



University of Detroit Mercy

Men's Basketball

2023-24 Prospectus

GENERAL

School University of Detroit Mercy
 City Detroit, Mich.
 Founded 1877
 Enrollment 5,360
 Nickname Titans
 School Colors Red, White and Blue
 Arena Calihan Hall
 Capacity 8,295
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Horizon League
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HISTORY

First Year of Basketball 1905-1906 (114th Season)
 All-Time Record 1468-1302 (.538)
 All-Time Horizon League Record 303-342
 HL Regular Season Championships 2 (1998/Tie, 1999)
 HL Tournament Championships 3 (1994, 1999, 2012)
 All-Time HL Tournament Record 38-40
 NCAA Appearances... 6 (1962, 1977, 1979, 1998, 1999, 2012)
 All-Time NCAA Tournament Record 3-6
 Last NCAA Appearance 2012 (lost to No. 2 Kansas, 65-50)
 NIT Appearances ... 7 (1960, 1961, 1965, 1978, 2001, 2002, 2013)
 All-Time NIT Record 5-8
 Last NIT Appearance 2013 (lost to Arizona State, 83-68)

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach Mike Davis
 Alma Mater, Year Alabama
 Detroit Mercy Record (Years) 59-88 (6th Year)
 Career Record (Years) 411-329 (24th Year)
 Assistant Coaches Mike Davis Jr. (UAB '10),
 Donnie Marsh (Franklin & Marshall (Pa.) '79)
 Kerry Rupp (Southern Utah '77)
 Jerica Williams (San Diego State '10)
 Special Assistant To The HC Angela James (Pacific '04)
 Graduate Assistant William Patsalis (Wayne State '22)
 Associate Director of Sports Medicine Sean Clark
 Director of Strength & Conditioning: Sam Jeffries

TEAM INFORMATION

2022-23 Record 14-19
 2022-23 Conference Record (Finish) 9-11 (T8th)
 2022-23 Horizon League Tournament HL QF
 Starters Returning/Lost 1/4
 Players Returning/Lost 5/9
 Newcomers 11

MEDIA INFORMATION

Live Webcasts ESPN+/ESPN3
 Home Radio Network WLQV 92.7 FM &
 1500 AM FaithTalk Detroit
 Local Newspapers Detroit Free Press, Detroit News
 Varsity News, MLive
 Local TV WDIV (NBC), WJBK (Fox), WXYZ (ABC)
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2023-24 MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
1	Mak Manciel	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Stevenson (Arkansas State)
2	Alex Tchikou	F	6-11	230	Sr.	Paris, France / Dream City Christian (Ariz.) (Rhode Island)
4	Marcus Tankersley	G	6-4	190	So.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Veritas Academy (Fla.)
5	Kyle LeGreair	G	6-0	180	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Tech
6	Emmanuel Kuac	G/F	6-7	210	Gr.	Calgary, Canada / Kearns High School (Ut.) (New Mexico)
7	Abdullah Olajuwon	G	6-5	210	RFr.	Houston, Tex. / Fort Bend Clements (UMKC)
8	Donovann Toatley	G	5-10	190	Gr.	Largo, Md. / Riverdale Baptist School (Bethune-Cookman)
10	Jamail Pink	G	6-1	170	Jr.	Houston, Tex. / Clear Lake
11	Ryan Hurst	G	6-3	230	Fr.	Farmington Hills, Mich. / North Farmington
12	Trenton Johnson	G	6-2	180	Jr.	South Bend, Ind. / Mishawaka (Vincennes)
13	Tyree Davis	F/G	6-6	190	So.	Houston, Tex. / Dawson (Kilgore College)
14	Jayden Stone	G	6-4	200	Sr.	Perth, Aus. / Sunrise Christian (Kan.) (Grand Canyon)
21	Jonathan Ammori	G	6-4	180	Jr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield (Oakland CC)
23	Edoardo Del Cadia	F	6-8	240	Gr.	Senigallia, Italy / Myerscough College (Eng.) (Nicholls State)
33	Oton Jankovic	F	6-10	205	Gr.	Zagreb, Croatia / Montverde (Fla.) (Tulane)
41	Tobin Schwannecke	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Traverse City, Mich. / Traverse City Central (Grand Valley St.)

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Head Coach: Mike Davis - 6th Season (Thomas Edison College '00)

Assistant Coach: Mike Davis Jr. - 6th Season (UAB '10)

Assistant Coach: Donnie Marsh - 3rd Season (Franklin & Marshall (Pa.) College '79)

Assistant Coach: Kerry Rupp - 2nd Season (Southern Utah '77)

Assistant Men's Basketball Coach/Chief Of Staff: Jerica Williams - 1st Season (San Diego State '10)

Special Assistant To The Head Coach: Angela James - 5th Season (University of the Pacific School of Dentistry '04)

Graduate Assistant: William Patsalis - 1st Season (Wayne State '22)

Pronunciation Guide

Edoardo Del Cadia - ed-OH-ardoe del KAH-dee-ya Oton Jankovic - OH-tahn Yonk-OH-vitch Emmanuel Kuac - kwatch
 Kyle LeGreair - La-Greer Mak Manciel - Man-Seal Alex Tchikou - CHEE-coo Jonathan Ammori - A MORE-A
 Abdullah Olajuwon - AB-DULL-AH O LAGH-A WHAN Tobin Schwannecke - Sh-wan-a-key

Starters Returning

	GP-GS	PPG.	RPG.	APG.	FG%	Key Note
Jayden Stone	13-13	13.9	5.3	2.2	.492	Netted five 20-point efforts in his 13 games

Others Returning

	GP-GS	PPG.	RPG.	APG.	FG%	Key Note
Kyle LeGreair	33-3	1.3	2.1	1.5	.484	Also had 23 steals and two blocks
Jamail Pink	16-2	0.9	0.5	0.4	.357	Appeared in a career-high 16 games
Tobin Schwannecke	4-0	1.5	0.0	0.0	100.0	Saw action in four games as a reserve
Marcus Tankersley	24-0	2.4	1.2	0.5	.513	Scored a season-high 14 points at YSU in HL Quarterfinals

Starters Lost

	Pos.	Cl.	GP-GS	Ppg.	Rpg.	Appg.	Others Lost	Pos.	Cl.	GP-GS	Ppg.	Rpg.	Appg.
Antoine Davis	G	Gr.	33-33	28.2	3.0	3.6	Buay Koka	C	Gr.	26-1	1.2	1.7	0.1
Gerald Liddell	F	Gr.	23-23	14.2	9.8	1.7	Jordan Phillips	G	Sr.	10-9	9.2	4.7	1.0
Damezi Anderson	F	Gr.	33-32	9.4	4.5	1.0	Isaiah Jones	F	Fr.	24-1	2.3	2.3	0.2
AJ Oliver	G	Gr.	29-26	9.1	4.8	0.7	Arashma Parks	F	Gr.	23-2	1.9	3.7	0.1
							TJ Moss	G	Gr.	31-20	5.5	3.0	2.8

2023-24 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
NOVEMBER				
2	THUR.	WAYNE STATE (EXH)	DETROIT	7:00 PM
6	Mon.	at Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	7:00 pm
10	Fri.	at Cincinnati %	Cincinnati, Ohio	7:00 pm
14	Tues.	at Ole Miss %	Oxford, Miss.	8:00 pm
18	Sat.	at Ohio	Athens, Ohio	2:00 pm
21	TUES.	EASTERN MICHIGAN	DETROIT	7:00 PM
25	Sat.	at SIU Edwardsville	Edwardsville, Ill.	2:00 pm
29	WED.	OAKLAND *	DETROIT	7:00 PM
DECEMBER				
2	Sat.	at Cleveland State *	Cleveland, Ohio	3:00 pm
6	WED.	BALL STATE	DETROIT	7:00 PM
10	Sun.	at Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	2:00 pm
18	Mon.	at Loyola Marymount	Marymount, Calif.	10:00 pm
21	Thur.	at Central Michigan	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	7:00 pm
23	Sat.	at NC State	Raleigh, NC	1:00 pm
29	Fri.	at IUPUI *	Indianapolis, Ind.	Noon
31	Sun.	at Purdue Fort Wayne *	Fort Wayne, Ind.	2:00 pm
JANUARY				
4	THUR.	GREEN BAY *	DETROIT	7:00 PM
6	SAT.	MILWAUKEE *	DETROIT	1:00 PM
13	SAT.	NKU *	DETROIT	1:00 PM
17	Wed.	at Robert Morris *	Moon Township, Pa.	7:00 pm
20	SAT.	YOUNGSTOWN STATE * (DH)	DETROIT	4:00 PM
25	Thur.	at Milwaukee *	Milwaukee, Wisc.	8:00 pm
27	Sat.	at Green Bay *	Green Bay, Wisc.	1:00 pm
FEBRUARY				
1	THUR.	CLEVELAND STATE *	DETROIT	7:00 PM
3	SAT.	ROBERT MORRIS *	DETROIT	1:00 PM
8	Thur.	at Wright State *	Fairborn, Ohio	7:00 pm
10	Sat.	at NKU *	Highland Heights, Ky.	4:00 pm
14	WED.	IUPUI *	DETROIT	7:00 PM
17	SAT.	PURDUE FORT WAYNE *	DETROIT	1:00 PM
22	THUR.	WRIGHT STATE *	DETROIT	7:00 PM
28	Wed.	at Youngstown State *	Youngstown, Ohio	6:30 pm
MARCH				
2	Sat.	at Oakland *	Rochester, Mich.	6:00 pm
5	Tues.	HL First Round	TBA	TBA
7	Thur.	HL Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA
11	Mon.	HL Semifinals	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
12	Tues.	HL Championship	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA

ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

All Times are EST

BOLD = HOME

*=Horizon League Contest %=The Walton Invitational

HL First & Quarterfinals held at home sites

HL Semifinals & Championship held at Indiana Farmers Coliseum





HEAD COACH MIKE DAVIS

Mike Davis enters his sixth season as the Titan head coach in 2023-24 and in his five years, the Titans have started an upside to a program that was in last place and dealing with APR bans. In his five years, 11 players have gone on to play professionally and that does not include the 2022-23 players that could have as many as six more join that list, which already includes NBA players and lottery picks.

Antoine Davis just graduated in 2022-23 as a two-time HL Player of the Year, AP Honorable Mention All-American and Third Team All-American By USBWA, as he led the nation in scoring at 28.2 points per game, total points at 930, and with 4.82, 3-pointers per game, third in NCAA history. All three marks were Horizon League records, while the 930 points and 4.82 triples per game were both school marks. He became just the second Titan to ever lead the nation in a stat.

As his career came to an end, he left the University holding four NCAA records in total 3-pointers (588), 3-pointers by a freshman (132), consecutive games in double figures (144) and total games in double figures (144). His 3,664 career points are second in NCAA history, just three shy of Pete Maravich's record 3,667, while his 1,219 field goals are sixth all-time in the NCAA record book. Davis' 4.08, three-point field goals per game are also third all-time in NCAA history, and he is also the only player to ever post 3,500 points and 500 assists in a collegiate career.

This past season, the Titans were eighth in the nation with 10.2, 3-pointers per game, 11th in three-point field-goal percentage (38.6%), eighth in offensive rebounds per game (13.12) and 60th in offense (76.6), while setting a school record with 338 triples.

In 2021-22, the Titans posted a winning record in conference play at 10-7 in the Horizon League, the first back-to-back winning campaigns in league action since 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons. The red, white and blue were also selected to play in The Basketball Classic postseason tournament as the Titans finished sixth in the regular season and defeated Green Bay in the first round for a second-straight season with a triumph in the HL conference tournament. Detroit Mercy also saw Antoine Davis named the Co-Horizon League Player of the Year, a Lou Henson award finalist and All-American, USBWA All-District V and NABC First Team All-District 12 on the court and a HL All-Academic and a CoSIDA Academic All-American, the first in school history.

As a team, the Titans led the Horizon League and were seventh in the nation with 10.4, 3-pointers per game, topped the conference and 24th in the country in three-point field-goal percentage (37.4%) and committed the fewest turnovers in the HL at 11.6 per game, 82nd in the country. They were also second in the conference and 14th in the nation in free-throw percentage (77.6%). Six Titans were also named to the AD's Honor Roll, while four student-athletes were named to the HL Fall Academic Honor Roll.

In his third year in 2020-21, guided the team up the Horizon League standings and a win in the Horizon League Championship. In the classroom, the Titans finished the 2020-21 season with their third-straight semester of a cumulative 3.0 GPA posting a 3.259 in the spring of 2021.

The Titans recorded their first winning season since 2015-16 as the red, white and blue finished the year at 12-10 overall and 10-6 in the Horizon League. The 10 wins in league play were the most since going 12-4 in 2012-13, while the win in the first round of the HL Championship was the first postseason victory since 2015-16. Three Titans earned awards as Matt Johnson was named the Horizon League Sixth Player of the Year, Bul Kuol was selected third Team All-Horizon League and Davis was First Team All-HL, an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American, Lou Henson award finalist and All-American and NABC First Team All-District 12.



Statistically, the Titans were also top 100 in the nation in a number of areas, including fifth in both 3-point field goal percentage (39.1%) and free-throw percentage (80.4%) and 10th in 3-point field goals per game (10.2). They also ranked 11th in least fouls per game (14.3), 50th in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.25), 52nd in total 3-pointers (225), 56th in field goal percentage (46.4%) and scoring offense (76.5%), 60th in least turnovers per game (11.5) and 89th in assists per game (14.3).

In his second season in 2019-20, the Titans finished with eight wins and six in Horizon League play, while he guided the program through an APR postseason ban and a young squad featuring eight underclassmen. The six wins included a victory over eventual conference champion NKU and could have been more as six conference losses came by just 16 points for the young Titans.



The 2019-20 Titans also led the conference and finished ninth in the nation in free throw percentage at 78.2 percent, a new school record. The team topped the HL with 8.5 triples per game, 54th in the country, as well as with 263, 3-pointers, 66th in the nation.

Detroit Mercy was picked to finish last in the league in the preseason poll in 2018-19, but Detroit Mercy notched 11 wins on the year and seven in conference play to qualify for the postseason. Led by star guard and son Antoine Davis, the Horizon League Freshman of the Year and First Team All-League, Detroit Mercy won the Gotprint.Com Legends Classic Subregional Championship game, presented by Old Trapper, with wins over Loyola Maryland and Bowling Green and had wins against conference co-champion Wright State and CollegeInsider.com Invitational Tournament finalist Green Bay.

Davis was named the 22nd head coach in program history on June 13, 2018.

“After an extensive search that included multiple high-quality candidates, we are pleased to have Mike Davis join us as our new men’s basketball head coach,” said Detroit Mercy Director of Athletics Robert C. Vowels, Jr. “Mike has achieved great success as a coach and leader of young men, and as an individual, he reflects the values upon which our University is built. I am confident he will help return Titan basketball to a championship level.”

Davis came to Detroit Mercy from Texas Southern University, where he spent six seasons building the Tigers into a perennial power in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) with five postseason tournament appearances, including four NCAA Tournaments. For his efforts, he was named the SWAC Coach of the Year on three occasions. Texas Southern also had a team GPA of 3.0 and had four consecutive semesters of a perfect 1000 APR score.

“Coach Davis has not only proven that he can win on the basketball court, but he has also demonstrated that his players can excel in the classroom, as demonstrated by his team GPA of 3.0, four consecutive semesters of a perfect 1000 Academic Progress Rate and graduation of 18 of 20 players over his last six years at his previous institution. I am confident that his motivation and inspiration will energize the entire university and the city of Detroit,” said Detroit Mercy President Dr. Antoine Garibaldi.

A high school basketball star in the state of Alabama, Davis played collegiately at the University of Alabama before embarking on a professional career. His coaching resume includes more than 20 years of experience. This includes 18 years of head coaching experience, building a 352-241 record with 14 postseason trips, nine appearances in the NCAA Tournament and guiding Indiana to a national championship runner-up effort in 2002. His squads have recorded at least 20 wins nine times, while posting a winning record in 14 of his 18 campaigns.

“First and foremost, I’d like to thank God for this opportunity,” said coach Davis. “I’d also like to thank the President Dr. Antoine Garibaldi, and Director of Athletics Robert Vowels, Jr. for entrusting me with their men’s basketball program. I am enthusiastic and optimistic about its future. My family and I look forward to getting to know the city of Detroit as well as the students, faculty, administration, alumni, donors and fans.”

In his six seasons at Texas Southern, he posted a 115-89 (.564) record, including an 88-20 mark in conference play. His teams won four regular-season titles and four conference tournament championships advancing to four NCAA Tournaments. In his final season at the helm of TSU, the Tigers won their first-ever NCAA Tournament game defeating North Carolina Central in the First Four.

Under his leadership, five Tigers were named the SWAC Player of the Year, a feat which had never occurred in the league and was the fourth-longest streak in the history of the NCAA. In addition, 11 earned All-League honors, three were tabbed the Defensive Players of the Year, two were selected the Newcomer of the Year and one was picked the Freshmen of the Year.

He started his collegiate head-coaching career at Indiana University from 2000-06 after serving as an assistant coach for three seasons under legendary head coach and Hall-Of-Famer Bobby Knight.

At IU, he compiled a 115-79 record, 55-41 in the Big Ten, and led the Hoosiers to five postseason tournaments, including a run to the NCAA Championship game in 2002. Davis' teams played some of their best basketball during the postseason tallying a 21-12 record in the month of March and a 7-4 NCAA Tournament mark.

He was named the 25th head coach in Indiana history on Sept. 12, 2000, succeeding Knight, and had the most successful first season of any of his 24 predecessors going 21-13 and finishing fourth in the Big Ten at 10-6. His 21 wins were four more than any other first-year IU head coach. He was also the first coach in Indiana history to open his tenure with three straight 20-plus win seasons and three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances as he directed the Hoosiers to a share of the 2002 Big Ten championship and an appearance in the 2002 national championship game, while also defeating 22 nationally-ranked opponents.

In his second season, the Hoosiers were 25-12 and 11-5 in the Big Ten to share the regular season title. As the No. 5 seed in the South Regional of the NCAA Tournament, IU downed Utah (75-56) and UNC-Wilmington (76-67) to advance to the Sweet 16. The Hoosiers then ousted top-seeded Duke (74-73) and Kent State (81-69) to move into the Final Four.

In the national semifinal, Indiana overcame a halftime deficit to move past the West Regional's No. 2 seed Oklahoma, 73-64, before falling to the East Regional's No. 1 seed Maryland, 64-52, in the title contest.

Prior to being named head coach Davis had already contributed significantly to the Indiana program. He spent the previous three seasons as an assistant coach with the Hoosiers. His successful recruitment of several of the country's top prep players earned him national recognition at Indiana.

In addition to his recruiting success, he was instrumental in the development of several players including A.J. Guyton, the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player in 2000, Kirk Haston, a first-round NBA selection in 2001, and 2002 Big Ten MVP and consensus second-team All-American Jared Jeffries, who was the 11th overall pick of the 2002 NBA Draft by the Washington Wizards.

In Davis' three seasons as an IU assistant, the Hoosiers compiled a 63-32 overall record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament all three seasons.

After Indiana, Davis was named the head coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB), where he led the Blazers to a 122-72 (.629) overall record with a 62-34 mark in Conference USA during his six years (2006-12).

Davis also led his teams to success off the court and in the classroom as the team had four consecutive semesters of a perfect 1000 APR score.

Davis had a highly successful season at UAB in 2010-11 leading the Blazers to the program's first-ever Conference USA regular season title. In doing so, he was named the 2011 Conference USA Coach of the Year, while also earning NABC All-District Coach of the Year accolades.



In 2010-11, Davis also guided the Blazers to an NCAA Tournament at-large berth with a record of 22-9 and a 12-4 mark in league play. UAB earned at least 20 victories in the regular season in four-straight years during Davis' tenure (2007-2012), marking the first time that feat had been achieved in program history. The Blazers also won at least 11 conference games in each of those seasons.

Under Davis, the program clinched four consecutive postseason berths (three NITs and one NCAA Tournament). Davis subsequently etched his name in the record books as he became only the second coach in UAB history to reach 90 wins in a four-year span. The only other coach in program history to accomplish the feat was Hall of Famer Gene Bartow, who reached the pinnacle with a school-record 94 victories from 1983-87.

"Our vision in the Horizon League is to be a nationally recognized NCAA Division I conference that develops student-athletes to their fullest potential," said Jon LeCrone, former Horizon League Commissioner. "Mike is a proven winner and brings the knowledge, skill and values that our League embraces."

He started coaching at Miles College as an assistant in 1989-90 and then moved to Venezuela to work with the country's national and professional teams. He arrived back in the states to coach in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) with the Wichita Falls franchise that eventually relocated to Chicago. Davis moved with the team not only as an assistant

coach, but also as a player. Despite not playing professional basketball for five years, Davis averaged 8.3 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.6 assists per contest in 1994-95.

Davis was then an assistant coach at his alma mater from 1995-97 under David Hobbs at Alabama before taking the assistant coaching job at Indiana. The 1995-96 Crimson Tide basketball team posted a 23-10 record and advanced to the NIT Final Four.

Davis spent his collegiate-playing career with the Tide after earning the state's Mr. Basketball honor and All-America status in 1979. He was a standout for four seasons at Alabama and finished his career in the Top 25 on the Crimson Tide's all-time scoring list with 1,211 points. In his first season, he played for the legendary C.M. Newton and then spent his final three years playing under another coaching legend, Wimp Sanderson.

"I think coach Davis is a great hire. He is an experienced coach who has coached and won on every level. His veteran experience is going to be a big boost to the University. He is a coach with a wealth of knowledge and he will do a great job there," added former Titan coach and college basketball legend Dick Vitale.

Davis averaged 10.1 points per game for his collegiate career and ranks third all-time on the school's steals list with 165. During his four seasons at Alabama, the Crimson Tide posted an 80-42 record and advanced to two NIT and two NCAA Tournaments.



Davis is married to Tamilya Davis and the couple has one son, Antoine, the 2022 and 2023 HL Player of the Year. Davis is also the father of current assistant coach Mike Davis, Jr., who was a member of the Indiana and UAB men's basketball team that he coached and was an assistant with him at Texas Southern, and he also has one daughter, Lateesha.

THE MIKE DAVIS FILE

Born: September 15, 1960

Hometown: Fayette, Alabama

High School: Fayette County

Accolades: Mr. Basketball High School honor in 1979

College: Alabama (played 1979-83), graduate of Thomas Edison College '00

Accolades: 10.1 ppg. 165 steals ranks third all-time at the school. Won the team's Hustle Award all four seasons

Family: Married, wife Tamilya, children (3): Mike Davis Jr., Antoine, Lateesha

Career Assistant Coach Resume

Years	School	Position
1989-1990	Miles College	Assistant Coach
1990-1994	Wichita Falls Texans (CBA)	Assistant Coach
1994-1995	Chicago (CBA)	Assistant Coach
1995-1997	Alabama	Assistant Coach
1997-2000	Indiana	Assistant Coach

Career Breakdown As A Head Coach

Indiana (Big Ten Conference) (2000-2006)

Year	School	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2000-01	Indiana	21-13	10-6	4th	NCAA Round of 64
2001-02	Indiana	25-12	11-5	T-1st	NCAA Runner-Up
2002-03	Indiana	21-13	8-8	6th	NCAA Round of 32
2003-04	Indiana	14-15	7-9	T-9th	n/a
2004-05	Indiana	15-14	10-6	T-4th	NIT First Round
2005-06	Indiana	19-12	9-7	T-4th	NCAA Round of 32

Indiana: 115-79 (.593) / 55-41 (.573)

UAB (Conference USA) (2006-2012)

2006-07	UAB	15-16	7-9	T-8th	n/a
2007-08	UAB	23-11	12-4	2nd	NIT Second Round
2008-09	UAB	22-11	11-5	3rd	NIT First Round
2009-10	UAB	25-9	11-5	T-3rd	NIT Quarterfinals
2010-11	UAB	22-9	12-4	1st	NCAA First Four (C-USA Coach of the Year)
2011-12	UAB	15-16	9-7	T-5th	

UAB: 122-73 (.626) / 62-34 (.646)

Texas Southern (Southwestern Athletic Conference) (2012-18)

2012-13	Texas Southern	17-14	16-2	1st	n/a (SWAC Coach of the Year)
2013-14	Texas Southern	19-15	12-6	T-2nd	NCAA First Four
2014-15	Texas Southern	22-13	16-2	1st	NCAA Round of 64 (SWAC Coach of the Year)
2015-16	Texas Southern	18-15	16-2	1st	NIT First Round (SWAC Coach of the Year)
2016-17	Texas Southern	23-12	16-2	1st	NCAA Round of 64
2017-18	Texas Southern	16-20	12-6	T-2nd	NCAA Round of 64

Totals 115-89 (.564) / 88-20 (.815)

Detroit Mercy (Horizon League)

2018-19	Detroit Mercy	11-20	8-10	T-6th	n/a
2019-20	Detroit Mercy	8-23	6-12	9th	n/a
2020-21	Detroit Mercy	12-10	10-6	5th	n/a
2021-22	Detroit Mercy	14-16	10-7	6th	The Basketball Classic First Round
2022-23	Detroit Mercy	14-19	9-11	T8th	n/a

59-88 (.401) / 43-46 (.483)

Total: 411-329 (.577)

SEASON NOTES

- Head coach Mike Davis is in his sixth season at Detroit Mercy and 24th as a head coach with six at Indiana, UAB and Texas Southern.
- Assistant coach Jerica Williams is the first woman to serve on the men's staff in school history.
- Detroit Mercy will have to replace four starters, including the two-time Horizon League Player of the Year and current Portland Trailblazers guard Antoine Davis.
- The Titans welcome back just five letterwinners from a year ago and one starter in Jayden Stone.
- With those returners, the Titans bring back just 19% of minutes played (1,273/6,650) and 11.9% of points scored (302/2,527).
- Detroit Mercy's roster features student-athletes from five states and five countries.
- A couple of Titans have some impressive NBA connections as Abdullah Olajuwon is the son of Hakeem Olajuwon, who played 18 years in the NBA, winning two championships with the Houston Rockets in 1994 and 1995 before being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008 and the FIBA Hall of Fame in 2016 and Tyree Davis' dad, Ricky Davis, played 12 years in the NBA and averaged 13.5 points per game, including a career-high 20.6 as a member of the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2002-03.
- Senior Jayden Stone started all 13 games he saw action in a year ago and tallied 13.9 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game, hitting 49.2% from the field (62-of-126), 51.9% from three (27-of-52) and 85.7% at the free-throw line (30-of-25). He scored in double figures in eight games with five 20-point efforts and had at least five rebounds in seven contests, recording his first career double-double with 15 points (5-9 FG) and 12 rebounds against Rochester in his Titan debut and posted a career-high 24 points, hitting a career-high 10-of-19 from the field, with eight boards, at Wright State and 24 points, shooting a career-best 6-of-9 from three, with nine rebounds, three assists and a steal at NKU.
- Sophomore Marcus Tankersley came into his own late last season, netting a season-high 14 points at Youngstown State in the HL Quarterfinals and 12 points against Purdue Fort Wayne in the first round.
- Senior Kyle LeGreair has played in 57 games in his Titan career.
- Junior Mak Manciel is a local product from Sterling Heights, Michigan, who was a First Team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American as a sophomore at Henry Ford College after posting 15.0 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists, shooting 47.6% from the field, 40.8% from three and 83.0% at the line. Last year, he was at Arkansas State, but missed last season due to a knee injury.
- Senior Alex Tchikou has seen action in 31 games in his previous two stops at Alabama and Rhode Island, reaching the NCAA Tournament as a freshman with the Crimson Tide. Last season, he suited up in 29 games with 14 starts with the Rams and recorded 4.2 points and 3.7 rebounds per game, shooting 48.8% from the field with 21 blocks.
- Graduate senior Emmanuel Kuac has seen action in 47 games with six starts in his four years at New Mexico and averaged 2.7 points and 3.6 rebounds, but has played just seven games the last two years due to injury.
- Graduate senior Donovann Toatley has played in 45 collegiate games with eight starts in his previous stops at Bethune-Cookman, Monmouth and Tennessee-Chattanooga.
- Graduate senior Oton Jankovic played in 21 games in three years at Tulane and started his collegiate career at Vanderbilt, playing in 21 games as a rookie.
- Graduate senior Edoardo Del Cadia has played at two Division I programs in Nicholls State and UNLV and is the first Titan to hail from Italy.
- The Titans will have 11 non-conference games, with several against multi-bid leagues, from the AAC, ACC, BIG 10, SEC and the WCC. The 11 foes totaled a 202-161 (55.6%) record last season.

Detroit Mercy Titans
Detroit Mercy Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 03, 2023)
All games



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-19	9-5	5-13	0-1
CONFERENCE	9-11	5-5	4-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-8	4-0	1-7	0-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot									avg
00	Antoine Davis	33-33	1232	37.3	303-732	.414	159-386	.412	165-182	.907	14	86	100	3.0	69	0	120	109	2	41	930	28.2
11	Gerald Liddell	23-23	712	31.0	115-265	.434	5-19	.263	91-127	.717	90	136	226	9.8	74	1	38	51	23	30	326	14.2
14	Jayden Stone	13-13	406	31.2	62-126	.492	27-52	.519	30-35	.857	9	60	69	5.3	20	0	28	16	1	8	181	13.9
23	Damezi Anderson	33-32	904	27.4	113-265	.426	66-191	.346	19-24	.792	49	98	147	4.5	81	2	33	33	12	22	311	9.4
12	Jordan Phillips	10-9	275	27.5	31-77	.403	11-25	.440	19-28	.679	13	34	47	4.7	21	0	10	12	4	6	92	9.2
21	A.J. Oliver	29-26	750	25.9	89-193	.461	39-106	.368	48-56	.857	59	81	140	4.8	62	2	21	26	1	20	265	9.1
01	TJ Moss	31-20	824	26.6	64-165	.388	12-40	.300	31-51	.608	29	65	94	3.0	53	0	86	70	9	32	171	5.5
04	Marcus Tankersley	24-0	168	7.0	20-39	.513	2-7	.286	15-16	.938	12	16	28	1.2	11	0	11	5	0	6	57	2.4
13	Isaiah Jones	24-1	245	10.2	22-54	.407	12-37	.324	0-0	.000	27	28	55	2.3	18	0	5	7	0	5	56	2.3
15	Arashma Parks	23-2	253	11.0	20-35	.571	0-1	.000	4-18	.222	36	50	86	3.7	39	0	3	9	7	4	44	1.9
41	Tobin Schwannecke	4-0	5	1.3	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.5
02	Kyle LeGreair	33-3	555	16.8	15-31	.484	3-5	.600	10-22	.455	24	46	70	2.1	32	0	49	24	2	23	43	1.3
33	Buay Koka	26-1	182	7.0	14-25	.560	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	15	28	43	1.7	36	1	2	11	3	3	30	1.2
10	Jamail Pink	16-2	139	8.7	5-14	.357	2-6	.333	3-7	.429	3	5	8	0.5	12	0	7	1	0	2	15	0.9
Team													53	46	99						16	
Total.....		0	6650		876-2024	.433	338-875	.386	437-569	.768	433	779	1212	0.0	529	6	413	390	64	202	2527	0.0
Opponents.....		0	6651		893-1931	.462	277-757	.366	423-560	.755	325	772	1097	0.0	566	5	466	386	91	214	2486	0.0

TEAM STATISTICS	DETMEYCY	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2527	2486	11/08/22	ROCHESTER COLLEGE	W 93-65	1735
Points per game	76.6	75.3	11/11/22	at Boston College	L 66-70	4830
Scoring margin	+1.2	-	11/16/22	OHIO	W 88-74	1587
FIELD GOALS-ATT	876-2024	893-1931	11/19/22	at Fla. Atlantic	L 55-76	1420
Field goal pct	.433	.462	11/21/22	vs Bryant	L 88-98	105
3 POINT FG-ATT	338-875	277-757	11/23/22	CHARLOTTE	W 70-49	1707
3-point FG pct	.386	.366	11/25/22	at Washington St.	L 54-96	3275
3-pt FG made per game	10.2	8.4	* 12/01/22	at Purdue Fort Wayne	W 75-66	1495
FREE THROWS-ATT	437-569	423-560	* 12/03/22	at Cleveland St.	L 77-92	1409
Free throw pct	.768	.755	12/07/22	at Tulsa	W 76-72	3012
F-Throws made per game	13.2	12.8	12/10/22	at Charlotte	Lot 80-82	2704
REBOUNDS	1212	1097	12/18/22	at Eastern Mich.	L 77-79	2823
Rebounds per game	36.7	33.2	12/21/22	at Cincinnati	L 54-72	9519
Rebounding margin	+3.5	-	* 12/29/22	GREEN BAY	W 76-59	1543
ASSISTS	413	466	* 12/31/22	MILWAUKEE	L 81-84	1533
Assists per game	12.5	14.1	* 01/06/23	at Wright St.	L 85-90	4488
TURNOVERS	390	386	* 01/08/23	at Northern Ky.	Lot 76-78	2480
Turnovers per game	11.8	11.7	* 01/12/23	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	L 79-84	1333
Turnover margin	-0.1	-	* 01/14/23	ROBERT MORRIS	W 87-75	1667
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.2	* 01/21/23	at IUPUI	W 89-77	1101
STEALS	202	214	* 01/23/23	OAKLAND	L 67-76	2553
Steals per game	6.1	6.5	* 01/27/23	at Robert Morris	L 77-85	1413
BLOCKS	64	91	* 01/29/23	at Youngstown St.	L 63-73	4187
Blocks per game	1.9	2.8	* 02/02/23	CLEVELAND ST.	W 85-67	1113
ATTENDANCE	24814	56958	* 02/04/23	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W 85-52	2021
Home games-Avg/Game	14-1772	18-3158	* 02/09/23	at Milwaukee	L 89-94	1768
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-105	* 02/11/23	at Green Bay	W 76-71	1403
			* 02/17/23	at Oakland	W 96-74	3942
			* 02/19/23	IUPUI	W 81-68	1917
			* 02/23/23	NORTHERN KY.	L 64-67	1335
			* 02/25/23	WRIGHT ST.	L 71-82	3107
			02/28/23	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W 81-68	1663
			03/02/23	at Youngstown St.	L 66-71	5584

* - Conference game



Detroit Mercy Titans
Detroit Mercy Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 25, 2023)
Conference games only



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-11	5-5	4-6	0-0
CONFERENCE	9-11	5-5	4-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds		pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def									tot	avg
00	Antoine Davis	20-20	747	37.3	192-454	.423	102-242	.421	115-125	.920	6	51	57	2.9	40	0	75	60	1	24	601	30.1
14	Jayden Stone	4-4	134	33.5	27-52	.519	12-23	.522	5-7	.714	3	25	28	7.0	6	0	9	5	0	2	71	17.8
11	Gerald Liddell	17-17	493	29.0	85-186	.457	4-11	.364	62-88	.705	61	91	152	8.9	58	1	28	37	12	19	236	13.9
21	A.J. Oliver	17-14	471	27.7	63-133	.474	30-73	.411	29-33	.879	32	52	84	4.9	40	2	10	17	1	11	185	10.9
23	Damezi Anderson	20-19	535	26.8	72-165	.436	38-110	.345	14-17	.824	29	62	91	4.6	49	1	24	20	7	14	196	9.8
01	TJ Moss	20-18	569	28.5	47-125	.376	10-31	.323	24-31	.774	21	43	64	3.2	40	0	62	48	6	24	128	6.4
13	Isaiah Jones	17-1	188	11.1	19-41	.463	10-28	.357	0-0	.000	22	25	47	2.8	10	0	4	5	0	4	48	2.8
12	Jordan Phillips	1-1	15	15.0	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
02	Kyle LeGreair	20-3	387	19.4	12-24	.500	3-5	.600	8-16	.500	16	32	48	2.4	23	0	35	13	1	19	35	1.8
04	Marcus Tankersley	16-0	98	6.1	9-21	.429	0-5	.000	6-6	1.000	8	9	17	1.1	6	0	6	4	0	3	24	1.5
15	Arashma Parks	16-2	168	10.5	11-23	.478	0-1	.000	1-9	.111	27	29	56	3.5	25	0	3	6	6	2	23	1.4
41	Tobin Schwannecke	3-0	4	1.3	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3
33	Buay Koka	16-1	99	6.2	7-14	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	11	18	29	1.8	18	1	0	2	1	2	14	0.9
10	Jamail Pink	14-0	117	8.4	4-10	.400	2-4	.500	2-5	.400	3	4	7	0.5	11	0	6	1	0	2	12	0.9
Team											36	26	62				11					
Total.....		20	4025		551-1256	.439	211-534	.395	266-338	.787	275	471	746	37.3	326	5	262	229	35	126	1579	78.9
Opponents.....		20	4025		542-1145	.473	161-433	.372	269-358	.751	176	456	632	31.6	341	4	272	237	62	130	1514	75.7

TEAM STATISTICS	DETMERCY	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1579	1514	* 12/01/22	at Purdue Fort Wayne	W 75-66	1495
Points per game	78.9	75.7	* 12/03/22	at Cleveland St.	L 77-92	1409
Scoring margin	+3.3	-	* 12/29/22	GREEN BAY	W 76-59	1543
FIELD GOALS-ATT	551-1256	542-1145	* 12/31/22	MILWAUKEE	L 81-84	1533
Field goal pct	.439	.473	* 01/06/23	at Wright St.	L 85-90	4488
3 POINT FG-ATT	211-534	161-433	* 01/08/23	at Northern Ky.	Lot 76-78	2480
3-point FG pct	.395	.372	* 01/12/23	YOUNGSTOWN ST.	L 79-84	1333
3-pt FG made per game	10.6	8.1	* 01/14/23	ROBERT MORRIS	W 87-75	1667
FREE THROWS-ATT	266-338	269-358	* 01/21/23	at IUPUI	W 89-77	1101
Free throw pct	.787	.751	* 01/23/23	OAKLAND	L 67-76	2553
F-Throws made per game	13.3	13.5	* 01/27/23	at Robert Morris	L 77-85	1413
REBOUNDS	746	632	* 01/29/23	at Youngstown St.	L 63-73	4187
Rebounds per game	37.3	31.6	* 02/02/23	CLEVELAND ST.	W 85-67	1113
Rebounding margin	+5.7	-	* 02/04/23	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W 85-52	2021
ASSISTS	262	272	* 02/09/23	at Milwaukee	L 89-94	1768
Assists per game	13.1	13.6	* 02/11/23	at Green Bay	W 76-71	1403
TURNOVERS	229	237	* 02/17/23	at Oakland	W 96-74	3942
Turnovers per game	11.5	11.9	* 02/19/23	IUPUI	W 81-68	1917
Turnover margin	+0.4	-	* 02/23/23	NORTHERN KY.	L 64-67	1335
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.1	* 02/25/23	WRIGHT ST.	L 71-82	3107
STEALS	126	130				
Steals per game	6.3	6.5				
BLOCKS	35	62				
Blocks per game	1.8	3.1				
ATTENDANCE	18122	23686				
Home games-Avg/Game	10-1812	10-2369				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Detroit Mercy	712	862	5	1579
Opponents	719	788	7	1514

14 POSTSEASON BERTHS

22 NBA/ABA DRAFT PICKS

MEDIA INFORMATION

WEBSITE

Information on the Detroit Mercy Titans, all other Horizon League teams, and the conference is available to members of the media at all times via the Internet.

Visit Detroit Mercy's official Athletics website, **DetroitTitans.com**. The site will include up to date statistics and game notes as well as other pertinent information about Titan basketball and all other varsity teams.

The Horizon League website is **HorizonLeague.org**. Results and box scores from all games involving conference members, as well as updated statistics, will be available at the conference website each game night.

CREDENTIALS

Working media and photography credential applications should be made prior to game day with the Detroit Mercy Athletic Communications Office through Director of Athletic Communications P.J. Gradowski.

The best method to request credentials is through email at gradowpj@udmercy.edu.

Credentials can also be requested through:

Phone - 313-585-0982

Mail - 4001 West McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221-3038.

Passes not distributed in advance will be held for pick-up at the "Will Call" desk in Calihan Hall's Northwest ticket lobby.

Parking, if requested in advance, can also be reserved through the Athletic Communications Office. Entry to the parking lot should be made through the Fairfield Street gate (East of Calihan Hall).

GAMEDAY OPERATIONS

Programs, lineups, statistics, Horizon League standings, notes and game background information will be provided, but all pertinent information will be available on DetroitTitans.com.

Live stats will be available throughout the entire game at DetroitTitans.com.

ESPN+/ESPN3 will provide live video for all home games not televised by any other network.

Wireless internet access is available in the arena (UDMSecure, Password detroitmercy.com).

INTERVIEWS & POSTGAME PROTOCOL

The best time to reach Detroit Mercy head coach Mike Davis for interviews is in the morning. Please feel free to contact the Detroit Mercy Athletic Communications office for assistance in arranging interviews with the coach.

Please arrange all player interviews through the Athletic Communications Office, allowing one day in advance, if possible.

We will try to accommodate every request, taking the players' classroom and practice schedules into consideration.

Titan coaches and players will be available for post-game interviews this season. There will be postgame person-to-person interviews, but social distancing rules will be enforced.

Please note that the Titan locker room is closed to the media following games both at home and on the road.

BROADCASTS

The Athletic Communications Office has installed two ethernet, telephone lines and ISDN lines at Calihan Hall available to visiting radio stations. To arrange for their use, or for additional lines, please contact P.J. Gradowski (gradowpj@udmercy.edu/313-585-0982) in advance of game day.

Television stations desiring live coverage should also contact P.J. Gradowski for broadcast rights.

Broadcast spotters or statisticians may be secured through the Detroit Mercy Athletic Communications office with advance notice.

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Celebrating its 45th season of operation in the 2023-24 academic year, the Horizon League continues to aspire toward its goal of being one of the nation's leading athletics conferences while being recognized as a leader in integrity and the development of students. Each of the League's nearly 3,000 Division I student-athletes has the opportunity to maximize athletic development and academic achievement, while also serving the broader community and growing in personal responsibility and accountability. Through athletics, the nearly 200,000 undergraduates among Horizon League institutions have the opportunity to come together, learn and grow in life skills and opportunities.

The Horizon League membership features 11 public and private institutions that have impressive academic reputations and a storied tradition of broad-based athletic programs. Membership includes Cleveland State University, the University of Detroit Mercy, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Northern Kentucky University, Oakland University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Robert Morris University, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wright State University and Youngstown State University.

The Horizon League's primary focus is on adding value to the educational experience through its core values: student-athlete well-being, integrity, respect and stewardship. It is the League's belief that athletics is a powerful and visible resource tool that can be used to enhance student-athletes' collegiate experience. The Horizon League's goals are to enhance the holistic university experience for the student-athlete, to create an affiliation of institutions with similar athletic goals, and to adhere to the principals of integrity, diversity, excellence and growth.

The Horizon League sponsors competition in 19 sports - nine for men (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and tennis) and 10 for women (basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, tennis and volleyball).

The League receives automatic bids to NCAA championships in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball. The Horizon League is headquartered in Indianapolis, the "Amateur Sports Capital of the World," with offices in the J.F. Wild Building (129 East Market Street), located minutes from Gainbridge Life Fieldhouse, Lucas Oil Stadium, the State Capitol Building, Victory Field (home of the Indianapolis Indians, AAA affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates) and the NCAA national office.

A PROUD HISTORY

Founded on June 16, 1979, as the Midwestern City Conference with six charter members and a focus on basketball excellence, the League changed its name to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference in 1985 and added women's sports for the 1986-87 academic year. Charter members of the conference included Butler University, the University of Evansville, Loyola University Chicago, Oklahoma City University, Oral Roberts University and Xavier University.

Among current members, Detroit Mercy joined in 1980, and Cleveland State, Green Bay, Milwaukee and Wright State came aboard in 1994 (along with Northern Illinois University and UIC) in the largest non-merger conference expansion in history. Youngstown State joined in 2001, and Oakland in 2013. Northern Kentucky joined two years later in 2015 and IUPUI became a member in 2017. The newest members of the Horizon League, Purdue Fort Wayne and Robert Morris, officially joined the League on July 1, 2020.

On June 4, 2001, the Horizon League unveiled its current name and ushered in a new dynamic direction that has brought the League closer to its stated goal of being one of the nation's top 10 collegiate athletic conferences with a focus on enhancing the student-athletes' experience by upgrading the League's market and competitive positions.

ATHLETIC SUCCESS

The Horizon League has enjoyed unprecedented success on the national stage, highlighted by two appearances in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship Game. Additionally, seven programs have advanced to the Sweet 16 in conference history. From 2004-2011, a Horizon League member won at least one game in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, leading all mid-major leagues.

Green Bay's women's basketball team became the League's first team to reach the Sweet 16 in 2011, knocking off Michigan State in the second round before going toe-to-toe with No. 1 seed Baylor in the regional semifinals. The Phoenix earned a No. 5 seed in the tournament, going 34-2 and holding a perfect 16-0 mark in Horizon League play. The Phoenix backed up that performance by reaching the second round of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament in 2012.

Baseball has won a game in the NCAA Tournament in four of the last nine years (Valparaiso - 2013, Youngstown State - 2014. Wright State - 2015, 2016), highlighted by Wright State reaching the regional final round in 2015 and 2016. Men's soccer has tasted victory in seven out of the last 18 NCAA Tournaments. In softball, League teams won a game in the national tournament four straight years (UIC 2002, 2004; Wright State 2003; Green Bay 2005), while the Milwaukee women's soccer program advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2011. Butler's Victoria Mitchell became the League's first NCAA individual champion when she won the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the 2005 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

In the latest graduation success report, Horizon League members held an average single year graduation success rate of 90.5 percent for all student-athletes. The Horizon League members achieved a single year federal graduation rate average of 72.2, higher than the all DI average of 67.5. Across the student-body population within the Horizon League, the average federal graduation rate was 50.4 percent. Additionally, every League school has earned the Academic Revenue Distribution at least twice in the last 3 years with a majority earning the distribution every year.

LEADERSHIP

In addition to its athletics success, the Horizon League has secured a well-earned reputation for its leadership in the community. The League has conference-wide partnership with Special Olympics and Team IMPACT. Each institution hosts at least one Special Olympics event on their campus each year. Additionally, campus programs partner with Team IMPACT, which seeks to improve the quality of life for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses by partnering with local college teams.

In addition to leadership in the community, one of the Horizon League's points of emphasis is fostering collegial environments for competition among student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans in a pro-active approach. Among the vehicles is the Ethical Conduct Pledge, which is signed each season by student-athletes, coaches, officials, and campus and League administrators. Its purpose is to make all the involved groups aware of the Horizon League expectations of behavior during conference events.

MAJOR REACH/VISIBILITY

Horizon League institutions boast a combined enrollment of over 190,000 with over 1.1 million living alumni. League media markets include four of the nation's top 30 in Detroit, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh, covering around 8 million television households.

The Horizon League continues to enhance its media visibility with a number of initiatives. The League is in the midst of an agreement with ESPN that includes selected regular-season men's basketball action (ESPN2 and ESPNU) and the men's and women's basketball championships (ESPN, ESPNU).

Additionally, the League was one of the first conferences in the nation to make its inventory of athletic events available in the digital space, launching the Horizon League Network in 2006. Having delivered over 3,300 live events in that span, the League began delivering events to ESPN3 in 2014 and provided over 600 live events in 2017-18.

While continuing to set the bar for live event streaming, the Horizon League has also played a role in supporting NCAA Championship events in Indianapolis. Most recently, the League co-hosted the 2022 NCAA Men's Basketball 1st and 2nd Rounds at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. After co-hosting the 2013 and 2014 Men's Basketball Midwest Regionals, the Horizon League was the co-host for the 2021 Men's Basketball Final Four, the seventh time (1991, 1997, 2000, 2006, 2010, 2015) the League has served in that role. In addition, the Horizon League co-hosted the 2016 Women's Basketball Final Four as well, marking the third time (2005, 2011) the conference has worked in that capacity.

In 2010, the Horizon League, along with national-runner up Butler University, co-hosted the 2010 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, becoming the first conference to host a Final Four while one of its members participated. A year later, the League successfully co-hosted the 2011 Women's Final Four at Conseco Fieldhouse while Butler was playing in its second consecutive Men's Final Four.

The Horizon League is scheduled to co-host the Men's Basketball Final Four, with League member IUPUI, in 2026 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

GOVERNANCE

In 2017-18, the League led the way with its implementation of a first-of-its-kind governance structure that provides student-athletes with a voice and a vote on League issues. The governance framework includes permanent representation for student-athletes on each of the League's five standing cabinets and a seat on the Horizon League Council.

The Horizon League is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of the 11 member institutions' chief executive officers. Dr. Ora Pescovitz, President of Oakland University, serves as Board Chair.

The Horizon League Council consists of the 11 member institutions' athletic directors, chairpersons of the Senior Woman's Administrators and Faculty Athletic Representatives and a student-athlete.

Scott Garrett, Director of Athletics at Cleveland State serves as Council Chair. Steve Waterfield, Director of Athletics at Oakland University, serves as Council vice-chair. Ashley Stone, Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Experience/Senior Woman Administrator at Oakland University, serves as the Senior Woman Administrator chair. Rob Kleidman of Cleveland State University serves as chair of the Faculty Athletics Representatives. Green Bay swimming and diving student-athlete Betsey Walkowiak serves as the student-athlete representative.

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Julie Roe Lach was named Horizon League Commissioner on Jan. 1, 2021. She is the sixth commissioner in League history, succeeding Jonathan B. LeCrone (1992-2020), Daniel B. "Tucker" DiEdwardo (1989-92), James W. Shaffer (1984-89), Cecil N. Coleman (1980-84) and James J. McCafferty (1979-80). Roe Lach is in her seventh year overall with the Horizon League, joining as Deputy Commissioner in August 2014.