Purdue, 87-82...Won first BIG EAST game at #23 Pittsburgh, 83-68...Upset #18 Syracuse, 67-58...

**1997-98 (27-6/10-4)**...Led Iona to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship...Coached Iona to first NCAA appearance since 1985...MAAC Coach of the Year...Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Area's Division I Coach of the Year...Jack Bruen Award as New York State Coach of the Year...Team won school record 27 games...

**1996-97 (22-8/11-3)**...Led Iona to first place finish in MAAC...Made second consecutive NIT appearance...MAAC Coach of the Year...NABC District II Coach of the Year...

**1995-96 (21-8/15-3)**...Won first of three MAAC regular season titles...Took Iona to first NIT appearance since 1983...Winner of Peter A. Carlesimo Award as Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Division I Coach of the Year...

## WELSH VS. OPPONENTS (149-93, .615)

Team	W	L
Alaska-Fairbanks	1	0
Alabama	0	1
American	3	0
American (Puerto Rico)	1	0
Arkansas	1	1
Auburn	0	1
Austin Peay	1	0
Binghamton	1	0
Boston College	4	5
Boston University	3	0
Brown University	4	1
Canisius	4	3
Central Connecticut	1	1
Clemson	0	1
Cleveland State	2	1
Colgate	2	0
Columbia	1	0
Connecticut	2	7
Cornell	2	0
Creighton	0	1
Detroit	1	1
Duquesne	0	1
Evansville	0	1
Fairfield	5	2
Fairleigh Dickinson	2	0
Florida International	1	0
Fordham	3	1
George Washington	1	1
Georgetown	3	4
Hampton	2	0
Hofstra	1	0
Holy Cross	1	1
Kentucky	0	1
Liberty	1	0
Long Island	1	0
Louisiana Lafayette	1	0
Loyola (MD)	6	1
Maine	1	1
Manhattan	3	3
Marist	3	0
Massachusetts	2	0
Miami (FL)	3	5
Michigan State	0	1
Missouri-Kansas City	1	0
Morgan State	2	0
Niagara	6	0
Northeastern	2	0
North Carolina State	1	2
Notre Dame	1	4
Ohio University	1	0
Oklahoma State	0	1
Penn State	0	1
Pennsylvania	1	0
Pittsburgh	2	2
Providence	1	0
Purdue	1	0
Rhode Island	6	1
Richmond	2	0
Rider	2	0
Rutgers	3	4
Sacred Heart	1	0
St. Francis (NY)	1	0
St. John's	7	3
St. Joseph's	0	1
St. Peter's	4	2
Seton Hall	3	3
Siena	8	2
South Carolina	1	1
South Florida	0	1
Syracuse	1	4
Texas	0	1
Texas Christian	0	1
Texas El Paso	1	0
Texas Pan-American	1	0
Vanderbilt	0	1
Vermont	1	0
Villanova	6	3
Virginia	0	2
Virginia Tech	4	2
Wagner	1	1
West Virginia	3	3

## The Welsh Facts File

### Full Name

Tim Welsh

### Birthdate

October 4, 1960

### Birthplace

Massena, New York

### Family

Single

### High School

Massena High School

### College

Potsdam State University '84

## Coaching Experience

1998 -	Head Coach, Providence College
1995-98	Head Coach, Iona College
1994-95	Interim Head Coach, Iona College (10 games)
1991-95	Assistant Coach, Iona College
1988-91	Assistant Coach, Syracuse University
1986-88	Assistant Coach, Florida State University
1985-86	Volunteer Assistant Coach, Iona College

## Coaching Honors

1998 -	Metro Atlantic Athletic Association Coach of the Year
1998 -	Peter A. Carlesimo Award - Metropolitan Area Division I Coach of the Year
1998 -	Jack Bruen Award - New York State Coach of the Year
1997 -	Metro Atlantic Athletic Association Coach of the Year
1997 -	NABC District II Coach of the Year
1996 -	Peter A. Carlesimo Award - Metropolitan Area Division I Coach of the Year

## TIM WELSH COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT	CONF. REC.	FINISH	TOUR.	POST SEASON
1995-96	Iona College	21-8	.724	10-4	Tie First	1-1	NIT
1996-97	Iona College	22-8	.733	11-3	First	0-1	NIT
1997-98	Iona College	27-6	.818	15-3	First	3-0	NCAA
1998-99	Providence	16-14	.533	9-9	Tie Sixth	0-1	NIT
1999-00	Providence	11-19	.367	4-12	12th	0-1	----
2000-01	Providence	21-10	.677	11-5	Second (East Div.)	0-1	NCAA
2001-02	Providence	15-16	.484	6-10	Sixth (East Div.)	0-1	
2002-03	Providence	16-12	.571	8-8			
Career	8 years	149-93	.615	73-54*	Three Titles	4-6*	0-5

\*Three seasons in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference



# 2002-03 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## PROVIDENCE ALL-TIME BIG EAST TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**15 Wins, 22 Losses**

REGULAR SEASON PROVIDENCE RECORD		BIG EAST TOURNAMENT PROVIDENCE							TOURNAMENT SITE
Year	Record	Rank	PC	Score	Vs.	Rank	Opponent	Score	Site
1979-80	0-6	(7th)	PC	44	Vs.	(2nd)	St. John's	48	Providence Civic Center
1980-81	3-11	(8th)	PC	67	Vs.	(1st)	BOSTON COLL	65	Carrier Dome
			PC	49	Vs.	(4th)	Villanova (OT)	58	
1981-82	2-12	(7th)	PC	48	Vs.	(2nd)	Georgetown	62	Hartford Civic Center
1982-83	4-12	(8th)	PC	64	Vs.	(9th)	Seton Hall	73	Madison Square Garden
1983-84	5-11	(8th)	PC	59	Vs.	(9th)	SETON HALL	55	Madison Square Garden
			PC	50	Vs.	(1st)	Georgetown	70	
1984-85	3-13	(8th)	PC	77	Vs.	(9th)	SETON HALL (OT)	75	Madison Square Garden
			PC	62	Vs.	(1st)	St. John's	90	
1985-86	7-9	(5th)	PC	63	Vs.	(4th)	Villanova	75	Madison Square Garden
1986-87	10-6	(4th)	PC	80	Vs.	(5th)	ST. JOHN'S	51	Madison Square Garden
			PC	66	Vs.	(1st)	Georgetown	84	
1987-88	5-11	(8th)	PC	62	Vs.	(9th)	Connecticut	75	Madison Square Garden
1988-89	7-9	(6th)	PC	76	Vs.	(3rd)	Syracuse	79	Madison Square Garden
1989-90	8-8	(6th)	PC	77	Vs.	(3rd)	Georgetown	78	Madison Square Garden
1990-91	7-9	(7th)	PC	72	Vs.	(2nd)	ST. JOHN'S	64	Madison Square Garden
			PC	55	Vs.	(6th)	Georgetown	71	
1991-92	6-12	(9th)	PC	68	Vs.	(8th)	Boston College	78	Madison Square Garden
1992-93	9-9	(5th)	PC	73	Vs.	(4th)	CONNECTICUT	55	Madison Square Garden
			PC	60	Vs.	(1st)	Seton Hall	69	
1993-94	10-8	(4th)	PC	77	Vs.	(5th)	VILLANOVA	66	Madison Square Garden
			PC	69	Vs.	(1st)	CONNECTICUT	67	
			PC	74	Vs.	(6th)	GEORGETOWN	64	
1994-95	7-11	(6th)	PC	71	Vs.	(3rd)	SYRACUSE	69	Madison Square Garden
			PC	75	Vs.	(2nd)	Villanova	90	
1995-96	9-9	(6th)	PC	80	Vs.	(11th)	St. John's	72	Madison Square Garden
			PC	68	Vs.	(3rd)	Villanova	78	
1996-97	10-8	(4th)	PC	77	Vs.	(13th)	Rutgers	56	Madison Square Garden
			PC	76	Vs.	(5th)	West Virginia	69	
			PC	63	Vs.	(1st)	Villanova	73	
1997-98	7-11	(8th)	PC	72	Vs.	(9th)	Notre Dame	55	Madison Square Garden
			PC	55	Vs.	(1st)	Connecticut	64	
1998-99	9-9	(7th)	PC	66	Vs.	(10th)	Georgetown	68	Madison Square Garden
1999-00	4-12	(12th)	PC	65	Vs.	(5th)	Seton Hall	85	Madison Square Garden
2000-01	11-5	(2nd)	PC	54	Vs.	(3rd)	Syracuse	55	Madison Square Garden
2001-02	6-10	(6th)	PC	67	Vs.	(3rd)	Georgetown	68	Madison Square Garden
2002-03	8-8	(3rd)	PC	73	Vs.	(6th)	West Virginia	50	Madison Square Garden
			PC		Vs.	(2nd)	Pittsburgh		



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## PROVIDENCE ALL-TIME IN THE BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

**15 Wins, 22 Losses**

### PROVIDENCE Vs. LEAGUE TEAMS IN THE BIG EAST TOURNAMENT (15-22, .405)

Boston College (1-1)  
 Connecticut (2-2)  
 Miami (0-0)  
 Georgetown (1-7)  
 Notre Dame (1-0)  
 Pittsburgh (0-0)  
 Rutgers (1-0)  
 St. John's (3-2)  
 Seton Hall (2-3)  
 Syracuse (1-2)  
 Villanova (1-5)  
 West Virginia (2-0)

### PROVIDENCE COLLEGE COACHES' RECORDS IN BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Gary Walters	1980-81	1-2
Joe Mullaney	1982-85	2-4
Rick Pitino	1986-87	1-2
Gordon Chiesa	1988	0-1
Rick Barnes	1989-94	5-5
Pete Gillen	1995-98	5-4
Tim Welsh	1999-	1-4

### FRIARS ON ALL-BIG EAST TEAMS

#### First Team (6)

Jamel Thomas, 1999  
 Austin Croshere, 1997  
 Eric Williams, 1995  
 Eric Murdock, 1991  
 Billy Donovan, 1987  
 Otis Thorpe, 1984

#### Second Team (7)

Ryan Gomes, 2003  
 John Linehan, 2001 & 2002  
 Jamel Thomas, 1998  
 Michael Smith, 1993 & 1994  
 Carlton Screen, 1990

#### Third Team (8)

Derrick Brown, 1997  
 Austin Croshere, 1996  
 Marquis Bragg, 1992  
 Michael Smith, 1992  
 Marty Conlon, 1990  
 Eric Murdock, 1989  
 Steve Wright, 1988  
 Billy Donovan, 1986

#### Rookie Team (7)

Donnie McGrath, 2003  
 Ryan Gomes, 2002  
 God Shammgod, 1996  
 Michael Brown, 1993  
 Michael Smith, 1992  
 Eric Murdock, 1988  
 Otis Thorpe, 1981

### FRIARS INDIVIDUAL BIG EAST HONORS

#### Defensive Player of the Year

John Linehan, 2001 & 2002

### FRIARS ON BIG EAST ALL-TOURNEY TEAM

Austin Croshere, 1995  
 \*Michael Smith, 1994  
 Dickey Simpkins, 1994, 1993  
 Eric Murdock, 1991  
 Billy Donovan, 1987

\*Earned the Dave Gavitt Trophy as the Tourney MVP

### FRIARS VS. SEEDS IN THE BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

vs. #1: (2-6)  
 vs. #2: (1-2)  
 vs. #3: (1-6)  
 vs. #4: (0-2)  
 vs. #5: (4-1)  
 vs. #6: (1-1)  
 vs. #7: (0-0)  
 vs. #8: (0-1)  
 vs. #9: (3-2)  
 vs. #10: (0-0)  
 vs. #11: (1-1)  
 vs. #12: (0-0)  
 vs. #13 (1-0)

### FRIAR REGULAR SEASON FINISHES (1979-02)

First - 0  
 Second - 1 (2001#)  
 Third - 1 (2003#)  
 Fourth - 4 (1987\*, 1993, 1994\*, 1997)  
 Fifth - 3 (1986, 1989\*, 1990\*)  
 Sixth - 4 (1995\*, 1996, 1999\*, 2002#)  
 Seventh - 4 (1980, 1982\*, 1983, 1991\*)  
 Eighth - 5 (1981, 1984\*, 1985, 1988, 1998)  
 Ninth - 1 (1992)  
 Twelfth - 1 (2000)

\* TIES, # East Division

### FRIAR REGULAR SEASON FINISHES (1979-02)

1979-80	Seventh	(Seven Teams)
1980-81	Eighth	(Eight Teams)
1981-82	Seventh*	(Eight Teams)
1982-83	Eighth	(Nine Teams)
1983-84	Seventh *	(Nine Teams)
1984-85	Eighth	(Nine Teams)
1985-86	Fifth	(Nine Teams)
1986-87	Fourth *	(Nine Teams)
1987-88	Eighth	(Nine Teams)
1988-89	Fifth *	(Nine Teams)
1989-90	Fifth *	(Nine Teams)
1990-91	Seventh *	(Nine Teams)
1991-92	Ninth	(10 Teams)
1992-93	Fourth	(10 Teams)
1993-94	Fourth *	(10 Teams)
1994-95	Sixth *	(10 Teams)
1995-96	Sixth	(13 Teams)
1996-97	Fourth	(13 Teams)
1997-98	Eighth	(13 Teams)
1998-99	Sixth*	(13 Teams)
1999-00	Twelfth	(13 Teams)
2000-01	Second#	(14 Teams/2 Divisions)
2001-02	Sixth#	(14 Teams/2 Divisions)
2002-03	Third#	(14 Teams/2 Divisions)

#East Division



# 2002-03 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**SCOUTING THE PANTHERS...** The fifth-ranked Pittsburgh Panthers enter Thursday's game with a 23-4 mark overall. Pittsburgh finished the regular season with a 13-3 record in league play. The Panthers are the second seed in the West Division. In their most recent game, the Panthers defeated Villanova, 56-54, at Philadelphia, Pa. on March 9. The Panthers are led by 6-3 junior guard Julius Page (Buffalo, N.Y.) who is averaging 12.2 points per game. Senior forward Ontario Lett (Pensacola, Fla.) is the team's leading rebounder. He is averaging 5.0 boards per game. Pittsburgh Head Coach Ben Howland has posted a 2-1 mark all-time against Providence.

**LAST GAME VERSUS THE PANTHERS...** In the only meeting between the two teams this season, the Friars were defeated by fourth-ranked Pittsburgh, 68-61, on February 4 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Playing in their first game in Pittsburgh since 1998, the Friars trailed the Panthers by 11 points, 36-25, at halftime. In the second half, Pitt's lead grew to 14 points, 45-31, with 16:07 remaining in the game. However, the Friars battled back and forced a 54-54 tie when junior Sheiku Kabba (Bronx, N.Y.) hit two free throws with 4:39 remaining in the game. Unfortunately for PC, the Friars could not take the lead and the Panthers closed out the game on a 14-7 run over the final minutes of the contest. Sophomore Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) scored a game-high 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Kabba finished with 15 points and shot 3-5 from behind the three-point arc.

**FRIARS DEFEAT WEST VIRGINIA...** The Providence College men's basketball team earned its first win at the BIG EAST Tournament since 1998 with a 73-50 victory against West Virginia in the first round on Wednesday, March 12. The 23-point win was the Friars' second largest margin of victory in a BIG EAST Tournament game. Providence came out strong in the first half, shooting 48.4 percent and earning a 44-27 lead at halftime. Sophomore Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) led the Friars in the first half with 18 points. He finished the game with his 14th double-double of the season. He had game highs in points (26) and rebounds (15). Gomes shot 11-18 from the field (.611). His 11 field goals tied a Providence BIG EAST Tournament record for most field goals in a game. In the second half, the Friars continued their stingy defense and productive offensive play, outscoring the Mountaineers, 29-23 over the final 20 minutes of action. Sophomore Rob Sanders (New London, Conn.) registered 17 points and four rebounds. Freshman Donnie McGrath (Katonah, N.Y.) chipped in with nine points and four steals. The Friars improved to 15-22 all-time at the BIG EAST Tournament.

**GOMES AND McGRATH EARN BIG EAST ACCOLADES...** Sophomore Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) and freshman Donnie McGrath (Katonah, N.Y.) earned BIG EAST accolades on Monday. Gomes, who is averaging 18.4 points and 9.4 rebounds per game, was named Second Team All-BIG EAST. Last season, Gomes was selected to the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team. McGrath, who is averaging 8.6 points and 4.6 assists per game, was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

**GOMES SCORES 20+ POINTS...** Sophomore forward Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) scored a game-high 26 points in the Friars' 73-50 win over West Virginia on March 12 at the BIG EAST Tournament. Gomes has scored 20 or more points in 14 of the Friars' 28 games and seven of the last 10 contests. He leads the team in scoring (18.7 ppg) and rebounding (9.6 rpg).

**FRIARS EARN SIXTH WIN IN LAST SEVEN GAMES...** The Friars have won six of their last games, including each of the last three contests. In PC's most recent game, the Friars defeated West Virginia, 73-50, in the first round of the BIG EAST Tournament on March 12 at Madison Square Garden. PC began its impressive play with a 69-59 win at St. John's on February 5. The Friars then defeated Miami (73-63) on February 18 and Villanova (70-60) on February 22 at home. The Friars were defeated 71-56 at Georgetown before earning their most impressive win of the season, a 76-70 victory at Connecticut on March 5. On March 8, the Friars ended the regular season with a 64-61 overtime win against Seton Hall.

**GOMES' 11 FIELD GOALS TIES PROVIDENCE BIG EAST RECORD...** Sophomore Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) scored 26 points in a 73-50 win against West Virginia on March 12 at the BIG EAST Tournament. Gomes shot 11-18 from the field and tied the Providence record for most field goals made in a BIG EAST Tournament game. On March 6, 1987, Billy Donovan made 11 field goals in an 80-51 win against St. John's.

**PROVIDENCE EARNS FIRST BIG EAST WIN SINCE 1998...** The Friars' 73-50 victory over West Virginia was the team's first BIG EAST Tournament win since a 72-55 victory over Notre Dame in 1998. The win ended a five-game losing streak for the Friars at the BIG EAST Tournament.

**KABBA KEY TO FRIAR WINS...** The Friars have posted a 11-1 mark this season when junior guard Sheiku Kabba (Bronx, N.Y.) scores 10 or more points a game. On March 8, Kabba scored 10 points in a 64-61 overtime win against Seton Hall.

## PROVIDENCE - PITTSBURGH

### SERIES FACTS

Series Record: Pitt leads, 20-16  
 BIG EAST Tourney: Never Played  
 At PC: PC leads, 12-6  
 At Pitt: Pitt leads, 14-3  
 Neutral Courts: PC leads, 1-0  
 Last Meeting: 2/4/03, PC 61 at Pitt 68  
 First Meeting: 3/18/75, PC 101 vs. Pitt 80  
 Last PC win: 1/23/01, Pitt 61 at PC 77  
 Last Pitt win: 2/4/03, PC 61 at Pitt 68  
**Current Streak:** The Friars are 7-3 in the last 10 games versus Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh has won three of the last five games between the two teams, including the only meeting this season. The two teams have never played in BIG EAST Tournament action.

### 2002-03 STATISTICAL COMPARISON

PC		Pitt
16-12	Overall Record	23-4
8-8	Conference Record	13-3
.434	Field Goal Pct.	.508
.337	3-Pt. Field Goal Pct.	.357
.784	Free Throw Pct.	.630
.424	Opp. FG Pct.	.498
.314	Opp. 3-Pt. FG Pct.	.375
.684	Opp. FT Pct.	.627
34.6	Rebound Average	36.8
-1.2	Rebound Margin	+3.4
14.9	Assists/Game	18.1
14.2	Turnovers/Game	15.3
5.9	Blocks/Game	4.2
8.8	Steals/Game	8.0
72.5	Points/Game	75.4
68.4	Pts Allowed/Game	59.3

### SERIES NOTES

On Thursday, March 7, the Friars will play Pittsburgh at Madison Square Garden in the Quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Tournament. The Friars and the Panthers have met 36 times in the all-time series with Pittsburgh holding a 20-16 lead in the series. PC is 12-6 all-time at home against Pittsburgh, 3-14 on the road and 1-0 on neutral courts against the Panthers. The two teams first met on March 18, 1975 when the Friars earned a 101-80 win at Madison Square Garden in the NIT. In the only meeting between the two teams this season, Pittsburgh defeated the Friars, 68-61, on February 4 at Pittsburgh. In the Friars' most recent win against the Panthers, Providence earned a 77-61 victory at the Dunkin' Donuts Center on January 23, 2001. Pittsburgh leads the all-time series in BIG EAST regular season play, 20-15. Today's game will mark the first meeting ever between the two teams in BIG EAST Tournament action.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

4 Romuald Augustin	Ro-Meal	AUGUST-Tin
13 Sheiku Kabba	Shay-Koo	KAABAA
20 Chris Anrin	Chris	ANN-Rin
21 Marcus Douthit	Marcus	DOW-Thit
22 Maris Laksa	Maris	LACK-SAA
25 Tuukka Kotti	TWO-KAA	COAT-TEE
35 Stephen Traugott	Stephen	TRAW-Get



# 2002-03 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## GOMES REBOUNDING THE FRIARS...

Sophomore Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) has been the team's top rebounder this season. Gomes has recorded 10 or more rebounds in 14 of the team's 28 games. He has registered 27.7 percent of the team's rebounds this season. Gomes has grabbed 269 of the team's 970 rebounds in 28 games. He is averaging 9.6 rebounds per game. As a freshman, Gomes led the team in rebounds with 188 in 24 games (7.8 rpg).

**STARTING LINEUP...** Head Coach Tim Welsh has started freshman guard Donnie McGrath (Katonah, N.Y.), junior guard Sheiku Kabba (Bronx, N.Y.), junior center Marcus Douthit (Syracuse, N.Y.), sophomore forward Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) and sophomore forward Rob Sanders (New London, Conn.) in the team's last six games. PC has posted a 5-1 mark in its last six games. The lineup started its first game in a 79-69 win against the Miami Hurricanes on February 18. He also used the same lineup in a 70-60 victory against Villanova on February 22. On February 25, the five players started in the Friars' 71-56 loss at Georgetown. On March 5, the starting five led the Friars to a 76-70 win at Connecticut. On March 8, the Friars defeated Seton Hall, 64-61, in overtime. In the team's most recent game, the Friars defeated West Virginia, 73-50, at the BIG EAST Tournament on March 12. McGrath, Kabba, Douthit, Gomes and Sanders had started the second half of the Friars' come-from-behind win against St. John's on February 15. The five players helped PC overcome a 13-point halftime deficit and earn a 69-59 win.

**GOMES HAS POSTED 14 DOUBLE-DOUBLES THIS SEASON...** Sophomore Ryan Gomes (Waterbury, Conn.) posted his 14th double-double of the season in the Friars' 73-50 win versus West Virginia on March 12 at the BIG EAST Tournament. He registered a game-high 26 points and 15 rebounds against the Mountaineers.

### Gomes' Double-Doubles In 2002-03

Opp.	Date	Pts.	Rebs.
Brown	11/23	17	12
Rhode Island	12/7	24	15
Richmond	12/19	24	17
at Alabama	12/21	21	12
Northeastern	12/28	20	10
Pennsylvania	12/30	16	11
at Siena	1/4	17	11
at Villanova	1/11	14	11
La.-Lafayette	1/15	21	10
Notre Dame	1/21	21	13
at Miami	1/29	12	15
Miami	2/18	20	10
Seton Hall	3/8	12	10
vs. W. Virginia	3/12	26	15

**FRIARS IN OVERTIME...** The Friars have registered a 2-0 mark in overtime games this season. Providence defeated Pennsylvania, 74-71, on December 30 and Seton Hall, 64-61, on March 8.

## FRIARS LEAD BIG EAST FROM THE FREE THROW LINE...

The Friars are the top free-throw shooting team in the BIG EAST and one of the top free-shooting team in the nation. In their 28 games this season, the Friars are 444-566 (.784) from the free throw line. Five Friars are shooting 80 percent or better from the free-throw line this season. Junior Romuald Augustin of Montreal, Quebec (84.4 percent), sophomore Ryan Gomes of Waterbury, Conn. (84.3 percent), junior Sheiku Kabba of Bronx, N.Y. (82.3 percent), freshman Donnie McGrath of Katonah, N.Y. (80.8 percent) and junior Maris Laksa of Ventspils, Latvia (83.3) are the Friars' top five free-throw shooters.

## SANDERS IN DOUBLE FIGURES IN SIX OF THE LAST EIGHT GAMES...

Sophomore Rob Sanders (New London, Conn.) scored 17 points in the Friars' 73-50 win against West Virginia on March 12. Sanders has scored 10 or more points in six of the last eight games. On March 8, he scored 10 points and registered four steals in a 64-61 overtime victory against Seton Hall. On February 22, Sanders scored 10 points and registered four rebounds in a 70-60 win against Villanova. He made his first start of the season and responded with 17 points and seven rebounds in a 73-63 win against the University of Miami on February 18. On February 12, he scored 15 points and recorded nine rebounds in an 80-69 loss to Boston College. On February 15, the sophomore forward registered a career-high 19 points and eight rebounds in a 69-59 win at St. John's. For the season, Sanders is averaging 6.6 points and 3.3 rebounds per game.

**PROVIDENCE ALL-TIME...** In 76 seasons of PC basketball, the team has posted a 1,174-752 (.610) mark. The team's all-time record at the Dunkin' Donuts Center is 380-150 (.718). This season, Providence has registered an 12-4 mark at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. The Friars have recorded a 3-8 mark in road games this season.

## FRIARS BY THE NUMBERS IN 2002-03

OVERALL RECORD:	16-12
LAST FIVE GAMES:	4-1
LAST TEN GAMES:	6-4
HOME:	12-4
ROAD:	3-8
NEUTRAL:	1-0
OVERTIME GAMES:	2-0
BIG EAST RECORD:	8-8
BIG EAST HOME:	5-3
BIG EAST AWAY:	3-5
LONGEST WIN STREAK:	3
LONGEST HOME WIN STREAK:	5
BIG EAST HOME WIN STREAK:	3
BIG EAST ROAD WIN STREAK:	1
LONGEST LOSING STREAK:	3
WHEN LEADING AT HALFTIME:	9-4
AWAY:	1-2
HOME:	8-2
NEUTRAL:	1-0
WHEN TRAILING AT HALFTIME:	6-8
HOME:	4-2
AWAY:	2-6
NEUTRAL:	0-0
WHEN TIED AT HALFTIME:	1-0
HOME:	1-0
AWAY:	0-0
NEUTRAL:	0-0
RECORD BY THE DAY	
Record on Monday	1-0
Record on Tuesday	1-4
Record on Wednesday	5-2
Record on Thursday	2-0
Record on Friday	0-0
Record on Saturday	7-6
Record on Sunday	0-0
RECORD BY THE MONTH	
November	2-1
December	4-2
January	3-5
February	4-3
March	3-0
BY CONFERENCE	
America East	2-0
Atlantic 10	1-1
Conference USA	0-1
IVY	2-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	0-1
Mid America	1-0
SEC	0-1
Sun Belt	1-0

## FRIAR BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball: 1926-27  
 All-Time Record: 1,174-752 (.610)  
 Years In NCAA TOURN/Last: 14 times/2001  
 Years in NIT/Last: 15 Times/1999  
 Last Postseason Opp.: NCAA Tournament,  
 1st Round, Penn State - 3/16/0: Loss, 69-59



# 2002-03 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE STATISTICS

2002-03 Providence Men's Basketball

Providence College Season Box Score (as of Mar 12, 2003)

All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(16-12)	(12-4)	(3-8)	(1-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(8-8)	(5-3)	(3-5)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(8-4)	(7-1)	(0-3)	(1-0)

## Player	GP-GS	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
		Min--Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot									Avg
03 GOMES, Ryan.....	28-28	1000 35.7	189-358	.528	0-2	.000	145-172	.843	96	173	269	9.6	58	0	56	66	24	45	523	18.7
Conference-Only..	16-16	573 35.8	104-205	.507	0-2	.000	81-98	.827	45	91	136	8.5	36	0	35	37	10	21	289	18.1
13 KABBA, Sheiku.....	27-12	682 25.3	89-213	.418	41-117	.350	51-62	.823	19	52	71	2.6	63	3	60	46	2	47	270	10.0
Conference-Only..	16-5	430 26.9	59-135	.437	24-71	.338	30-35	.857	11	32	43	2.7	40	1	27	30	2	30	172	10.8
22 LAKSA, Maris.....	25-15	486 19.4	78-195	.400	34-92	.370	35-42	.833	22	42	64	2.6	51	2	32	29	10	14	225	9.0
Conference-Only..	13-4	204 15.7	24-71	.338	12-37	.324	15-18	.833	7	16	23	1.8	27	1	11	15	5	4	75	5.8
01 MCGRATH, Donnie....	28-28	927 33.1	77-224	.344	46-148	.311	42-52	.808	8	51	59	2.1	41	0	127	65	4	30	242	8.6
Conference-Only..	16-16	530 33.1	43-129	.333	21-81	.259	32-40	.800	4	28	32	2.0	24	0	67	47	1	16	139	8.7
25 KOTTI, Tuukka.....	28-22	670 23.9	82-177	.463	17-48	.354	50-69	.725	34	67	101	3.6	76	1	46	46	16	19	231	8.3
Conference-Only..	16-11	345 21.6	35-74	.473	5-20	.250	30-41	.732	17	37	54	3.4	40	0	22	24	8	10	105	6.6
04 AUGUSTIN, Romuald..	23-16	490 21.3	50-127	.394	31-79	.392	27-32	.844	19	44	63	2.7	39	1	19	32	14	19	158	6.9
Conference-Only..	12-11	246 20.5	26-63	.413	18-45	.400	11-13	.846	7	20	27	2.3	23	0	8	17	6	7	81	6.8
33 SANDERS, Rob.....	23-6	376 16.3	55-98	.561	0-3	.000	41-63	.651	28	47	75	3.3	47	2	15	25	7	30	151	6.6
Conference-Only..	15-5	300 20.0	44-75	.587	0-0	.000	34-48	.708	22	37	59	3.9	39	2	13	23	5	28	122	8.1
21 DOUTHIT, Marcus....	28-12	580 20.7	51-128	.398	0-0	.000	41-55	.745	47	82	129	4.6	73	2	42	61	88	29	143	5.1
Conference-Only..	16-11	408 25.5	38-94	.404	0-0	.000	36-46	.783	28	53	81	5.1	47	1	24	40	57	19	112	7.0
20 ANRIN, Chris.....	21-0	179 8.5	21-65	.323	13-52	.250	8-12	.667	4	10	14	0.7	16	0	3	11	0	1	63	3.0
Conference-Only..	9-0	62 6.9	6-18	.333	6-16	.375	2-3	.667	0	4	4	0.4	3	0	1	4	0	1	20	2.2
15 HAYLETTTS, Kareem...	27-1	238 8.8	9-24	.375	1-2	.500	3-5	.600	6	9	15	0.6	23	0	16	11	0	12	22	0.8
Conference-Only..	16-1	125 7.8	6-11	.545	1-1	1.000	3-5	.600	3	3	6	0.4	12	0	8	8	0	5	16	1.0
34 ANDERSON, Leland...	4-0	19 4.8	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.8
Conference-Only..	0-0	0 0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
35 TRAUOGOTT, Stephen..	3-0	3 1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Conference-Only..	2-0	2 1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									53	54	107	3.8	1		5					
Conference-Only..									27	34	61	3.8	0		4					
Total.....	28	5650	702-1616	.434	183-543	.337	444-566	.784	336	634	970	34.6	489	11	416	397	165	246	2031	72.5
Conference-Only..	16	3225	385-876	.439	87-273	.319	274-347	.790	171	357	528	33.0	291	5	216	249	94	141	1131	70.7
Opponents.....	28	5650	688-1624	.424	153-487	.314	386-564	.684	382	621	1003	35.8	504	-	379	437	78	239	1915	68.4
Conference-Only..	16	3225	411-944	.435	89-278	.320	218-325	.671	228	354	582	36.4	302	9	227	251	41	149	1129	70.6

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Providence College.....	959	1054	18	- 2031
Opponents.....	950	953	12	- 1915

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Providence College.....	62	13	75
Opponents.....	83	19	102

TEAM STATISTICS	PC	OPP
SCORING.....	2031	1915
Points per game.....	72.5	68.4
Scoring margin.....	+4.1	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	702-1616	688-1624
Field goal pct.....	.434	.424
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	183-543	153-487
3-point FG pct.....	.337	.314
3-pt FG made per game..	6.5	5.5
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	444-566	386-564
Free throw pct.....	.784	.684
REBOUNDS.....	970	1003
Rebounds per game.....	34.6	35.8
Rebounding margin.....	-1.2	-
ASSISTS.....	416	379
Assists per game.....	14.9	13.5
TURNOVERS.....	397	437
Turnovers per game.....	14.2	15.6
Turnover margin.....	+1.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.0	0.9
STEALS.....	246	239
Steals per game.....	8.8	8.5
BLOCKS.....	165	78
Blocks per game.....	5.9	2.8
WINNING STREAK.....	3	-
Home win streak.....	3	-
ATTENDANCE.....	144813	97108
Home games-Avg/Game....	16-9051	11-7045
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	1-19610

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