

**2007-08**

**Preseason Prospectus**



**2007 Atlantic 10 Champions**  
**2007 NCAA Tournament**

**Amber Harris**  
*All-American Candidate*  
*1st Team All-Atlantic 10*  
*Rookie of the Year*  
*All-Defensive Team*  
*All-Rookie Team*  
*2007 Atlantic 10*  
*All-Championship Team*

**Alesia Barringer**



**Jerri Taylor**



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# 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

Location: ..... Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Enrollment: ..... 6,700  
 Founded: ..... 1831  
 President: ..... Michael J. Graham, S.J.  
 Athletic Director: ..... Mike Bobinski  
 Athletic Phone: ..... (513) 745-3413  
 Athletic Web Site: ..... www.GOXAVIER.com  
 Web Site: ..... www.xu.edu  
 Nickname: ..... Musketeers  
 Colors: ..... Navy Blue, Gray and White  
 Home Court/Capacity: ..... Cintas Center/10,250

## BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Kevin McGuff (St. Joseph's of Ind., '92)  
 Record at School (years): ..... 106-50, .679 (five)  
 Overall Record (years): ..... Same  
 Assistants: ..... Mike Neighbors (Arkansas, '93) First Season  
 ..... Amber Stocks Whitford (Cincinnati, '99) Fifth Season  
 ..... TBA  
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 Women's Basketball Secretary: ..... TBA  
 Trainer: ..... Jody Jenike (Cincinnati, '87)  
 Strength and Conditioning Coach: ..... Chris Rounds (Buffalo, '97)  
 Best Time to Reach Coach: ..... Contact SID

## TEAM INFORMATION

2006-07 Record: ..... 26-8  
 2006-07 A-10 Conference Record/Finish: ..... 11-3/Third  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 496-420 (36)  
 All-Time Conference Record (Years): ..... 121-69 (12)  
 All-Time A-10 Championship Record (app.): ..... 19-9 (12)  
 A-10 Tournament Titles: ..... Three (2000, 2001, 2007)  
 All-Time NCAA Tournament Record (app.): ..... 4-6 (six)  
 All-Time WNIT Record (app.): ..... 3-4 (four)  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 5/6  
 Newcomers: ..... Seven  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 1/4

### Top Returnees: Pos. Cl. Ht. PPG RPG

Amber Harris F So. 6-5 16.3 8.9 (4.0 bpg)  
 Jerri Taylor G Jr. 5-7 4.6 1.8 (20 3FG)

### Top Newcomers: Pos. Cl. Ht. PPG RPG

Aly Byorick G Fr. 6-0 22.5 2.5 (85 percent FT)  
 Ta'Shia Phillips C Fr. 6-6 21.6 15.3 (3.2 bpg)  
 April Phillips F So. 6-0 3.2 2.8

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Sports Information Director: ..... Tom Eiser (Xavier, '84)  
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## 2007-08 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Elg.	Hometown (Last School)
12	Barringer, Alesia	5-6	Guard	Sophomore	Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven)
15	Byorick, Aly	6-0	Guard	Freshman	Nanticoke, Pa. (Nanticoke)
11	Harris, Amber	6-5	Forward	Sophomore	Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)
13	Hester, Maureen	6-1	Forward	Sophomore	Bethel Park, Pa. (Bethel Park)
1	Jennings, Special	5-6	Guard	Freshman	Cleveland, Ohio (Lutheran East)
25	Johnson, Stephany	5-9	Guard	Freshman	Toledo, Ohio (Bowsher)
34	Martin, Der-ryka	6-3	Forward	Sophomore	Deltona, Fla. (Pine Ridge)
23	Askew, Megan	6-0	Guard	Freshman	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington North)
42	Phillips, April*	6-0	Forward	Sophomore	Long Beach, Calif. (Georgia Tech)
53	Phillips, Ta'Shia	6-6	Center	Freshman	Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit)
20	Reed, Tudy**	5-11	Guard	Junior	Chicago, Ill. (Rutgers/Oklahoma State)
24	Taylor, Jerri	5-7	Guard	Junior	South Bend, Ind. (Washington)

\* -- Will become eligible following the first semester with two years remaining after the 2007-08 season

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1	Jennings, Special	5-6	Guard	Freshman	Cleveland, Ohio (Lutheran East)
11	Harris, Amber	6-5	Forward	Sophomore	Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)
12	Barringer, Alesia	5-6	Guard	Sophomore	Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven)
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## PRESEASON PROSPECTUS

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# 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## YOUNG, TALENTED MUSKETEERS LOOK TO DEFEND A-10 CROWN IN 2007-08

The 2007-08 Xavier women's basketball season should have the phrase "rebuilding year" written all over it. The Musketeers finished the 2006-07 season with a 26-8 record and won the Atlantic 10 Championship for the third time since 2000. However, only five players remain from last year's roster and the team lost the services of four starters.

On the flip side, the Musketeers will look forward to the return of **Amber Harris**. Harris led the squad in scoring (16.3 ppg) and rebounding (8.9) last year and has already established XU's career record for blocks by swatting 136 shots during her freshman campaign. For her efforts, Harris was honored as the conference's Rookie of the Year and was just the third freshman ever to earn mention as an All-Atlantic 10 First Team pick.

Xavier cannot rely solely on Harris though and that is why the Musketeers will expect a significant contribution from junior **Jerri Taylor**. Taylor saw action in every game during the 2006-07 campaign and averaged 4.6 points per contest and was fourth on the team with 20 3-point field goals.

Taylor is most comfortable at shooting guard, leaving sophomore **Alesia Barringer** as the frontrunner for the starting job at the point. Barringer saw the floor in 31 games last year and posted 27 assists against only nine turnovers in 8.3 minutes per game.

The Xavier backcourt was one of its greatest strengths in 2006-07. XU lost a trio of 900-point scorers and 31.4 points per game last season. It will be up to Taylor and Barringer to not only pick up the scoring slack but also step into the leadership roll that was embraced by Suntana Granderson, Miranda Green and Michele Miller.

"Suntana, Miranda and Michele each made great contributions over their four years here," said head coach Kevin McGuff. "They were great players but more importantly, they were terrific people and solid leaders who will be sorely missed."



Junior guard Jerri Taylor will be expected to assume a large portion of the leadership responsibilities during the 2007-08 season.



XU will need Amber Harris to once again rise above the competition during the 2007-08 season. Harris, the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year was also honored on the First Team and on the All-Defensive Team.

Helping to fill the void left by the departure of five letter-winners will be yet another outstanding recruiting class.

This year's crop is headlined by consensus prep All-American **Ta'Shia Phillips**. "Ta'Shia is a terrific young woman who will make an immediate impact on our program and university," said McGuff.

Phillips had a sensational senior season at Brebeuf Jesuit in Indianapolis where she averaged 21.6 points per game, 15.3 rebounds per game and 3.2 blocks per game in leading the squad to the Class 3A State Title. Phillips was rated as the No. 2 recruit in the country by the "Blue Star Index" and was honored as a McDonald's and Parade All-American as well.

Phillips is the centerpiece of a highly-regarded class that includes **Special Jennings**, **Megan Askew**, **Aly Byorick** and **Stephany Johnson**. "I am extremely excited about this year's recruiting class," said McGuff. "Individually they all fill a need and will play a part in moving the program towards national prominence."

Xavier lost some key components from its 2007 Atlantic 10 Championship team. However, "reloading" may be a better word than "rebuilding" when talking about the 2007-08 season.

# 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



*Kevin*  
**MCGUFF**

**Sixth Season**

**106-50 Overall • 54-24 Atlantic 10**

**Saint Joseph's Ind. ('92)**

Kevin McGuff enters his sixth season in charge of the Xavier University women's basketball program after leading the Musketeers to a 26-8 record, an Atlantic 10 Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. XU posted an 11-3 mark in A-10 play and recorded its third consecutive 20-win season in 2006-07.

McGuff has led XU to national postseason play in each of his first five years in Cincinnati including a pair of NCAA Tournament berths and the 26 wins during the 2006-07 campaign were tied for the second most in program history.

The 2006-07 squad sprinted out to a 12-4 mark in non-conference action and recorded wins over teams from the ACC (N.C. State), the Big 12 (Kansas), the BIG EAST (Cincinnati) and the SEC (Auburn, Florida). The Musketeers fought through a brutal stretch in the schedule and posted a 16-7 mark on February 2 only to win the last seven games of the regular season and all three Atlantic 10 Championship contests to secure XU's sixth NCAA Tournament berth.

McGuff, who has tallied a 106-50 (.679) record in his five years at XU. In fact, Xavier has won at least 20 games in four of McGuff's five years as head coach and the program has reached the 20-win plateau in seven of the last nine seasons.

Expectations are high once again for the 2007-08 season as McGuff returns a talented young group which will be joined by yet another highly-touted recruiting class.

The 2005-06 squad charged out to a 9-2 non-conference record, the team's best mark since the 2000-01 season, which included wins at Auburn, vs. Cincinnati and vs. Florida State. The Musketeers won eight of their last nine games to end the regular season and traveled to Philadelphia as the No. 4 seed, earning a first-round bye in the Atlantic 10 Tournament, but fell to Saint Joseph's in the quarterfinal on the Hawks' home floor.

The 2004-05 season saw Xavier start the season with a 1-3 mark. The three losses came at Florida State, vs. Auburn and to a nationally-ranked Maryland squad at home. The Musketeers would recover though, winning 10 of their next 12 games and finished the regular season with three straight wins to take home the school's second A-10 Regular Season Championship since XU joined the league prior to the 1995-96 season. The Musketeers marched into postseason play with some momentum and defeated UMass in the first round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament to advance to their seventh A-10 semifinal in the last eight years. However, Xavier lost its semifinal matchup with 16th-ranked and eventual champion Temple. Coach McGuff reached an individual milestone during the 2004-05 season. He recorded his 50th career win vs. Dayton on January 27 and became the fastest coach in Xavier history to reach the 50-win plateau. McGuff registered his 50th career win in his 78th career game, outpacing the previous record of 92 games established by Melanie Balcomb.

Success is something that has been a constant throughout McGuff's coaching career. He's been working the sidelines in some capacity at some level for 13 years, and each one of those seasons has resulted in a winning record. McGuff came to Xavier after six years as an assistant at Notre Dame. The Irish were 160-39 (.804 winning percentage) in his tenure. In addition to winning the 2001 NCAA Championship, Notre Dame advanced to at least the second round of the NCAA Tournament in all six of his years there. The Irish reached the Sweet 16 four times during his tenure and the Final Four twice.

Prior to joining the staff at Notre Dame, McGuff spent three years at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The RedHawks were 54-30 during his tenure while he coordinated all the scouting efforts, assisted with the internal and external operations of the program and served as director of the summer camp basketball program.

McGuff played basketball at St. Joseph's (Ind.) College from 1988-92. As team captain his senior year, he led the Pumas to the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration while majoring in marketing at St. Joseph's and earned a master's of science in sports studies from Miami (Ohio).

The 36-year-old McGuff lives in Cincinnati with his wife Letitia and two daughters Kilyn (4) and Keiryn (2).

## MCGUFF'S CAREER FILE

Year	Overall Record (Pct.)	Conf. Record (Pct.)	Conf. Tourn.	Postseason
2002-03	20-10 (.667)	11-5 (.688)	1-1 (Semifinal)	NCAA (0-1)
2003-04	17-13 (.567)	8-8 (.500)	1-1 (Second Rd.)	WNIT (0-1)
2004-05	22-10 (.688)	13-3 (.813)	1-1 (Semifinal)	WNIT (2-1)
2005-06	21-9 (.700)	11-5 (.688)	0-1 (Quarterfinal)	WNIT (1-1)
2006-07	26-8 (.765)	11-3 (.786)	3-0 (Champions)	NCAA (0-1)
5 years	106-50 (.679)	54-24 (.692)	6-4	2 NCAA; 3 WNIT

# 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



*Amber*  
**HARRIS**

**Sophomore • Forward**  
**6-5 • Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)**

*Xavier's All-American Candidate*

**2006-07 ATLANTIC 10 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**  
**2006-07 FIRST TEAM ALL-ATLANTIC 10**  
**2006-07 ATLANTIC 10 ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM**  
**XAVIER'S ALL-TIME LEADER IN BLOCKED SHOTS**

**AT XAVIER:** The 2006-07 Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year, Harris established a new freshman scoring record at XU and is already the all-time blocked shots record holder with 136 rejections. She is only the third freshman ever to be honored as an All-Atlantic 10 First Team selection and she also earned a spot on the All-Rookie and All-Defensive Teams. Her 12 Rookie of the Week selections are the most any Atlantic 10 student-athlete has received in any sport. Finished the 2006-07 season ranked third in the country at 4.0 blocks per game.

**AS A FRESHMAN 2006-07:** Saw action in all 34 of XU's games while starting 33 times. Harris did not start XU's regular season finale, allowing Joei Clyburn to start on senior day ... Led the Musketeers with 16.3 points per game, 8.9 rebounds per game and 4.0 blocks per game ... Her 136 rejections led the Atlantic 10 Conference and she finished the year third in the nation in blocks per game ... Established a new school single-season blocked shots mark when she swatted her 40th shot of the year vs. Morehead State (eighth game of the season) ... Established a new career-individual blocked shots mark on February 15 at Richmond. Harris has since extended the all-time mark to 136 and counting ... Established a new Xavier freshman scoring record of 553 points, destroying the previous mark of 479 held by all-time leading scorer Tara Boothe ... Finished the year sixth in the A-10 in scoring and second in rebounding and her 234 boards were the second-highest total of any freshman in XU history ... Made her collegiate debut in style by scoring 15 points, snaring eight rebounds and swatting four shots ... Harris blocked at least one shot in every game and swatted four or more shots 17 times ... XU was 15-2 when she blocked four or more shots ... Set a new school single-game record when she blocked 11 shots in Xavier's 63-53 victory at Richmond ... Scored a career-high 32 points in front of over 10,000 fans in XU's 89-76 win over Cincinnati (1/17) in the annual crosstown shootout ... Harris scored 29 points on 12-of-18 shooting in the Musketeers' 75-65 victory over Loyola-Marymount in the championship game of the National City Xavier Invitational. Harris earned MVP honors on her way to leading XU to the title ... Hauled in a career-best 16 rebounds on two occasions. The first came on January 26 in XU's 59-44 triumph over Duquesne and she matched that output on February 25 in Xavier's 74-44 throttling of Rhode Island ... Pulled down double-digit rebounds 11 times and recorded 12 double-doubles on the year.

**2007 POSTSEASON:** Averaged 16.0 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game in four postseason contests ... Came up big in the Musketeers' 64-63 A-10 quarterfinal win over Saint Louis (3/3), scoring 24 points on 9-of-15 shooting to go along with three blocks and four steals ... Netted 15 points and snared eight rebounds in XU's A-10 Championship-clinching victory over Saint Joseph's on March 5 ... Named to the 2007 Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team ... Led the team with 19 points and 10 rebounds in Xavier's NCAA Tournament First Round matchup with West Virginia (3/17) ... Made a team-best 84.2 percent (16-of-19) of her free throw attempts while also averaging 2.8 blocks per game.

**BEFORE XAVIER:** The most highly touted recruit Xavier has ever landed, Harris was tabbed as the No. 1 overall prospect by the Blue Star Index, the No. 4 prospect by Scout.com and the No. 5 prospect in the county by the All-Star Girls Report ... Averaged 16.5 points per game while attempting only 12 shots per contest during her senior season ... Averaged nine rebounds per game to go along with four blocks per contest ... Led North Central High School to state titles in both 2004 and 2005 ... Honored as a First Team All-USA selection by USA Today in 2006 ... Named "Miss Basketball" in the state of Indiana by the Indianapolis Star following the 2006 season ... Earned mention as a Street & Smith's and Parade Magazine First Team All-American ... Also garnered McDonald's All-American and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-American honors ... Chose Xavier over Louisiana State, Rutgers and Tennessee ... Named Indianapolis Metropolitan and Area Player of the Year in both 2005 and 2006 ... An ICGSA First Team All-State pick in 2004, 2005 and 2006 ... Associated Press First Team All-State honoree in 2006 and a Second Team selection in 2005 ... Earned mention as a Parade All-American Third Team pick and a Street & Smith's Third Team selection in 2004.

**PERSONAL:** Mother Briggette Boyd ... Undecided on a major ... Born January 1, 1988 in Indianapolis, Ind.

#### HARRIS' STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def	Tot	Avg	PF-FO	A	TO	B	S	Pts	Avg
2006-07	34-33	1155/34.0	220-470	.468	18-61	.295	95-139	.683	69-234	303	8.9	68-2	29	87	136	48	553	16.3
CAREER	34-33	1155/34.0	220-470	.468	18-61	.295	95-139	.683	69-234	303	8.9	68-2	29	87	136	48	553	16.3



# 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



*Jerri*  
**TAYLOR**

**Junior • Guard • 5-7 • South Bend, Ind. (Washington)**

**AS A SOPHOMORE 2006-07:** Played in all 34 of XU's contests, averaging 4.6 points per game and 1.8 rebounds per game ... Sixth on the squad with 628 minutes played (18.5 mpg) ... Netted a career-high 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting in Xavier's 74-44 victory over Rhode Island (2/25). Taylor was also a scintillating 4-for-5 from beyond the 3-point arc and the four 3-pointers were a season high ... Scored 11 points on two occasions, the first coming in the Musketeers' 80-52 thrashing of Dayton on February 11. Also netted 11 points on February 22 vs. Fordham. Taylor was 5-of-10 from the field and buried a trey vs. the Rams ... Xavier was a perfect 3-0 when Taylor scored in double figures ... Pulled down a career-high nine rebounds (all defensive) in XU's 72-55 win over Morehead State on December 2 ... Recorded a career best with five assists (against only one turnover) in Xavier's 90-73 win over Eastern Illinois ... Xavier was 8-2 when Taylor dropped at least two dimes ... A spark off the bench, Taylor was one of four Musketeers to drain at least 20 3-pointers and finished the year fifth on the team with 35 assists.

**2007 POSTSEASON:** Averaged 4.3 points per game and 1.3 rebounds per game in Xavier's four postseason contests ... Scored eight points and buried a pair of 3-point field goals in XU's NCAA First Round showdown against West Virginia ... Scored four points and dished-out a pair of assists in Xavier's Atlantic 10 semifinal win over Temple on March 4.

**PERSONAL:** Parents Jennifer and Anthony Taylor ... Step-father Melvin Wilson ... has four siblings Jacques Willis (21) Tenia (15), Meljavon (8) and Jawaun (3) ... Undecided on a major ... Born July 30, 1986 in South Bend, Ind.

## TAYLOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min/Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def	Tot	Avg	PF-FO	A	TO	B	S	Pts	Avg
2005-06	29-0	342/11.8	37-77	.481	12-31	.387	14-19	.737	3-26	29	1.0	36-0	14	23	3	20	100	3.4
2006-07	34-0	628/18.5	60-167	.359	20-75	.267	18-27	.667	10-50	60	1.8	64-1	35	42	6	19	158	4.6
TOTAL	63-0	970/15.4	97-244	.398	32-106	.302	32-46	.696	13-76	89	1.4	100-1	49	65	9	39	258	4.1



*Alesia*  
**BARRINGER**

**Sophomore • Guard • 5-6 • Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven)**

**AS A FRESHMAN 2006-07:** Saw action in 31 games playing primarily as Miranda Green's backup at the point ... Averaged 1.3 points per game ... Dished-out 27 assists and committed just nine turnovers on the year ... Scored a career-high 11 points and was 5-of-6 from the floor in Xavier's 90-73 win over Eastern Illinois on December 15. Barringer also dropped three dimes in 19 minutes of action against EIU ... Scored 10 points and was a spotless 5-for-5 from the charity stripe in XU's 72-55 win over Morehead State on December 2. Barringer dished-out a pair of assists without committing a single miscue vs. MSU and was 2-of-3 from the field ... Tallied a career-best five assists (against zero turnovers) in Xavier's regular season finale victory over Rhode Island on February 25 ... XU was 12-2 when Barringer registered at least one assist and 5-0 when she buried at least one 3-point field goal ... Committed only one turnover in her last 11 regular-season games.

**2007 POSTSEASON:** Saw time in XU's 64-63 A-10 quarterfinal win over Saint Louis (3/3) and the Musketeers' A-10 Championship clinching triumph over Saint Joe's on March 5.

**PERSONAL:** Parents Nadine and Jerome Barringer ... Has an older sister Ayanna and a younger brother JerJuan ... Undecided on a major ... Born May 2, 1988 in Columbus, Ohio.



*Maureen*  
**HESTER**

**Sophomore • Forward • 6-1 • Bethel Park, Pa. (Bethel Park)**

**AS A FRESHMAN 2006-07:** Played in 14 games and averaged 1.5 points per game and 1.6 rebounds per contest ... Netted a career-high eight points and was a perfect 2-for-2 from long-range in Xavier's 79-50 dismantling of Western Carolina on November 17 ... Scored four points in back-to-back games, the first coming in only four minutes of action in Xavier's 59-44 win over Duquesne (1/28). Hester followed that effort up with four points on 2-of-3 shooting to go along with four rebounds in the Musketeers' 78-55 win over St. Bonaventure on January 28.

**PERSONAL:** Parents Dayna and George Hester ... Has an older sister Kelly ... Undecided on a major ... Goes by the nickname "Moe" ... Born July 18, 1988 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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*Der-ryka*  
**MARTIN**

**Sophomore • Center • 6-3 • Deltona, Fla. (Pine Ridge)**

**AS A FRESHMAN 2006-07:** Appeared in one game, Xavier's 79-50 victory over Western Carolina on November 17 ... Martin logged two minutes in the contest and blocked a shot.

**PERSONAL:** Parents Dieidre Hillery and Derek Martin ... Undecided on a major ... Born June 9, 1988 in Sanford, Fla.

## 2007-08 NEWCOMERS

*Aly*

**BYORICK**

**Freshman • Guard • 6-0 • Nanticoke, Pa. (Nanticoke)**

**BEFORE XAVIER:** Honored as a First Team All-State selection by the Associated Press in both her junior and senior years ... Earned mention as a Third Team All-State honoree in 2004 ... Established a new scoring record at Nanticoke High School with 2,271 career points. The mark had stood since the 1983 season ... Averaged 22.5 points per game and shot 85 percent from the free throw line during the 2006-07 campaign ... Led Nanticoke to a record of 29-1 in each of her last two seasons ... Rated as the No. 41 recruit in the country by both Scout.com and Blue Star.

*Special*

**JENNINGS**

**Freshman • Guard • 5-6 • Cleveland, Ohio (Lutheran East)**

**BEFORE XAVIER:** Averaged 21 points per game for Lutheran East High School and was honored as a First Team All-Ohio selection by the *Record Courier* ... Rated as a top-100 recruit nationally by "hoopgurlz".

*Stephany*

**JOHNSON**

**Freshman • Guard • 5-9 • Toledo, Ohio (Bowsher)**

**BEFORE XAVIER:** Scored 1,274 career points at Bowsher High School in Toledo, Ohio ... Honored as a three-time All-City League performer.

*Megan*

**ASKEW**

**Freshman • Guard • 6-0 • Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington North)**

**BEFORE XAVIER:** Named First Team All-OOC and OOC Player of the Year during her senior season ... Led Pickerington North High School to a sectional, district and regional championship ... Averaged 12.8 points per game including 16.6 points per game in state tournament action ... Named to the All-Ohio Third Team by the Toledo Blade ... Rated as the No. 153 recruit nationally by Scout.com.

# 2007-08 XAVIER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2007-08 NEWCOMERS (CONT.)

*April*

## **PHILLIPS**

**Sophomore • Forward • 6-0 • Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly)**

**AT GEORGIA TECH AS A FRESHMAN (2005-06):** Played in 26 games and earned one starting assignment ... Averaged 3.2 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game in 9.4 minutes per game ... Scored a career-best 14 points on 5-of-9 shooting while snaring five rebounds vs. Clemson on January 29 ... Netted 11 points and was 4-of-5 from the floor in 13 minutes of action vs. Wake Forest on January 22 ... Played a career-high 24 minutes vs. No. 6 Maryland on January 25. Scored six points and hauled in a career-high eight rebounds vs. the eventual national champs ... Will become eligible following the first semester and will have two full years remaining after the 2007-08 campaign.

**IN HIGH SCHOOL (2001-05):** Two-time Nike All-American and twice named a Street & Smith Honorable Mention All-American ... Named the nation's sixth-best wing player according to the 2004 All Star Girls Report ... Also named one of the top 250 seniors in the Class of 2005, according to the same publication ... A member of the USA Developmental Hoop Festival Champion Team in 2004 ... Named to the Press Telegram Dream Team in 2004, the Press Telegram All-Star Team in 2003, 2004, and 2005 and the L.A. Times All-Star Team in 2005 ... Led Long Beach Poly to the Moore League Championship during her junior year and helped the team to runner-up honors in the region championship ... Also excelled at track and field, finishing fourth in the state in the shot put while leading her team to the state championship in her junior year ... Also named All-State in track and field in 2004 and 2005 ... Won the California Legislative Sports Award for Track and Field ... Also earned a Pursuit of Excellence Student-Athlete Medallion in 2005.

*Ta'Shia*

## **PHILLIPS**

**Freshman • Center • 6-6 • Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit)**

**BEFORE XAVIER:** Averaged 21.6 points per game, 15.3 rebounds per game and 3.2 blocks per game while shooting 75.4 percent from the floor during her senior season at Brebeuf Jesuit ... Finished her prep career with 1,939 points and 1,308 rebounds ... Led the squad to the Class 3A State Championship in 2004 and 2007 ... Selected as a member of the McDonald's All-American Team and as Indiana's "Miss Basketball" following her senior season ... A Parade Magazine Second Team All-American honoree in 2007 and a Third Team selection following both the 2005 and 2006 campaign ... Also earned mention on the All-USA Today Girls First Team in 2007 ... The 2007 Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year ... Honored as an All-Area pick in 2005, 2006 and 2007 ... Rated as the No. 2 recruit nationally by Blue Star, as the No. 23 recruit nationally by the All-Star Girls Report and as the No. 25 recruit in the country by Scout.com.

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## **REED**

**Junior • Junior • 5-11 • Chicago, Ill. (Marshall)**

**AT RUTGERS (2004-2006):** Played in 29 games and earned four starting assignments during her sophomore season at Rutgers (2005-06) ... Averaged 1.6 points per game and 1.0 rebounds per game in 7.9 minutes per game ... Scored a season-high six points vs. North Carolina State (11/26) on 3-of-5 shooting ... Matched her season high and also pulled down four rebounds in a career-high 27 minutes of action against Villanova on February 14. Also dished-out a pair of assists vs. the Wildcats ... Saw the floor in all three of Rutgers' NCAA Tournament contests ... Played in 20 games while starting three contests during her rookie season (2004-05) in Piscataway ... Opened up her career in style by scoring a career-high 13 points and snaring four rebounds vs. Rider on November 20. Reed was 6-of-10 from the floor and also registered a steal and an assist in the victory ... Tallied 12 points on 5-of-11 shooting and chased down three rebounds vs. Oregon State on November 26 ... Dished-out a career-high three assists vs. Kentucky the next day ... Saw time in Rutgers' NCAA First Round contest vs. Hartford on March 20 ... Transferred to Oklahoma State following the 2005-06 season but did not see any game action. Will become eligible following the first semester and will have one full year remaining after the 2007-08 campaign.

**IN HIGH SCHOOL (2001-2004):** Named to the Parade All-America Third Team after averaging 18.3 points and nine rebounds per game as a senior at Marshall High School in Chicago ... Reed was also rated as the 28th-best prospect in the country by the All-Star Girls Report and the 34th-best player by Blue Star.

2006-07 Xavier Women's Basketball  
Xavier Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 18, 2007)  
All games

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>ALL GAMES.....</b>	<b>(26-8)</b>	<b>(17-3)</b>	<b>(7-3)</b>	<b>(2-2)</b>
<b>CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(11-3)</b>	<b>(6-1)</b>	<b>(5-2)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>
<b>NON-CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(15-5)</b>	<b>(11-2)</b>	<b>(2-1)</b>	<b>(2-2)</b>

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
11 HARRIS, Amber.....	34-33	1155 34.0	220-470	.468	18-61	.295	95-139	.683	69	234	303	8.9	68	2	29	87	136	48	553	16.3
21 GRANDERSON, Suntana	34-34	1053 31.0	159-421	.378	72-212	.340	69-90	.767	27	95	122	3.6	75	0	67	76	10	56	459	13.5
01 CLYBURN, Joesi.....	32-2	844 26.4	127-250	.508	8-28	.286	103-141	.730	95	143	238	7.4	58	0	54	77	41	24	365	11.4
23 MILLER, Michele....	34-34	1159 34.1	111-281	.395	24-66	.364	98-116	.845	75	141	216	6.4	58	1	68	71	5	45	344	10.1
03 GREEN, Miranda.....	34-34	1129 33.2	82-236	.347	21-69	.304	81-138	.587	18	95	113	3.3	64	0	100	73	0	41	266	7.8
24 TAYLOR, Jerri.....	34-0	628 18.5	60-167	.359	20-75	.267	18-27	.667	10	50	60	1.8	64	1	35	42	6	19	158	4.6
42 MASON, DeAnna.....	34-33	468 13.8	69-116	.595	0-0	.000	14-28	.500	79	76	155	4.6	51	0	11	41	12	9	152	4.5
13 HESTER, Maureen....	14-0	119 8.5	7-24	.292	3-9	.333	4-14	.286	10	13	23	1.6	12	0	6	9	0	3	21	1.5
12 BARRINGER, Alesia..	31-0	257 8.3	13-51	.255	5-22	.227	9-13	.692	2	12	14	0.5	22	0	27	9	0	7	40	1.3
52 MCCALL, Bionca....	5-0	9 1.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2	3	5	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.6
34 MARTIN, Der-ryka...	1-0	2 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									52	86	138	4.1	2		12					
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Total.....	34	6823	848-2017	.420	171-542	.315	494-710	.696	439	948	1387	40.8	475	4	397	498	211	252	2361	69.4
Opponents.....	34	6826	788-2159	.365	155-503	.308	331-458	.723	485	831	1316	38.7	617	-	401	546	102	251	2062	60.6

TEAM STATISTICS	XU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND		
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SCORING.....	2361	2062	11-12-06	FLORIDA	W	86-70	1801		
Points per game.....	69.4	60.6	11-17-06	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	79-50	1064		
Scoring margin.....	+8.8	-	11-18-06	LOYOLA-MARYMOUNT	W	75-65	892		
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	848-2017	788-2159	^11-23-06	vs Auburn	W	75-64	683		
Field goal pct.....	.420	.365	^11-24-06	vs Western Michigan	W	69-62	197		
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	171-542	155-503	^11-25-06	vs Marquette	L	53-73	242		
3-point FG pct.....	.315	.308	11-30-06	LOUISVILLE	L	59-63	1055		
3-pt FG made per game..	5.0	4.6	12-02-06	MOREHEAD STATE	W	72-55	908		
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	494-710	331-458	12-07-06	at Penn State	LOT	66-73	5787		
Free throw pct.....	.696	.723	12-10-06	COPPIN STATE	W	49-45	807		
REBOUNDS.....	1387	1316	12-15-06	EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	90-73	988		
Rebounds per game.....	40.8	38.7	12-22-06	BALL STATE	L	63-69	1203		
Rebounding margin.....	+2.1	-	12-31-06	at Kansas	W	72-63	2273		
ASSISTS.....	397	401	01-02-07	PENN	W	72-51	956		
Assists per game.....	11.7	11.8	01-07-07	N.C. STATE	W	76-69	1124		
TURNOVERS.....	498	546	*01-09-07	at Dayton Flyers	W	71-54	1100		
Turnovers per game.....	14.6	16.1	*01-12-07	at Saint Louis	W	85-61	1725		
Turnover margin.....	+1.4	-	*01-14-07	at Charlotte 49ers	L	59-61	3056		
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.8	0.7	01-17-07	at Cincinnati	W	89-76	13176		
STEALS.....	252	251	*01-21-07	GEORGE WASHINGTON	L	55-67	1868		
Steals per game.....	7.4	7.4	*01-26-07	DUQUESNE	W	59-44	2283		
BLOCKS.....	211	102	*01-28-07	ST. BONAVENTURE	W	78-55	1027		
Blocks per game.....	6.2	3.0	*02-02-07	at Temple University	L	58-59	810		
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*02-04-07	LA SALLE	W	75-64	819		
Home win streak.....	9	-	*02-08-07	at Saint Joseph's	W	85-72	433		
ATTENDANCE.....	30232	31209	*02-11-07	DAYTON	W	80-52	1963		
Home games-Avg/Game....	20-1512	10-3009	*02-15-07	at Richmond	W	63-53	776		
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-280	*02-18-07	at Massachusetts	W	75-67	951		
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SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total					
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Xavier.....	1109	1248	4	- 2361	*02-25-07	RHODE ISLAND	W	74-44	2329
Opponents.....	977	1074	11	- 2062	#03-03-07	SAINT LOUIS	W	64-63	1491
					#03-04-07	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	W	54-53	1891
					#03-05-07	SAINT JOSEPH'S	W	65-59	3744
					!03-17-07	vs West Virginia	L	52-65	-

\* = Conference game  
^ = Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, Virgin Islands)  
# = Atlantic 10 Conference Championship  
! = NCAA First Round (Austin, Texas)