



BASKETBALL

1962 - 1963 Season

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 14, 1962

Preliminary
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vs
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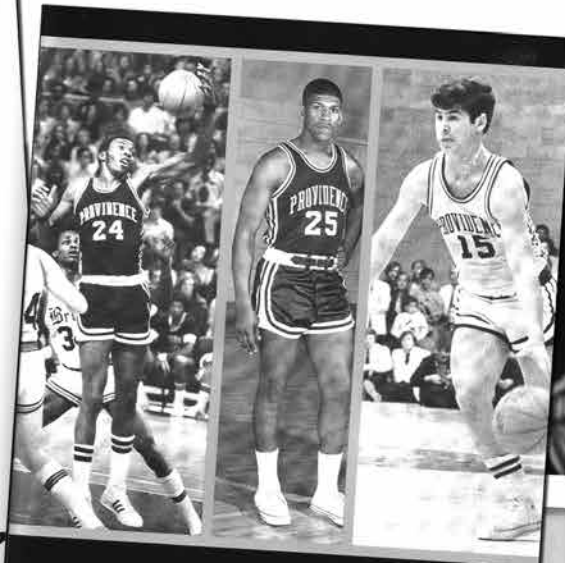
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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

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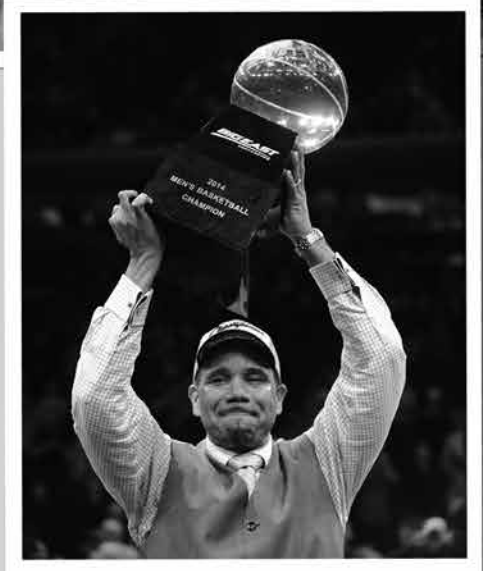
THE TRADITION & THE RECORDS



3 OF A KIND - FRIAR LEGENDS FOREVER



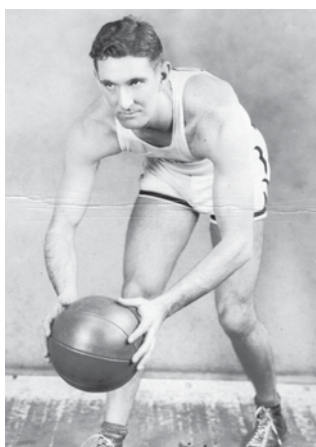
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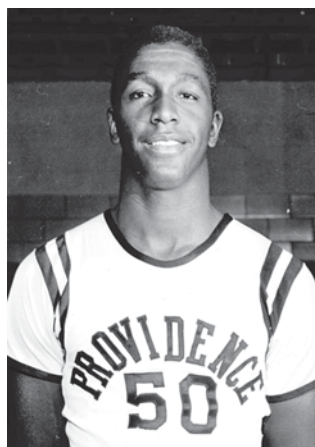
All-Americans and Post Season Tourneys

Friar All-Americans

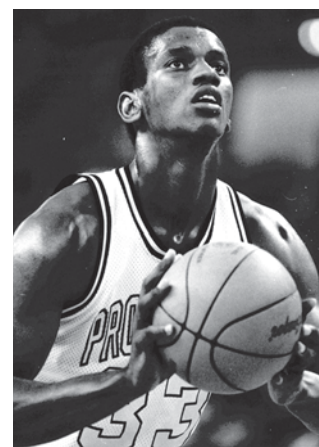
Ed Wineapple (1929)
 John Krieger (1930, 1931)
 William McCue (1931)
 Allen Brachen (1932, 1933)
 Larry Drew (1942)
 John Egan (1959, 1961)
 Len Wilkens (1959, 1960)
 Jim Hadnot (1961, 1962)
 Vin Ernst (1962, 1963)
 John Thompson (1964)
 Jimmy Walker (1965, 1966, 1967)
 Ernie DiGregorio (1971, 1972, 1973)
 Marvin Barnes (1973, 1974)
 Kevin Stacom (1974)
 Bruce Campbell (1976)
 Joe Hassett (1976, 1977)
 Dwight Williams (1978)
 Otis Thorpe (1983, 1984)
 Billy Donovan (1987)
 Eric Murdock (1989, 1990, 1991)
 Carlton Screen (1990)
 Jamel Thomas (1999)
 John Linehan (2001, 2002)
 Ryan Gomes (2004, 2005)
 Marshon Brooks (2011)
 Bryce Cotton (2014)
 Kris Dunn (2015, 2016)
 LaDontae Henton (2015)
 Ben Bentil (2016)
 David Duke (2021)



Allen Brachen
(1932, 1933)



John Thompson
(1964)



Otis Thorpe
(1983, 1984)

Friars in the Post Season

NCAA: 15-21

(20 Appearances, 2 Final Fours, 2 Elite Eights, 1 Sweet Sixteen)

NIT: 32-21

*(20 Appearances, 2 Championships,
2 Runner-ups, 3 Fourths)*

1958-59	NIT - Fourth
1959-60	NIT - Second
1960-61	NIT - Champions
1961-62	NIT - First Round
1962-63	NIT - Champions
1963-64	NCAA - First Round
1964-65	NCAA - Elite Eight
1965-66	NCAA - First Round
1966-67	NIT - Quarterfinal
1970-71	NIT - Quarterfinal
1971-72	NCAA - First Round
1972-73	NCAA - Final Four
1973-74	NCAA - Sweet Sixteen
1974-75	NIT - Second
1975-76	NIT - Fourth
1976-77	NCAA - First Round
1977-78	NCAA - First Round
1985-86	NIT - Quarterfinal
1986-87	NCAA - Final Four
1988-89	NCAA - First Round
1989-90	NCAA - First Round
1990-91	NIT - Quarterfinals
1992-93	NIT - Fourth
1993-94	NCAA - First Round
1994-95	NIT - Second Round
1995-96	NIT - Second Round
1996-97	NCAA - Elite Eight
1998-99	NIT - First Round
2000-01	NCAA - First Round
2002-03	NIT - Second Round
2003-04	NCAA - First Round
2006-07	NIT - First Round
2008-09	NIT - First Round
2012-13	NIT - Quarterfinals
2013-14	NCAA - Second Round
2014-15	NCAA - Second Round
2015-16	NCAA - Third Round
2016-17	NCAA - First Round
2017-18	NCAA - First Round
2018-19	NIT - First Round



Joe Mullaney and Friars celebrate after winning the school's second NIT championship in 1963.



Ernie DiGregorio and Marvin Barnes after beating Maryland to advance to the NCAA Final Four in 1973.

Hall of Fame and Friars in the NBA



Ryan Gomes
(2005-2012)



Austin Croshere
(1997-2009)



Marshon Brooks
2011 NBA First Round
Draft Pick

Friars in the Pros

- Marvin Barnes
- Ben Bentil
- Ira Bowman
- Marques Bragg
- Marshon Brooks
- Marty Conlon
- Bryce Cotton
- Austin Croshere
- Ernie DiGregorio
- Billy Donovan
- Kris Dunn
- John Egan
- Ruben Garces
- Ryan Gomes
- Jim Hadnot
- Joe Hassett
- Tony Koski
- Ricardo Ledo
- Eric Murdock
- Mike Riordan
- God Shammgod
- Dickey Simpkins
- Michael Smith
- Kevin Stacom
- Jamel Thomas
- John Thompson
- Otis Thorpe
- Jimmy Walker
- Dexter Westbrook
- Lenny Wilkens
- Eric Williams

Friars in the Hall of Fame

In September of 2006, former Friar Dave Gavitt was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Gavitt is the third member of the Providence basketball family to earn the honor and joins John Thompson and Lenny Wilkens.

Gavitt - former BIG EAST Conference Commissioner and one of the founding fathers of the league spent 17 years at Providence College, first from 1962-66 as an assistant men's basketball coach under the direction of Joe Mullaney, then from 1969-79 as head coach. Gavitt was also PC's athletics director from 1971-82. In 1982, he resigned to be the director of the BIG EAST.

As head coach of the Providence College men's basketball program from 1969-79, Gavitt led the Friars to the school's first Final Four berth in 1973, in addition to eight 20-win seasons, five NCAA Tournaments, three NIT Tournaments and five New England Coach of the Year trophies. He registered a record of 209-84 (.713) during his 10 seasons with the Friars, including 23 wins over Top-20 teams. His success as coach at Providence led to his selection as Head Coach of the 1980 United States Olympic Team.

Lenny Wilkens, who graduated from Providence College in 1960, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989 and 1998. The first PC player to earn the honor, Wilkens was ushered in as a player on May 9, 1989, and as a coach on October 2, 1998, making him one of only two individuals (John Wooden being the other) enshrined in the Hall of Fame in both categories.

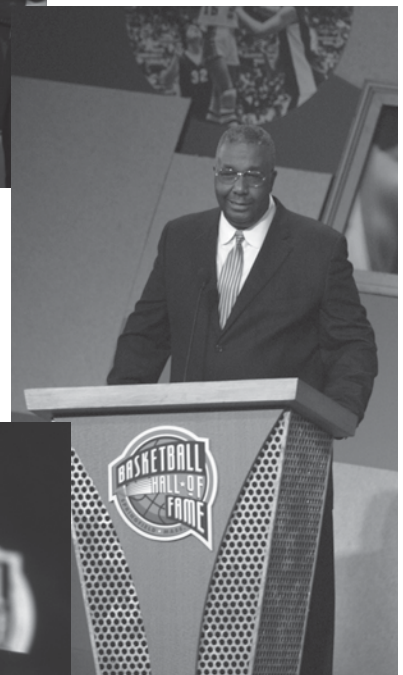
Thompson, who graduated from Providence College in 1964, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999.



Dave Gavitt



Lenny Wilkens



John Thompson

Friar Legend

Only a select few will ever earn the title of "Friar Legend." This is the highest honor a Providence College basketball player or coach can receive. Each Friar Legend has his own banner hanging from the rafters of the Dunkin' Donuts Center. To earn the honor, the player or coach must have made a significant impact on Friar basketball and he must have received national recognition during his career at Providence.



Joe Mullaney

- Coached the Friars from 1955-69 and again from 1981-85
- Three-time New England Coach of the Year
- Guided PC to nine consecutive 20-win seasons
- Coached PC to the 1961 and 1963 NIT titles
- Developed six All-Americans and recorded a 271-94 (.742) mark (first stint)



Marvin Barnes

- First Team All-American (1974); Third Team All-American (1973)
- 1974 NCAA National Rebounding Champion (18.7 rpg)
- Eastern Player of the Year (1974)
- Second pick in the 1974 NBA draft
- Holds Providence single game, season and career records for rebounds and blocks



Lenny Wilkens

- First Team All-American (1960)
- MVP of the NIT and the East-West All-Star Game
- Retired from NBA second all-time in assists
- Nine-time NBA All-Star
- Retired from NBA coaching as the all-time leader in victories with 1,315
- Inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach



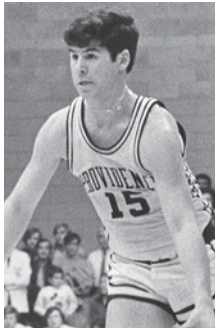
Vinnie Ernst

- NIT Most Valuable Player (1961)
- First Team All-American (1963)
- Honorable Mention All-American (1962, 1963)
- Helped PC capture the NIT (1961, 1963)
- All-East (1962, 1963)
- Averaged 5.9 assists per game for his career



Bruce Campbell

- UPI Honorable Mention All-American (1976)
- Named All-New England (1978)
- Helped lead PC to two NCAA tournament appearances and two NIT appearances
- Led team to an 89-35 record over four seasons (.718)
- Averaged 14.8 ppg and 7.8 rpg for his career



Ernie DiGregorio

- First Team All-American in 1971 and 1973
- NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team
- Third pick in the 1973 NBA draft
- ECAC Eastern Player of the Decade for the 1970's
- Holds Providence single season record for assists
- Helped lead PC to the 1973 Final Four



Jimmy Walker

- Three time All-American, First Team All-American (1966, 1967)
- Averaged over 30 points a game in 1967
- Led the nation in scoring in 1967 (30.4 ppg)
- Providence College's and New England's only No. 1 Draft choice of the NBA
- Set PC scoring records for single game, season and career
- Scored 2,045 points in three seasons



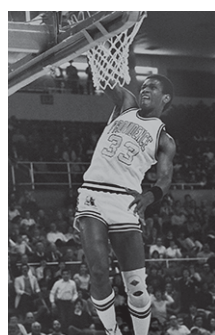
John Egan

- Honorable Mention All-American (1959), Second Team All-American (1961)
- NIT All-Tournament Team Selection in 1959 and 1961
- Averaged 18.8 ppg during the 1961 NIT Championship season
- Scored 1,434 points in three seasons
- 12th pick in the 1961 NBA Draft
- NABC All-District First Team from 1959-61
- All-East Selection (1961)



Ray Flynn

- All-East (1962, 1963)
- NIT Most Valuable Player (1963)
- Helped PC capture the NIT (1961, 1963)
- Averaged 18.9 ppg during 1963 NIT Championship Season
- Academic All-American (1963)
- Scored 1,025 points in three seasons
- NCAA Silver Anniversary Award (1988)



Otis Thorpe

- AP Honorable Mention All-American (1983, 1984)
- BIG EAST All-Rookie Team (1981)
- First Team All-BIG EAST (1984)
- Third Team All-BIG EAST (1982, 1983)
- Scored 1,625 points and grabbed 902 rebounds
- Had a career field goal percentage of .575
- Played 17 seasons in the NBA



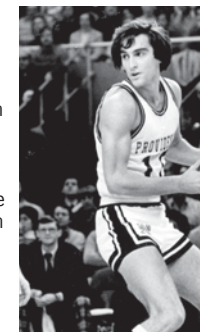
Dave Gavitt

- Led Providence to the 1973 Final Four
- Guided PC to 23 wins over top-20 teams
- Registered five NCAA appearances and three NIT invites in 10 seasons
- Recorded eight consecutive 20-win seasons
- Posted a 209-84 (.713) mark
- Director of Athletics at Providence College (1971-82)
- 1980 United States Olympic Basketball Coach
- Elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006
- Founded the BIG EAST Conference



Kevin Stacom

- Helped lead PC to the Final Four (1973)
- NCAA East Region All-Tournament Team (1973)
- Second Team All-American (1974)
- All-East Selection (1974)
- Scored 1,143 points in two seasons
- *Played six seasons in the NBA
- Second Team All-American in 1974



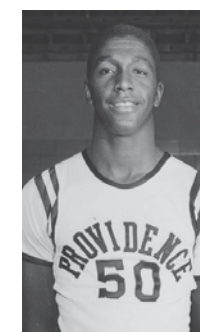
Joe Hassett

- Honorable Mention All-American (1976)
- Third Team All-American (1977)
- All-East Honoree (1976, 1977)
- NABC All-District Selection (1975, 1976, 1977)
- All-New England Selection (1975, 1976, 1977)
- Scored 1,828 points in four seasons
- Played six seasons in the NBA



Jim Hadnot

- Honorable Mention All-American (1961, 1962)
- Helped PC capture the NIT (1961)
- Averaged 19.3 points and 16.3 rebounds per game in 1961
- For his career scored 1,467 points and grabbed 1,299 rebounds
- Graduated as team's all-time scoring and rebounding leader



John Thompson

- First Team All-American (1964)
- Helped PC capture the NIT (1963)
- New England Player of the Year, All-East, ECAC All-Star, East-West All-Star (1964)
- Played two seasons in NBA and won two titles with the Celtics (1965, 1966)
- Coached Georgetown to the NCAA title (1984)
- 1988 Olympic Basketball Coach (Bronze Medal)
- Elected to Naismith Hall of Fame (1999)

No. 1 Falls in Friartown



February 24, 2009 Providence 81, No. 1 Pittsburgh 73

No. 1 Pittsburgh charged into the Dunk' late in the season on February 24, 2009, surging in BIG EAST play with a 12-2 league record. The team featured two All-Americans and the Panthers were battling for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. PC featured a veteran squad and the seniors wanted to go out with a bang in the final home game of their careers.



December 29, 1976 Providence 82, No. 1 Michigan 81

The No. 1 ranked Michigan Wolverines came into Providence confident, averaging 95 points per game in the team's first six games. But the Friars were an NCAA Tournament-caliber team themselves and were ready for all that Michigan would throw at them.



Spirit Squads



The Cheerleading Team, Dance Team, Pep Band, and Mascots (Friar Dom and Huxley)

make up the spirit program at Providence College. Members of the spirit program support the school and community by attending games and events around campus and the City of Providence. The first performance of the year is at Late Night Madness to raise excitement for the upcoming basketball season. In addition to supporting Providence College, the Cheerleading and Dance teams also compete nationally at the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) and National Dance Alliance (NDA) National Championships.



Dance Team

Back Line (left to right): Madeline Wilks, Kristi Gallo, Abigail Lochiatto, Caitlyn Steen, Regan Leary, Haley Coghlin

Middle Line (left to right): Katherine Labovitz, Alexandria Jinete, Megan Calderwood, Stacy Wong, Sarah Hegedus, Keyanna Davis

Front Line (left to right): Sydney Corridori, Sara Lancellotta, Faith Murphy, Colette Alagia, Brooke Coburn, Grace Ferguson



Cheerleading Team

Back Row (left to right): Kristen Accinno, Patrick Morisseau, Kayleigh Friedman, Arianna Libby, Andy Bishop, Jayden Peacock, Nick Mazza, Deeyana Desronvil, Alex Feola

Middle Row (left to right): Brianna Harper, Tess Nally, Maria Leni, Caroline Dell Isola, Nicole Phaneuf, Nikki Nappi, Gina Cicchetti, Ariel Laurendeau, Kailey Humason, Jill Noack

Front Row (left to right): Ashley Scotti, Elisa Gonzalez, Carly Salamone, Meg Low, Grace Crowley, Abby Rogers, Thalia Santiago

Dunkin' Donuts Center - Providence

Box Office Bonanzas

Dedicated: November, 1972
Capacity: 12,410
First PC Game: December 11, 1972
 PC 93 - Fairfield 57
First PC Loss: December 30, 1974
 St. John's 91 - PC 79
100th Game: February 11, 1978
 PC 61 - North Carolina 59
200th Game: December 13, 1983
 PC 65 - Long Island 72
300th Game: February 7, 1989
 PC 88 - Pittsburgh 78
400th Game: January 21, 1995
 PC 59 - Syracuse 60
500th Game: November 24, 2001
 PC 68 - Columbia 54
600th Game: November 27, 2007
 PC 78 - Maine 48
700th Game: March 20, 2013
 PC 77 - Charlotte 66
800th Game: January 27, 2019
 PC 70 - DePaul 67
100th Victory: November 29, 1979
 PC 68 - Assumption 66
200th Victory: March 5, 1988
 PC 90 - St. John's 81
300th Victory: December 28, 1995
 PC 83 - Colgate 77
400th Victory: February 2, 2005
 PC 98 - Virginia 79
500th Victory: November 16, 2013
 PC 93 - Marist 48

Attendance	Opponent	Date
13,307	PC 75	2-9-91
13,287	PC 92	1-26-91
13,256	PC 80	2-18-89
13,255	PC 74	2-15-20
13,216	PC 73	2-25-17
13,203	PC 77	1-18-89
13,201	PC 72	1-8-91
13,168	PC 65	2-4-89
13,149	PC 67	1-14-89
	St. John's 64	
	Syracuse 82	
	Syracuse 87 -	
	Seton Hall 71	
	Marquette 69	
	Georgetown 80 -	
	Georgetown 69	
	Connecticut 61	
	Villanova 76 -	



turnstiles in what many consider to be one of the finest civic centers in the country. Indeed, over six million people have played witness to Providence College basketball in this building.

In the spring of 2001, the building gained a corporate sponsor. The facility, previously known as the Providence Civic Center, was renamed the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

The tremendous success of the Friars in the early 1970's mandated a change from Alumni Hall to a downtown facility that would service the demand for tickets to Friar basketball games. Since that time, the Dunkin' Donuts Center has helped Providence College play host to some of the nation's top basketball teams, including each of the nine BIG EAST opponents.

The Friars have had great success in the Dunkin' Donuts Center, running up a 587-235 record. When the Friars first moved downtown, they ran off 41-consecutive wins before St. John's ruined the streak in the Ocean State Classic in 1974.

The Friars have "shared" the building with the nation's top collegiate and professional basketball teams. UCLA, North Carolina, Marquette, Brigham Young, Duke (then ranked No. 1) and Michigan (also ranked No. 1) have all

played here. Of course, the BIG EAST roster includes Georgetown, St. John's, DePaul, Villanova, Seton Hall, Marquette, Butler, Xavier and Creighton. The Boston Celtics have played a number of NBA teams in the building as well. The Friars have hosted ECAC Basketball Championships, NCAA First and Second Round games (1976, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1989, 1996, 2010, 2016), NIT games, the first-ever BIG EAST Championship tournament and the 1978 and 1985 NCAA Eastern Regionals. In 1995 and 2000, the building hosted the NCAA Hockey Championships.

The Dunkin' Donuts Center, home of the basketball Friars, became a reality on November 3, 1972 when the Rhode Island Reds played Tidewater in an American Hockey League contest. Since that time, millions of sports, music and trade fans have walked through the

Providence College In The Dunkin' Donuts Center

Year	All Games	Home Games	Total	Average	Nat'l Rk.
1972-73	16-0	14-0	144,878	10,348	
1973-74	18-0	16-0	139,616	8,726	
1974-75	14-3	11-1	102,360	8,530	
1975-76	15-3	14-2	142,870	8,929	
1976-77	17-1	15-1	149,856	9,366	
1977-78	18-4	16-2	165,048	9,169	(32)
1978-79	8-8	8-6	102,246	7,303	(49)
1979-80	10-10	10-7	134,305	7,900	(52)
1980-81	8-9	8-8	121,675	7,605	(60)
1981-82	10-7	9-7	97,537	6,096	(68)
1982-83	8-7	6-7	96,023	7,386	(63)
1983-84	13-5	12-5	128,766	7,574	(72)
1984-85	6-10	5-10	107,682	7,179	(71)
1985-86	14-7	14-7 *	159,494	7,595	(57)
1986-87	14-3	13-3	156,673	9,792	(38)
1987-88	11-7	11-6	170,007	10,000	(37)
1988-89	13-4	12-4	172,047	10,755	(33)
1989-90	13-5	13-4	169,332	9,960	(30)
1990-91	17-3	17-3 *	211,498	10,525	(33)
1991-92	10-6	10-6	172,976	10,780	(32)
1992-93	15-4	15-4 *	203,484	10,710	(35)
1993-94	13-1	13-1	151,504	10,822	(36)
1994-95	13-5	13-5 *	187,684	10,427	(38)
1995-96	12-5	11-5 *	168,554	10,535	(37)
1996-97	12-3	12-3	165,447	11,030	(33)
1997-98	8-7	8-6	142,778	10,198	(36)
1998-99	10-7	10-5	150,022	10,001	(38)
1999-00	8-9	7-9	132,049	8,253	(59)
2000-01	13-3	13-3	151,037	9,440	(49)
2001-02	12-5	11-5	130,000	8,125	(65)
2002-03	13-5	13-5 *	157,985	8,777	(52)
2003-04	11-4	11-4	151,451	10,097	(44)
2004-05	9-8	9-8 **	164,235	9,661	(47)
2005-06	9-7	9-7	133,583	8,349	(64)
2006-07	16-3	16-3	159,798	8,410	(68)
2007-08	10-5	10-5	127,907	8,527	(64)
2008-09	13-5	13-5 *	149,585	8,310	(64)
2009-10	8-9	8-9	140,920	8,289	(61)
2010-11	14-5	14-5	133,815	7,043	(76)
2011-12	11-6	11-6	134,007	7,883	(63)
2012-13	14-4	14-4 *	139,901	7,772	(60)
2013-14	13-3	13-3	133,548	8,347	(56)
2014-15	13-4	13-4	146,444	8,614	(55)
2015-16	13-4	13-4	164,954	9,703	(44)
2016-17	15-3	15-3	152,867	8,493	(61)
2017-18	12-4	12-4	162,315	9,548	(43)
2018-19	11-7	11-7 *	171,761	9,542	(45)
2019-20	13-3	13-3	161,029	10,064	(39)
48 years	587-235 (.714)	565-224 (.718)	7,103,105	9,003	

* NIT included ** Preseason NIT included

The First Game Box Score December 11, 1972

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL BOX SCORE											
PROVIDENCE	FIELD GOALS	3 PT	FREE THROWS	REB	ASTS	PTS	MIN	PF	FTS	PTS	MIN
BELLE	1	3	2	3	0	1	1	4	1	11	
WATERS	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	
DELANEY	1	5	2	4	1	9	3	27	4	21	
ROBERTS											
DEAN											
DEAN	2	5	0	1	5	0	3	4	2	19	
DEAN	0	0	3	5	1	0	3	3	1	11	
DEAN	2	10	1	2	2	0	5	7	2	34	
DEAN	4	10	3	3	3	2	17	3	3	31	
DEAN	3	5	4	4	5	4	5	10	3	24	
DEAN	4	10	1	2	3	5	6	9	0	25	
DEAN											
DEAN											
TOTALS	34	74	21	27	59	21	27	93	17		

OFFICIAL BASKETBALL BOX SCORE											
FAIRFIELD	FIELD GOALS	3 PT	FREE THROWS	REB	ASTS	PTS	MIN	PF	FTS	PTS	MIN
LADMAN	1	4	0	2	3	0	1	3	2	16	
KELLY	4	9	0	6	4	0	5	8	3	27	
GRANT	1	7	2	2	3	2	1	4	3	20	
GRANT	1	6	2	2	1	1	4	3	1	33	
GRANT	0	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	11	
GRANT	3	7	0	1	1	4	6	1	10		
GRANT	3	6	0	1	5	0	7	2	15		
GRANT	1	2	0	2	0	1	4	1	5		
GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
GRANT	0	3	1	1	3	1	3	1	2	21	
GRANT	3	8	0	0	10	0	7	6	4	27	
GRANT	5	15	2	2	9	2	12	7	24		
TOTALS	22	65	13	20	52	9	21	57	27		

The Dunkin' Donuts Center has seen the world's top entertainment acts visit Providence: The Boston Pops, Lawrence Welk, Ice Capades, Barnum and Bailey Circus, Moscow Circus, Ringling Brothers Circus, ABC Wide World of Sports, World Heavyweight Boxing, Harlem Globetrotters, Disney on Ice, Elvis Presley, Billy Joel, Frank Sinatra, Julio Iglesias, Elton John, Whitney Houston, Gloria Estefan, Bobby Brown, Kenny Rogers,

Dunkin' Donuts Center Renovation By The Numbers

- Average Number of Construction Workers 300 Per Day During Peak Construction Periods
- Total Man Hours During Construction 447,800
- Pounds of Rebar - 300,000
- Gallons of Paint - 3,606
- Percentage of Materials Recycled - 95%
- In Pounds - 11,677,048
- Tons of Steel - 460
- Cubic Yards of Concrete Used - 2,200
- Tiles Installed - 73,440
- Square Feet of Glass Installed - 15,000
- Square Yards of New Flooring - 7,000
- Bricks Installed - 215,000
- Block Installed - 65,000

Dunkin' Donuts Center - Providence

Van Halen, Aerosmith, The Bee Gees, Lionel Richie, Neil Diamond, Fleetwood Mac, Diana Ross, U2 and Bruce Springsteen to name a few of the hundreds of entertainers and acts that have played the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

It now serves as the home of the Providence Bruins, the AHL affiliate of the Boston Bruins.

In the spring of 2006, the facility began extensive renovations that were completed in the fall of 2008. The Dunkin' Donuts Center continues to be one of the nation's premier complexes, seating almost 13,000 fans. The \$80 million project enhanced almost every aspect of the arena and included luxury boxes, new seats, a new video scoreboard and sound system, new concession stands, new locker rooms and a new weight training and fitness area. The renovations ensure that the Friars will continue to play in one of the top college basketball facilities in the country.



PC Vs. Opponents In The Dunkin' Donuts Center

(includes "away" and neutral games)

FRIARS VS. THE BIG EAST (1979-20) (189-158, .545)

TEAM	W	L
Boston College	14	11
Butler	5	2
Cincinnati	3	1
Connecticut	11	16
Creighton	5	2
DePaul	9	3
Georgetown	18	14
Louisville	2	4
Marquette	5	6
Miami	7	4
Notre Dame	3	6
Pittsburgh	13	10
Rutgers	10	2
St. John's	20	16
Seton Hall	17	16
South Florida	3	2
Syracuse	5	23
Villanova	18	18
Virginia Tech	3	0
West Virginia	5	5
Xavier	5	2

FRIARS VERSUS ALL TEAMS (165 teams) (588-242, .710)

TEAM	W	L
Alabama	2	0
Alabama State	1	0
Albany	2	0
American	1	0
Arizona	2	0
Arkansas	1	1
Arkansas-Little Rock	1	0
Assumption	13	1
Austin Peay	2	0
Belmont	1	0
Binghamton	2	0
Biscayne	1	0
Boston College	22	12
Boston University	8	0
Bowling Green	1	0
Brooklyn	1	0
Brown	44	6
Bryant	6	0
Bucknell	1	0
Butler	5	2
California	1	0
Cal State-Bakersfield	1	0
Cal State-Fullerton	1	0
Cal State-Irvine	1	0
Campbell	2	0
Canisius	6	0
Catholic	1	0
Central Connecticut	6	1
Charleston Southern	1	0
Charlotte	1	0
Cincinnati	3	1
Cleveland State	2	0
Colgate	3	0
College of Charleston	2	0
Columbia	3	0
Connecticut	13	16

Creighton	5	2
Dartmouth	4	0
Dayton	1	1
DePaul	11	4
Drake	1	0
Drexel	1	0
Duke	0	0
Duquesne	1	0
Evansville	1	0
Fairfield	4	0
Fairleigh Dickinson	3	1
Florida	0	2
Florida A&M	1	0
Florida International	1	0
Florida State	1	0
Fordham	1	1
George Mason	1	0
George Washington	1	1
Georgetown	17	15
Grambling State	1	0
Hartford	1	0
Harvard	3	0
Hawaii	1	0
Hofstra	2	0
Holy Cross	14	4
Howard	4	0
Illinois	1	0
Illinois State	0	1
Iona College	1	2
Jackson State	1	0
Jacksonville	3	0
James Madison	2	0
Lafayette	2	0
LaSalle	0	1
Liberty	1	0
Long Island	5	1
Longwood	1	0
Louisiana-Lafayette	1	0
Louisiana Tech	1	1
Louisville	4	5
Loyola of Chicago	1	0
Loyola of Maryland	1	0
Loyola Marymount	1	0
Maine	12	1
Manhattan	1	0
Marist	2	0
Marquette	5	6
Massachusetts	7	3
Memphis	0	1
Mercer	1	0
Merrimack	1	0
Miami	9	4
Michigan	1	0
Michigan State	0	1
Minnesota	0	1
Mississippi State	1	0
Mississippi Valley	1	0
Monmouth	1	0
Morgan State	3	0
Navy	1	1
New Hampshire	10	0
Nevada-Las Vegas	0	1
Niagara	7	0
NJIT	3	0
North Carolina	1	0
North Carolina A&T	2	0
North Carolina-Asheville	1	0

North Carolina State	1	0
Northeastern	5	1
Northwestern	1	0
Notre Dame	4	7
Ohio University	1	1
Oklahoma	0	1
Oklahoma State	1	0
Oregon	2	0
Pennsylvania	4	2
Pittsburgh	13	10
Prairie View A&M	1	0
Princeton	1	0
Purdue	1	2
Rhode Island	34	13
Richmond	1	1
Rider	4	0
Robert Morris	3	0
Rutgers	10	2
Sacred Heart	6	0
San Diego State	1	0
San Francisco	1	0
Seton Hall	19	16
Siena	4	0
South Alabama	1	0
South Carolina	2	0
South Florida	4	2
Southern University	1	0
St. Bonaventure	3	1
St. Francis (NY)	3	0
St. John's	21	18
St. Joseph's	3	2
St. Leo	2	0
St. Michael's	1	0
St. Peter's	2	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	1	0
Stanford	1	0
Stonehill	4	0
Stony Brook	3	0
Syracuse	6	23
Temple	1	0
Texas	3	1
Texas Christian University	0	1
Texas-Pan American	1	0
Tulsa	0	1
Utah	1	0
Vanderbilt University	0	1
Vermont	7	0
Villanova	20	17
Virginia	1	0
Virginia Tech	3	1
Wagner	2	0
Washington	0	1
Wayne State	1	0
Western Kentucky	1	0
West Texas State	1	0
West Virginia	7	5
Wichita State	0	1
William and Mary	1	0
Winthrop	0	1
Wisconsin	2	0
Wisconsin-Superior	1	0
Xavier	5	2
Yale	6	0

The Big East Conference



The 2021-22 academic year will be the ninth since the BIG EAST Conference began a new era by returning to its basketball-centric heritage.

Since the league's reconfiguration in 2013, the BIG EAST has established itself as one of the nation's elite conferences and a leader in collegiate athletics. That proactive reputation was only enhanced in 2020-21 when the BIG EAST responded to the challenges of a global pandemic while also establishing advocacy platforms to assist the conference's institutions and student-athletes in engaging in social justice and educational efforts.

Dynamic leadership has been a staple of the BIG EAST throughout its history.

Val Ackerman, who previously served as founding President of the WNBA, President of USA Basketball and U.S. representative to the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), was named the BIG EAST's fifth Commissioner in 2013. Under her leadership, the BIG EAST has maintained its reputation for achievement at the highest levels and continued its influence on the national collegiate landscape, with numerous conference and campus administrators currently serving on important NCAA committees.

Ackerman is one of the few sports executives who has held leadership positions in both men's and women's sports at the collegiate, professional, national team and international level. In the summer of 2021, she was named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The BIG EAST grew to 11 members in 2020. The University of Connecticut, a member of the conference from 1979 to 2013, was readmitted. UConn brings a rich history of academic and athletic excellence, especially in the sport of basketball. The Huskies' women's program, which won eight of its 11 national championships as a BIG EAST member, continued its unparalleled national success by advancing to its 13th straight Final Four and 22nd overall in 2021.

In the sports venues, the BIG EAST has produced 12 national champions over the past eight academic years. Seven BIG EAST teams have captured national titles, including two in men's basketball. BIG EAST student-athletes have won national championships in five individual events.

In the classrooms, BIG EAST athletic programs were recognized by the NCAA in 2020-21 for its impressive Graduation Success Rate (GSR). The BIG EAST tied for second among all Division I conferences with an overall GSR rate of 95 percent. All 11 league members had GSR rates of 92 percent or better.

Outside of the arenas and playing fields, the BIG EAST has always adhered to an unwavering commitment to academic integrity, athletic excellence and community service while offering opportunities to help student-athletes to reach their potential as students, athletes and leaders.

In the summer of 2020, the conference launched "BE the Change," a conference-wide advocacy platform that enables BIG EAST stakeholders to engage on a range of contemporary racial and social justice issues.

Also in 2020, the BIG EAST created a partnership with RISE, a leading provider of educational programming that equips sports leaders to create positive change on racism, social justice and equality issues.

The conference has also launched BIG EAST University, a virtual educational service which enhances the student-athlete experience with career professional development programming primarily through webinars.

In December of 2012, DePaul, Georgetown, Marquette, Providence, St. John's, Seton Hall and Villanova announced their intention to separate from the conference's FBS football-playing schools and form an independent association. The seven schools reached an agreement to retain the BIG EAST name and assume the conference's long-term pact with Madison Square Garden to host the BIG EAST Men's Basketball Tournament. The schools also announced the addition of three distinguished institutions — Butler, Creighton and Xavier — and forged a landmark, long-term broadcast partnership with FOX Sports. The new era officially began on July 1, 2013.

The BIG EAST has been lauded as a longstanding leader in innovative concepts, particularly television, and that reputation continues with the conference's relationship with FOX Sports. The BIG EAST has enjoyed a

successful multi-year partnership with FOX Sports and its national cable network FS1. FOX's comprehensive coverage of BIG EAST men's basketball includes the broadcast of all regular-season games on FOX, FS1, or FS2, as well as the BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden, college basketball's longest-running postseason conference tourney held at the same venue.

BIG EAST institutions are located in eight of the nation's 37 largest media markets, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, Hartford/New Haven, Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

FOX Sports platforms carry extensive coverage of women's basketball regular-season play and the BIG EAST Women's Basketball Tournament. Every Olympic sport championship is carried on a network or digital platform.

For 2021-22, the BIG EAST has an agreement with FloSports, a leading sports streaming service, to become the home of the BIG EAST Digital Network. The pact with FloSports includes coverage of women's basketball, Olympic sports events and men's and women's basketball shoulder programming with a total of more than 600 events.

Founded in 1979 by Dave Gavitt, the former Providence men's basketball coach and athletic director, the BIG EAST Conference became a reality in May of 1979. Providence, St. John's, Georgetown, Syracuse, Seton Hall, Connecticut and Boston College formed the original seven-school alliance, and the conference became an immediate national power in men's basketball. While the composition of the BIG EAST has evolved, the focus of its schools has not changed, reflecting a tradition of emphasizing academic strength and fair play.

To complement its athletic successes, the conference established BIG EAST Serves in 2014 to align with the service missions of the member institutions. Initiatives housed under the BIG EAST Serves umbrella, the BIG EAST Career Consortium and the national partnership with the It's On Us campaign against campus sexual assaults, reflect the conference's commitment to developing the complete BIG EAST student-athlete and making a positive contribution to campus communities. The BIG EAST hosts a Well Being Forum online series to help provide institutional personnel with information, insights and basic training so they can better support the mental and physical health of their student-athletes.

Commissioner Ackerman and the BIG EAST have taken a leadership role in Sport at the Service of Humanity, an initiative created by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture to focus on how sport and faith can drive positive social change. Ackerman was a delegate at the inaugural Vatican conference and has served on an advisory committee to develop the framework and content for the initiative.

The BIG EAST hosts Freshmen Fundamentals, a unique program designed to assist men's basketball student-athletes in the transition from high school to college and the elite level of BIG EAST basketball. The league hosts Transition Game for women's basketball, which assists women's basketball student-athletes in the transition from college player to emerging professional on and off the court.

The conference crowns champions in 22 sports. Men's basketball teams have earned 36 NCAA invitations in seven tournaments (2014-2021), averaging 5.14 per season.

BIG EAST men's basketball programs have enjoyed extraordinary success. Villanova has won NCAA Championships in 2018, 2016 and 1985. Georgetown and Marquette also have won the national title. Butler, DePaul, Providence, St. John's and Seton Hall have all made the Final Four. The BIG EAST placed three men's basketball teams in the 1985 Final Four — Georgetown, St. John's and Villanova—still the only occurrence in NCAA history.

The BIG EAST has achieved recent success in other sports as well. The Georgetown men's soccer team won the 2019 NCAA title. A BIG EAST team has won the NCAA women's cross country championship four of the last 12 years (Villanova twice, Providence and Georgetown once), with one runner-up finish (Providence). Georgetown's women's soccer team reached the College Cup in 2018 and 2016. Connecticut has won three national championships in eight years. Denver, an affiliate member in men's lacrosse, won the NCAA crown in 2015.

In the 42 years since the original league opened its doors, BIG EAST teams have won 42 national championships in eight different sports with 145 student-athletes winning individual national titles.

The Big East Conference



Val Ackerman,
Big East Conference Commissioner

Val Ackerman was named the fifth Commissioner of the Big East Conference on June 26, 2013. She was the founding President of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and a past President of USA Basketball, which oversees the U.S. men's and women's Olympic basketball program. She has had a long and accomplished career in the sports industry and is one of the few sports executives who has held leadership positions in both men's and women's sports at the collegiate, professional, national team and international levels.

In 2016, Val was recognized by Sports Business Journal as one of the 50 most influential people in the sports business and received the Women's Sports Foundation's Billie Jean King Contribution Award for significant contributions to the development and advancement of women's sports.

Val attended the University of Virginia as one of the school's first female student-athlete scholarship recipients. She was a four-year starter, three-time captain and two-time Academic All-American for the Cavaliers' women's basketball team and the first 1,000-point scorer in the program's history. She graduated with high distinction with a degree in political and social thought in 1981 and played one year of professional basketball in France before earning a law degree from UCLA in 1985.

Val started her legal career as a corporate and banking associate at the New York law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and joined the National Basketball Association as a staff attorney in 1988. She was as an executive at the NBA for eight years, serving as Special Assistant to NBA Commissioner David Stern and Director (and later) Vice President of Business Affairs before being named the WNBA's first President in 1996. She guided the league to a much-heralded launch in 1997 and headed its day-to-day operations for its first eight seasons.

In 2005, Val was elected President of USA Basketball for the 2005-08 term, leading the organization to an overall competitive record of 222-23 and gold medal performances by the U.S. men's and women's basketball teams at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. She was one of the NBA's original appointees to the USA Basketball Board of Directors in 1989 and served as an organizational liaison with USAB during the early years of NBA participation in FIBA competitions, including the 1992 and 1996 Olympics and 1994 World Championships. A USA Basketball Board member for 23 years, Val played a key role in the long-standing success of the U.S. women's national basketball team program, which won gold medals at the 1998, 2002 and 2010 FIBA World Championships and the 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. In 2013, Val was named the recipient of USA Basketball's Edward S. Steitz Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in international basketball.

Val also served two terms (2006-10 and 2010-2014) as the U.S. representative for men's and women's basketball on the Central Board of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the sport's world governing body. She was a member of FIBA's Competition Commission and served on the Central Board of FIBA Americas, FIBA's zone authority for North, Central and South America.

Val is a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, the Board of Directors for the U.S. Soccer Federation, and the Advisory Board of the NYU Tisch Institute for Sports Management, Media and Business. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, which inducted her as a contributor in 2011, and is a Lifetime Trustee of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, which presented her with the John Bunn Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. She has done consulting work for the National Hockey League, which she assisted in formulating a long-term plan to support women's ice hockey, and the NCAA, for which she prepared a comprehensive white paper in 2013 on growth strategies for women's college basketball. She also worked as a freelance columnist for espnw.com, where she authored a series of articles on the subject of women and sports and participated as a member of the espnw Advisory Board.

Val's accomplishments in the sports business have earned her numerous awards, including the University of Virginia's Distinguished Alumna Award; the March of Dimes Sports Achievement Award; induction into the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame; the Girls Scouts of America National Women of Distinction Juliette Award; the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund Equal Opportunity Award; inclusion on the Atlantic Coast Conference's 50th Anniversary Women's Basketball team; induction into the International Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame; the Women's Basketball Coaches Association President's Citation; the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award; the International Olympic Committee Women and Sport Achievement Diploma; the Sports Business Journal Champions in Sports Business Award; inclusion as a Women's Sports Foundation/espnw 40 for 40 Honoree; induction into the National Consortium for Academics and Sports Hall of Fame; the Women in Sports and Events (WISE) 20th Anniversary Women of Distinction Award; the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health Sports Ball Award; the Marquette School of Law Master of the Game Award; and the Emily Couric Leadership Award.

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The Big East Conference Results

2020-21 BIG EAST FINAL STANDINGS

	Big East				Overall					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	
Villanova	11-4	.733	8-0	3-4	18-7	.720	9-0	4-4	5-3	
Creighton	14-6	.700	7-3	7-3	22-9	.710	11-3	7-4	4-2	
UConn	11-6	.647	5-3	6-3	15-8	.652	7-3	6-3	2-2	
St. John's	10-9	.526	6-3	4-6	16-11	.593	11-3	4-6	1-2	
Seton Hall	10-9	.526	5-4	5-5	14-13	.519	7-4	6-7	1-2	
Providence	9-10	.474	6-3	3-7	13-13	.500	8-3	4-7	1-3	
Xavier	6-7	.462	5-2	1-5	13-8	.619	11-2	2-5	0-1	
Georgetown	7-9	.438	5-4	2-5	13-13	.500	7-6	2-6	4-1	
Marquette	8-11	.421	3-6	5-5	13-14	.481	7-7	6-6	0-1	
Butler	8-12	.400	7-3	1-9	10-15	.400	8-5	1-9	1-1	
DePaul	2-13	.133	0-3	2-5	5-14	.263	2-8	2-5	1-1	

2021 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Wednesday, March 11- First Round

Georgetown 62 - Marquette 49
Butler 70 -m Xavier 69

DePaul 70- Providence 62

BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sandro Mamukelashvili, Seton Hall
Colin Gillespie, Villanova
Jeremiah Robinson-Earl, Villanova

BIG EAST COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Anderson, St. John's

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Isaiah Whaley, UConn
Posh Alexander, St. John's

BIG EAST MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Julain Champagnie, St. John's
Zach Freemantle, Xavier

BIG EAST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAW

Posh Alexander, St. John's

BIG EAST SIXTH MAN AWARD

Tyler Polley, UConn

BIG EAST SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Mitch Ballock, Creighton

BIG EAST SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Ike Obiagu, Seton Hall

Thursday, March 12-Quarterfinals

Georgetown 72 - Villanova 71
Seton Hall 77 - St. John's 69

Creighton 87 - Butler 56

Connecticut 94 - DePaul 60

Friday, March 13-Semifinals

Georgetown 66 - Seton Hall 58
Creighton 59 - Connecticut 56

Saturday, March 14-Final

Georgetown 73 -
Creighton 48

ALL-BIG EAST FIRST TEAM

Marcus Zegarowski, Creighton
James Bouknight, UConn
Julain Champagnie, St. John's
*Sandro Mamukelashvili, Seton Hall
*Jeremiah Robinson-Earl, Villanova
Colin Gillespie, Villanova

ALL-BIG EAST SECOND TEAM

Damien Jefferson, Creighton
David Duke, Providence
Nate Watson, Providence
Zach Freemantle, Xavier
Paul Scruggs, Xavier

ALL-BIG EAST HON. MENTION

Denzel Mahoney, Creighton
Jahvon Blair, Georgetown
Jermaine Samuels, Villanova

ALL-BIG EAST FRESHMEN TEAM

*Chuck Harris, Butler
Adam Sanogo, UConn
*Dawson Garcia, Marquette
*Posh Alexander, St. John's
Colby Jones, Xavier

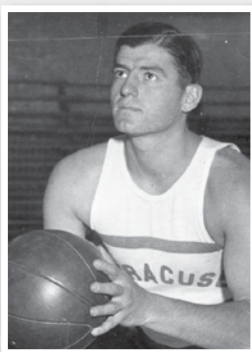
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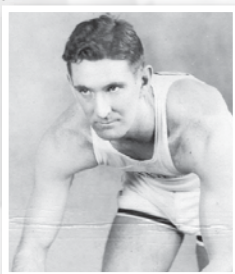
Basketball Program History

1926-1955: Early Glory and then Small School Stature

Year	W	L
1926-27	8	8
1927-28	7	9
1928-29	17	3
1929-30	15	4
1930-31	14	5
1931-32	19	5
1932-33	13	3
1933-34	12	5
1934-35	17	5
1935-36	14	7
1936-37	12	10
1937-38	7	9
1938-39	4	7
1939-40	5	9
1940-41	11	6
1941-42	13	7
1942-43	15	5
1943-44	No Team - WWII	
1944-45	5	7
1945-46	5	12
1946-47	8	11
1947-48	10	10
1948-49	7	19
1949-50	14	9
1950-51	14	10
1951-52	14	9
1952-53	11	11
1953-54	13	13
1954-55	9	12
1955-56	14	8
1956-57	15	9
1957-58	18	6
1958-59	20	7
1959-60	24	5
1960-61	24	5
1961-62	20	6
1962-63	24	4
1963-64	20	6
1964-65	24	2
1965-66	22	5
1966-67	21	7
1967-68	11	14
1968-69	14	10
1969-70	14	11
1970-71	20	8
1971-72	21	6
1972-73	27	4
1973-74	28	4
1974-75	20	11
1975-76	21	11
1976-77	24	5
1977-78	24	8
1978-79	10	16
1979-80	11	16
1980-81	10	18
1981-82	10	17
1982-83	12	19
1983-84	15	14
1984-85	11	20
1985-86	17	14
1986-87	25	9
1987-88	11	17
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1991-92	14	17
1992-93	20	13
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2014-15	22	12
2015-16	24	11
2016-17	20	13
2017-18	21	14
2018-19	18	16
2019-20	19	12
2020-21	13	13



Eddie Wineapple won first team All-America honors after scoring 13.9 ppg in 1929. Wineapple left PC after one year to play professional basketball with Syracuse. Wineapple was also a baseball standout, pitching briefly for the Washington Senators.



Allan Bracken was the Friars' dominant player of the thirties. Bracken led the team in scoring for four years and set a record with 773 career points that would stand until 1951.



Ted McConnon became the first Friar to average 15 ppg for a season when he turned the trick in 1942.



Coach Vin Cuddy helped to revive Providence's program after several lean years in the late 1940's. One of his star players was Robert Moran, who scored 1251 points and became the first Friar to average 20 points for a season, in 1952-53.

ALL-AMERICANS (1926-55)

Edward Wineapple - 1929
 John Krieger - 1930, 1931
 William McCue - 1931
 Allen Bracken - 1932, 1933
 Larry Drew - 1942

When Providence attempted to field a basketball team on an informal basis in 1921 and 1922, the Friars' seasons were cut short by the lack of a coach, lack of facilities and lack of interest. When the school reinstated basketball as a varsity sport in 1926-27, however, the team was ready to go. Archie Golembeski, the school's football coach, took the reins and led the Friars to a .500 record that included a key upset of eastern power St. John's.

After Golembeski left to devote more time to football, Providence brought in Al "The General" McClellan and the program began to flourish. The Gen established PC almost immediately as perhaps the dominant team in New England and garnered Eastern and national attention for the fledgling program. During McClellan's eleven years as hoop boss, Providence won seventy percent of its games, captured four New England championships (1929, 1930, 1932, and 1935) and finished second in the region four times. In addition PC was the only New England school in the twenties and thirties willing to venture outside of the region to play the powers in the East like St. John's, CCNY, Villanova and Seton Hall, further enhancing its growing reputation. The 1936 team was one of two New England teams selected to participate in the U. S. Olympic playoffs.

When McClellan left after the 1938 season, PC suffered through two subpar years, then began to rebuild under Coach Ed Crotty. The outbreak of World War II resulted in all of the Friars' players heading for the service, and the school decided to shut down the basketball program for the 1943-44 season.

After the war, the landscape of college basketball would change. There emerged a large school division and a small school division, similar to today's Division I and Division II. Providence, with its small enrollment, was considered a small school by the NCAA, and their schedule began to reflect that. Gone were the Eastern powers like St. John's and Villanova, replaced by schools like St. Anselm and Bates.

Several factors combined to start turning the program around. First, school President Father Slavin took in a Big Five doubleheader while attending a conference in Philadelphia, and realized that a small Catholic school like PC could compete in big-time college basketball. Second, there was a move afoot on campus to raise money to build an on-campus gym. During the thirties, PC played in a tiny auditorium in Harkins Hall – a real home court advantage but not a true basketball court with its low ceilings and small dimensions. Then, in the forties and early fifties, city high school gyms, with seats for 500 fans, were used. A state-of-the-art on-campus gym would give the Friars a legitimate home. Third, Slavin hired Vin Cuddy to coach the team, and Cuddy began to turn things around, going 14-9 in his first year.

With scoring stars like Jim Schlimm (the school's first 1000 point scorer), Bob Moran and Mike Pascale, PC qualified for several small-school postseason tournaments and in 1951, won the NAIB regional tournament and advanced to the nationals in Kansas City. By 1955 Cuddy had slipped to 9-12, but the Friars next taste of glory was right around the corner.

Basketball Program History

1955-1969: The Mullaney Years

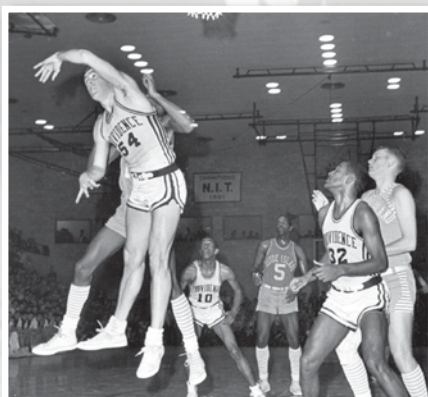
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1934-35	17	5
1935-36	14	7
1936-37	12	10
1937-38	7	9
1938-39	4	7
1939-40	5	9
1940-41	11	6
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1960-61	24	5
1961-62	20	6
1962-63	24	4
1963-64	20	6
1964-65	24	2
1965-66	22	5
1966-67	21	7
1967-68	11	14
1968-69	14	10
1969-70	14	11
1970-71	20	8
1971-72	21	6
1972-73	27	4
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Johnny Egan was a spectacular scorer and playmaker for Joe Mullaney's first NIT teams.



Mullaney with his two co-captains for the 1963-64 season, John Thompson and Jimmy Stone.



Mike Riordan (#54) in a rebounding battle against URI, as All-American teammate Jimmy Walker (far right)

When Providence hired Joe Mullaney to replace Vin Cuddy, not many people noticed. After all, Mullaney was a young, unproven coach with only one year of head coaching experience, at Norwich. Fourteen years later, when Mullaney left to become head coach of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers, everyone noticed. In between had been fourteen years of incredible success, highlighted by a 271-94 record (.742) and two NIT Championships.

Mullaney and Alumni Hall arrived at the same time, and the Friars celebrated almost immediately with a stunning 85-83 overtime win over nationally revered Notre Dame. The win gave notice of PC's plans to return to national prominence. Over the next few years the Friars steadily improved, until a January 1959, four-overtime win over ranked Villanova at the Palestra thrust the team back into the national limelight and paved the way for the school's first-ever NIT bid.

By 1960, Providence was again the dominant team in New England, a position that would be maintained for most of the next 20 years. Led by Mullaney's first great recruits, Lenny Wilkens and John Egan, and the school's first legitimate big man, Jim Hadnot, the Friars cracked the Top 20 on a weekly basis, wreaked havoc in the NIT, and began a string of nine consecutive 20-win seasons.

After reaching the NIT finals in 1960, PC returned and won the tournament in 1961. The state of Rhode Island was Friar-mad. Thousands of fans lined Route 6 from the Connecticut border all the way into downtown Providence to greet the returning victors. Led by former Georgetown coach John Thompson, and guards Vin Ernst and Ray Flynn, PC won the NIT again in 1963, and then reached the NCAA Elite Eight in 1965 with a 24-2 record and a number four ranking.

Jimmy Walker and Mike Riordan led the mid-'60's Friars to two NCAA's, an NIT, and championships in the prestigious Holiday Festival in 1965 and 1966. Walker became the school's first 2000 point scorer, led the nation in scoring in 1967, and was the first and only New England player selected first in the NBA draft.

During the decade of the 1960's, only UCLA and Kentucky won at a greater clip than the Friars. When Mullaney left for the NBA in 1969, PC was firmly established as a perennial Eastern powerhouse and national contender. Friar fans wondered if it could continue.

ALL-AMERICANS (1955-69)

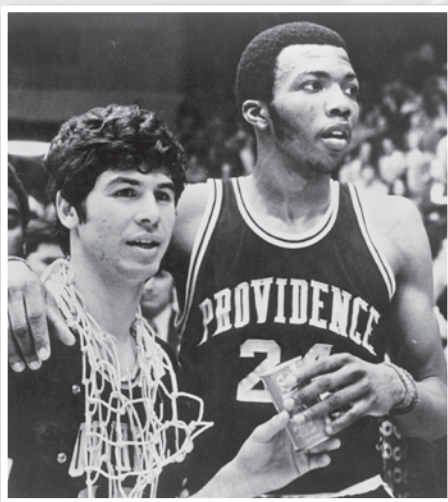
Len Wilkens - 1959, 1960 John Thompson - 1964
 John Egan - 1959, 1961 Jimmy Walker - 1965, 1966, 1967
 Jim Hadnot - 1961, 1962
 Vin Ernst - 1962, 1963

Background photo: The Friars celebrate after their NIT shocker over St. Louis in 1958-59.

Basketball Program History

1969-1979: The Gavitt Years

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1926-27	8	8
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Ernie DiGregorio and Marvin Barnes enjoy PC's momentous win over Maryland in the 1973 NCAA Eastern Regional Final.



Joe Hassett and Kevin Stacom celebrate after Stacom's last second basket beat Boston College on January 23, 1974.



Bruce "Soup" Campbell launches a shot against Rhode Island as teammate Bill Eason looks on.

Dave Gavitt seemed the natural choice to replace Joe Mullaney. Gavitt had been an assistant under Mullaney at Providence during the early '60's, and then had become head coach at Dartmouth, where he had fashioned a successful record. Little did anyone realize that Gavitt would take the program to even greater heights.

When Gavitt began his own string of eight consecutive 20-win seasons in his second year, PC's success had outgrown 3000-seat Alumni Hall. Despite resistance, Dave Gavitt negotiated a move downtown to the brand new 12,000-seat Providence Civic Center in 1972. There, the Friars could play a national schedule, and fund the entire athletic program with the sell-out crowds that followed. Not many schools were playing in large arenas at the time, and Providence became the heart and soul of college basketball in New England.

The Friars enjoyed their greatest season in 1973. Led by Ernie DiGregorio, Marvin Barnes and Kevin Stacom, PC compiled a 27-4 record, the number four ranking and a 17-game unbeaten streak that ended at the hands of Memphis State in the NCAA Final Four. Only a knee injury to Barnes prevented a national championship game matchup with Bill Walton and UCLA. In 1974, PC bettered their record, at 28-4, and reached the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, as Marvin led the nation in rebounding.

During the mid-1970's, Providence kept on winning, led by sharpshooter Joe Hassett and frontcourt players Bob Cooper, Bruce Campbell, Bill Eason and Bob Misevicius. The Friars maintained their weekly Top 20 rankings, their New England dominance, and their regular upsets of nationally-ranked opponents. PC began to host its own holiday tournament, the InBank Classic in 1976, and that year stunned number one ranked Michigan 82-81 in two overtimes in the final.

After NCAA bids in 1977 and 1978 (losing to freshman Magic Johnson's Michigan State team), Dave Gavitt's last group of great players graduated. PC and Gavitt suffered through an uncharacteristic losing season in 1979, and then, after 10 years as Friar coach, with a record of 209-84 (.713) and a Final Four appearance, Dave Gavitt stepped down to concentrate on his duties as the school's athletic director, and also as commissioner of a new and exciting venture – the Big East Conference.

ALL-AMERICANS (1969-79)

Ernie DiGregorio - 1971, 1972, 1973
 Marvin Barnes - 1973, 1974
 Kevin Stacom - 1974
 Joe Hassett - 1976, 1977
 Bruce Campbell - 1976
 Dwight Williams - 1978

Background photo: Friar coach Dave Gavitt.

Basketball Program History

1979-2020: Glory In The Big East

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Rick Pitino's arrival in 1985 resulted in a return to glory for Providence and a berth in the NCAA Final Four in 1987.



Ed Cooley led the Friars to the 2014 BIG EAST title and their 16th appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

ALL-AMERICANS (1979-2021)

- Otis Thorpe - 1983, 1984
- Billy Donovan - 1987
- Eric Murdock - 1989, 1990, 1991
- Carlton Screen - 1990
- Jamel Thomas - 1999
- John Linehan - 2001, 2002
- Ryan Gomes - 2004, 2005
- Marshon Brooks - 2011
- Bryce Cotton - 2014
- Kris Dunn - 2015, 2016
- LaDontae Henton - 2015
- Ben Bentil - 2016
- David Duke - 2021



Austin Croshere helped lead the 1996-97 Friars to the NCAA Elite Eight.

After twenty years of almost uninterrupted success, Providence entered the Big East Conference at the wrong time. The new league was the brainchild of PC mentor Dave Gavitt, who viewed the league as an opportunity for traditional Eastern powers like Providence to compete with schools in other established leagues around the country like the ACC and the Big Ten, and would help in keeping the best local high school players in the East. Unfortunately for the Friars, who had operated as an independent since 1926, they entered the new league at their lowest talent level in years and struggled for several years.

Rick Pitino arrived at Providence in 1985 a brash, young, little-known assistant coach from the N.Y. Knicks. He immediately predicted that his Friars would soon be cutting down nets. Friar faithful began to believe him when his first team went 17-14 and earned an NIT bid. In 1987, Pitino's second season, PC became America's Cinderella team, when the Friars turned in a 25-9 mark, cracked the Top 20 for the first time since 1978, and, led by current Florida coach Billy Donovan, raced through the NCAA Tournament, reaching the school's second Final Four. There, the pressing, three-point shooting Friars lost to conference rival Syracuse. Pitino stunned the Friars by leaving after the season to join the New York Knicks.

Following one turbulent season under Gordie Chiesa, PC hired Rick Barnes, another hot, young head coach, from George Mason. Providence started 13-0 under Barnes, and grabbed NCAA bids in 1989 and 1990. Eric Murdock became the school's second 2000 point scorer and the NCAA career steals leader, and Marty Conlon and Carlton Screen were other keys during Barnes' early years at PC. A top five recruiting class, which included Michael Smith, Dickey Simpkins and Rob Phelps, led to back-to-back 20-win seasons in 1993 and 1994, an NIT semifinal appearance in '93, and PC's first Big East Tournament Championship and an NCAA bid in '94. After six seasons at Providence, Barnes left for Clemson following the 1994 season.

Now Friar fans were getting used to success in the Big East, and Pete Gillen arrived from Xavier with a reputation as a very successful coach and motivator. Gillen coached the Friars to NIT appearances in 1995 and 1996, keyed by Eric Williams and Michael Brown. The Friars then stunned the basketball world with a 24-12 record, a number fifteen ranking and a run to the NCAA Elite Eight in 1997. Led by Austin Croshere, Derrick Brown, and Jamel Thomas, Providence dumped Duke along the way, before losing to eventual national champion Arizona in overtime. Following a difficult season in 1997-98, when the Friars did well to struggle to a 13-16 mark without a starter taller than 6'7", Gillen departed for Virginia after four years at Providence.

Tim Welsh joined the Friars fold in April of 1998, and in 10 seasons, guided the Friars to 160 wins and 2 NCAA Tournaments.

In April of 2008, Keno Davis was hired to coach the Friars. He coached the team for three seasons and posted a 46-50 mark.

Providence native Ed Cooley was hired in 2011. He quickly made his mark on Friartown as in just his third season as the Head Coach he guided the Friars to a 23-12 mark and led the team to the 2014 BIG EAST title. With the win, the Friars captured their first BIG EAST Championship since 1994 and advanced to the NCAA Tourney for the first time since 2004.

Background photo: The Friars hoist their Big East Tournament Championship trophy in 1993-94.

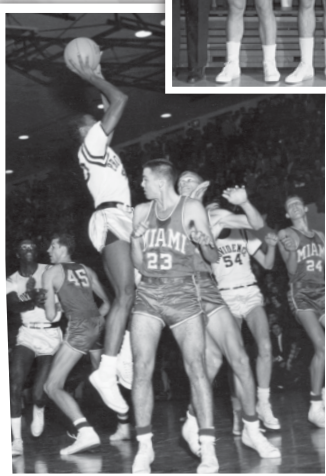
Basketball Program History

The NIT Championships - 1961, 1963



Jim Hadnot battles Niagara in the Friars' 71-68 NIT win on March 18, 1961.

1960-61 Team



Jimmy Stone scores against Miami in the 1963 NIT.

1962-63 Team



Providence College and the NIT became synonymous between 1959 and 1963. The Friars made five straight trips to Madison Square Garden where they finished fourth in '59, second in '60 and then won in 1961 and 1963.

In 1961, the Friars were led by Jim Hadnot (19.3 ppg), John Egan (18.8 ppg), Vin Ernst (9.8 ppg) and Ray Flynn (5.8 ppg), as they racked up a 20-5 regular season record. Joe Mullaney's Friars were ranked as high as ninth that year and headed into the NIT looking to avenge the previous year's loss in the finals.

PC took the first steps by knocking off DePaul 73-67 and followed with a 71-68 win over Niagara to end the first weekend's play. The semifinal matchup came against Holy Cross. This game went down to the wire as Ernst was fouled as time ran out and the game tied at 75-75. The Friar guard was waved off the foul line repeatedly as security worked to prevent fans from shaking the support wires to the basket. When he finally got to shoot, he missed, sending the game into overtime.

The talented shooter more than made up for it in overtime as he scored or assisted on all 15 PC points on the way to a 90-83 PC win. Ernst would later be named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Friars faced St. Louis in the championship game two days later. The Friars struggled and found themselves trailing by seven with just ten minutes left in the game. That's when sophomore forward George Zalucki, who played the best game of his career (18 points and 10 rebounds) rallied the Friars with several key free throws to put Providence ahead 60-59. Jim Hadnot iced the game with a pair of free throws in the final seconds and PC had its first NIT Championship in a 62-59 win over the Billikens.

The 1962-63 season again had the Friars gunning for a return trip to New York. This team was led by Ray Flynn and John Thompson as each averaged 18.9 points per game. Thompson, the long-time head coach at Georgetown, owned the boards with an average of 14 rebounds per game. James Stone (14.2 ppg) and Vin Ernst (11.6 ppg) gave PC a potent offensive attack.

The Friars went 21-4 during the regular season and were back at Madison Square Garden in March. The first opponent was the University of Miami led by the great Rick Barry. Miami had defeated the Friars, 82-75, at Alumni Hall earlier in the season and the Friars were looking for revenge. Ray Flynn scored 38 points in the game as the Friars led by as many as 19 in the game. With 1:30 left, PC was up by four when Flynn was fouled by Barry. The Miami All-American slammed the ball to the floor and was called for a technical foul. Flynn made all three to ice the game, 106-96.

PC went on to defeat Marquette, 70-64 and then Canisius 81-66 to earn their second NIT championship in three years. Flynn took tournament MVP honors scoring 83 points in the three games. He was joined by John Thompson and Jim Stone on the All-Tournament team.

Background photo: Ray Flynn and Vinnie Ernst.

Basketball Program History

The Final Four Years - 1973, 1987

In 1972, PC made the leap to the next level in college hoop circles when the Friars moved into the 12,000-seat Providence Civic Center. Their first team to play there may have been the greatest ever at Providence. With Ernie DiGregorio, Marvin Barnes, and Kevin Stacom leading the way, PC ran roughshod over Eastern basketball. With Ernie D. running the show (24.6 ppg) and Barnes controlling the boards (18.3 ppg and 19 rpg), the Friars were 24-2 and ranked as high as fourth in the nation heading into the tournament.

St. Joseph's was first up in the tournament, and led by DiGregorio's 31 points, PC prevailed, 89-76. If one team always gave Providence trouble it was Chuck Daly's Penn team.



1972-73 Team

The Quakers were next and Barnes got to show why he was an All-American as he scored 20 and pulled down 15 rebounds in an 87-65 PC win.

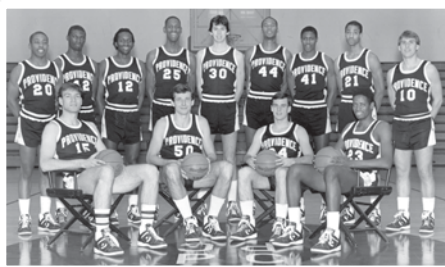
Next up was the "UCLA of the East," the fourth-ranked Maryland Terrapins, led by big Tom McMillen, John Lucas and Len Elmore. Ernie D. scored 30 points despite fouling out while Stacom and Barnes took the play to Maryland in a 103-89 win. DiGregorio was Most Valuable Player of the Regional while Barnes and Stacom made the All-Tournament Team. PC had beaten the ACC's best and were off to St. Louis, Missouri for the school's first NCAA Final Four.

PC and Memphis State faced off in one semifinal while Indiana and UCLA matched up in the other. The Friars jumped out fast on Memphis. DiGregorio was whipping behind-the-back-passes all over the court, Stacom was pouring in shots from the outside and Barnes was dominating the boards when disaster hit. Barnes went down with a knee injury eight minutes into the game. Ernie tried to keep PC in it, but Memphis State chipped away and finally took over late in the game. DiGregorio finished with 32 points but it wasn't enough as the Tigers won 98-85. The Friars would not get their chance to face Bill Walton and UCLA for a second time that season. Stacom came back to score 29 points in the Friars' consolation loss to Indiana, 97-79.

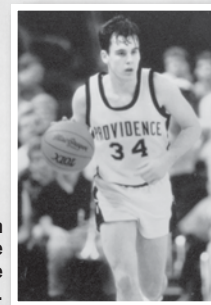
The Friars ended the year ranked fourth in the country with a 27-4 record. It would be 14 years before the Friars would go back to the Final Four.

The 1986-87 season was one that Friar fans still remember vividly. In the program's second year under Rick Pitino, it was a Magic Carpet ride as the Friars would go 25-9 and advance to the Final Four.

Billy Donovan (20.6 ppg) was the leader on this team of over achievers. Players like Delray Brooks (14.4 ppg), Ernie "Pop" Lewis (11.8 ppg) and Dave Kipfer (11.7 ppg) saw plenty of action and contributed mightily to the team's success.



1986-87 Team



Billy Donovan quarterbacked the '87 Friars to the NCAA Final Four.

But this was a 14-man team that believed in what their coach was telling them. Every night provided another hero and there was no stopping the Friars once they got on a roll in January.

The Friars were 20-7 in the regular season and had their first winning season in the BIG EAST at 10-6. Alabama-Birmingham was PC's first round opponent in the NCAA Tournament. Donovan scored 35 points and dished out 12 assists in a 90-68 PC win.

Austin Peay was next on the docket. PC's dream season appeared to be coming to an end as the Friars were down by ten with 5:50 left to play. After a PC time-out, the Friars came alive scoring 12 of the next 14 points. Donovan's 20-footer tied the game at 82. With just two seconds left, Austin Peay went to the foul line where they missed the front of a one-and-one to send the game to overtime. The Friars outscored the Colonels, 8-5 in overtime for a 90-87 win.

Ninth-ranked Alabama was PC's first opponent at the Southeast Regional. PC scored early and often, opened a big lead and went on to a 103-82 win over the Crimson Tide. Donovan and Brooks combined for 49 points and the Wright's - Steve with 15 and Darryl with 13, added 28 for the PC win.

Long-time BIG EAST foe, Georgetown stood in the Friars' way to the Final Four. John Thompson's team had dealt PC its last loss and was ranked fourth in the nation. Darryl Wright was six-for-six, including four threes, from the floor on his way to 20 points. Donovan scored 20 with 16 coming at the foul line and a tough, tenacious PC defense held off the Hoyas in an 88-73 win. Donovan was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Southeast Regional while Steve Wright and Darryl Wright made the All-Tournament team. Look out New Orleans, the Friars were in the Final Four.

Another BIG EAST foe was in the Friars' path. The Syracuse Orangemen had also advanced to New Orleans. They became the team that ended PC's Cinderella Story. Five Orangemen scored in double figures on the way to a 77-63 win. Carlton Screen led the Friars with 18 points as PC's postseason magic ran out. The remarkable run by the Cinderella Friars will be a major part of the long and storied history of Providence College basketball.

Basketball Program History

Joe Mullaney - The Architect Of PC Basketball

Joe Mullaney, the architect of the Providence College basketball tradition, passed away on March 8, 2000, after a three year battle with cancer. Ironically, Mullaney passed away on the morning of the start of the Big East Tournament in Madison Square Garden, scene of many of Mullaney's greatest triumphs. The Friars first made their name on the national stage in the NIT during the late 1950's and early 1960's under Mullaney's tutelage.



At that time, all NIT games were played at the Garden in New York City. In fact, in 1960, Father Robert Slavin, president of Providence College, said, "The Dominican Order has been around for over 700 years and nobody knew us until we put five guys

on a basketball court at Madison Square Garden." The New York media and New York fans adopted the Friars during their annual NIT treks to the Garden because of Joe Mullaney.



Mullaney grew up a gym rat in New York, following the great City teams of the 1930's

and 1940's and watching legendary coaches like Clair Bee, Nat Holman and Joe Lapchick at the old Garden. Joe was a pretty fair basketball player himself and matriculated to Holy Cross, which was a program on the rise. Playing for Doggie Julian, Mullaney teamed with Bob Cousy in the backcourt and helped to lead the Crusaders to the NCAA national championship in 1947. Following his graduation, Mullaney played briefly in the NBA for Red Auerbach and the Boston Celtics, and then left basketball for a short stint in the FBI.

But basketball was in Joe's blood, and when he was offered the head coaching position at tiny Norwich University in Vermont, Mullaney grabbed it, and his team turned in an 18-5 record in 1954-55. At the same time, Father Slavin wanted to emulate fellow New England Catholic college Holy Cross, which was in the midst of a tremendous run, and was looking to upgrade the program at Providence College. Already a new on-campus gym was scheduled to open at PC, and now Slavin needed the right coach. When the relatively inexperienced, thirty-year old Mullaney interviewed for the job, Slavin was sure that he had his man.

An early upset of Notre Dame at brand-new Alumni Hall served notice that something special was happening on Smith Hill, and after a couple of steadily improving seasons, PC and Mullaney finally broke through in 1959. Led by Mullaney's first big-name recruits, Lenny Wilkens and Johnny Egan, the Friars scored their first-ever win over a nationally ranked opponent, a 90-83 four-overtime thriller over Villanova at the Palestra. PC then received its first-ever NIT bid and recorded its first-ever 20-win season.

That started an incredible run of nine straight 20-win seasons and nine straight postseason tournament appearances. Included in that run were two NIT championships, in 1961 and 1963,

when the NIT was at least on a par with the NCAA Tournament. The Friars also enjoyed weekly appearances in the Top 20 polls during this time. PC also made its first NCAA appearances, including a trip to the Eastern Regional Finals in 1965. Under Mullaney, Providence College became THE team in New England and were yearly challengers for regional and national honors. This was also the time that PC became Rhode Island's team. After winning the NIT in 1961, Rhode Islanders lined Route 6 from the Connecticut border all the way to downtown Providence, to welcome the PC bus back from New York. The subway alumni were born, and it was due to Mullaney and the success of his early teams.

During the 1960's, only UCLA and Kentucky won at a greater percentage than Mullaney's Friars. Star players flocked to the small Catholic college in Rhode Island in a steady stream. After Wilkens and Egan, Friar fans could thrill to the exploits of players like Jim Hadnot, the school's first-ever big man, Vinnie Ernst, Ray Flynn, John Thompson, Jimmy Stone, James Benedict, Jimmy Walker and Mike Riordan. He also recruited Ernie DiGregorio to PC even though Ernie never played for Mullaney. By the time Mullaney decided to test the NBA waters in 1969, he had compiled a 271-94 record (.742) and won three New England Coach of the Year awards.

Joe spent two years coaching the Los Angeles Lakers and took the 1969-70 Lakers, who featured Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West, to the NBA finals. He then moved to the ABA where he coached four teams in five years. In 1971-72, he guided Artis Gilmore and the Kentucky Colonels to a 68-16 record and the ABA finals, and in 1975-76 he experienced life with Marvin Barnes and the St. Louis Spirit.

After leaving the pro ranks, Joe returned to college coaching when the Brown University job opened up in 1978. Mullaney spent three years at Brown, and then, when old friend and PC athletic director Dave Gavitt called him, returned to Providence College in 1981. Joe coached Otis Thorpe, among others, during his four years at PC in the '80's and when he



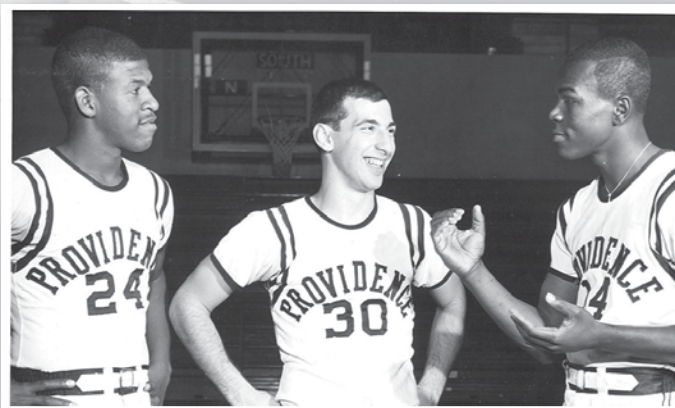
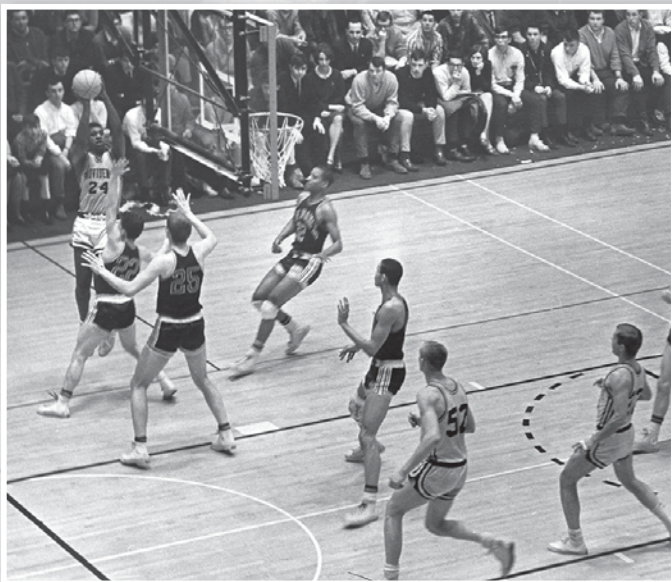
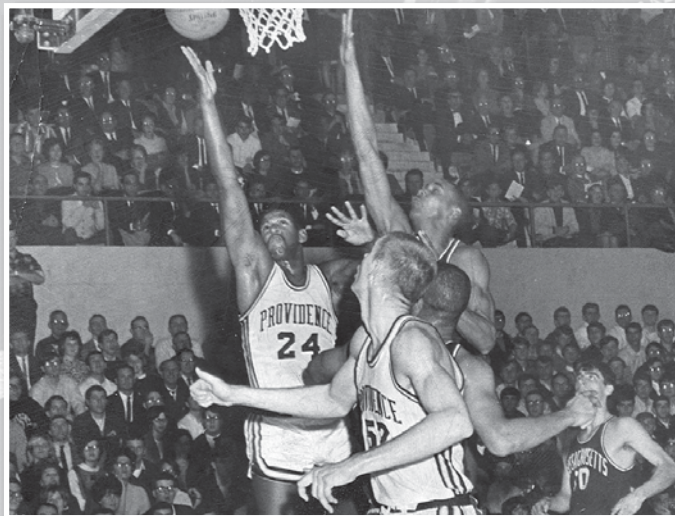
retired in 1985, he held the school record for victories with 319 during his 18 years at the school. Although his second stint at PC was not as successful as his first, his star could not be diminished. He wrapped up his pro coaching career with two years as head coach of Pensacola in the CBA in 1990.

Joe Mullaney was a genius who just happened to wear a whistle and carry a clipboard. He was an innovator, largely responsible for creating the matchup zone defense, which he needed to assist the small, undermanned teams at PC during his first years there. Dave Gavitt, who was the assistant under Mullaney from 1962-66, remarked at Mullaney's tribute dinner, "Going to work every day with Joe was a learning experience. It was comparable to if you were an artist, studying under Rembrandt."

Joe Mullaney and his teams captivated a state. It's not a stretch to say that nothing that has happened at PC since his arrival- the NCAA Final Four appearances, the membership in the Big East Conference, playing in the 12,000 seat Dunkin' Donuts Center, the national recognition- none of that- would have happened without Joe Mullaney. He will be dearly missed.

Basketball Program History

Jimmy Walker - Greatest Friar Of Them All



When the news came from Kansas City that Jimmy Walker had passed away after a battle with cancer, Friar fans everywhere knew that a singular talent in the constellation of Providence College stars was gone forever.

Walker hailed from Boston and established himself as a playground legend in the days before the internet and ESPN helped to make stars out of high schoolers. In fact, Walker was a relative unknown in recruiting circles.

Providence discovered Walker when his aunt, the mother of Friar Bill Blair, remarked to assistant coach Dave Gavitt, "If you think my son is good, you should see my nephew." Gavitt was dispatched to watch Walker and returned to tell Joe Mullaney that "we have to get this kid."

Boston Celtic star Sam Jones guided Walker to Laurinburg Prep to work on his grades, and when Walker entered PC, he led the Friar freshman team to a perfect 21-0 record.

As a varsity superstar, Walker was unstoppable. At 6'3" and 205 pounds, The Walk was bigger than most guards of the day and used his size, strength and ballhandling ability to get wherever he wanted to on the court. Walker dazzled opponents by dribbling between his legs, something that no one had seen before, and his shooting range was unlimited.

As a sophomore, the Friars started the season with 19-straight wins, reached the NCAA Elite Eight and finished the year ranked fourth in the nation. Walker led the way, averaging 20.5 ppg while distributing the ball flawlessly. For his efforts, he was named a Second Team All-American.

In his junior year, Walker again led the Friars to the NCAAs, while averaging 24.5 ppg. That included a 50-point outburst against Boston College in the Holiday Festival in Madison Square Garden, tying Oscar Robertson's MSG record. Already, the media was referring to Walker as the second coming of Robertson, and he made First Team All-America.

His senior year was his best. Walker led the nation in scoring with a 30.4 ppg average, and he recorded eight games of 40 or more points. A unanimous First Team All-American, Walker graduated with the school scoring record, notching 2,045 points in only three seasons, and he averaged 25.2 ppg for his career, all in the days before the three-point shot. In 81 games, Walker had led the Friars to 67 wins.

For his efforts, Walker became the first and only player from a New England school to be picked number one in the NBA draft, selected by the Detroit Pistons to be their point guard.

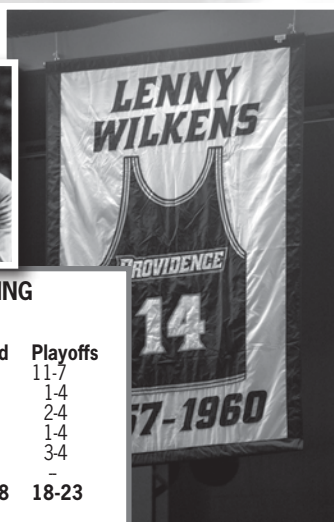
Although Walker never reached the heights in the pros that he had in college, he played nine years in the NBA, and averaged 16.7 ppg for his career. He was a two time All-Star and averaged over 20 ppg twice during his career with the Pistons and the Kansas City Kings.

For Friar fans who remember him, there can never be another like Walker; a whirling dervish who was unguardable by opposing players, drove opposing coaches to tears, and scored effortlessly from all over the court. Truly a Friar that was one of a kind.

Basketball Program History

Lenny Wilkens -

A Friar Forever



FRIARS IN PROFESSIONAL COACHING

BILLY DONOVAN '87

Year	Team (League)	Record	Playoffs
2015-16	Oklahoma City (NBA)	55-27	11-7
2016-17	Oklahoma City (NBA)	47-35	1-4
2017-18	Oklahoma City (NBA)	48-34	2-4
2018-19	Oklahoma City (NBA)	49-33	1-4
2019-20	Oklahoma City (NBA)	44-28	3-4
2020-21	Chicago (NBA)	31-41	-
2015-21	Six Seasons	274-198	18-23

JOHN EGAN '61

Year	Team (League)	Record	Playoffs
1973-74	Houston Rockets (NBA)	32-50	
1974-75	Houston Rockets (NBA)	41-41	3-5
1975-76	Houston Rockets (NBA)	40-42	
1973-76	Three Seasons	113-133	3-5

JOE MULLANEY

Year	Team (League)	Record	Playoffs
1969-70	L. A. Lakers (NBA)	46-36	11-7
1970-71	L. A. Lakers (NBA)	48-34	5-7
1971-72	Kentucky Colonels (ABA)	68-16	2-4
1972-73	Kentucky Colonels (ABA)	56-28	11-8
1973-74*	Utah Stars (ABA)	51-33	9-9
1974-75	Memphis Sounds (ABA)	27-57	1-4
1975-76	St. Louis Spirit (ABA)	15-22	
1976-77	Buffalo Braves (NBA)	11-18	
1988-89	Pensa. Torpedoes (CBA)	31-28	
1989-90	Pensa. Torpedoes (CBA)	36-28	
1969-90	Ten Seasons	389-300	39-39

*Coach of the Year

RICK PITINO

Year	Team (League)	Record	Playoffs
1987-88	New York Knicks (NBA)	38-44	1-3
1988-89	New York Knicks (NBA)	52-30	5-4
1997-98	Boston Celtics (NBA)	36-46	
1998-99	Boston Celtics (NBA)	19-31	
1999-00	Boston Celtics (NBA)	35-47	
2000-01	Boston Celtics (NBA)	12-22	
1987-01	Six Seasons	192-220	6-7

LENNY WILKENS '60

Year	Team (League)	Record	Playoffs
1969-70	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	36-46	
1970-71	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	38-44	
1971-72	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	47-35	
1974-75	Portland Trailblazers (NBA)	38-44	
1975-76	Portland Trailblazers (NBA)	37-45	
1976-77	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	42-18	13-9
1978-79 #	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	52-30	12-5
1979-80	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	56-26	7-8
1980-81	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	34-48	
1981-82	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	52-30	3-5
1982-83	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	48-34	0-2
1983-84	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	42-40	2-3
1984-85	Seattle Supersonics (NBA)	31-51	
1986-87	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	31-51	
1987-88	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	42-40	2-3
1988-89	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	57-25	2-3
1989-90	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	42-40	2-3
1990-91	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	33-49	
1991-92	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	57-25	2-3
1992-93	Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA)	33-49	
1993-94	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	57-25	5-6
1994-95	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	42-40	0-3
1995-96	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	46-36	4-6
1996-97	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	56-26	4-6
1997-98	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	50-32	1-3
1998-99	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	31-19	3-6
1999-00	Atlanta Hawks (NBA)	28-54	
2000-01	Toronto Raptors (NBA)	47-35	6-6
2001-02	Toronto Raptors (NBA)	42-40	2-3
2002-03	Toronto Raptors (NBA)	24-58	
2003-04	New York Knicks (NBA)	23-19	0-4
2004-05	New York Knicks (NBA)	17-22	
1969-05	Thirty-two Seasons	1332-1161	80-98

#World Champions

There have been many great players in Providence College's storied past. From the early days of All-Americans like Ed Wineapple and John Krieger to the 60's teams of John Thompson, Ray Flynn, John Egan and Vinnie Ernst to Marvin and Ernie D. to Otis Thorpe, Billy Donovan and today's Friars, everyone has a favorite. Among all those names remains a player who went on to an outstanding playing and coaching career in the NBA. That would be Lenny Wilkens.

On October 2, 1998, Wilkens was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame for the second time. The first time was for being a player; this time was for his accomplishments as a coach. He joins John Wooden as the only two people to be enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame as a player and a coach. Wooden's honors came as a college player and a college coach. Wilkens' come from an outstanding pro career as a player and a coach.

"For almost four decades, Lenny Wilkens has dedicated his life to basketball and to the pursuit of greatness. He achieved greatness as a high school, collegiate and professional player, and for the past 25 years as a coach. He embodies everything that is good about basketball, and at this time in his career, as basketball moves into the next century, he richly deserves this honor along with our admiration, respect and thanks for giving so much to this great game of basketball."

– The late Dave Gavitt, speaking at Wilkens induction into the Hall of Fame.

WILKENS FACTS

Born: October 28, 1937, Brooklyn, N.Y.

College: Providence College (1960)

28th on all-time scoring list (1,193 points)

All-American (1958-59, 1959-60)

Most Valuable Player - 1960 NIT Tournament

First Round Draft Choice of the St. Louis Hawks

Selected to Providence College Hall of Fame (1972)

Number retired (1996)

Member of the Board of Trustees (1996)

Professional Basketball:

Played for St. Louis, Seattle, Cleveland and Portland
Nine-time All-Star (MVP of 1971 game)

Played in 1,077 Games

Scored 17,772 Points (16.5 ppg)

Had 7,211 Assists (6.7 apg)

Named to NBA's 50 Greatest Players List (1996-97)

Selected to Basketball Hall of Fame as Player (1989)

Coaching Career:

Coached Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Atlanta,
Toronto and New York

NBA's 2nd All-Time Winningest Coach with 1,332 Wins

Coached USA Team to Gold Medal in 1996 Olympics
in Atlanta

Coached Seattle to 1979 NBA Title

Named to NBA's All-Time Top Ten Coaches List

Only person on NBA's Top Players and Top Coaches Lists

Selected to Basketball Hall of Fame as Coach (1998)