



# Chicago State University

## 2021-22 Men's Basketball

Game 1

Chicago State (0-0) vs. St. Thomas (0-0) // Nov. 9, 2021 // Chicago, IL // Jones Convocation Center (7,000)

Audio Stream: ESPN+ // Broadcaster: Sam Brief

### 2021-22 Cougars Schedule

(0-0 overall)

Date	Opponent	Time
11/9	vs. St. Thomas	7p
11/12	Southern Illinois	7p
11/16	at Loyola Chicago	7p
11/20	at California Santa Barbara	4p
11/22	at University of the Pacific	9p
11/28	at Bowling Green State	2p
12/1	at Loyola Maryland	7p
12/4	vs. Tennessee State	4p
12/11	vs. Illinois State	2p
12/13	vs. Northern Illinois	12p
12/16	at IUPUI	6p
12/19	at Drake	TBD
12/21	at Iowa State	6p
12/30	at Grand Canyon*	8p
1/1	at New Mexico State*	5p
1/6	vs. Seattle*	7p
1/8	vs. California Baptist*	12p
1/13	at UTRGV*	7p
1/15	at Lamar*	3p
1/27	vs. Utah Valley*	7p
1/29	vs. Dixie State*	2p
2/2	at Abilene Christian*	7p
2/5	at Tarleton*	7p
2/10	vs. Stephen F. Austin*	7p
2/12	vs. Sam Houston*	2p
2/16	at Stephen F. Austin*	2p
2/19	vs. Tarleton*	2p
2/23	vs. Grand Canyon*	7p
2/26	vs. New Mexico State*	2p
3/3	at California Baptist*	9p
3/5	at Seattle University*	3p
3/9-12	at WAC Tournament	TBD

All times CENTRAL time

\*Western Athletic Conference game

Dates and Times are subject to change

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### Emil & Patricia Jones Convocation Center

Capacity..... 7,000  
Opened..... 2007

STARTERS RETURNING	HT	WT	YR	POS	PPG	RPG	A	B	S
1 Andrew Lewis	6-3	180	Sr.	G	5.0	0.5	0	1	0
10 Carlo Marble	6-5	200	Sr.	G	6.0	3.0	8	10	2
15 Coreyoun Rushin	6-6	200	Sr.	G	12.5	8.5	4	2	0

### LETTERWINNERS RETURNING

	HT	WT	YR	POS	PPG	RPG	A	B	S
25 Noah Bigirumwami	6-10	225	Sr.	F	1.8	1.7	11	4	5

NEWCOMERS	HT	WT	YR	Pos.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0 Jameon "J.J." Harris	6-3	190	Fr.	G	Tallahassee, FL/West Oakes Academy
2 Dominique Alexander	5-10	160	Sr.	G	Los Angeles, CA/Compton
3 Bryce Johnson	6-3	172	Fr.	G	Orlando, FL/Oldsmar Christian
5 Favour Chukwukelu	6-1	170	Jr.	G	Las Vegas, NV/Miles CC
11 Brandon Betson	6-1	180	Jr.	G	Hercules, CA/Daytona State
12 Ali Abdou Dibba	6-4	185	Fr.	G	Stockholm, Bredang/Central Pointe
14 Robert Pierce Blount	6-1	185	Fr.	G	Lutz, FL/Tampa Preparatory
21 Kedrick Green, Jr.	6-2	180	Fr.	G	Atlanta, GA/Central Pointe
22 Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng	6-9	200	Jr.	F	Paris, France/St. Petersburg College
23 Jincho Rivera	6-5	195	Fr.	G	Carolina, Puerto Rico/St. Joseph H.S.
24 Jahsean Corbett	6-6	195	Fr.	G	Kissimmee, FL/West Oakes Academy

### What's New?

Tuesday's game against St. Thomas is Cougars head coach Gerald Gillion's first as a collegiate head coach. Gillion was named Chicago State's head coach on July 19, 2021 after one season with the Samford Bulldogs and two seasons as an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech (2017-19) where he helped lead the Golden Eagles to a 19-12 record in his first season in Cookeville (2017-18). His debut comes against a St. Thomas team playing its first game at the Division I level, making the leap from Division III beginning this season.

### Back on the Court

Tuesday's game marks the first competition for the Chicago State men's basketball team since December 20, 2020 at Drake, a 111-67 Bulldogs victory. CSU played just nine games in 1 COVID-shortened 2020-21 season.

### New Faces

Only three players return from last year's squad, Andrew Lewis, Carlo Marble and Coreyoun Rushin. The coaching staff is new (Gerald Gillion, Baronton Terry, Tramaine Stevens and Jelani Hewitt) and the team has four transfers (Dominique Alexander, Brandon Betson, Favour Chukwukelu and Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng) and seven freshmen (Jahsean Corbett, Robert Pierce Blount, Ali Abdou Dibba, Kedrick Green, Bryce Johnson, Jameon "J.J." Harris and Jincho Rivera). Noah Bigirumwami also returns after taking a COVID year last season.

### Next Up...

CSU will host SIUE on Friday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at the JCC. It's the first time Chicago State will host back-to-back homes games against Division I opponents since 1989-90.

## Did You Know ...

**Chicago State University Athletic Achievements** (2011-present)...**Women's Basketball...** CSU's women's basketball team earned its only postseason appearance in program history in 2011, winning the regular season and conference title, earning a spot in the 2011 Women's Basketball Invitational...**Men's Basketball...** CSU's men's basketball team won the 2013 Great West Conference Tournament title and an appearance in the Collegeinsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT)...**Men's Outdoor Track & Field...** 2019 4x100-Meter Relay team (Matthew Brown, Olesson Cesalien, Ricordo McKenzie, Carlton Sims) were 2019 Honorable Mention All-Americans and WAC Champion. Their feat marked the first time the Chicago State's men's track & field program was represented at the national meet. Brown (100m) and McKenzie (200m) established new CSU outdoor records in their respective events while the duo teamed with Sims and Cesalien to establish new school records in both the 4x100m and 4x200m relays in 2019...2019 WAC 100-Meter Dash Champion Matthew Brown...**Men's Indoor Track & Field...** 2019 WAC 200-Meter Dash Champion Ricordo McKenzie, 2019 WAC 60-Meter Dash Champion Matthew Brown...**Women's Outdoor Track & Field...** 2018 WAC Champion 400-Meter Dash Jocindra Glee...**Women's Indoor Track & Field...** 2017 and 2018 WAC Champion 400-Meter Dash Jocindra Glee...**Women's Soccer...** Qualified for the WAC Tournament for the first time in school history in 2021...2018 Second Team all-conference MF Sara Quevedo...**Men's Tennis...** Pedro Alvarez, Jakub Zamorski and Javier Sanchez Pradillo were named to the 2020-21 All-WAC men's tennis teams. Alvarez was named First Team All-WAC Singles No. 5 and Second Team All-WAC Doubles along with teammate Sanchez Pradillo. Zamorski was named Second Team All-WAC Singles...**Women's Tennis...** Katarina Drazic and Kristina Pukhaeva were named to the 2020-21 All-WAC women's tennis, the duo was named First Team All-WAC Doubles No. 1 while Sofiya Sedovich and Susana Andres were named Women's All-WAC Honorable Mention...2019 Diana Borodina/Katarina Drazic named No. 2 First Team All-WAC Doubles and both named second team All-WAC Singles...Diana Borodina named WAC Freshman of the Year in 2019...**Volleyball...** Qualified for the WAC Tournament for the first time in school history in 2021 and also earned its first victory in the tournament. Qualified for the WAC Tournament and has established a CSU Division I record 16 wins.

## CSU Cougars Head Coach Gerald Gillion

Gerald Gillion was named head men's basketball coach at Chicago State University on July 19, 2021.

Gillion joins Chicago State after one season with the Samford Bulldogs where he was credited with recruiting Samford's most talented class in program history. Prior to joining the Bulldogs, Gillion was as an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech (2017-19) where he helped lead the Golden Eagles to a 19-12 record in his first season in Cookeville (2017-18). He also had a hand in raising the team's grade point average to an impressive 3.4 and in the team's 100 percent graduation rate during his two seasons.

"Coach Gillion is a tremendously talented recruiter and mentor to students," said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Chicago State University Elliott Charles. "Gerald has proven that academic, career and leadership development and social engagement of student-athletes are at the center of his competitive approach. His track record of focus on the holistic development of student-athletes has benefited the prospective student recruitment outcomes at all of his previous institutions.

Gillion spent the 2019-20 academic year strengthening his grassroots relationships as program director of Team Breakdown, a top-10 ranked AAU team in the nation. Team Breakdown won back-to-back AAU national championships and its roster is populated with McDonald's All-Americans, over one hundred former Breakdown players going on to play professionally while thousands went on to compete at the Division I level. Gillion has served as team trainer, coach and director of player development since 2008. Some of the players include Kenny Boynton, Brandon Knight, Tony Mitchell, Zabian Dowdell, Malik Fitts, Justin James, Dewan Hernandez, Anfernee Simons, Kai Jones, Matt Bewley and Ryan Bewley among others.

Gillion also spent time as a special assistant to the head coach at South Florida (2014-17) where he was responsible for organizing recruiting activities with coaches, summer camps, planning travel needs, organizing student-manager responsibilities and overseeing the team's academic progress.

He entered college coaching as director of basketball operations at Florida International (2013-14) where he supervised the team's film exchange, provided coaching staff tech support and was responsible for overseeing the player's academic progress.

Gillion began his coaching career as the head coach at Northeast High School (2008-13) where he transformed the boys program that only won 10 games in four years to a team that won over 20 games and a district championship in his first season as head coach. He also coached the girls program, leading a dramatic turnaround in that program as well.

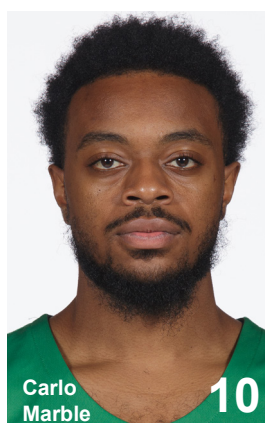
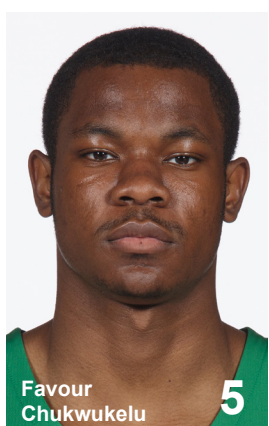
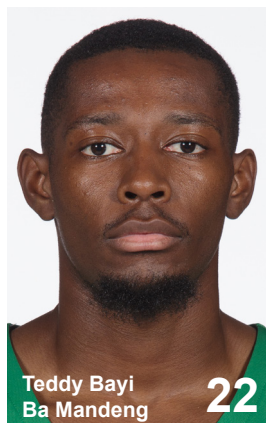
Among the list of pro athletes Coach Gillion has developed over the years, the most recent standouts are the Bewley twins, Matt and Ryan Bewley. As the first U.S. born athletes to sign pro contracts before exhausting high school eligibility, the twins are making headlines for their ability and unconventional decision. Gillion is credited with teaching, training, and coaching them as freshmen when they attended Northeast High School.

Gillion earned his Bachelor's Degree in Social Science from Florida State University in 2008.





## 2021-22 Chicago State University Cougars



## Coaching Staff



## Gillion Begins a New Era of Cougars Basketball

### WAC Preseson Polls

#### WAC Coaches and Media Select NM State, Aggies' Rice as Preseason Favorites

NM State is the preseason favorite to win the Western Athletic Conference men's basketball title in 2021-22, while the coaches and media selected Seattle's Darrion Trammell and UVU's Fardaws Aimaq, respectively, as the WAC Preseason Player of the Year in a vote of the league's media and 13 head coaches, who could not vote for their own team or players.

#### 2021-22 Preseason Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll

Rank	Teams (1st-Place Votes)	Points
1.	NM State (8)	138
2.	Grand Canyon (3)	131
3.	Stephen F. Austin (1)	106
4.	Utah Valley	103
5.	Abilene Christian (1)	92
6.	Seattle U	90
7.	Sam Houston	86
8.	California Baptist	84
9.	Tarleton	48
	UT Rio Grande Valley	48
11.	Lamar	41
12.	Dixie State	35
13.	Chicago State	12

#### Preseason Men's Basketball Coaches' All-WAC First Team

Fardaws Aimaq, R-So., C, Utah Valley  
 Teddy Allen, R-Jr., G NM State  
 Jovan Blacksher Jr., Jr., Grand Canyon  
 Riley Grigsby, Jr., G/F, Seattle U  
 Gavin Kensmil, Sr., F, Stephen F. Austin  
 Jabari Rice, R-Jr., G, NM State  
 Ty Rowell, R-Jr., G, California Baptist  
 Darrion Trammell, So., G, Seattle U

**Preseason Player of the Year:** Darrion Trammell, Seattle U

#### 2021-22 Preseason Men's Basketball Media Poll

Rank	Teams
1.	NM State
2.	Stephen F. Austin
3.	Grand Canyon
4.	Abilene Christian
5.	Utah Valley
6.	California Baptist
7.	Sam Houston
8.	Seattle U
9.	Tarleton
10.	Lamar
11.	UT Rio Grande Valley
12.	Dixie State
13.	Chicago State

#### Preseason Men's Basketball Media All-WAC First Team

Fardaws Aimaq, R-So., C, Utah Valley  
 Jovan Blacksher Jr., Jr., G, Grand Canyon  
 Montre' Gipson, Sr., G, Tarleton  
 Gavin Kensmil, Sr. F, Stephen F. Austin  
 Demarkus Lampley, Sr., G, Sam Houston  
 Jabari Rice, R-Jr., G, NM State  
 Ty Rowell, R-Jr., G, California Baptist  
 Darrion Trammell, So., G, Seattle U

**Preseason Player of the Year:** Fardaws Aimaq, Utah Valley

### 2021-22 Cougars Season Preview

A new era in Chicago State men's basketball is set to get under way Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Jones Convocation Center. First-year head coach Gerald Gillion will make his college-coaching debut for the Cougars, introducing 12 new Cougars players to a team which returns just three players from last year's COVID-shortened season (Andrew Lewis, Carlo Marble and Coreyoun Rushin). CSU will open the 2021-22 campaign with back-to-back home games against Division I opponents for the first time since 1989-90, welcoming St. Thomas on Nov. 9, followed by SIUE on Nov. 12.

"I'm excited for that first game for sure," Gillion said. "It'll be my first game as a head coach and a lot of the guys first game as a collegiate athlete and, for others, it's the first game that starts a new era, a championship era in Chicago State basketball. That first game is going to be extremely special for multiple reasons."

Gillion comes to Chicago State after one season with the Samford Bulldogs and three seasons at Tennessee Tech (2017-19) where he helped lead the Golden Eagles to a 19-12 record in his first season in Cookeville (2017-18). He also spent time as a special assistant to the head coach at South Florida (2014-17) and entered college coaching as director of basketball operations at Florida International (2013-14).

Like any first-year head coach, whether it's at a new institution or making a head coaching debut, the goal is to establish a culture.

"I want to set a foundation of excellence throughout the program, especially with our younger guys," Gillion said. "The goal is to have them do the things that are required both on and off the court, day in and day out. Basically, I tell those guys to win each day, doing the things you're asked to do and laying a foundation of excellence."

"On the court, win, lose or draw, we want to win the rebounding margin, we want to win the free-throw margin and we want to win the turnover margin. If we do those things we feel we're going to be in any game that we play and those things are indicative of how hard you're playing. If we can get to the free throw line, limit turnovers and rebound the basketball, we're going to be in a good position. Off the court, the requirements don't change. I'm expecting those guys to perform inside the classroom. 3.0 is the men's basketball standard and I'm expecting these guys to get out into the community, get people to the game and let people know what Chicago State basketball is all about."

The opening roster will consist of three returning starters, one additional returning letter winner and 12 newcomers to Division I basketball, which includes five transfers and seven freshmen.

#### Returning Starters

Andrew Lewis (G, 6-3, 180, Sr., Milwaukee, WI/St. Cloud State)  
 Carlo Marble (G, 6-5, 200, Sr., Des Moines, IA/Kirkwood C.C.)  
 Coreyoun Rushin (G, 6-5, 200, Sr., Chicago, IL/Idaho State)



Andrew Lewis



Carlo Marble



Coreyoun Rushin



## Hello and Goodbye

Western Athletic Conference Commissioner Jeff Hurd announced on Jan. 14, 2021, membership invitations issued by the conference's Board of Directors to five universities have been accepted effective July 1, 2022.

Four of the institutions – Abilene Christian University, Lamar University, Sam Houston State University and Stephen F. Austin State University – are in Texas and were previously members of the Southland Conference. The fifth, Southern Utah University, is a member of the Big Sky Conference.

The additions will create a 13-team conference that will be divided into two divisions for team sports other than football, men's basketball and women's basketball. One division will consist of the Texas-based institutions including current WAC members Tarleton State University and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. The other division will include Southern Utah along with Dixie State University, New Mexico State University, Grand Canyon University, California Baptist University, Seattle University and Utah Valley University.

Men's and women's basketball will feature both divisional and crossover play with the number of conference games to be played still to be determined. The conference's tournament will remain in Las Vegas.

In conjunction with the WAC expansion announcement, Chicago State University announced it will leave the Western Athletic Conference in June 2022. CSU joined the WAC in 2013 as a part of a six-university expansion, which included the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). The WAC's original expansion plan was to develop a Midwest division with Chicago State and UMKC as the anchors. UMKC left the conference in July 2020. Over time, the WAC has added members located in south and western regions of the country.

Chicago State Director of Athletics Elliott Charles said, "Chicago State University is thankful for our partnership with the WAC and its member institutions. Our programs and department have grown and expanded during this time. Looking ahead, Chicago State Athletics will continue its student-first approach in our Division I program as we plan for our future."

"In terms of the players returning, all of them have different attributes that I really love," Gillion said.

"Andrew (Lewis) can really score the ball. He's been working on his jumper throughout the summer and early fall, getting inside the gym with the assistant coaches and he's really developed a nice, flat-footed shot and he's really active on the defensive end.

"Carlo (Marble), in his next life, he's going to be a coach. I see it in him. He has a great understanding of the game. He's knows what going on both on and off the court.

"Coreyoun (Rushin) is a ball of energy, especially on offense. He finds a way to create offense for himself. He doesn't demand the ball but he's going to fill up the stat column at the end of the game, rebounding, assists and points."

"All of them bring a tremendous value to the team in different areas."

### Returning Letterwinner

Noah Bigirumwami, F, 6-10, 225, Sr., Santa Clarita, CA/ San Bernardino Valley)  
Opted out in 2020-21 but returns for 2021-22.



Noah Bigirumwami

"Like all of our guys, we expect them all to be able to dribble, pass, shoot and post," Gillion said. "It just so happens that Noah (Bigirumwami) is doing that at 6-10. I have a lot of expectations for him but it starts on the defensive side of things. I'm fully expecting him to be able to rebound and block shots. For me, he's going to have to be able to challenge shots and I don't necessarily mean block every shot but expecting him to challenge shots and rebound the ball."

### Transfers

Dominique Alexander (G, 5-10, 160, Sr., Los Angeles, CA/Compton)  
Brandon Betson (G, 6-1, 180, Jr., Hercules, CA/Daytona State)  
Favour Chukwukelu (G, 6-1, 170, Jr., Las Vegas, NV/Miles Community College)  
Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng (F, 6-9, 200, Jr., Paris, France/St. Petersburg College)



Dominique Alexander



Brandon Betson



Favour Chukwukelu



Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng

## Rule Changes

### Shot clock

To permit but not require tenths of a second to be displayed on the shot clock.

**Rationale:** To clarify an omission in the rules book on shot clocks that have the ability to be set to the tenth of a second.

This permissive rules change does not require institutions to have shot clocks that can be set to the tenth of a second.

### Undershirts

To permit long-sleeved undershirts or compression shirts under the jersey. A long-sleeved undershirt/compression shirt may have one manufacturer's logo meeting the size restriction of Rule 1-25.2.

**Rationale:** The rules committee is seeing frequent waiver requests for long sleeved undershirts to be worn under the game uniform. This change aligns with the women's basketball rule on undershirts.

### Replacement of a player

To establish the sounding of the horn 20 seconds before the expiration of time to replace a disqualified player or an injured player.

**Rationale:** The current playing rules permit 15-seconds to replace a disqualified player and 20-seconds to replace an injured player. This change will align both of those times and make it easier for officials and the official timer.

### Out of bounds

To establish that when the ball goes out of bounds during jump balls where possession is not initially obtained that the shot clock will be set to 20 seconds when the throw in is in the front court and 30 seconds if it is in the back court.

**Rationale:** This corrects an omission in the rules book on jump ball plays.

### Basket interference

To permit official's discretion in determining basket interference when a player touches the net.

**Rationale:** Incidental contact with the net which has no effect on the ball should not be deemed basket interference.

### Double/simultaneous fouls

To establish when double fouls or simultaneous fouls occur, there shall be no free throws awarded when the penalty for each foul is equal.

**Rationale:** This reduces the number of game stoppages to shoot free throws and is equitable to both teams.

## 2021-22 Cougars Season Preview *(cont.)*

"Our junior college transfers, Brandon Betson, Favour Chukwukelu, Dominique Alexander and Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng, all of those guys, they bring a lot of positive things to the table and Anthony Hamilton is an interesting case," Gillion said.

"Dominique (Alexander) is a ball of energy. He's really going to make an impact on the defensive side of the ball," Gillion said. "He's a solid floor general and he can knock down shots.

"Brandon Betson is probably one of the best, natural one-on-one creators that I've seen in awhile and I think, in the end, he'll be a key contributor for us.

"Favour (Chukwukelu) is one of those guys who will do whatever is asked. If you need him to guard the best player, he's going to be able to do that, he can really shoot the ball, shot close to 50 percent at the junior college level. One of his best attributes is that he really listens and he's really bought in to what I'm asking him to do. So, because of that, he's going to play.

"Big Teddy (Bayi Ba Mandeng), I'm expecting him to be able to rebound and block shots on the defensive end and like everybody, you have to be able to dribble, pass, shoot and post. The post has been solid, the passing and ball handling has been solid and I love the fact that he's working on his jumper every day."

### Freshmen

Jahsean Corbett (G, 6-6, 195, Fr., Kissimmee, FL/West Oaks Academy)

Robert Pierce Blount (G, 6-1, 185, Fr., Lutz, FL/Tampa Preparatory School)

Kedrick Green (G, 6-2, 180, Fr., Atlanta, GA/Central Pointe Academy)

Bryce Johnson (G, 6-3, 172, Fr., Orlando, FL/Oldsmar Christian)

Jameon "J.J." Harris (G, 6-3, 190, Fr., Tallahassee, FL/West Oaks Academy)

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Jahsean Corbett



Pierce Blount



Kedrick Green



Bryce Johnson



J.J. Harris

## Rule Changes

### Starting lineup

To permit officials to penalize failure to supply the names of the five starting players before the ten-minute mark prior to the game until the end of the first half.

**Rationale:** Under the current rules, an official is only permitted to penalize teams for failure to supply the names of the five starting players prior to the start of the game, and the officials are not aware of the starting players until the game starts.

### Live statistics

To permit the transmission of live statistical data to the bench area for coaching purposes and to allow conferences to experiment with preloaded and live video on the bench during conference games and tournaments.

**Rationale:** For the past two seasons, the rules committee permitted conferences to experiment with the transmission of live statistical data to the bench. This experimentation was met with approval from the coaches and other stakeholders. Allowing conferences to experiment with video next season will provide the rules committee with additional data and feedback with regard to expanding the use of technology on the bench.

### Instant Replay

To permit officials to use Instant Replay to determine which team caused the ball to be out of bounds but only when a call has been made in the last two minutes of the game.

**Rationale:** This allows officials to review and determine who caused the ball to go out of bounds when an official has made a call. The previous rule would have required a deflection among two players in order to review.

### Instant Replay

Following a monitor review for basket interference or goaltending, the game clock shall be reset to the time the violation actually occurred in cases when the official's call was correct. When the Instant Replay review indicates no violation has occurred, the game clock shall be reset to the time when the official thought the violation occurred.

**Rationale:** To be accurate and consistent when placing time back on the clock during late game situations. This monitor review is permissible only in the last two minutes of the game.

"The freshmen have been good. Really, really good," Gillion said. "We play against each other and they've been able to hold their own, if not dominate, so I'm expecting the freshmen to be key contributors from day one. I'm really high on my freshman class."

"Jahsean (Corbett) has been my biggest surprise since I got to Chicago State. His development has been remarkable. I'm excited to see him out on the court."

"Bryce (Johnson) has showed a lot of promise. He has been doing a tremendous job of living inside the gym, working on a lot of the things he's lacking. To this day he's gained about 11 pounds since the day he arrived so I'm expecting his work ethic to show on the court."

"J.J. Harris is a very talented freshman, he just has some things he has to learn, managing time, he has some injuries. There's a lot that is expected but the talent level is there."

"That's the same thing with Jincho (Rivera). He's extremely talented, 6-5, can dribble, pass, shoot and post, he understands the game of basketball, he just has to learn the off-the-court, life schedule balance."

"Kedrick Green is a natural floor leader, smallest guy on the court, probably has the biggest heart. He's going to get you in your sets, can knock down the open shots. He's won everywhere he's been and has an immediate impact on the game."

"Pierce (Blount) is another guy, extremely hard working, they spend a lot of time in the gym, they drag each other into the gym. Pierce is in the Honors College and he does an unbelievable job of setting a positive example for our team on what needs to be done on and off the court and how to balance being a student and being a basketball player."

### Preseason Rankings

Chicago State was picked by both the Western Athletic Conference coaches and media to finish 13th in the 13-team league in preseason voting.

"It's definitely a sense of motivation," Gillion said. "I don't think anyone plans going into anything they do to finish last. It's great locker room talk and, it gives the guys something to look forward to, but, at the end of the day, it is preseason and the ball still has to bounce, people still have to come and see. I don't mind it, use it as chalk talk, locker-room talk but the ball still has to go up and we still have to play the game."

"I feel excited about the team though, really, really excited. We have some really good pieces. Guys are showing every day that they're ready to take this next step and put Chicago State as a place where we're a household name."

### General Information

Location .....	Chicago, Ill.
Founded .....	1867
Enrollment .....	4,767
Nickname .....	Cougars
Colors .....	Green and White
Affiliation .....	NCAA Division I
Conference .....	Western Athletic Conference
President .....	Z. Scott
Director of Athletics .....	Elliott Charles
Faculty Athletic Rep .....	Dr. June Price-Shingles

### Team History

First Year of Basketball .....	1966-67
First Year of Division I Basketball .....	1984-85
All-Time Record .....	568-988
All-Time Division I Record .....	272-762
Postseason Appearances .....	CIT (2013)

### Basketball Information

Head Coach .....	Gerald Gillion
Alma Mater .....	Florida State, '08
Record at CSU .....	0-0, 1st season
Career Record .....	Same
Associate Head Coach .....	Baronton Terry
Assistant Coach .....	Tramaine Stevens
Assistant Coach .....	Jelani Hewitt
Athletic Trainer .....	Alex Reamy
Sports Performance .....	Ryan Henry

### Team Information

2020-21 Record .....	0-9
WAC Record .....	0-0
Home .....	0-0
Away .....	0-7
Neutral .....	0-2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....	4/10
Starters Returning/Lost .....	3/3
Newcomers .....	11





## 2021-22 Chicago State University Cougars Alphabetical Roster

2	Dominique Alexander	G	5-10	160	Sr.	Los Angeles, California / Gardena / University of Antelope Valley, Compton
22	Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng	F	6-9	200	Jr.	Paris, France / St. Petersburg (Fla.) College
11	Brandon Betson	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Hercules, California / San Bernardino Valley College / Daytona State
25	Noah Bigirumwami	F	6-10	225	Sr.	Santa Clarita, Calif. / Village Christian / San Bernardino Valley College
14	Robert Pierce Blount	G	6-1	185	Fr.	Lutz, Florida / Tampa Preparatory School
5	Favour Chukwukelu	G	6-1	170	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nevada / Miles Community College (MT)
24	Jahsean Corbett	G	6-6	195	Fr.	Kissimmee, Florida / West Oaks Academy
12	Ali Abdou Dibba	G	6-4	185	Fr.	Stockholm, Bredang / Central Pointe Academy
21	Kedrick Green, Jr.	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Atlanta, Georgia / Central Pointe Academy
0	Jameon "J.J." Harris	G	6-3	190	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL / West Oaks Academy
3	Bryce Johnson	G	6-3	172	Fr.	Orlando, Florida / Oldsmar Christian
1	Andrew Lewis	G	6-3	180	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Milwaukee Vincent H.S. / St. Cloud St/Highland Community College
10	Carlo Marble	G	6-5	200	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa / West Des Moines Valley Kirkwood C.C.
23	Jincho Rivera	G	6-5	195	Fr.	Carolina, Puerto Rico / St. Joseph High School
15	Coreyoun Rushin	G	6-5	200	Sr.	Chicago, IL / Westinghouse College Prep / College of Southern Idaho / Idaho State

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### Coaching Staff

Gerald Gillion: (like million, with a G)  
 Baronton Terry: (baron-ton)  
 Tramaine Stevens: (truh-maine)  
 Jelani Hewitt: (juh-loni hue-it)

### Players

Dominique Alexander: (domma-neek)  
 Teddy Bayi Ba Mandeng: (bye-ee bah mon-dang)  
 Noah Bigirumwami: (bee-gee-roo-wahm-ee)  
 Robert Pierce Blount: Goes by Pierce (blunt)  
 Favour Chukwukelu: (favor choo-koo-kell-oo)

Jahsean Corbett: (juh-shawn)  
 Jameon "J.J." Harris: Goes by J.J.  
 Jincho Rivera: (heen-cho)  
 Coreyoun Rushin: (corey-on russian)



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1	Andrew Lewis	G	6-3	180	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Milwaukee Vincent H.S./St. Cloud St./Highland Community College
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#	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG								
15	Rushin, Coreyoun	2-2	75	37.5	10-17	.588	0-2	.000	5-6	.833	4	13	17	8.5	5	0	4	9	0	2	25	12.5
05	Johnson, Xavier	9-5	265	29.4	35-101	.347	18-57	.316	18-22	.818	2	18	20	2.2	23	0	19	26	1	6	106	11.8
02	Zeigler, Levelle	7-4	217	31.0	27-70	.386	7-26	.269	15-22	.682	1	12	13	1.9	8	0	17	13	0	4	76	10.9
23	Polynice, Jordan	6-4	150	25.0	19-42	.452	3-11	.273	3-4	.750	4	8	12	2.0	15	1	4	9	2	3	44	7.3
10	Marble, Carlo	9-4	217	24.1	21-60	.350	7-33	.212	5-10	.500	7	20	27	3.0	30	1	8	13	2	10	54	6.0
03	Lewis, Isaiah	7-5	169	24.1	14-47	.298	7-26	.269	6-6	1.000	0	11	11	1.6	16	0	15	6	0	2	41	5.9
01	Lewis, Andrew	2-2	27	13.5	3-13	.231	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	0	1	1	0.5	3	0	0	1	0	0	10	5.0
04	Davis, Ke'Sean	7-5	129	18.4	12-29	.414	0-3	.000	8-15	.533	6	27	33	4.7	24	3	5	25	3	3	32	4.6
00	Jones, Rajeir	9-7	197	21.9	13-45	.289	4-17	.235	10-18	.556	6	14	20	2.2	21	0	7	15	0	9	40	4.4
20	Demuth, Lou	5-0	73	14.6	9-23	.391	2-6	.333	2-2	1.000	2	14	16	3.2	10	0	2	5	1	1	22	4.4
13	Bonds, Aaris-Monte	6-5	129	21.5	7-22	.318	1-8	.125	5-8	.625	5	20	25	4.2	10	0	6	5	3	6	20	3.3
11	Whitehead, Kalil	9-2	152	16.9	10-28	.357	1-10	.100	8-9	.889	5	12	17	1.9	13	0	2	4	1	3	29	3.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>180-497</b>	<b>.362</b>	<b>51-203</b>	<b>.251</b>	<b>88-126</b>	<b>.698</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>55.44</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>1800</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>295-558</b>	<b>.529</b>	<b>81-205</b>	<b>.395</b>	<b>127-183</b>	<b>.694</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>88.67</b>

Team Statistics	CSU	OPP	Conf	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
SCORING	499	798		11/25/20	vs Ohio	L	61-84	132
Points Per Game	55.4	88.7		11/26/20	at Illinois	L	38-97	143
Scoring Margin	-33.3	-		11/27/20	vs N.C. A&T	L	44-74	155
FIELD GOALS-ATT	180-497	295-558		12/03/20	at Eastern Ill.	L	56-78	0
Field Goal Pct	.362	.529		12/05/20	at Northwestern	L	66-111	0
3 POINT FG-ATT	51-203	81-205		12/09/20	at Loyola Chicago	L	51-88	0
3PT FG Pct	.251	.395		12/15/20	at Illinois St.	L	62-91	0
3PT Made Per Game	5.7	9.0		12/18/20	at Northern Ill.	L	54-64	0
FREE THROWS-ATT	88-126	127-183		12/20/20	at Drake	L	67-111	331
FT Pct	.698	.694						
FT Made Per Game	9.8	14.1						
REBOUNDS	234	382						
Rebounds Per Game	26.0	42.4						
Rebounds Margin	-16.4	-						
ASSISTS	89	174						
Assists Per Game	9.9	19.3						
TURNOVERS	140	104						

\* = Conference game