



# Rider University Men's Basketball Game Notes

## Rider University Broncs (0-1)

vs.

## University of Pittsburgh Panthers (1-0)

Petersen Events Center (12,508)

Sunday November 13, 2011 6:00pm

Rider Radio: 107.7 FM The Bronc

www.gobroncs.com

ESPN3



### Rider University 2011-2012 Men's Basketball Schedule

#### November

Sat. 5	<b>EAST STROUDSBURG</b> (exhibition)	W 74-61
Fri. 11	at Robert Morris	L 57-83
Sun. 13	# at Pittsburgh (ESPN3)	6 p.m.
Tue. 15	<b>DREXEL</b> (ESPN)	6 a.m.
Thu. 17	# <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	7 p.m.
Mon. 21	<b>HOWARD</b>	7 p.m.
Fri. 25	# vs. James Madison at Palestra (Comcast)	2 p.m.
Sat. 26	# vs. La Salle at Palestra (Comcast)	4:30 p.m.

#### December

Fri. 2	* <b>MANHATTAN</b>	7 p.m.
Sun. 4	*at Marist	2 p.m.
Fri. 9	vs. Florida at Jacksonville Veteran's Memorial Arena	7 p.m.
Wed. 14	<b>PRINCETON</b>	7 p.m.
Sat. 17	at Maryland Baltimore County	7 p.m.
Thu. 22	at Monmouth	7 p.m.
Fri. 30	at Stony Brook	7 p.m.

#### January

Mon. 2	*at Manhattan	7 p.m.
Fri. 6	* <b>MARIST</b>	7 p.m.
Sun. 8	*at Saint Peter's	2 p.m.
Thu. 12	*at Siena (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
Mon. 16	*at Fairfield	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 20	*at Iona (ESPNU)	10 p.m.
Sun. 22	* <b>CANISIUS</b>	3 p.m.
Thu. 26	* <b>SAINT PETER'S</b> (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
Sun. 29	* <b>SIENA</b>	2 p.m.

#### February

Fri. 3	*at Loyola Maryland (ESPNU)	7 p.m.
Sun. 5	* <b>NIAGARA</b>	1 p.m.
Thu. 9	*at Canisius	7 p.m.
Sat. 11	*at Niagara	2 p.m.
Wed. 15	* <b>IONA</b>	7 p.m.
Sat. 18	at ESPN Sears BracketBusters (opponent TBD)	TBD
Fri. 24	* <b>LOYOLA MARYLAND</b>	7 p.m.
Sun. 26	* <b>FAIRFIELD</b> (ESPN3)	3:30 p.m.
Fri.-Mon. 2-5	at MAAC Championship, MassMutual Center, Springfield, Massachusetts	TBD

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

# Hoops Group Classic game

### Bronc Probable Starters

#	name	cl	pos	ht	wt	pts/rebs
10	Anthony Myles	so	g	6-5	200	20/3
22	Jeff Jones	sr	g	6-4	200	14/3
13	Daniel Stewart	so	f	6-7	210	5/6
23	Novar Gadson	sr	f	6-7	230	7/1
31	Brandon Penn	sr	f	6-8	205	4/10

### First Off the Bench

11	Charles Oliver	fr	g	6-3	190	0/2
15	Eddie Mitchell	fr	g	6-0	175	6/2

### Panther Probable Starters

#	name	cl	pos	ht	wt	pts/rebs
21	Lamar Patterson	so	f	6-5	220	6/7
35	Nasir Robinson	sr	f	6-5	225	8/2
11	Dante Taylor	jr	f	6-9	240	7/8
1	Tray Woodall	so	g	5-11	190	25/6
12	Ashton Gibbs	sr	g	6-2	190	21/0

### First Off the Bench

24	Khem Birch	fr	f	6-9	220	2/3
3	Cameron Wright	fr	g	6-4	205	2/1
4	John Johnson	fr	g	6-1	175	8/0

### About Tonight's Opponent

Founded in 1787 as a small, private school, the Pittsburgh Academy was located in a log cabin near Pittsburgh's three rivers. In the more than 220 years since, the University has evolved into an internationally recognized center of learning and research. Famous alumni include Mike Ditka, actor/dancer Gene Kelly and Berlin Olympic gold medal winner (800 meter run) John Woodruff. The Jonas Salk polio vaccine was also developed at Pitt.



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## 2011-12 RIDER UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht	Wt
5	Jonathon Thompson	jr	G	6-4	190
10	Anthony Myles	so	G	6-5	200
11	Charles Oliver	fr	G	6-3	190
12	Kevin Noon	sr	G	6-1	190
13	Daniel Stewart	so	F	6-7	210
14	Mark Medley	fr	G	6-3	175
15	Eddie Mitchell	fr	G	6-0	175
20	Emerson Bursis	fr	F	6-5	195
21	Dera Nd-Ezuma	jr	C	6-10	215
22	Jeff Jones	sr	G	6-4	200
23	Novar Gadson	sr	G/F	6-7	230
25	Junior Fortunat	fr	F	6-9	220
31	Brandon Penn	sr	F	6-8	205
32	Tommy Pereira	so	G	6-2	175

## Rider Quick Facts

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Location:** Lawrenceville, NJ

**Enrollment:** 5,665 (4,675 undergraduate)

**Founded:** 1865

**Academic Units:** College of Business Administration; College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences; College of Continuing Studies; and Westminster Choir College

**Colors:** Cranberry, White, Grey

**Nickname:** Broncs

**Athletic Affiliations:** NCAA Division I, ECAC

**Conference:** Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC)

**President:** Mordechai Rozanski, Ph.D.

**Athletic Director:** Don Harnum 609-896-5054

**Associate Athletic Director/SWA:** Karin Torchia 609-896-5249

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**Head Athletic Trainer:** Tim Lengle

**Assistant Athletic Trainers** Henry Minarick, Karen Cote, Gina Dain

**Events Coordinator:** Blake Burkey

**Home Court:** Alumni Gymnasium (1650)

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**Athletics Home Page:** [www.GoBroncs.com](http://www.GoBroncs.com)

## Pronunciation Guide

#20 BURR sis

#21 DARE ah N.D. ah ZOOM ah

#23 no-VAR GAD son

#25 4 2 not

#32 pa rare ah

## Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Tommy Dempsey (Susquehanna '97) (6th season)

**Associate Head Coach:** Kevin Baggett (St. Joseph's '89)

**Assistant Coach:** Mike Witcoskie (Susquehanna '01)

**Assistant Coach:** Ben Luber (Penn State '07)

## Broncs Live on the Internet

For the ninth consecutive year, Rider University's men's basketball games will be broadcast live via the Internet. In conjunction with WRRR 107.7 FM The Bronc, all games will be available via the Internet link located at [www.GoBroncs.com](http://www.GoBroncs.com).

## Rider Hotline

The Rider University hotline phone number is 609-219-2000. For the latest athletic results, push 2.

## On the Air

Tonight's game and every Rider basketball game is broadcast on WRRR radio, 107.7 FM The Bronc, with Daryl Fein, Kevin Bannon and Steve Rudenstein. Live Stats are also available on the Internet for all Rider home games and several away games on the Rider Web site. Tonight's game is also on ESPN3



### **Pittsburgh This Year**

The Panthers began the season Friday with an 89-56 victory over Albany. In that game sophomore guard Tray Woodall made five of seven three-pointers to finish with 25 points and senior guard Ashton Gibbs added 21. This year the Panthers will be led by Gibbs, the preseason Big East Conference Player of the Year. He also garnered preseason Sporting News All-America Third Team and a Dick Vitale First-Team All-America (Solid Gold) honors.

### **Head Panther**

Jamie Dixon was named the Sporting News National Coach of the Year last season, his 12<sup>th</sup> year at Pittsburgh and eighth as head coach. Dixon was the 2010 Jim Phelan National coach of the year and the 2009 Naismith National coach of the Year. He led the 2004 Panthers to the Big East Tournament Championship and has gone to eight straight NCAA Tournaments. Dixon has a record of 217-60, including the victory Friday over Albany.

### **Pittsburgh Last Year**

The Panthers finished the 2010-11 season 28-6, the 28<sup>th</sup> win coming in the NCAA Tournament over UNC Asheville. The Panthers won the Big East Regular Season Title last year. Pitt lost two of its last three games, to UConn in the Big East Tournament and to Butler in the NCAA Tournament. Pitt was 17-1 at home last season.

### **Rider vs. Pittsburgh**

The Broncs and Panthers met for the first time last season, with Pitt winning by 19 points. Holding a 49-36 lead, Pitt went on a 13-3 run to take a 62-39 lead with 12:37 left, but could never add on to that lead. Holding a 13-11 lead, Pitt went on an 11-2 run to take a 24-13 lead with 7:37 left in the first half, and Pitt led 42-29 at the half.

## **Bronc Briefs**

\*\*Rider is located in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, between Princeton and Trenton, between New York City and Philadelphia.

\*\*Rider is in its 15<sup>th</sup> season in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

\*\*Rider began the 2008-09 season ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation among Mid-Majors according to CollegeInsider.com

\*\*The Broncs advanced to the MAAC Championship Game in 2008 and were selected to play in the inaugural College Basketball Invitational.

\*\* Rider won a program-record 59 games over the last three years.

\*\*Rider is picked to finish fourth in the MAAC this year.

\*\*Rider lost at Northern Iowa in the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament to end the 2010-11 season.

## **And Away We Go**

Rider is 0-1 on the road this season. Rider was 11-6 in “away” games last season. The Broncs finished the 2009-10 regular season 8-8 on the road . The Broncs finished 7-8 on the road in 2008-09, including the postseason game at Liberty and were 5-4 in the MAAC. Rider finished the regular season 9-5 in away games in 2007-08 and was 3-2 on neutral court for a 12-7 record away from Alumni Gym. The Broncs were 7-9 on the road in 2006-07.

## **2010-11 Awards**

Last year Justin Robinson was a First Team All-District, Third Team All-MET and First Team All-MAAC selection. Novar Gadson was a Second Team All-MAAC pick. Mike Ringgold was a Third Team All-MAAC selection. Daniel Stewart was the MAAC Rookie of the Year and a Mid-Major Freshman All-American.

## **Graduation**

The Broncs lost three players to graduation, Justin Robinson, Mike Ringgold and Patrick Mansell. The three made up the winningest group to ever play at Rider, compiling 82 victories over a four-year span. Robinson graduated 10<sup>th</sup> in career points (1,480, 11.4 per game) and sixth in career assists (394, 3.0 per game). Ringgold graduated fifth in career rebounds (789, 5.9 per game) and 14<sup>th</sup> in career scoring (1386, 10.4 per game). Ringgold also graduated with the career record for games played (133).

## **Rider on Neutral Court**

Rider plays two games on neutral court this year, James Madison and La Salle at the historic Palestra in Philadelphia. Rider was 3-1 on neutral court last season, defeating TCU and Loyola-Marymount in Springfield, Mass while going 1-1 in the MAAC Tournament.

## **2011-12 Awards**

Senior Novar Gadson is a preseason First Team All-MAAC selection this year. Senior Jeff Jones, having never played a MAAC game, is a Third Team selection, along with sophomore Daniel Stewart.

## **Ready For Prime Time**

Rider will play at least 11 games on television this year. Last year the Broncs were 6-4 on T.V. In 2007-08 Rider was a best-ever 7-3 on national television.

## **Short Bench**

The Broncs will be at less than full strength tonight. Sophomore guard Tommy Pereria, who played in 25 games last year for the 23-11 Broncs, has been sidelined with a stress fracture. Junior center Dera Nd-Ezuma suffered a concussion in practice Tuesday. Freshman forward Junior Fortunat, an All-Philadelphia Catholic League selection last season, is an international student (from Canada) and has yet to be cleared by the NCAA. Junior Jonathon Thompson is serving the balance of a suspension for a violation of team rules from last season.

## **Rider in Home Openers**

The Broncs host Drexel on November 15 in the 2011-12 home opener. Rider won the home opener against Lafayette last season for the fifth year in a row and have won 13 of the last 15 home openers.

## **Good Start**

Rider began the 2010-11 season 4-1 in the MAAC for the second time in three years. Rider began 2000-01 a best-ever 7-1 in the MAAC.

## **Old Building, New Floor**

When the Rider campus moved from downtown Trenton to the suburbs of Lawrenceville 53 years ago, the first building that was built on the old Pate Farm was The Alumni Gymnasium. The 1958 commencement officially opened the new building. Most of the original floor still remained until a heavy rain storm flooded the building during the summer of 2009 and a new floor was inserted during September and October. The new floor was first used November 4, 2009.

## **Road Warriors**

Rider begins the 2011-12 season with two away games. Last year the Broncs were 14-6 on the road (11-5 away, 3-1 neutral) and were 8-1 in MAAC play on the road. Rider's 11 away game wins was third best in Division I.

## **First Year Senior**

Senior Jeff Jones began his first season as a Bronc this year, after spending last year practicing with the Rider team while attending classes in Lawrenceville. Jones comes to Rider from the University of Virginia, where he scored 555 points, and is ranked among the top 25 transfers in Division I by CBS Sports. Jones was the 2007 Gatorade Pennsylvania Player of the Year and the Markwood Philadelphia Player of the Year after averaging 22.7 points per game for Monsignor Bonner. Jones graduated from Bonner with 1,923 career points.

## **Rider in Non-Conference Games**

The Broncs are 0-1 in non-conference games this year. Rider was 9-4 in non-conference games last year, defeating Lafayette of the Patriot League, USC of the PAC 10, TCU of the Mountain West, Loyola Marymount of West Coast, UMBC of America East, Monmouth of the NEC, La Salle of the A-10, Howard of the MEAC and Delaware of the CAA. The Broncs finished the regular season 7-6 in non-conference games in 2009-10, defeating Mississippi State of the SEC, Lehigh of the Patriot League, Florida A&M of the MEAC, Binghamton and UMBC of the America East, Saint Joseph's of the Atlantic 10 and Monmouth of the NEC. The Broncs were 6-6 in non-conference games in 2008-09, including the postseason game at Liberty. Rider finished the regular season 8-4 in non-conference games in 2007-08. Rider was 7-6 in non-conference games in 2006-07.

## **BracketBuster**

Rider will play in the ESPN Sears BracketBuster on February 18. Last year Rider defeated Delaware 95-86 in the BracketBuster and has won three of its last four BracketBuster games. In 2009-10 Rider lost in overtime (92-89) to Hofstra in the BracketBuster game. Rider defeated UMBC in 2009-09 and won at Cal State Northridge in 2007-08. Rider lost at Murray State in 2006-07 and at Northeastern in 2005-06.

## **Birthday Boy**

Sophomore Daniel Stewart (Philadelphia, PA/ Neumann-Goretti) turns 20 years old on January 20 when the Broncs play at Iona on ESPNU. Last year Stewart celebrated his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by compiling 11 points, 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals in a victory over Marist.

## **Closing in on 100**

Tommy Dempsey has compiled 98 wins since being named the head coach at Rider in 2007. Dempsey was an assistant coach at Rider in 2004 and 2005, and was the interim head coach in 2006.

## **98 in Five**

Over the last five seasons Rider has compiled 98 victories, the most of any team in the Metropolitan New York-New Jersey area. The closest teams are Hofstra (95), LIU (82), St. John's (81), Seton Hall (79) and Princeton (77). In the ten-team MAAC, only Siena has more wins (108) over the past five years. Niagara (94) and Fairfield (91) are the only other MAAC teams with 90 or more wins over the last five years.

## **Last Time Out**

On Friday Rider began the season with a loss at Robert Morris. The Broncs committed 25 turnovers, 16 in the first half, and shot 35 percent from the field. Sophomore guard Anthony Miles scored a career high 20 points and senior forward Brandon Penn grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds. Of the 10 players dressed for the game, six are first-year Broncs and two are sophomores.

## **Next Time Out**

The Broncs play the home opener Tuesday on ESPN against Drexel. The game is part of ESPN's Tip Off Marathon and game time is 6:00 am.

## **Home Sweet Home-Rider in Broncs' Zoo**

Rider has a lucky 13 home games this season. The Broncs have won 142 of their last 194 games in Alumni Gymnasium, a winning percentage of .733. Rider was 9-5 at home last season. In 2007-08 and 2008-09 the Broncs put together back-to-back 11-2 home records. The 1993-94 season was the best in Alumni Gym history, when Rider was 13-2, which included three wins in the Northeast Conference Championship tournament. Percentage-wise, 2001-02 was the best year in the Broncs' Zoo, as Rider went 9-1. The Broncs were 10-2 in Alumni Gym in both 1997-98 and 2000-01.

## **Rider Alumni**

Former Broncs you may have heard of:

**Jason Thompson '08.** Graduated from Rider in 2008 and was the 12<sup>th</sup> player picked in the 2008 NBA draft by the Sacramento Kings. Jason has played in 232 NBA games and has averaged over 27 minutes played per game. He is a career 49 percent field goal shooter and has shot over 67 percent from the foul line. He has averaged 7.3 rebounds per game and 1.3 assists, along with his 10.8 ppg average. At Rider Thompson played 122 games and compiled 2,040 points and 1,171 rebounds.

**Richard "Digger" Phelps '64.** Played basketball and golf at Rider, coached basketball at University of Notre Dame, currently works with ESPN, member of Rider Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Clair Bee.** An accounting professor, founded Rider varsity sports in 1928-29 and coached football, basketball and baseball. Compiled a 53-7 three-year record in basketball before moving on to LIU, where he won National Championships. A member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, Bee wrote the popular Chip Hilton books and invented the shot clock and the three-second rule.

**Dick Kuchen '66.** Graduated from Rider as the career leader in rebounds and was fifth in career scoring, made the winning fouls shots as Rider upset NYU. Was the head coach at Cal-Berkley and Yale.

**Harry Gamble '52** Captained the last football team at Rider (1951) and went on to be President of the Philadelphia Eagles.

**Jack Armstrong.** An All-American pitcher for Rider in 1985 as a sophomore, went on to start the 1990 Major League All-Star game as a rookie pitcher for the World Champion Cincinnati Reds.

**Jack Madden '65.** Graduated from Rider as the career leader in points and rebounds in basketball and was 20-5 as a Bronc pitcher on the baseball team. Went on to enjoy a long career as an NBA referee, including 25 NBA championship series games.



## Rider in MAAC Tournaments

Rider has competed in 14 MAAC tournaments. The Broncs are 11-14 in MAAC tournament play. Here is a year-by-year breakdown of Rider in MAAC tournament play.

- 1998 #7 Manhattan 71, #2 Rider 58 quarterfinals
- 1999 #7 Rider 73, #10 Manhattan 46 first round  
#2 Siena 101, Rider 73 quarterfinals
- 2000 #7 Rider 73, #10 Saint Peter's 58 first round  
#2 Iona 64, Rider 59 quarterfinals
- 2001 #4 Marist 70, #5 Rider 58 quarterfinals
- 2002 #8 Canisius 85, #1 Rider 84 (ot) quarterfinals
- 2003 #8 Saint Peter's 77, #7 Rider 73 (ot) first round
- 2004 #5 Rider 75, #10 Loyola 67 first round  
#4 Saint Peter's 79, Rider 69 (ot) quarterfinals
- 2005 #2 Rider 79, #7 Canisius 59 quarterfinals  
Rider 76, #3 Fairfield 74 semifinals  
#1 Niagara 81, Rider 59 finals
- 2006 #5 Saint Peter's 80, #10 Rider 51 first round
- 2007 #7 Rider 77, #10 Iona 62 first round  
#2 Niagara 77, Rider 52 quarterfinals
- 2008 #2 Rider 75, #10 Canisius 71 quarterfinals  
Rider 76, #6 Marist 71 semifinals  
#1 Siena 74, Rider 53 finals
- 2009 #3 Rider 67, #6 Saint Peter's 58 quarterfinals  
#2 Niagara 93, Rider 89 semifinals
- 2010 #5 Rider 69, #4 Saint Peter's 57 quarterfinals  
#1 Siena 72, #5 Rider 62 semifinals
- 2011 #3 Rider 79, #6 Canisius 64 quarterfinals  
#2 Iona 83, #3 Rider 59 semifinals

## Rider in Conference Title Games

Rider reached the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Title Game in 2008 for the second time in four years. It was the eighth conference Title Game for the Broncs in 25 years. Rider won the Northeast Conference Championship Game in 1993 and 1994, and lost the NEC Title Game in 1995 and 1996. The Broncs also won the East Coast Conference Championship Game in 1984, and lost the ECC Title Game in 1991.

## Rider in 2010 MAAC Tournament

The Broncs were the fifth seed last year and upset the fourth seed, Saint Peter's 69-57 in the quarterfinals. In that game the Broncs caused 18 turnovers, 16 in the second half. Rider led 32-17 at half time. Justin Robinson, Mike Ringgold and Novar Gadson combined for 42 points and 16 rebounds. In the semifinals, the Broncs jumped out to a 12-9 lead over tournament host and top seed Siena, all 12 points by senior Ryan Thompson, and Rider led 30-28 at intermission. Rider out-scored the Saints 6-2 to start the second half, four points by Mike Ringgold, to take a 36-30 lead. Ringgold finished with 20 points, 14 rebounds (tying a career high), four assists and four steals. The eventual champion Saints went on to defeat Rider by 10 points, 72-62.

## Rider in 2009 MAAC Tournament

The Broncs were the third seed in the 2009 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament, held March 6-9 in Albany, NY. Rider defeated the sixth seed, Saint Peter's, 67-58 in the quarterfinals before losing to the second seed and eventual runner-up, Niagara, in double overtime. In the semifinal game, Niagara banked a 30-foot three pointer at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. Rider trailed by six points with 40 seconds left in the first overtime but rallied to send the game into a second overtime, before losing. Ryan Thompson scored 57 points in the two games and was named to the All-Tournament team.

## Rider in 2008 MAAC Tournament

The Broncs suffered injuries to three starters in the first game of the 2008 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship tournament, but still managed to defeat the tenth seed, Canisius, 75-71, in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, with two starters out and a third starter playing at less than 100 percent, Rider defeated the sixth seed, Marist, 76-71. In the finals, with two starters playing at less than 100 percent and a third starter, Second Team All-MAAC guard Ryan Thompson still on the side lines, Rider fell to the top seed and tournament host, Siena.

## **Head Coach Tommy Dempsey**

Tommy Dempsey, in just his second year as the Rider head coach, was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and was also honored with the Peter A. Carlisimo Award as the Division I Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Coach of the Year in 2008. Dempsey, who now owns the team record for wins in a season at three different colleges (Rider, Lackawanna College, Keystone College) took a team with eight wins in 2006 and led it to 16 wins in 2007 and to a program-best 23 wins in 2008 and again in 2011. In eight seasons as a college head coach Dempsey has compiled an overall record of 186-79. At Rider Dempsey has a head coaching record of 98-67, after serving one season as the interim head coach.

## **Looking for Some Afternoon Delight**

The Broncs were 8-3 in afternoon games last year, defeating Lafayette, TCU, Loyola Marymount, Canisius, Fairfield, Niagara, Delaware and Saint Peter's while losing at #3 Pitt. at Drexel and at Saint Peter's. Rider was 5-5 in afternoon games in 2009-10 defeating Canisius, Fairfield, Niagara, Marist and Monmouth and losing at Kentucky, to Sam Houston in Cancun, at Loyola, to Iona and at Hofstra. The Broncs were 12-3 in afternoon games in 2008-09.

## **Good Morning**

Rider plays a 6:00 am game this year, hosting Drexel on ESPN. In the last four years the Broncs are 2-0 in games that have started before noon. Rider defeated Florida A&M November 24, 2009 in a 10am tip off. On November 23, 2007 the Broncs defeated Penn State 82-73 in the Old Spice Classic at Disney World in a game that began at 10:30am.

## **Dempsey Era Best Ever**

Rider compiled 59 wins over the last three seasons (2009, 2010, 2011), the most ever over a three-year period (also done by Dempsey's teams in 2008, 2009, 2010). The previous record was 58, set by the Kevin Bannon-led Broncs of the mid-1990s ('94, '95, '96) and tied by Dempsey's '07, '08, '09 teams. Over the last four seasons Rider had 82 wins, a new Rider record.

## **Cheesesteak and Pretzels, Anyone?**

Eight members of the 2011-12 Rider basketball team hail from the Greater Philadelphia area. Novar Gadson attended John Bartram High School, Daniel Stewart attended Neumann-Goretti, Brandon Penn graduated from Paul Robeson, Jeff Jones graduated from Monsignor Bonner, Eddie Mitchell was at La Salle last season and Junior Fortunat graduated from Roman Catholic. In the Philly suburbs, Kevin Noon is from right across the Delaware River in Cherry Hill, NJ and Mark Medley is from just south of Philadelphia in Wilmington, Delaware.

## **#1 in Your Program, #1 in On the Wall**

No one will ever wear uniform number 1 for the Rider men's basketball team again. Prior to the game January 4, 2009 that number, worn by Jason Thompson '08, was retired. Thompson, the 12<sup>th</sup> player picked in the 2008 NBA draft and current member of the Sacramento Kings, graduated with 2,040 points, third highest ever at Rider, along with a Rider-record 1,171 rebounds and 232 blocked shots. He also set single season Rider records for points (694), rebounds (412) and field goals (275) while earning MAAC and Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Association Player of the Year honors. Thompson's #1 jersey is one of just seven uniform number to be retired at Rider. The other six, all Rider Athletics Hall of Famers, include Kelly Hall (field hockey/softball), Coach Tom Petroff (baseball), Coach Sonny Pittaro (baseball), Bobby Smith (soccer), Deanna Dovak (softball) and Darrick Suber (basketball). Suber, Rider's all-time leading scorer, scored his final two points in Alumni Gym at the buzzer to give Rider a Northeast Conference Championship and a trip to the 1993 NCAA Tournament.



## Rider in MAAC

This is Rider's 15<sup>th</sup> season in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Rider is 141-111 in conference play since joining the MAAC, including 13-5 last year.

### Rider in MAAC

1997-98	12-6, second
1998-99	7-11, seventh
1999-2000	8-10, seventh
2000-01	11-7, fourth
2001-02	13-5, first
2002-03	7-11, seventh
2003-04	10-8, fifth
2004-05	13-5, first
2005-06	4-14, tenth
2006-07	9-9, seventh
2007-08	13-5, first
2008-09	12-6, third
2009-10	9-9, fifth
2010-11	13-5, tied for second
Total	141-111

## MAAC Preseason Poll

The Broncs were picked to finish fourth in the 10-team Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Iona was picked to win the league, followed by Fairfield and Loyola.

## MAAC Action

The Broncs played the first Division I conference game of the 2010-11 season November 26 against defending MAAC Champion Siena and then defeated Manhattan twice and won at Niagara and at Canisius before losing to the two teams tied for first place, Iona and Fairfield. Rider then defeated Marist, Siena and Iona before losing at Saint Peter's and beating Loyola and Fairfield. Rider then lost at home to Canisius for the first time ever before defeating Niagara, Loyola, Marist and Saint Peter's.

## Broncs Win 250<sup>th</sup> MAAC Game

Rider won its 250<sup>th</sup> MAAC regular season game when it defeated Loyola February 16, 2011. Rider played its 200<sup>th</sup> MAAC game on January 1, 2009 and defeated Iona 68-54. Rider also won its 100<sup>th</sup> MAAC game, an 87-77 win over Siena during the 2002-03 season. Rider also won its first-ever MAAC game, a 77-69 win over Loyola during the 1997-98 season.

## Rider in MAAC Stats 2010-11

At the end of the 2010-11 regular season Rider was fourth in the MAAC in scoring (69.8), third field goal percentage (.425), fourth three-pointers made (6.7), fifth three-point field goal percentage (.343), fourth free throw percentage (.689) and fourth in defensive rebounds (24.4).

## MAAC Moves

For the first time, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship tournament will be held in Springfield, Mass., home of the Basketball Hall of Fame, at the MassMutual Center this March.

## Bronc Trivial Pursuit

This season Rider's record when...

At home	0-0
On the road	0-1
At neutral sites	0-0
In overtime	0-0
Scores more than 60 points	0-0
Wins opening tap	0-1
Scores first	0-1
Leading at halftime	0-0
Leading with 5 minutes left	0-0
Leading with 10 minutes left	0-0
Out rebounds opponent	0-0
Has more free throw attempts	0-1
Has less turnovers	0-0
Shoots 50% or better from field	0-0
Opponent shoots 50% or better from field	0-0
Plays at night	0-1
Plays in afternoon	0-0
Plays in the morning	0-0

## Bronc Trivial Pursuit 2

Last season Rider's record when...

At home	9-5
On the road	11-5
At neutral sites	3-1
In overtime	0-2
Scores more than 60 points	22-6
Wins opening tap	14-7
Scores first	11-8
Leading at halftime	16-3
Leading with 5 minutes left	22-1
Leading with 10 minutes left	18-2
Out rebounds opponent	11-4
Has more free throw attempts	13-1
Has less turnovers	12-2
Shoots 50% or better from field	9-2
Opponent shoots 50% or better from field	1-4
Plays at night	15-7
Plays in afternoon	8-4
Plays in the morning	0-0

## Bronc Trivial Pursuit 3

In 2009-10 Rider's record when...

At home	7-6
On the road	8-9
At neutral sites	2-1
In overtime	0-3
Scores more than 60 points	15-11
Wins opening tap	7-2
Scores first	10-6
Leading at halftime	9-2
Leading with 5 minutes left	14-1
Leading with 10 minutes left	10-1
Out rebounds opponent	10-4
Has more free throw attempts	12-6
Has less turnovers	12-7
Shoots 50% or better from field	6-1
Opponent shoots 50% or better from field	2-6
Plays at night	10-10
Plays in afternoon	6-6
Plays in the morning	1-0

# Player Career Highs

**#5 JONATHON THOMPSON**  
**JR., G, 6-4, 190, ORLANDO, FLA./JONES**

Career Highs	
Pts.....	16, twice, latest at Marist 2/25/11
Rebs.....	7, at Hofstra 2/20/10
Assists.....	8, at Saint Peter's 1/29/11
Steals.....	4, twice, latest at Fairfield 2/6/11
Blocks.....	1, 14 times, latest vs. Iona 1/14/11
FGM.....	7, at Marist 2/25/11
FGA.....	10, at Marist 2/25/11
3FGM.....	2, three times latest at Siena 1/24/11
3FGA.....	4, three times, latest at Siena 1/24/11
FTM.....	6, at Loyola 2/16/11
FTA.....	7, twice, latest at Loyola 2/16/11
Mins.....	39, at Saint Peter's 1/29/11



**#10 ANTHONY MYLES**  
**So., G, 6-5, 200, DOVER, DEL./POLY-TECH**

Career Highs	
Pts.....	20, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Rebs.....	6, vs. Manhattan 1/3/11
Assists.....	4, vs. TCU 11/20/10
Steals.....	2, three times, latest vs. Canisius 3/5/11
Blocks.....	3, twice, latest vs. Niagara 2/13/11
FGM.....	5, vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
FGA.....	13, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
3FGM.....	4, vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
3FGA.....	8, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTM.....	7, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTA.....	8, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Mins.....	35, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



**#11 CHARLES OLIVER**  
**FR., G, 6-3, 190, SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J./SCOTCH PLAINS**

Career Highs	
Pts.....	0
Rebs.....	2, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Assists.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Steals.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Blocks.....	0
FGM.....	0
FGA.....	3, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
3FGM.....	0
3FGA.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTM.....	0
FTA.....	0
Mins.....	14, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



# Player Career Highs

#12 KEVIN NOON

Sr., G, 6-1, 190, CHERRY HILL, N.J./CHERY HILL HS WEST

Career Highs	
Pts.....	0
Rebs.....	0
Assists.....	0
Steals.....	0
Blocks.....	0
FGM.....	0
FGA.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
3FGM.....	0
3FGA.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTM.....	0
FTA.....	0
Mins.....	2, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



#13 DANIEL STEWART

So., F, 6-7, 210, PHILADELPHIA, PA./NEUMANN-GORETTI

Career Highs	
Pts.....	17, vs. Canisius 2/11/11
Rebs.....	15, at Loyola 2/16/11
Assists.....	4, at Manhattan 12/2/10
Steals.....	3, at Manhattan 12/2/10
Blocks.....	5, at Siena 1/24/11
FGM.....	7, vs. Canisius 2/11/11
FGA.....	10, vs. Canisius 2/11/11
3FGM.....	0
3FGA.....	1, vs. TCU 11/17/10
FTM.....	8, at Howard 12/28/10
FTA.....	10, at Howard 12/28/10
Mins.....	35, at Fairfield 2/6/11



#14 MARK MEDLEY

Fr., G, 6-3, 175, WILMINGTON, DEL./TATNALL

Career Highs	
Pts.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Rebs.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Assists.....	0
Steals.....	0
Blocks.....	0
FGM.....	0
FGA.....	0
3FGM.....	0
3FGA.....	0
FTM.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTA.....	3, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Mins.....	7, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



# Player Career Highs

**#15 EDDIE MITCHELL**

**FR., G, 6-0, 175, PHILADELPHIA, PA./LA SALLE**

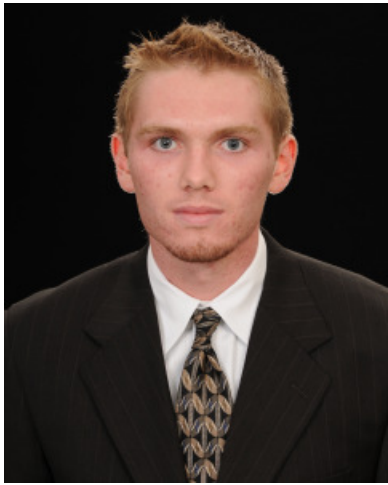
Career Highs	
Pts.....	6, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Rebs .....	2, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Assists .....	0
Steals .....	0
Blocks.....	0
FGM .....	2, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FGA .....	5, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
3FGM .....	0
3FGA .....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTM .....	2, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTA .....	3, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Mins .....	24, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



**#20 EMERSON BURSIS**

**FR., F, 6-5, 195, SCOTRUN, PA./POCONO MOUNTAIN EAST**

Career Highs	
Pts.....	0
Rebs .....	0
Assists .....	0
Steals .....	0
Blocks.....	0
FGM .....	0
FGA .....	0
3FGM .....	0
3FGA .....	0
FTM .....	0
FTA .....	0
Mins .....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



**#21 DERA ND-EZUMA**

**JR., C, 6-10, 215, NIGERIA/LIFE CENTER**

Career Highs	
Pts.....	12, vs. UMBC 12/8/10
Rebs .....	4, at Hofstra 2/20/10
Assists .....	1, at Pitt 12/4/10
Steals .....	1, six times, latest at Northern Iowa 3/15/11
Blocks.....	2, at Hofstra 2/20/10
FGM .....	5, vs. UMBC 12/8/10
FGA .....	6, vs. UMBC 12/8/10
3FGM .....	0
3FGA .....	0
FTM .....	2, twice, latest vs. Niagara 2/13/11
FTA .....	2, three times, latest vs. Niagara 2/13/11
Mins .....	16, vs. UMBC 12/8/10



# Player Career Highs

**#22 JEFF JONES**

**SR., G, 6-4, 200, CHESTER, PA./MONSIGNOR BONNER**

## Rider Career Highs

Pts.....	14, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Rebs .....	3, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Assists .....	0
Steals .....	0
Blocks.....	1, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FGM .....	3, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FGA .....	11, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
3FGM .....	2, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
3FGA .....	6, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTM .....	6, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
FTA .....	7, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Mins .....	35, at Robert Morris 11/11/11



**#23 NOVAR GADSON**

**SR., G/F, 6-7, 230, PHILADELPHIA, PA./JOHN BARTRAM**

## Career Highs

Pts.....	25, twice, latest at La Salle 12/22/10
Rebs .....	14, vs. Saint Peter's 3/7/09
Assists .....	7, at Manhattan 12/2/10
Steals .....	3, four times, latest vs. Canisius 3/5/11
Blocks.....	4, at Drexel 12/11/10
FGM .....	10, three times, latest vs. Saint Peter's 2/27/11
FGA .....	19, three times, latest at La Salle 12/22/10
3FGM .....	4, twice, latest at Canisius 1/9/11
3FGA .....	8, vs. Marist 12/6/09
FTM .....	8, at Siena 1/24/11
FTA .....	11, at Siena 1/24/11
Mins .....	37, twice, latest at Rutgers 12/15/09



**#25 JUNIOR FORTUNAT**

**FR., F/C, 6-9, 220, QUEBEC, CANADA/ROMAN CATHOLIC**

## Career Highs

Pts.....	
Rebs .....	
Assists .....	
Steals .....	
Blocks.....	
FGM .....	
FGA .....	
3FGM .....	
3FGA .....	
FTM .....	
FTA .....	
Mins .....	



# Player Career Highs

## #31 BRANDON PENN

Sr., F, 6-8, 205, PHILADELPHIA, PA./PAUL ROBESON

Career Highs	
Pts .....	26, at Manhattan 12/2/10
Rebs .....	10, at Robert Morris 11/11/11
Assists .....	3, three times, latest at Canisius 1/9/11
Steals .....	4, vs. Iona 1/14/11
Blocks.....	2, six times, latest vs. Iona 1/14/11
FGM .....	8, twice, latest vs. Marist 1/20/11
FGA .....	15, vs. Marist 1/20/11
3FGM .....	5, twice, latest at Northern Iowa 3/15/11
3FGA .....	11, at Northern Iowa 3/15/11
FTM .....	5, at Manhattan 12/2/10
FTA .....	5, three times, latest vs. UMBC 12/8/10
Mins .....	41, at Drexel 12/11/10



## #32 TOMMY PEREIRA

So., G, 6-2, 190, NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND/CANARIAS

Career Highs	
Pts .....	9, three times, latest vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
Rebs .....	3, vs. UMBC 12/8/10
Assists .....	2, vs. Lafayette 11/14/10
Steals .....	2, at Northern Iowa 3/15/11
Blocks.....	1, at La Salle 12/22/10
FGM .....	3, three times, latest vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
FGA .....	6, vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
3FGM .....	3, three times, latest vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
3FGA .....	6, vs. Monmouth 12/15/10
FTM .....	0
FTA .....	0
Mins .....	20, vs. UMBC 12/8/10



## Rider 1,000 Point Scorers

Player	years	Games	Points	Avg.
1. Darrick Suber	1990-93	116	2,219	19.1
2. Jerry Johnson	2002-05	116	2,047	17.6
3. Jason Thompson	2005-08	122	2,040	16.7
4. Ryan Thompson	2007-10	128	1,879	14.1
5. Mario Porter	1999-02	114	1,782	15.6
6. Alberto Baptiste	1977-80	107	1,756	16.4
7. Ron Simpson	1986-88	83	1,735	20.9
8. Charles Smith	1994-96	88	1,693	19.2
9. Deon Hames	1993-96	118	1,589	13.5
10. Justin Robinson	2008-11	130	1,480	11.4
11. Greg Burston	1996-99	113	1,472	13.0
12. Ed Titus	1985-88	113	1,390	12.3
13. Jack Cryan	1963-66	77	1,387	18.1
14. Mike Ringgold	2008-11	133	1,386	10.4
15. Jack Madden	1957-59	77	1,341	17.3
16. Leo Chester	1954-57	91	1,332	14.6
17. Derrick Lamar	1982-85	111	1,325	11.9
18. Harris Mansell	2006-09	120	1,317	11.0
19. Edwin Muniz	2003-06	115	1,309	11.3
20. Tom O'Hara	1980-83	110	1,279	11.6
21. Jim Cleveland	1989-91	112	1,211	10.8
22. Bill Katz	1970-72	69	1,194	17.3
23. Russ Stroemel	1974-76	78	1,166	14.9
24. Mark Wilcox	1991-94	116	1,136	9.8
<b>25. Novar Gadson</b>	<b>2009---</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>11.8</b>
26. Terrance Mouton	2004-07	119	1,131	9.5
27. Dick Kuchen	1964-66	74	1,127	15.2
28. Fred Lee	1980-84	118	1,109	9.4
29. Chuck Simon	1974-77	101	1,096	10.8
30. Doug Endres	1962-64	76	1,056	13.6
31. Michael Crawford	1998-01	114	1,023	9.0
32. Rich Wallace	1968-70	67	1,003	14.6

#### RIDER CAREER REBOUND LEADERS

1. Jason Thompson	2005-08	122	1,171	9.6
2. Chuck Simon	1964-66	101	874	8.6
3. Dick Kuchen	1964-66	74	822	11.1
4. Wayne Spells	1974-78	101	804	8.0
5. Mike Ringgold	2008—11	133	789	5.9
6. Jack Madden	1957-59	77	777	10.1
7. Steve Jefferson	1970-72	78	773	9.9
8. Ryan Thompson	2007-10	128	734	5.7
9. Randy Getchis	1961-63	76	719	9.5
10. Mario Porter	1999-02	114	706	6.2
11. Ron Anderson	1956-58	71	697	9.8
12. Derrick Lamar	1982-85	111	652	5.9
13. Jonathan McClark	1998-01	114	642	5.6
14. Jabaar Jones	1992-95	117	639	5.5
15. Alberto Baptiste	1977-80	107	638	5.9
16. Greg Cisson	1966-68	55	633	11.5
17. <b>Novar Gadson</b>	2009--	98	623	6.2
18. William Kinsel	1990-93	96	619	6.4
19. Jim Cleveland	1988-91	112	616	5.5
20. Charles Smith	1993-96	88	578	6.5

#### RIDER CAREER ASSIST LEADERS

1. Deon Hames	1993-96	118	598	5.1
2. Fred Lee	1980-84	118	567	4.8
3. Norm Hobbie	1974-77	94	495	5.3
4. Jack Cryan	1963-66	77	478	6.2
5. Jerry Johnson	2002-05	116	421	3.6
6. Justin Robinson	2008—11	130	394	3.0
7. Ryan Thompson	2007-10	128	393	3.1
8. Mark Wilcox	1991-94	116	360	3.1
9. Lee Nesmith	1985-88	106	331	3.2
10. Barry Spears	1970-72	77	316	4.1
11. Terrance Mouton	2004-07	119	316	2.7
11. Rich Weise	1979-82	97	314	3.2
13. Marcus Pryor	1990-91	57	305	5.4
14. Michael Crawford	1998-01	114	298	2.6
15. Kevin Finefrock	1996-99	108	295	2.7
16. Darrick Suber	1990-93	116	275	2.4

## **JONATHON THOMPSON**

### High School

Scored over 1,000 points at Jones High School, averaging 20 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals as a junior...led his team to the Florida AAA State Title with a 28-4 record...earned All-State Honorable Mention...Player of the Year in District B...earned All-Metro Second Team honors, second Team All-Orange County and Third Team All-City...was named the MVP of the Lakes Great 8 Tournament...Accounting Major At Rider

Was second on the 2010-11 team in assists and steals, fifth in minutes and sixth in scoring...ranked 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation in assist/turnover ratio...started 16 games last year...was second on the 2010-11 team in both overall field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage...compiled 16 points and five rebounds in the MAAC win at Marist, including six points in a 13-3 Rider run to end the game...compiled 16 points and six assists in nationally televised win at Niagara... made two foul shots with 8.3 seconds left to give Rider a 61-58 lead in 61-59 victory at Iona... added 14 points off the bench with two assists, two steals and two rebounds in televised win at Siena, making five of seven shots from the field...added 13 points and six assists in win at Fairfield that ended a six game winning streak and gave the Stags just their second loss in 14 home games...compiled seven assists along with his seven points in win over Manhattan while making all of his foul shots and three pointers, missing just one two-point shot and contributing a block and a steal...averaged 10.25 points over his final four games of the 2010-11 season... made two foul shots with 18 seconds remaining for the sixth and final lead change of the game in win over Saint Peter's... scored a basket and free throw to give Rider a 75-71 lead with 2:33 left in 77-76 win over Canisius...played in 33 games as a rookie, starting four...his 16.9 minutes played per game was sixth on the 2009-10 team...was seventh on the team in three-pointers made as a freshman...sixth on the 2009-10 team in free throws made and free throw percentage...made his first field goal attempt as a Bronc, in win at Mississippi State...played 17 minutes in his first collegiate start, a MAAC win at Marist...grabbed seven rebounds in 2009-10 BracketBuster at Hofstra.

## **ANTHONY MYLES**

### High School

Two-time First Team All-State selection and Reebok All-American honors as a senior at Polytech...earned First Team All-Conference honors junior and senior years, twice earning team MVP honors... rated the No. 171 senior in the country by Hoop Scoop last year...averaged 21 points as a senior...scored 1300 points at Polytech.

### At Rider

Scored 15 points in a win at Monmouth, making a career-high four three-pointers...scored 13 points in his first collegiate start, a playoff win over Canisius...scored 12 points in a 12-point win at Loyola...was eight for nine from the foul line in postseason play last year...grabbed five rebounds in the season finale, at Northern Iowa...compiled 12 points and six rebounds in just 18 minutes off the bench in a 10-point MAAC win over Manhattan, including 10 points in the first half...six points, four assists and three blocked shots in win over Texas Christian...seven points in seven-point win over Lafayette...was fifth on the team in shots.

## **CHARLES OLIVER**

### High School:

Earned First Team All-Union County honors as a senior...was just the fifth player at his high school to compile 1,000 career points (1,150)...averaged 21.8 points as a senior along with 5.3 rebounds.

## **KEVIN NOON**

High School

Earned the South Jersey “Unsung hero” award...was a three-year team captain...also played varsity baseball and soccer for Cherry Hill West, twice serving as team captain for both teams...comes from an athletic family, his father Michael played baseball at Rutgers and his mother Patricia played lacrosse at Glassboro State (Rowan)

At Rider

Made the varsity squad this year as a walk-on...served as the team manager for three years...serves as a tour guide for Rider Admissions...English major with a minor in Business

## **DANIEL STEWART**

High School

His senior year his Neumann-Goretti team was ranked fourth in the nation (30-1), losing only to the number one ranked Yates (Texas) while winning the PIAA AAA State Championship, the District 12 Championship and the Philadelphia Catholic League Championship...Second Team All-State honors... Daily News’ Second Team All-Philadelphia team...compiled 14 points and 15 rebounds in win over Archbishop Carroll in Philadelphia Catholic League Championship Game...Second Team All-State honors...earned All-Catholic League honors as a junior, averaging 11.5 points and 8.0 rebounds on the 26-3 Neumann-Goretti squad.

At Rider

Mid-Major Freshmen All-American...MAAC Rookie of the Year...led the Broncs and ranked fifth in the MAAC in rebounding...also led Rider in blocked shots and field goal percentage... his 7.1 rebounds per game was most among MAAC freshmen...was second among MAAC freshmen in blocks...started 33 games as a rookie...twice named the MAAC Rookie of the Week, in December and in February...in the month of January averaged 9.3 rebounds per game as the Broncs went 6-3...in December had 12 rebounds in win over Monmouth...compiled 28 points in back-to-back wins over Howard and Manhattan...had four ‘double-doubles’ including 13 points and 11 rebounds in win at Iona...grabbed double-digit rebounds seven times and scored in double digits 11 times...on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday he compiled 11 points, 12 rebounds, three blocks, two steals and two assists in win over Marist...grabbed 15 rebounds to go along with his 12 points in win at Loyola...made eight of 10 foul shots in win at Howard...blocked five shots in televised win at Siena...had four assists and three steals in win at Manhattan...made seven of 10 field goal attempts and three of four foul shots against Canisius...compiled 19 points and 20 rebounds in two games with regular season champion Fairfield... made a foul shot with 3.5 seconds left to give Rider the one-point victory over Loyola.

## **MARK MEDLEY**

High School:

Earned Second Team All-State honors as a junior and a senior...graduated with 1,410 career points... averaged 20.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game as a senior.

## **EDDIE MITCHELL**

High School:

Averaged 16.2 points per game as a high school senior...earned First Team All-Catholic League and First Team All-City honors.

## **EMERSON BURSIS**

High School

Was a Country All-Star in basketball as a senior at Pocono Mountain East...helped his team win the Conference Championship as a junior...helped his squad advance to the District XI Title Game and to a State Playoff Berth as a sophomore...was a District and Conference qualifier in track & field in the 400 meter dash...earned Academic All-State honors on the football team...member of the National Honor Society...plays the piano and the guitar.

At Rider

Made the varsity squad this year as a walk-on...Economics and Finance double major...goal to attend law school.

## **DERA ND-EZUMA**

High School

Played two years at Life Center Academy in Burlington, NJ...once had 10 dunks in one game...began playing basketball as a junior in high school...was at the top of his class in Algebra and British Literature...an Economics major

At Rider

Played in 21 games in 2010-11...his .619 field goal percentage led the team...also a fine free throw shooter, has missed just one foul shot in his Rider career...averaged 14.1 points and 7.7 rebounds per 40 minutes played last year...erupted for 12 points in win over UMBC, making five of six field goal attempts and both of his foul shots...played in 19 games as a Rider rookie...averaged 10.6 rebounds and 5.3 points per 40 minutes played in 2009-10...had two blocks and four rebounds in BracketBuster game at Hofstra as a freshman...made his first collegiate field goal attempt a in win over Lehigh.

## **JEFF JONES**

High School

2007 Gatorade Pennsylvania Player of the Year and 2007 Markwood Philadelphia Player of the Year...averaged 22.7 points, six rebounds and three assists as a senior at Monsignor Bonner to earn First Team All-State honors...graduated with 1,923 scholastic points, the most ever in the Philadelphia Catholic League.

At University of Virginia

Compiled 555 points and 148 rebounds in three seasons as a Cavalier, shooting 76.9 percent from the free throw line and 35.2 percent from 3-point range...played in 31 games as a junior in 2009-10, starting seven...scored 14 points against Boston College in the first round of the 2010 ACC Tournament and 15 points against Duke in the ACC quarterfinals...scored 17 points against Stanford in Cancun in 2009-10...as a sophomore compiled 19 points and five assists at North Carolina...started 25 games as a freshman, scoring 26 points against Bradley.

## **NOVAR GADSON**

High School

Earned First Team All-City and First Team All-Public League honors as a senior...was the Division A Conference Player of the Year. ...averaged 22.5 points, 12 rebounds and 6.0 assists per game as a senior... surpassed Joe Bryant (Kobe's father) as Bartram High School's all-time leading scorer and earned Fifth Team All-State honors...named the MVP of the Public League All-Star Game.

At Rider

Second Team All-MAAC last year...MAAC Player of Week in December and again the final week of the regular season...ranked second on the team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots, third in minutes played...also second on the team in free throws made...compiled 30 points and 10 rebounds in two postseason games...scored 80 points in his last four games of the season while grapping 32 rebounds...enjoyed six 'double-doubles' last year...playing in his hometown he scored 25 points in win at La Salle...compiled 56 points and 21 rebounds in three games against Iona last year...compiled 34 points and 16 rebounds in two wins over Marist in 2010-11...38 points and 12 rebounds in two games against Fairfield last season...made eight of 11 foul shots in eight-point win at Siena last season, including five of six in the final 1:39...ranked seventh in the MAAC in scoring last year and 15<sup>th</sup> in rebounding... scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> point in win over Loyola, making a three-pointer just 1:36 into the game and finished with 17 points... grabbed an offensive rebound and scored at the buzzer to give Rider a come-from-behind one-point win over Canisius last season...had seven assists in win at Manhattan...as a sophomore was seventh in the MAAC in rebounding, 14<sup>th</sup> in blocks and 21<sup>st</sup> in scoring...in 2009-10 compiled 21 points and 11 rebounds in win at Mississippi State and came back the next game and had 20 points and seven rebounds in win over Lehigh...stole the ball and scored the winning basket against Saint Peter's on Senior Day... grabbed 18 rebounds in two 2009-10 MAAC tournament games...enjoyed seven 'double-doubles' as a sophomore... tip-in with five seconds left led Rider to 2009-10 televised victory at Niagara...named the Collegeinsider.com Mid-Major Freshman of the Year for 2008-09... was named to the Collegeinsider.com Freshman Mid-Major All-America team...named the MAAC Rookie of the Week six times and was named to the MAAC All-Rookie team... ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the MAAC in scoring, 13<sup>th</sup> in rebounding, 11<sup>th</sup> in field goal percentage and 12<sup>th</sup> in blocked shots in 2008-09...compiled 24 points in his final game of the 2008-09 season at Liberty in the Collegeinsider.com Postseason Tournament...as a freshman scored 23 points in a MAAC win at Fairfield...scored 17 points in just his second collegiate game, a win at Lehigh...grabbed 14 rebounds in a 2009 MAAC playoff win over Saint Peter's.

## **JUNIOR FORTUNAT**

High School:

First Team All-Philadelphia Catholic League and Honorable Mention All-Philadelphia honors...Grew up in Canada before spending two years at Roman Catholic.

## **BRANDON PENN**

### High School

Earned All-State honors as the Public League Division D Conference Player of the Year... averaged 27.4 points and 16 rebounds per game as a senior...compiled over 1,000 career points and represented Paul Robeson High in the Public League All-Star Game... earned third team All-City honors as a junior.

### At Rider

Started the first 23 games of the 2010-11 season and the final one...was fifth in the MAAC in three-point field goal percentage last season...was second on the 2010-11 team in three-pointers made and was fourth in scoring, rebounding and steals and sixth in minutes played...made five three-pointers while compiling 26 points and nine rebounds in win at Manhattan last year, 18 points in the first half...made eight field goals in win over Marist...compiled 14 points and nine rebounds against Siena...returned to his hometown and compiled 18 points and seven rebounds at Drexel...scored 40 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in three postseason games last year...enjoyed 18 games of scoring in double figures last year...after missing a game with an ankle injury came back to score 12 points off the bench in win over Niagara...scored 13 points in 24 minutes in win over UMBC...started 12 games as a sophomore and was fifth on the 2009-10 team in rebounding and shooting percentage, sixth in scoring and seventh on the team in minutes played...was also second on the team in three-point field goal percentage and third in free throw percentage as a sophomore...made a big three-pointer with 6:36 remaining to give Rider a 64-60 lead in 2009-10 win over Saint Joseph's and finished with eight points in 12 minutes off the bench...played in 31 games as a rookie, all off the bench...compiled eight points in just his second collegiate game...as a freshman made a foul shot with 4.8 seconds left to give the Broncs a 69-66 lead in 69-68 win at Lehigh...as a rookie made a key three-point field goal in a two-point win over Siena...scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in his first 45 collegiate minutes.

## **TOM PEREIRA**

### High School

Played on the under 18 and under 16 Great Britain National teams and played in the European Championships in Macedonia and Bosnia...scored 45 points to lead his team to the Gold medal at the English Nationals...averaged 20.3 points in three games at National Prep School Invitational, making 17 of 34 three-point shots...the biggest highlight off the court is having a conversation with Lebron James.

### At Rider

Played in 25 games as a Rider rookie...all but one of his field goals last year were three-pointers...scored 12 points in his first 25 minutes of action...made three of three three-pointers and three of three foul shots in his Alumni Gym debut, a win over Lafayette, while adding a pair of assists and a rebound...also made three three-pointers in wins over UMBC and Monmouth...did not go to the foul line as a freshman...two rebounds and two steals in CollegeInsider.com Postseason game at Northern Iowa...averaged 9.8 points scored per 40 minutes played.