

BELMONT MEN'S BASKETBALL

2022-23 QUICK FACTS



TEAM INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

School	Belmont University
Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Founded	1890
Enrollment	8,750
Nickname	Bruins
Colors	Blue and Red
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
President	Dr. L. Gregory Jones
Vice President/Director of Athletics	Scott Corley
Senior Associate AD/SWA	Renee Schultz
Home Facility	Curb Event Center
Capacity	5,000
Athletic Department Phone	615-460-5547
Ticket Office Phone	615-460-8062
Website	www.belmontbruins.com
Twitter	@BelmontMBB
Instagram	belmontmbb

TEAM HISTORY

2021-22 Overall Record	25-8
2021-22 OVC Record	15-3 (2nd)
First Year of Program	1952
All-Time Record	1219-850 (.589)
NCAA Division I Record (1997-present)	530-281 (.654)
Last Postseason Result	L, 71-82
	Postseason NIT, at Vanderbilt (3/15/22)
Conference Regular Season Titles	12
Conference Tournament Titles	8
NCAA Tournament Appearances	9

ROSTER INFORMATION

Starters Returning/Lost	1/4
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	6/7
Newcomers	9

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Casey Alexander (Belmont, 1995)
Overall Record	214-139 (12th year)
Record at Belmont	77-19 (4th year)
Associate Head Coach	Brian Ayers (Lipscomb, 1993)
Assistant Coaches	Sean Rutigliano (Cortland State, 2007)
	Tyler Holloway (Murray State, 2009)
Director of Basketball Operations	Kerron Johnson (Belmont, 2013)
Athletic Trainer	Kim Anderson
Sports Performance	Matt Frederick

PLAYER INFORMATION

RETURNING STARTERS (1)

Player	Yr	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	APG
Ben Sheppard	SR	33/33	16.2	3.9	1.6

OTHERS RETURNING (5)

Player	Yr	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	APG
EJ Bellinger	SR	22/0	3.0	1.0	0.5
Even Brauns	JR	31/1	2.4	1.6	0.3
Frank Jakubicek	JR	30/0	2.1	1.4	0.2
Derek Sabin	SR	11/0	1.9	1.1	0.1
Michael Shanks	JR	25/3	2.8	1.1	0.6

PLAYERS LOST (7)

Player	Yr	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	APG
Nick Muszynski	GR	32/32	15.8	5.2	2.5
Grayson Murphy	GR	33/33	7.7	6.1	5.8
Luke Smith	GR	33/33	8.1	2.0	2.3
Tate Pierson	GR	31/0	3.5	1.0	0.6
Caleb Hollander	GR	6/0	3.2	0.8	0.3
Will Richard	FR	33/30	12.1	6.0	1.8
JaCobi Wood	SO	32/0	6.3	2.1	2.2

NEWCOMERS (9)

Player	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
Aidan Braccia	G	FR	Atherton, Calif./Sacred Heart Prep
Keishawn Davidson	G	SR	Murfreesboro, Tenn./TTU
Jake Dykstra	G	FR	Nashville, Tenn./CPA
Drew Friberg	F	GR	State College, Pa./Princeton
Ja'Kobi Gillespie	G	FR	Greeneville, Tenn./Greeneville HS
Keith Robbins	G	FR	Milledgeville, Ga./JMA
Cade Tyson	F	FR	Monroe, N.C./Carmel Christian
Kyler Vanderjagt	G	FR	Grand Rapids, Mich./Northview HS
Isaiah Walker	G	FR	Wyoming, Ohio/Wyoming HS

CONTACT INFORMATION

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NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Even Brauns	C	6-9	240	Jr.	2L	Iowa City, Iowa (Iowa City West HS)
1	Isaiah Walker	G	6-5	190	Fr.	RS	Wyoming, Ohio (Wyoming HS)
2	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	G	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Greenville, Tenn. (Greenville HS)
3	Keishawn Davidson	G	6-2	175	Sr.	TR	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Tennessee Tech)
4	Kyler Vanderjagt	G	6-4	205	Fr.	HS	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Northview HS)
5	EJ Bellinger	G	6-4	205	Sr.	3L	St. Peters, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt South HS)
10	Cade Tyson	F	6-7	200	Fr.	HS	Monroe, N.C. (Carmel Christian)
11	Michael Shanks	F	6-6	210	Jr.	2L	Bentonville, Ark. (Bentonville HS)
12	Drew Friberg	F	6-7	215	Gr.	TR	State College, Pa. (Princeton)
20	Aidan Braccia	G	6-2	165	Fr.	HS	Atherton, Calif. (Sacred Heart Prep)
21	Derek Sabin	F	6-9	235	Sr.	3L	Slinger, Wis. (Slinger HS)
22	Ben Sheppard	G	6-6	190	Sr.	3L	Atlanta, Ga. (Greater Atlanta Christian)
23	Jake Dykstra	G	6-4	180	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Christ Presbyterian Academy)
24	Keith Robbins	G	6-5	175	Fr.	HS	Milledgeville, Ga. (John Milledge Academy)
25	Frank Jakubicek	F	6-8	245	Jr.	2L	Cary, Ill. (Cary-Grove HS)

BRUINS BY CLASS

GRAD STUDENTS (1) Drew Friberg	FRESHMEN (7) Aidan Braccia Jake Dykstra Ja'Kobi Gillespie Keith Robbins Cade Tyson Kyle Vanderjagt Isaiah Walker
SENIORS (3) Keishawn Davidson Ben Sheppard Derek Sabin	
JUNIORS (3) Even Brauns Michael Shanks Frank Jakubicek	

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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5	EJ Bellinger	G	6-4	205	Sr.	3L	St. Peters, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt South HS)
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

EJ Bellinger (BELL-in-jur)
Aidan Braccia (BRAH-chuh)
Even Brauns (EVAN)
Keishawn Davidson (KEY-shawn)
Drew Friberg (FRY-burg)
Ja'Kobi Gillespie (juh-COE-bee)
Frank Jakubicek (JACK-you-BEE-seck)
Sean Rutigliano (roo-TILL-ee-AH-know)
Derek Sabin (SAY-bin)

Head Coach	Casey Alexander (Belmont, 1995), 4 th season
Associate Head Coach	Brian Ayers (Lipscomb, 1993), 25 th season
Assistant Coaches	Sean Rutigliano (Cortland State, 2007), 4 th season Tyler Holloway (Murray State, 2009), 13 th season
Director of Basketball Operations	Kerron Johnson (Belmont, 2013), 1 st season
Director of Player Development	Harrison Gascho (Georgia, 2020), 1 st season

