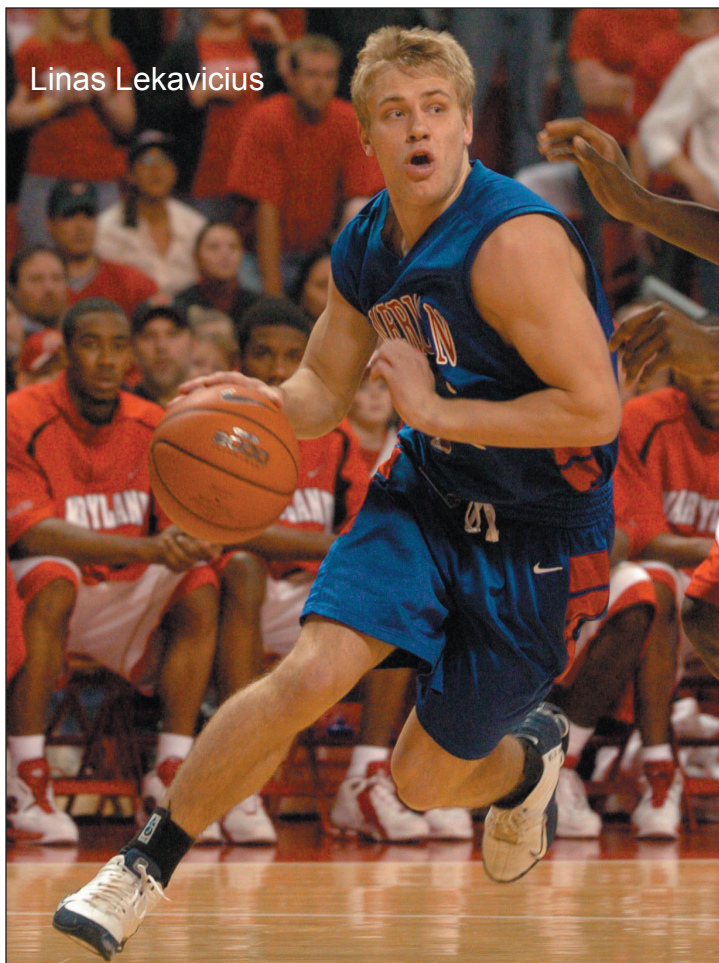




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Andre Ingram
•
Patriot
League
Player
of the Year
Candidate



Linas Lekavicius

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Washington, DC 20016
Founded 1893
Enrollment 5,250 undergraduate men & women
Nickname Eagles
Colors AU Red, White & Blue
Affiliation NCAA Division I
Conference Patriot League
Home Court (Capacity) Bender Arena (4,500)
President Dr. Benjamin Ladner
Director of Athletics Dr. Joni Comstock
Associate Director of Athletics / Business & Operations Rob Andrey
Associate Director of Athletics / SWA Athena Argyropoulos
Associate Director of Athletics / External Affairs Ed McLaughlin
Associate Director of Athletics / Compliance Rob Acunto
Assistant Director of Athletics / Communications Anthony Wilson
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Head Athletic Trainer Sean Dash
Facilities Director Jordan Tobin
Facilities Manager James Stevens
Facilities Assistant Pete Webb
Equipment Manager Eugene Logan

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Head Coach Jeff Jones (Virginia '82; Sixth Season)
Record at American / Seasons 75-71 / 5
Overall College Coaching Record / Seasons 221-175 / 13
Assistants Kieran Donohue (Virginia '97; Sixth Season)
..... Greg Lyons (Virginia '01; Third Season)
..... Jason Williford (Virginia '95; First Season)
Graduate Manager Brian Curtin (St. Michael's '87; Second Season)
Basketball Office Phone (202) 885-3010
Best Time to Reach Coach Jones Contact Athletic Comm. Office
2004-05 Overall Record 16-12
2004 Conference Record / Finish 8-6 / 3rd
Letterwinners Returning / Lost 7 / 5
Starters Returning / Lost 2 / 3
Newcomers 6
All-Time Program Record 966-904 (.517)

2005-06 SCHEDULE &

Date	Opponent	Time
November		
9	CATHOLIC (EXHIBITION)	7:30 PM
19	Washington	7:30 PM (PST)
22	Wagner	7:00 PM
26	La Salle	2:00 PM
30	Loyola (Md.)	TBA
December		
3	Ohio	TBA
5	George Mason (BB&T Classic)	6:00 PM
7	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7:30 PM
10	TOWSON	1:30 PM
12	HOWARD	7:30 PM
23	Maryland	8:00 PM
29	Vermont	7:00 PM
January		
2	St. Francis (Pa.)	7:00 PM
7	LEHIGH *	2:00 PM
9	YALE	7:30 PM
11	BUCKNELL *	7:30 PM
14	Colgate *	1:30 PM
18	ARMY *	7:30 PM
21	Holy Cross *	3:30 PM
25	Navy *	7:30 PM
28	LAFAYETTE *	2:00 PM
February		
4	Lehigh *	7:30 PM
8	Bucknell *	7:00 PM
11	COLGATE *	2:00 PM
15	Army *	7:00 PM
18	HOLY CROSS *	2:00 PM
22	NAVY *	7:30 PM
25	Lafayette *	1:00 PM
March		
3	Patriot League Tournament	TBA
5	Patriot League Tournament	TBA
10	Patriot League Championship	4:30 PM

* Patriot League Contest
& Schedule subject to change
Home games in **BOLD CAPS**



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Rosters

Alphabetical

NO	NAME	HT/WT	POS	Year	Hometown/High School
4	Billbe, Brayden	6-10/235	C	JR	Mercer Island, Wa./Mercer Island
5	Carr, Garrison	5-11/155	G	FR	Bellevue, Wash./Issaquah
21	Eitutavicius, Arvydas	6-2/190	G	JR	Klaipeda, Lithuania/Laurinburg Institute
15	Garris, Gary	6-5/190	F	FR	Ledgewood, N.J./Morristown Beard
14	Gilmore, Brian	6-8/210	F	FR	Chesapeake, Va./Fork Union Military Academy
20	Ingram, Andre	6-3/190	G	JR	Richmond, Va./Highland Springs
13	Joneliunas, Paulius	6-11/240	C	JR	Vilnius, Lithuania/Roanoke Catholic
34	Lay, Travis	6-5/210	F	SO	Rockville, Md./Bullis School
43	Lekavicius, Linas	5-11/185	G	JR	Silale, Lithuania/The Miller School (Va.)
0	Lewis, Sekou	6-5/180	F	JR	Cleveland, Ohio/The Pendleton School (Fla.)
3	Mercer, Derrick	5-9/160	G	FR	Jersey City, N.J./St. Anthony's
44	Nichols, Jordan	6-5/210	F	FR	Glen Dale, Md./DeMatha
25	Penny, Romone	5-11/150	G	JR	Minneapolis, Minn./Mercersburg Academy (Pa.)
11	Weinstein, Craig	5-11/180	G	SR	Tarzana, Calif./Harvard Westlakes School

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Coaches

Jeff Jones - Head Coach
Kieran Donohue - Assistant Coach
Greg Lyons - Assistant Coach
Jason Williford - Assistant Coach
Brian Curtin - Graduate Manager

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Roster Breakdown

BY RETURNING PLAYERS (8):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2004-05 Statistics/Honors			
0	Sekou Lewis	F	6-5	180	Jr.	2.4 ppg	2.7 rpg	0.9 apg	0.5 spg
4	Brayden Billbe	C	6-10	235	Jr.	2.5 ppg	2.7 rpg	0.3 apg	0.3 spg
11	Craig Weinstein	G	5-11	180	Sr.	0.4 ppg	0.4 rpg	0.5 apg	0.4 spg
20	Andre Ingram	G	6-3	190	Jr.	15.3 ppg	4.3 rpg	2.0 apg	1.1 spg
21	A. Eitutavicius	G	6-2	190	Jr.	1.4 ppg	0.4 rpg	0.1 apg	0.2 spg
25	Romone Penny	G	5-11	150	Jr.	DNP - Transfer			
34	Travis Lay	F	6-5	210	So.	0.6 ppg	0.6 rpg	0.0 apg	0.1 spg
43	L. Lekavicius	G	5-11	185	Jr.	6.7 ppg	3.9 rpg	3.9 apg	1.5 spg
Totals						29.3 ppg	15.0 rpg	7.7 apg	4.1 spg

BY NEWCOMERS (6):

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Previous Statistics/Honors
3	Derrick Mercer	G	5-9	160	9.9 ppg/6.0 apg/3.0 rpg as a junior
5	Garrison Carr	G	5-11	155	Averaged 25.0 ppg as a senior
13	P. Joneliunas !	C	6-11	240	12.5 ppg/10.0 rpg/94 blocks as a senior in HS
14	Brian Gilmore	F	6-8	210	Honorable Mention All-State in 2003-04
15	Gary Garris	F	6-5	190	19.0 ppg/5.0 rpg as a senior in HS
44	Jordan Nichols	F	6-5	210	Played for nationally ranked HS team

! Will sit out first semester due to NCAA transfer rules

BY HOME STATE/DISTRICT/PROVINCE/COUNTRY:

California (1)	Weinstein
Lithuania (3)	Eitutavicius, Joneliunas and Lekavicius
Maryland (2)	Lay and Nichols
Minnesota (1)	Penny
New Jersey (2)	Garris and Mercer
Ohio (1)	Lewis
Virginia (2)	Gilmore and Ingram
Washington (2)	Billbe and Carr

BY HEIGHT:

6-11 (1)	Joneliunas
6-10 (1)	Billbe
6-8 (1)	Gilmore
6-5 (4)	Garris, Lay, Lewis and Nichols
6-3 (1)	Ingram
6-2 (1)	Eitutavicius
5-11 (4)	Carr, Lekavicius, Penny and Weinstein
5-9 (1)	Mercer

BY CLASS:

Seniors (1)	Weinstein
Juniors (7)	Billbe, Eitutavicius, Ingram, Joneliunas, Lekavicius, Lewis and Penny
Sophomores (1)	Lay
Freshmen (5)	Carr, Garris, Gilmore, Mercer and Nichols

BY POSITION:

Guard (7)	Carr, Eitutavicius, Ingram, Lekavicius, Mercer, Penny and Weinstein
Forward (5)	Garris, Gilmore, Lay, Lewis and Nichols
Center (2)	Billbe and Joneliunas

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2005-06 Preview

After its first three seasons in the Patriot League, it was clear that the American University men's basketball team was one of the elite teams in the conference after making it to the PL finals each of those seasons. However, last season, AU for the first time failed to make it to the league championship game, losing to eventual champion Bucknell in the semifinals. Now, the Eagles are back with a solid recruiting class and experienced veterans and transfers, seeking to return to the PL's elite and break through with a league championship.

The 2005-06 Eagles lose three starters and nearly 60 percent of last season's offense. However, the AU coaching staff is confident that the returning players will step into larger roles and that their offseason recruiting efforts will help fill the gaps. The Eagles feature just one senior, but the nucleus of the team will be in its juniors, of which AU has six, and its five freshman.

the backcourt

As has been the case the last two seasons, **Andre Ingram** will lead the way for the guards. Ingram, the 2003-04 Patriot League Freshman of the Year and a First Team All-League selection last season, enters this season just 150 points shy of the 1,000-point mark. Ingram led the team in scoring in each of his first two seasons, tallying 13.6 points per game in his rookie season and 15.3 points per game last season. The 2004 Patriot League Preseason Player of the Year, Ingram could be a candidate for the POY award in the postseason this year. Ingram, a good rebounding guard, will likely play most of the minutes at the both wing positions. The coaches, who expect Ingram to step up this year as a leader, have named him a captain.

However, with opponents aware of Ingram's scoring prowess, it may be up to some of the other guards to carry the offensive load. Last year's starting point guard, **Linas Lekavicius**, will be asked to play both guard spots this season. Lekavicius learned last year to be aggressive with the ball, driving to the hoop with abandon, while his experience as a two guard his

freshman season will help him on the perimeter this year. Lekavicius averaged 6.7 points per game last season, and he is expected to up that production this year.

At the point guard spot, a number of candidates could potentially step into the role. The leading candidate is likely freshman **Derrick Mercer**, a 5-9, 160 lbs. product of highly regarded St. Anthony's in New Jersey. AU's coaches tout Mercer as a true point guard who has the capability of defending the ball all 94 feet. His high school coach, the legendary Bob Hurley, described Mercer as one of the top-five on-ball defenders he has ever coached.

Another talented freshman, **Garrison Carr**, will also compete for playing time in the backcourt rotation. Carr, who boasts an explosive first step, is known as a shooter who will complement Ingram's outside presence. Carr is expected to play both guard positions.

Senior **Craig Weinstein** will be invaluable to the Eagles in a leadership role. A captain for the 2005-06 season, his basketball IQ is immeasurable and, because of that, his teammates enjoy being on the floor with him. Weinstein will be asked to mentor some of the younger players on the team, teaching them how to play hard and practice harder.

Meanwhile, junior **Arvydas Eitutavicius** and sophomore **Romone Penny** both have the chance to earn minutes on the perimeter. The coaching staff was impressed with Eitutavicius's off-season work. He is a streaky shooter who can light it up at times. Penny will likely see playing time at the point guard position. He is a natural leader and a good locker room influence, as well as an excellent on-ball defender on the court.

the frontcourt

What the Eagles lack in size up front, those close to the program know that AU makes up for it with athleticism and quickness. American's six eligible frontcourt players to start the season average just 6-6, with 6-10 center **Brayden Billbe** the largest player.

However, at the conclusion of the first semester, AU will immediately get bigger. That's because junior transfer **Paulius Joneliunas** becomes eligible after

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sitting out a year due to NCAA transfer rules. Joneliunas, a 6-11, 240 lbs. center, will combine with Billbe to give the Eagles a twin towers under the basket. Joneliunas will be a physical presence under the basket for the Eagles, and will likely impress observers with his high-post passing. Joneliunas will join the Eagles starting with the Dec. 23 game versus Maryland.

In the meantime, Billbe will begin the season as the Eagles' starting center. Billbe added some bulk to his body over the summertime and is expected to up his rebound totals because of it. He is a skilled passer who also possesses a good jumpshot to 17 feet, giving him the ability to take other team's post players outside. Billbe's improvement over the summer, when he stayed in D.C. to work out and play in the Kenner League, is encouraging to the coaching staff.

Junior **Sekou Lewis** and sophomore **Travis Lay**, as the team's only other returning frontcourt players, will look to contribute significantly. Lewis, a long player who is a good offensive rebounder, is a slasher who is capable of taking the ball to the basket. He may have a chance for more minutes at the small forward position. Meanwhile, Lay is a low-block banger, despite his 6-5 frame. He is a hard-nosed player who has a nose for rebounds. Despite being outsize by most power forwards, he is an effective defender and can use his quickness as an advantage over most opponents' power forwards.

The Eagles' boast a trio of talented freshman that will compete for minutes in the frontcourt: **Brian Gilmore**, **Gary Garris** and **Jordan Nichols**. Gilmore, who at 6-8, 210 lbs. is a bit undersized as a power forward, makes up for his lack of size with aggressive play. Gilmore's best skills are his shooting and rebounding, and he is not uncomfortable on the perimeter. He will likely compete for time at power forward, perhaps even earning a starting nod. Garris is an athletic, attacking forward who is capable of finishing both in transition and under the basket in traffic. Garris is currently working on his jumpshot, and he will compete for time at both forward spots. Finally, Nichols is an undersized power forward (6-5), but he possesses a 7-2 wingspan which affords him an advantage over most taller players. Nichols is a good defensive player who can defend three different posi-



tions. He is developing his perimeter game, but in the meantime, he is blessed with tremendous footwork and is a solid rebounder at both ends.

the schedule

The Eagles open up their season at the University of Washington on Nov. 19. The Huskies earned a No. 1 seed in last year's NCAA Tournament, eventually falling in the third round to Louisville.

The Eagles open up December by facing another NCAA Tournament team in Ohio University. The Bobcats last season took Florida to the wire in the opening round of the Tournament before eventually falling, 67-62.

American will travel to the University of Vermont on Dec. 29. The Catamounts pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the 2005 NCAA Tournament when they, as the 13 seed, defeated fourth-seeded Syracuse. The Eagles handed Vermont one of just seven losses last season, when AU beat UVM 67-64 on Dec. 4, 2004.

AU will also square off twice against 2005 NCAA Tournament Cinderella Bucknell University. The Bison shocked the country when they upset Kansas, 64-63, on March 18. American plays Bucknell on Jan. 27, 2006, in Lewisburg, Pa., and hosts the Bison on Feb. 10.

In addition to the five games against 2004-05 NCAA Tournament teams, AU plays National Invitational Tournament entrants Holy Cross and Maryland.

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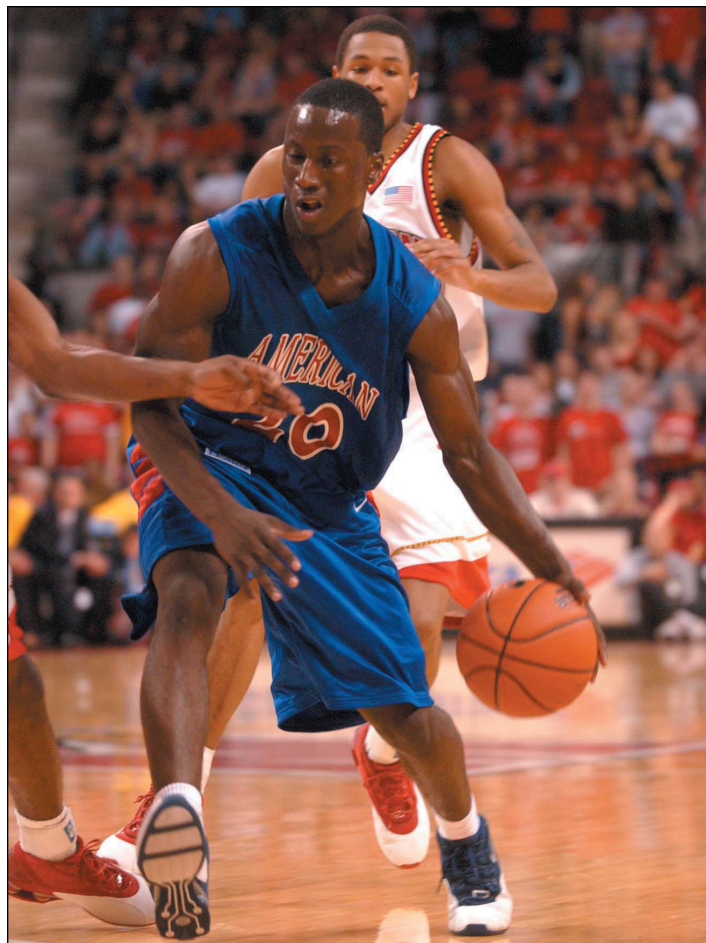
The 2004-05 American University men's basketball team accomplished something that had not been done by an AU squad in 30 years: complete four straight seasons of winning basketball. With their 16-12 record, the '04-'05 Eagles matched a feat last accomplished by the 1974-75 squad, which then completed a run of five straight winning campaigns. Along the way, the Eagles knocked off three NCAA Tournament teams, including two that picked up wins in March Madness, and remained one of the top teams in the increasingly competitive Patriot League.

American opened its season in the Preseason National Invitational Tournament, squaring off against Virginia Commonwealth squad that received much attention prior to the season's start. The Eagles showed they weren't intimidated by the Rams, surging out to leads as large as 17 points in the opening period. However, despite a career-high 38 points from sophomore guard Andre Ingram, American lost its lead in the second stanza and dropped the contest, 82-76.

The schedule didn't prove any easier in the second game, when American traveled to upstate New York to battle Niagara and the Purple Eagles' star, Juan Mendez. The game was tight throughout, but a six-minute scoreless drought late in the second half undid AU. Mendez finished with 30 points and the Purple Eagles prevailed, 78-71.

Opening the season 0-2 with consecutive tight losses would be enough to unravel some teams. However, the Eagles proved they weren't one of those teams, putting together a stretch of arguably their best basketball of the season while reeling off five straight wins. American opened up its home docket by launching the five-game streak with a 70-49 shellacking of Wagner, then made it two in a row with a 71-65 win over St. Francis (Pa.).

However, the streak faced its greatest challenge when the Eagles squared off against a Vermont Catamount team that had previously received votes in the Associated Press Poll and featured 6-9 Preseason Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America Taylor Copenrath. In front of a crowd of nearly 2,000, several NBA scouts and Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, the Eagles shined under pressure, led by a career day from Jason Thomas tying a career-high with 23 points



and tallying his first career double-double, by defeating Vermont, 67-64. Vermont eventually pulled off one of the NCAA Tournament's biggest upsets, shocking fourth-seeded Syracuse, 60-57 in overtime. The Catamounts then gave fifth-seeded Michigan State a scare, before eventually falling, 72-61. Thomas finished with a career-tying 23 points, 11 rebounds, five assists (career-high), two blocks, two steals and did not miss a minute of play. The Patriot League named him its Player of the Week for his performances versus St. Francis and Vermont.

After a 75-64 road win at Towson, American faced yet another eventual NCAA Tournament team in Ohio at Bender Arena on Dec. 11. Ohio went on a 22-9 run to close the American lead to 55-53 with just over three minutes to play in regulation, but the Eagles sealed the game by going seven-for-eight from the charity stripe in the final two minutes to hang on for a 64-55 win. After the game, Thomas was again named PL Player of the Week.

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Sitting at 5-2 after the streak, American was seeking to go 6-2 for the first time since 1982-83, one year after former coach Gary Williams left the program. However, a tall task stood ahead of the Eagles: Williams' current team, the Maryland Terrapins. In front of nearly 18,000 fans in the Comcast Center, AU stood tall in the face of the Terps, trailing by just two at halftime and for much of the early part of the second half. However, the hosts fired off a 16-0 run that made it 66-48 with 6:19 left. Maryland eventually won, 82-61.

American returned home after a short holiday break and dropped its second straight game, this time to La Salle, 66-53. The Eagles then embarked on a five-game road swing, opening the trip with a win over Delaware, 64-58. AU then took its longest trip of the season, visiting the University of Missouri on Jan. 4. With Mizzou leading 46-36 with just over 11 minutes to play in the game, American came out of a timeout and scored two straight baskets to cut the Tiger lead to six, but the Tigers opened the lead back up to eight on their next possession. Missouri was able to make a few buckets after AU misses and the Tigers held on for a 64-51 win.

On Jan. 8, the Eagles opened up their fourth season in the Patriot League. American, after making appearances in the PL Championship game in each of its first three seasons but falling short in each of those contests, was seeking to overcome that last hurdle and earn a berth into its first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament. However, Lehigh had other ideas, spoiling the Eagles' league opener, 56-53. Lehigh's Joe Knight hit a three-pointer with 10 seconds left to give Lehigh a 56-53 lead. On the final possession of the game, Ingram fired a three but couldn't get it to fall, ending the game.

American regrouped to run off its second-longest win streak of the season. The Eagles defeated Yale, 69-65, in their last non-conference game of the season, and then ran off three straight league wins over Navy, Lafayette and Army. Going into a road contest against their traditional PL rivals, Holy Cross, the Eagles had momentum on their side. Unfortunately, the contest – which was originally scheduled for a Sunday afternoon – was postponed to Monday afternoon due to a blizzard.

In front of an empty gym, Holy Cross took it to the Eagles, 80-56.

Just as quickly as American slumped against the Crusaders, the squad returned to form in its next game versus Bucknell at home. The Bison, undefeated in five league games entering the contest, were looking to take control of the PL lead, but the Eagles nixed that plan with a 68-59 win. American staked leads as large as 19 points in the opening stanza en route to the win.

With a 4-2 league record after the Bucknell game, American was back in the race for the regular season title. Home league wins over Colgate, 78-59, and Army, 86-58, only strengthened the Eagles' chances.

American, 6-2 in the PL, entered its home contest with Holy Cross seeking revenge for its earlier loss at the hands of the Crusaders and looking to grab a piece of the PL lead, held by HC with a 7-1 record. The Eagles looked like they would do just that, when with time running out and the Eagles down by one, Ingram



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was fouled and sent to the line to shoot a one-and-one. Ingram hit the first attempt, tying the game, but his second shot bounced off the rim and sent the game into overtime. In overtime, the Crusaders built up a five-point lead with 39.2 showing on the clock. The Eagles were not able to get their next shot to fall and Holy Cross hit a pair of free throws to put the game out of reach for American. Despite the loss, Ingram earned PL Player of the Week honors after averaging 22.5 points per game in the games against Army and the Crusaders.

The loss to HC put American in a tailspin, causing the Eagles to drop four straight league contests. On Feb. 11, Bucknell avenged its earlier loss to the Eagles in Lewisburg, Pa., 65-52, and then AU fell to Colgate, 67-57, and Lafayette, 93-89 in overtime, in consecutive road forays. Ingram scored 37 points in the loss to the Leopards, and was once again named PL Player of the Week. In addition, Ingram was named by the National Association of Basketball Coaches to the 2005 NABC All-District 4 Second Team.

With the team reeling with a 6-6 league record, already more losses than the team had suffered in its previous three seasons in the PL, head coach Jeff Jones and his staff knew they needed a spark in the Eagles' final two games to salvage their season. They got it from Thomas, a senior captain, who poured in a career-high 27 points to lead the Eagles to a 65-61 victory over Lehigh. American returned home to finish out the regular season, grabbing a 84-77 win over resurgent Navy.

Thomas again was named PL Player of the Week, after averaging 22.0 points and 4.0 rebounds per game in the contests versus Lafayette and Navy and shooting 60.9 percent for the week

With an 8-6 regular season league record, American earned the third seed in the Patriot League Tournament and a matchup with sixth-seeded Navy, just eight days after their most recent game. Once again, senior leadership carried the Eagles, as 6-9 center Matej Cresnik put up a career-high 30 points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds to lead American University past the Naval Academy 85-83 in overtime.

The first-round win earned the Eagles a berth in the PL semifinals and a rubber match with Bucknell on the Bison's home court. The two teams were locked in a defensive battle throughout. The Bison led by seven, 36-29, with 7:22 left in the game when they turned up the defensive pressure on the Eagles. They closed out the game with a 19-6 run with nine of the points coming from the charity stripe. Bucknell went on to win, 53-35, and eventually made its magical run in the

NCAA Tournament, defeating third-seeded Kansas in the first round and nearly knocking off sixth-seeded Wisconsin a few days later. The semifinal loss was the first time American failed to make the tournament final since joining the PL in 2001.

The season was not without its individual accomplishments. Prior to the PL Tournament, Ingram and Thomas were named First- and Second-Team All-League, respectively.





#11 • Craig Weinstein
Sr. • Guard • 5-11/180 lbs.

General: Has perhaps the best basketball IQ on the team ... great leader ... contributions to the team are immeasurable ... acts like a coach on the floor ... teammates love playing with him ... always plays hard ... fundamentally sound player ... will be expected to mentor younger players.

2004-05: Played in 10 games ... hit 50 percent of his field goal attempts ... scored four points on the season ... had two points, two assists and two rebounds in 17 minutes at Colgate (2/13).

2003-04: Appeared in five games in 2003-04 ... dished out two assists in seven minutes of action against FDU (11/29) ... notched his first career point against Army (2/1) ... grabbed a rebound against Army (3/6).

2002-03: Saw first varsity action in the second half of the Radford game (12/6) ... picked up two

2004-05 Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	S	FG	3P	FT-A	O/D/T	PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	M
D23	at #21/24 Maryland	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
D28	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
J21	at Army Black Knights	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5
J24	at Holy Cross	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
J30	COLGATE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
F4	U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	2	1	0	0	0	5
F11	at Bucknell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
F13	at Colgate	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1/1/2	0	2	2	2	0	1	17
F19	at Lafayette	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1/0/1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
F26	U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

boards vs. Elon (12/28) ... three shots was season high versus Army (2/27).

Before American: Finished as one of Harvard-Westlake's all-time career leader in assists ... First-Team All-League as both a junior and senior and was Second-Team All-League as a sophomore ... captain of team last two years in high school and was the team MVP as a junior and earned the Coach's Award as a senior ... as a senior he was named All-CIF 1st team, as well as being named to the Saugus All-Tournament team and MVP of the Thousand Oaks Tournament.

Personal: Son of David Weinstein and Jude Conti and Randy Weinstein ... majoring in communications.

Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR/DRReb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	S	Pts.	Ppg.
2002-03	9-0	13-1.4	0-5	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0/5	5-0.6	3-0	0	3	0	0	0.0
2003-04	5-0	14-2.8	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	0/1	1-0.2	1-0	2	1	0	1	0.2
2004-05	10-0	44-4.4	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2/2	4-0.4	2-0	5	8	0	4	0.4
Totals	24-0	71-2.96	2-12	.166	0-7	.000	1-2	.500	2/8	10-0.4	6-0	7	12	0	5	0.2



#0 • Sekou Lewis Jr. • Forward • 6-5/180 lbs.

2004-05 Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	S	FG	3P	FT-A	O/D/T	PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	M
D11	OHIO UNIVERSITY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1/0/1	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
D23	at #21/24 Maryland	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	3/6/9	2	4	1	3	1	0	18
D28	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	2-2	0-0	1-2	1/0/1	0	5	1	0	0	2	16	
J2	at Delaware	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	
J4	at Missouri	0-1	0-0	0-0	1/1/2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	
J8	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY	1-2	0-0	0-0	1/2/3	0	2	1	0	1	0	11	
J10	at Yale	0-2	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	
J12	at Navy	1-2	0-0	0-0	0/2/2	1	2	0	3	0	0	12	
J15	LAFAYETTE COLLEGE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	
J21	at Army Black Knights	2-4	1-1	0-0	1/4/5	2	5	1	0	0	0	24	
J24	at Holy Cross	0-1	0-1	2-2	0/3/3	1	2	5	1	0	2	24	
J28	BUCKNELL	1-2	0-1	0-0	0/1/1	1	2	0	1	0	0	13	
J30	COLGATE	1-2	0-0	0-0	1/1/2	0	2	0	0	0	0	11	
F4	U.S. MILITARY ACAD.	2-2	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	1	4	0	1	0	0	9	
F6	COLL. OF THE HOLY CROSS	1-3	0-0	0-0	1/0/1	3	2	0	0	0	0	9	
F11	at Bucknell	4-6	0-2	0-1	1/4/5	4	8	0	3	0	1	19	
F13	at Colgate	1-2	0-1	0-0	0/3/3	2	2	0	2	0	0	16	
F19	at Lafayette	3-4	0-0	1-2	2/4/6	5	7	1	2	0	1	25	
F23	at Lehigh	0-3	0-0	2-2	2/3/5	1	2	4	1	0	1	19	
F26	U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	0-4	0-1	0-0	0/0/0	1	0	2	0	0	0	17	

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M4	vs. Navy	2-3	0-1	0-0	1/2/3	3	4	1	1	1	0	15
M6	vs. Bucknell	0-1	0-0	0-0	3/1/4	3	0	1	1	1	0	21

General: Long player who is a good offensive rebounder ... moves well without the ball ... excellent finisher ... had a breakout season as a sophomore ... has a chance to compete for a starting spot at small forward.

2004-05: Played in 22 games, averaging nearly 15 minutes per contest ... hit 47 percent of his shots ... averaged 2.4 points per game ... scored eight points and picked up five rebounds at Bucknell (2/11) ... played 25 minutes at Lafayette (2/19), hitting three-of-four shots and finishing with seven points.

2003-04: Saw his first varsity action in the season opener against Maryland (11/22) ... played five minutes against Maryland (11/22) and pulled in two rebounds ... played against UNC-Greensboro (12/6).

Before American: After high school Lewis prepped for a year at The Pendleton School in Florida, which is part of the IMG Sports Academy ... originally from Cleveland, Ohio, he played his high school basketball at St.Vincent-St. Mary's with LeBron James ... averaged in double figures at Pendelton.

Personal: Son of Crystal and Hakeem Lewis ... major is undecided.

Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR/DR	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	S	Pts.	Ppg.
2003-04	4-0	6-1.5	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1/1	2-0.5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
2004-05	22-0	323-14.7	23-49	.469	1-9	.111	6-9	.667	19/40	59-2.7	38-1	19	20	4	10	53	53-2.4
Totals	26-0	329-12.65	23-51	.450	1-11	.090	6-9	.667	20/41	61-2.3	38-1	19	20	4	10	53	53-2.0



#4 • Brayden Billbe Jr. • Center • 6-10/235 lbs.

General: A very skilled center who added strength to his thin frame over the summer ... a smart player, he demonstrates good court knowledge ... a good passer with range up to 17 feet ... showed tremendous improvement over the course of his sophomore season ... coaches were impressed with his summer work, after he played in D.C.'s Kenner League.

2004-05: Played in 28 games, starting one ... hit 52 percent of his shots on the season, second on the team ... was just one of three Eagles to finish season with double-digits in blocks ... notched seven points, six boards and an assist at Army (1/21) ... followed that effort up with an eight point, two rebound, two block performance at Holy Cross ... committed just 14 turnovers on the season.

2003-04: Saw first varsity action against

Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR/DR	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	S	Pts.	Ppg.
2003-04	3-0	2-0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0/1	1-0.3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2004-05	28-1	319-11.4	29-56	.518	0-4	.000	12-23	.522	18/58	2.7	36-1	7	14	10	7	70	2.5
Totals	31-1	321-10.4	29-56	.518	0-4	.000	12-23	.522	18/59	2.5	36-1	7	14	10	7	70	2.3

2004-05 Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	S	F G	3 P	FT-A	O/D/T	PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	M
N15	at VA Commonweal	0-1	0-0	0-0	0/2/2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	6
N20	at Niagra	1-1	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1
N23	WAGNER COLLEGE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	2 0	1 1	1 1	2 7				
N29	ST. FRANCIS (PA) UNIV	0-1	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	3 0	0 3	0 0	3 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	13
D4	UNIV. OF VERMONT	0-2	0-0	0-0	1/5/6	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	13
D8	at Towson	0-1	0-0	0-0	1/1/2	1 0	0 0	0 1	0 5				
D11	OHIO UNIVERSITY	3-5	0-0	0-1	2/1/3	0 6	0 0	0 0	0 10				
D23	at #21/24 Maryland	1-3	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0 2	0 1	0 0	0 12				
D28	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 2				
J2	at Delaware	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 2				
J4	at Missouri	1-5	0-1	0-0	0/1/1	3 2	0 0	0 0	0 15				
J8	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 2				
J10	at Yale	1-1	0-0	3-4	0/4/4	0 5	0 1	0 0	0 11				
J12	at Navy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/4/4	2 0	0 2	1 0	0 8				
J15	LAFAYETTE COLLEGE	1-3	0-1	0-1	1/2/3	4 2	0 0	0 1	0 11				
J21	at Army Black Knights	3-5	0-1	1-3	3/3/6	2 7	1 1	0 1	0 17				
J24	at Holy Cross	3-4	0-0	2-2	1/1/2	1 8	0 1	2 0	0 15				
J28	BUCKNELL	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/2/2	2 0	0 1	0 0	0 5				
J30	COLGATE	0-1	0-0	0-0	0/7/7	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 15				
F4	U.S. MILITARY ACAD.	2-2	0-0	0-2	2/4/6	2 4	0 0	1 1	0 19				
F6	COLL. OF THE HOLY CROSS	2-2	0-0	1-2	0/0/0	0 5	0 0	1 1	0 14				
F11	at Bucknell	1-2	0-0	2-4	1/4/5	2 4	1 0	1 0	0 22				
F13	at Colgate	* 1-1	0-0	0-0	2/3/5	0 2	0 1	0 0	0 12				
F19	at Lafayette	1-3	0-0	2-3	1/4/5	5 4	0 1	0 0	0 24				
F23	at Lehigh	3-4	0-0	0-0	1/3/4	2 6	2 1	1 0	0 21				
F26	U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	2-3	0-1	1-1	1/2/3	1 5	1 0	1 1	0 16				

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M4	vs. Navy	1-3	0-0	0-0	1/1/2	1 2	0 0	0 0	0 11				
M6	vs. Bucknell	2-3	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	1 4	0 0	0 0	0 10				

UNC-Greensboro (12/6) ... pulled in his first career rebound against Army (2/1).

Before American: Had a tremendous senior season under long-time Mercer Island head coach Ed Pepple ... Led Mercer to a 22-6 record and the state semi-finals ... set the school record for blocks (90) in a season and in a game (11) ... averaged 12.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game as a senior ... dished out 48 assists and hit over 70 percent of his free throw attempts (67-94) while also converting on nearly 50 percent of his field goals (143-287) ... was a Second-Team All Conference pick.

Personal: Son of Sheila and Ted Billbe ... majoring in journalism.



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#20 • Andre Ingram Jr. • Guard • 6-3/190 lbs.

General: Patriot League Player of the Year candidate ... was the PL Preseason Player of the Year in 2004 ... leading returning scorer in the PL ... AU's leading scorer in his freshman and sophomore seasons ... good rebounding guard ... expected to play most of the minutes on the perimeter.

2004-05: Played in 28 games, starting 27 ... named First Team All-Patriot League ... named the PL Preseason Player of the Year ... opened the season with 38 points vs. VCU ... registered six 20+ point performances in 28 games, including two 30+ point performances ... finished the season as the PL's second-leading scoring, just half a point out of the lead, with 15.3 points per game ... was third in the Patriot League in three-pointers per game, hitting 2.14 treys per contest ... finished as the team's second-leading rebounder ... named Patriot League Player of the Week for the weeks ending Feb. 6 and Feb. 21 ... named National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District 4 Second Team ... scored in double-digits in 22 of 28 games, including a string of 10 straight in the middle of the season ... had perhaps his most balanced game of the year with 22 points and eight rebounds vs. Holy Cross (2/6) ... tallied 37 points on 14-of-23 shooting, including six-of-14 from three-point land, in an overtime game at Lafayette (2/19).

2003-04: Started in all 31 games as a freshman ... was the 2003-04 Patriot League Freshman of the year, the first American player to win the award ... led the team with 13.6 points per game, which was fifth best in the league ... also averaged four rebounds per game ... failed to score in double digits in only eight games and scored over 20 points five times ... had 16 points, five boards, two assists and two steals against Maryland (11/22) in his first collegiate game ... had a double-double against ETSU (12/30) with 11 points and 10 rebounds ... made eight shots from behind the arc

Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR/DR	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	S	Pts.	Ppg.
2003-04	31-31	960-31.0	145-369	.393	78-197	.396	55-70	.786	28/97	125-4.0	46-0	33	55	2	22	423	13.6
2004-05	28-27	977-34.9	150-366	.410	60-163	.368	67-90	.744	23/98	121-4.3	49-0	58	57	6	32	427	15.3
Totals	59-58	1937-32.8	295-735	.401	138-360	.383	122-160	.763	51/195	246-4.2	95-0	91	112	8	54	850	14.4

2004-05 Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	S	FG	3P	FT-A	O/D/T	PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	M
N15	at VA Commonweal	*	12-18	6-7	8-10	0/5/5	2	38	2	5	0	1	43
N20	at Niagra	*	4-13	1-7	0-0	0/7/7	1	9	6	4	0	0	37
N23	WAGNER COLLEGE	*	5-12	4-8	3-4	0/5/5	2	17	2	3	1	1	37
N29	ST. FRANCIS (PA) UNIV	*	7-14	3-7	1-2	0/5/5	1	18	5	3	0	2	40
D4	UNIV. OF VERMONT	*	6-15	4-7	3-4	2/1/3	1	19	3	3	0	0	38
D8	at Towson	*	3-12	1-4	2-2	1/4/5	3	9	6	2	0	1	34
D11	OHIO UNIVERSITY	*	4-14	0-8	2-2	0/4/4	1	10	4	2	0	1	39
D23	at #21/24 Maryland	*	5-13	1-6	1-3	1/5/6	4	12	3	0	0	0	35
D28	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	*	6-15	4-10	0-0	0/5/5	4	16	0	3	0	1	30
J2	at Delaware	*	8-13	3-6	1-2	0/6/6	1	20	0	2	1	1	37
J4	at Missouri	*	6-17	2-6	5-6	1/4/5	3	19	1	1	0	3	40
J8	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY*	*	5-13	2-5	7-7	2/1/3	2	19	1	3	0	0	38
J10	at Yale	*	4-9	1-3	2-3	1/4/5	1	11	1	2	0	2	26
J12	at Navy	*	4-9	0-0	3-4	1/3/4	2	11	2	2	0	0	34
J15	LAFAYETTE COLLEGE*	*	5-11	2-7	8-9	2/6/8	0	20	4	1	0	0	38
J21	at Army Black Knights*	*	3-10	3-6	2-2	1/3/4	0	11	1	1	2	1	25
J24	at Holy Cross	*	3-8	1-2	3-3	2/0/2	4	10	1	2	0	0	27
J28	BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY*	*	1-13	0-5	2-2	1/4/5	4	4	2	4	1	4	33
J30	COLGATE	*	6-12	3-4	1-3	2/4/6	0	16	3	0	0	0	34
F4	U.S. MILITARY ACAD.*	*	8-12	5-7	2-3	1/3/4	0	23	2	1	0	1	29
F6	COLL. OF THE HOLY CROSS*	*	10-20	1-4	1-2	2/6/8	2	22	2	0	1	1	42
F11	at Bucknell	*	2-12	0-4	0-1	0/0/0	1	4	0	2	0	2	29
F13	at Colgate	*	6-14	1-3	3-5	2/1/3	0	16	2	2	0	1	35
F19	at Lafayette	*	14-23	6-14	3-5	0/2/2	1	37	1	2	0	4	42
F23	at Lehigh	*	3-9	1-3	0-0	0/1/1	1	7	2	3	0	0	35
F26	U.S. NAVAL ACAD.	*	3-10	3-8	2-2	0/5/5	3	11	1	3	0	1	34

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M4	vs. Navy	*	5-13	1-7	2-4	0/3/3	2	13	1	1	0	2	41
M6	vs. Bucknell	*	2-12	1-5	0-0	1/1/2	3	5	0	0	0	2	25

in a 27 point effort against Navy (1/14) which ties the second best single game three-point total in AU history ... had 15 three-point attempts against Navy (1/14), which is tied for the highest single game attempt total for an Eagle ... played a career high 44 minutes in an overtime game against Lehigh (2/13) ... snared four offensive rebounds for eight total against Lafayette (1/30) ... had his second double-double of the season in a 15 point, 10 rebound effort against Colgate (2/22) ... scored a career high 30 points on 10-for-19 shooting against Lafayette (2/28).

Before American: Named the Associated Press Group AAA Player of the Year for his division ... played at Highland Springs under coach George Lancaster ... he led Highland Springs to the Group AAA championship as a senior, the first title in school history ... for the year he averaged 22.8 points and 9.5 rebounds and was outstanding from three-point land, where he shot 49 percent ... he was a two-time selection as the Capital District Player of the Year and First-Team All-Metro and as a senior was a First-Team All State and First-Team All-Central Region pick ... he earned his way onto the All-Academic Team as a senior.

Personal: Son of Eva and Lucious Ingram ... majoring in engineering.



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2004-05 Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	S	F G	3 P	FT-A	O/D/T	PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	M
N15	at VCU		0-1	0-0	0-0	0/1/1	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
N20	at Niagra		0-1	0-0	1-2	0/0/0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
N23	vs. Wagner		0-1	0-0	0-0	0/2/2	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
D8	at Towson		1-2	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
D23	at Maryland		1-1	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
J21	at Army		1-1	1-1	1-2	0/1/1	3	4	0	2	0	1	11
J24	at Holy Cross		0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
F4	at Army		1-2	0-1	0-0	0/0/0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
F11	at Bucknell		1-4	1-1	0-0	0/1/1	2	3	1	2	0	0	11
F13	at Colgate		1-4	1-2	0-0	0/0/0	0	3	0	0	0	1	7
F19	at Lafayette		0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

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M6	vs. No.2 Bucknell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0/0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
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#21 • Arvydas Eitutavicius Jr. • Guard • 6-2/190 lbs.

General: Scoring guard ... is a streaky shooter who is capable of getting hot ... developing as a defensive player ... coaches lauded his off-season work ... has a chance to earn minutes on the perimeter.

(Va.) for Jim Markey.

Personal: Son of Elena and Vladas Eitutavicius ... majoring in business administration.

2004-05: Played in 12 games ... scored a season-high four points at Army (1/21), including a three-pointer ... hit three-of-five three-point attempts on the season.

2003-04: Played in three games ... pulled in a rebound in two minutes of action against Bowling Green (12/29).

Before American: Eitutavicius is from Klaipeda, Lithuania, but played at Laurinburg Institute (N.C.) under Chris Chaney Laurinburg won the prep school national championship in 2002-03 (based on national rankings) ... before Laurinburg he played at Norfolk Collegiate High School

Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR/DR	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	S	Pts.	Ppg.
2003-04	3-0	5-1.7	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0/1	1-0.3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2004-05	12-0	77-6.4	6-17	.353	3-5	.600	2-4	.500	0/5	5-0.4	8-0	1	6	0	2	17	1.4
Totals	15-0	82-4.1	6-18	.333	3-5	.600	2-5	.400	0/6	6-0.4	8-0	1	6	0	2	17	1.4



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#43 • Linas Lekavicius Jr. • Guard • 5-11/185 lbs.

General: Strong, athletic, aggressive and hard-playing combo guard ... year of experience as a point guard has given him excellent court vision ... played two guard his freshman year and PG in sophomore season, making him a well-rounded player ... natural scorer ... despite his size, has the ability to get to the hoop ... effective rebounder from the outside ... coaches expect him to break out this year at both guard spots.

2004-05: Played in 28 games, starting 27 ... led the team with 110 assists, averaging 3.9 per game ... had an assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.2-to-1, just one of two Eagles with a positive A/TO ratio ... shot 43 percent from the floor ... averaged 6.7 points per game ... tallied double-digits in points in four games, including 12 points in the opening round of the Patriot League Tournament vs. Navy (3/4), adding six assists and six rebounds ... corralled seven boards and dished out eight assists vs. La Salle (12/28) ... shot four-of-five for eight points, adding three assists and six rebounds - including four offensive boards - in a win over eventual PL Champions Bucknell (1/28).

2003-04: Played in 31 games last year with two starts ... had his first double-digit scoring effort with 10 against St. Francis (Pa.) (12/18) ... had an impressive showing in the Rainbow Classic ... scored 14 points and dished out two assists off the bench against Pepperdine (12/28) ... his career high 22 points against ETSU (12/30) helped AU seal third place in the Rainbow Classic ... scored eight points in his first Patriot League game against Bucknell (2/7) ... dropped 13 points in 17 minutes in a win over Colgate (1/23) ... had his best rebounding totals of his career (seven) in back to back games against Lafayette (1/30) and Army (2/1) ... set an AU single game record for steals (nine) against Bucknell (2/7) ... provided a huge spark against Bucknell (2/7) by contributing eight points, four rebounds and two assists in addition to his nine steals.

Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR/DR	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BLK	S	Pts.	Ppg.
2003-04	31-2	501-16.2	56-152	.368	21-57	.368	31-39	.795	23/34	57-1.8	54-0	31	37	4	29	164	5.3
2004-05	28-27	698-24.9	70-163	.429	13-42	.310	34-62	.548	39/71	110-3.9	67-1	110	91	2	41	187	6.7
Totals	59-29	1199-20.55	126-315	.400	34-99	.343	65-101	.643	62/105	167-2.8	121-1	141	128	6	70	351	5.9

2004-05 Game-by-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	S	FG	3P	FT-A	O/D/T	PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	M
N15	at VCU	*	2-4	1-1	1-2	1/1/2	4	6	3	4	0	0	25
N20	at Niagra	*	2-3	1-2	0-0	0/2/2	1	5	2	1	0	0	9
N23	vs. Wagner	*	2-4	0-1	1-1	0/3/3	0	5	2	2	0	2	17
N29	vs. SFU (Pa.)	*	2-6	0-0	0-1	0/1/1	2	4	5	1	0	1	25
D4	vs. Vermont	*	3-4	2-2	0-3	0/5/5	3	8	4	4	0	0	26
D8	at Towson	*	3-7	1-2	2-3	0/3/3	3	9	7	3	0	0	29
D11	vs. Ohio	*	2-4	1-2	2-4	1/2/3	3	7	7	4	0	2	25
D23	at Maryland	*	1-5	0-2	1-2	1/2/3	1	3	5	5	0	1	27
D28	vs. La Salle	*	0-9	0-3	0-0	3/4/7	4	0	8	2	0	1	31
J2	at Delaware	*	2-7	1-1	2-7	1/5/6	2	7	7	6	0	4	26
J4	at Missouri	*	3-7	1-1	4-5	2/5/7	2	11	2	3	0	2	26
J8	vs. Lehigh	*	1-2	0-0	2-4	0/1/1	4	4	4	5	0	2	21
J10	at Yale	*	2-6	0-1	0-0	3/2/5	3	4	2	3	0	1	28
J12	at Navy	*	2-5	0-1	5-6	4/1/5	3	9	6	4	0	0	24
J15	vs. Lafayette	*	6-8	0-1	2-6	2/1/3	1	14	3	5	0	4	30
J21	at Army	*	2-4	0-2	1-2	1/5/6	1	5	7	2	0	3	25
J24	at Holy Cross	*	2-12	0-1	3-4	2/2/4	3	7	2	3	0	0	29
J28	vs. Bucknell	*	4-5	0-0	0-0	4/2/6	4	8	3	7	0	2	22
J30	vs. Colgate	*	3-3	1-1	2-3	1/2/3	3	9	6	4	0	3	28
F4	vs. Army	*	2-7	2-5	0-0	1/4/5	1	6	5	2	0	2	24
F6	vs. Holy Cross	*	3-8	0-2	0-0	2/4/6	3	6	5	3	0	0	36
F11	at Bucknell	*	5-7	1-2	2-3	0/1/1	2	13	0	3	1	3	27
F13	at Colgate	*	1-4	0-1	0-0	0/0/0	0	2	0	2	0	0	13
F19	at Lafayette	*	3-6	0-2	0-0	0/2/2	5	6	0	4	0	1	19
F23	at Lehigh	*	2-4	1-2	2-2	4/3/7	1	7	4	2	1	0	18
F26	vs. Navy	*	3-5	0-1	0-1	3/1/4	2	6	3	2	0	1	25

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M4	vs. No. 6 Navy	*	5-11	0-1	2-3	3/3/6	4	12	6	2	0	3	32
M6	vs. No. 2 Bucknell	*	2-6	0-2	0-0	0/4/4	2	4	2	3	0	3	31

Before American: Had a stellar three-year career at The Miller School, under head coach Fred Wawner, capping it off by being named Co-State Player of the Year ... other awards he garnered as a senior include First-Team All-State, Conference Player of the Year, Central Virginia Player of the Year and Private School Player of the Year ... led The Miller School to back-to-back conference championships and scored over 1,500 points in his career ... as a senior averaged 25.3 point, 5.3 rebounds and 3.3 steals per game ... also shot 43 percent from beyond the three-point line and 62 percent from the field.

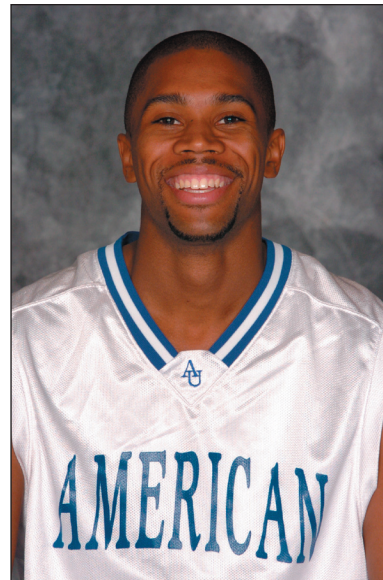
Personal: Son of Gintaras and Irena Lekavicius ... major is undecided.



**#13 • Paulius Joneliunas
Jr. • Center • 6-11/240 lbs.**

General: Physical low-post presence ... capable of playing with back to basket or in the high post ... will impress with passing ability ... will become eligible Dec. 23 ... expected to contribute significantly.

Before American: Joneliunas played in 16 games over two years at the University of South Carolina before transferring to AU ... He averaged 1.3 points per game in three games this season and over his USC career he averaged 4.4 minutes per game, 1.0 rebounds per game and 0.8 points per game ... in the summer of 2004 he played with the U-20 National Team at the European Championships and led Lithuania to a bronze medal ... at Roanoke Catholic, Joneliunas averaged 12.5 points per game, 10 rebounds per game and blocked 94 shots ... Roanoke lost in the finals of the Virginia Catholic State Tournament in his senior year ... he was a first-team All-State selection.



**#25 • Romone Penny
So. • Guard • 5-11/150 lbs.**

General: Athletic point guard ... very fast with the ball ... good one-on-one defender ... in his first year of eligibility with the Eagles ... good locker room influence ... natural leader ... expected to earn minutes at the point.

Before American: Penny was a walk-on for the Florida State Seminoles in 2003-04 he earned his way onto the team after being selected from a campus-wide tryout played in six games in 2003-04 and was an important member of the scout team ... scored his first varsity points versus Nicholls State (Nov. 26) ... one of 24 varsity athletes who graduated from Mercersburg Academy and went on to play in college ... also played for De La Salle High School in Minneapolis, Minn., and earned All-State Honorable Mention All-State honors as a junior ... De La Salle reached the state tournament twice during his three years and as a junior he shot 81 percent from the line and averaged 2.7 steals per game.

Personal: Romone is the son of Frank and Phyllis Penny ... named the Spanish Student of the Year as a junior ... won the 2002 Leadership Award from the NBA and was able to attend the NBA All-Star Weekend in Philadelphia ... is a cousin of Baltimore Raven linebacker Terrell Suggs ... majoring in business.



#32 • Cornelio Guibunda
So. • Forward • 6-9/227 lbs.

General: Will sit out the 2005-06 season due to NCAA rules after transferring from Georgetown ... moves well for his size ... known as a shot blocker.

Before American: Played in four games for Georgetown in his freshman season ... at King & Low-Heywood Thomas School, he averaged 21 points, 15 rebounds and nine blocks per game as a senior ... was ranked 16th among high school centers by College Basketball magazine.

Personal: Father sits on Mozambique's Supreme Court.



#3 • Derrick Mercer
Fr. • Guard • 5-9/160 lbs.

General: True point guard ... great floor leader ... excellent passer ... played under legendary St. Anthony's (N.J.) coach Bob Hurley, who called Mercer one of the top-five on-ball defenders he has ever coached ... can guard the ball all 94 feet ... good basketball IQ ... has all the intangibles of a good point guard ... expected to contribute significantly in his freshman season.

Before American: Starting point guard for prestigious St. Anthony's (N.J.) program under head coach Bob Hurley ... averaged 15 ppg, 8.0 apg and 4.0 rpg in his senior season ... named First Team All-County and Second Team All-State ... member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Son of Derrick and Jacqueline Mercer ... has one sister, Tabitha ... plans on majoring in business administration.



#5 • Garrison Carr
Fr. • Guard • 5-11/155 lbs.

General: Explosive scoring combo guard ... excellent shooter ... will add another dimension to the team as a shooter ... always an offensive threat ... is a confident player who can take over a game offensively ... expected to play at shooting guard and point guard.

Before American: Earned four varsity letters playing for head coach Jeff Patrick at Issaquah HS ... averaged 28 ppg, 4.0 apg, 4.0 rpg and 2.0 spg in his senior season ... was named First Team All-State after senior season and Second Team All-State after junior season ... was a two-time team MVP.

Personal: Son of Gary Carr and Cita Carter ... has one sister, Johanna ... father played corner-back for the University of Washington ... plans on majoring in business administration.



#14 • Brian Gilmore
Fr. • Forward • 6-8/210 lbs.

General: Skilled forward who is comfortable on the perimeter ... best skills are shooting and rebounding ... not afraid to mix it up down low ... undersized interior defender, but makes up for it with aggressive play ... expected to compete for time at both forward positions.

Before American: Played at Great Bridge HS, Norfolk Collegiate School, for coach Jim Markey, and Fork Union Military Academy, under Fletcher Arritt, earning five letters ... named MVP at Great Bridge in 2001-02 and 2002-03 ... named Best Offensive Player at Norfolk Collegiate in 2003-04 ... earned the Leadership Award at Fork Union ... participated in the Nike All-American Camp in 2003 and 2004 ... also played soccer, swimming and volleyball.

Personal: Son of Frank and Dee Gilmore ... has two siblings, Joy and Ross ... plans on majoring in business administration.



#15 • Gary Garris
Fr. • Forward • 6-5/190 lbs.

General: Athletic, attacking forward ... capable of finishing in transition and in traffic ... aggressive to the basket ... slashing player who is developing a jumpshot ... expected to compete for time at both forward spots.

Before American: Played one year at The Hun School of Princeton under Jonathan Stone, averaging 10.0 ppg ... also played for Morristown Beard (N.J.) HS ... named an Eastern Invitational Top-20 All-Star.

Personal: Son of Yolonda and Gary Garris ... has two siblings, Justin and Tiffany ... plans on majoring in finance.



#44 • Jordan Nichols
Fr. • Forward • 6-5/210 lbs.

General: Undersized interior forward ... developing perimeter skills ... good rebounder at both ends ... good defensive player who can cover several positions ... always plays hard ... will be a prominent defensive presence ... working on his shooting and rebounding ... has a 7'2" wingspan ... blessed with tremendous footwork ... is a finisher after getting offensive rebounds ... expected to contribute at power forward.

Before American: Earned four varsity letters ... played for head coach Mike Jones ... earned the "Unsung Hero" award.

Personal: Son of Denise and Alvin Nichols ... has two brothers, Jerome and Jason ... Jerome played football at Wake Forest ... plans on majoring in business management.