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February 6-7 3 p.m. / 3 p.m. Carver Arena No Fans Peoria, III.

#### SIU SALUKIS

8-6 // 2-6 MVC // 2-3 Road Head Coach Bryan Mullins SIU Record: 24-22 (2nd) Career Record: Same

#### **BRADLEY BRAVES**

9-10 // 3-7 MVC // 6-3 Home Head Coach Brian Wardle BU Record: 90-96 (6th) Career Record: 185-161 (11th)



#### **OPENING TIP**

- » The SIU men's basketball team travels to Bradley on Saturday and Sunday for back-to-back games against the two-time defending Arch Madness champion Braves.
- » Starting with the Bradley series, SIU plays five games in the next nine days, eight games in the next 17 days, and the final 10 games of the regular season in 22 days.
- » SIU had a 21-day COVID layoff in January, during which the Salukis only had one full-team practice (the day before they returned to the court at Indiana State on Jan. 25). The Salukis have also been without star sophomore forward Marcus Domask (2020 MVC Newcomer of the Year), who missed the last four games with a left foot injury. Domask is being reevaluated this week.
- » SIU hit 15 3-pointers in Sunday's win over Northern Iowa, tied for third-most in program history and most since 1998. Lance Jones (27 points) hit seven of those triples, which was the most for any SIU player since Kent Williams in the 2000-01 season.
- » Eighty-nine percent of SIU's scoring this season is coming from freshmen and sophomores, which is the second-highest percentage of underclassmen scoring in the nation. (Alabama A&M, 96%)
- » Lance Jones leads the MVC in steals per game (1.8/g). The last SIU player to lead the MVC in steals per game was now-head coach Bryan Mullins in 2008.
- » The team's radio broadcasters: Mike Reis for SIU and Dave Snell for Bradley, are each in their 42nd year calling games for their schools. They are tied for the eighth-longest tenured radio play-by-play men in the nation. (See page 11 for full list.)
- » New patch: SIU will wear RH patches on its jerseys for the remainder of the season, in memory of SIU and MVC Hall-of-Fame coach Rich Herrin, who died on Christmas night at the age of 87.
- » SIU started the season 7-0, the program's best start to a season since 1947-48.
- SIU had seven-game winning streaks in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons.



Underclassmen (Fr. & So.)	10 of 14
KenPom "Experience" Rank	339th of 347
MVC Career D1 Minutes Rank	10th / 10
MVC Career D1 Games Played Rank	10th / 10

## % OF 2020-21 PRODUCTION FROM FR. & SO.

Scoring	89.2% (879 of 985)
Rebounding	82.3% (323 of 392)
Assists	92.2% (179 of 194)
Steals	84.4% (76 of 90)
Blocks	77.4% (24 of 31)
Minutes	88.5% (2,502 of 2,825)

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#### 2020-21 SCHEDULE

**OVERALL:** 8-6 // **MVC:** 2-6 H: 6-2 // A: 2-3 // N: 0-0

DECE	MBE	CT						
Wed.	2	at SEMO (ESPN+)	W <sup>(OT)</sup> , 87-79					
Sun.	6	Quincy (ESPN3)	W, 102-61					
Charles Helleny Tip-Off Classic								
Fri.	11	Murray State (ESPN3)	W, 70-66					
Thu.	17	North Dakota (ESPN3)	W, 85-64					
Fri.	18	North Dakota (ESPN3)	W, 62-50					
Mon.	21	at Butler (FS1)	W, 76-73					
Sun.	27	*Evansville (ESPN+)	W, 63-57					
Mon. 28 *Evansville (ESPN+) L, 72-84								
JANUARY (1-5)								

Sur	٦.	3	*at Drake (ESPNU)	L, 55-73
Moi	n.	4	*at Drake (CBS Sports Network)	L, 55-86
Moi	n.	25	*at Indiana State (ESPN+)	L, 66-69
Tue		26	*at Indiana State (ESPN+)	L, 59-71
Sat		30	*Northern Iowa (MVC TV Network)	L, 62-74
Sur	٦.	31	*Northern Iowa (ESPN2)	W, 71-68

#### FEBRUARY (0-0)

Sat.	6	*at Bradley (MVC TV Network)	3 p.m.
Sun.	7	*at Bradley (ESPN3)	3 p.m.
Wed.	10	*at Missouri State (MVC TV Network)	7 p.m.
Sat.	13	*Illinois State (ESPN+ or ESPN3)	3 p.m.
Sun.	14	*Illinois State (ESPN+ or ESPN3)	3 p.m.
Wed.	17	*Missouri State (Marquee & ESPN+)8:	15 p.m.
Sun.	21	*Valparaiso (ESPN+ or ESPN3)	4 p.m.
Mon.	22	*Valparaiso (Marquee & ESPN+)	6 p.m.
Fri.	26	*at Loyola (CBS Sports Network)	8 p.m.
Sat.	27	*at Loyola (ESPN2 or ESPNU)	5 p.m.

#### MARCH (0-0)

#### State Farm MVC Tournament

Thu.	4	First Round (ESPN+)	TBD
Fri.	5	Quarterfinals (MVC TV Network)	TBD
Sat.	6	Semifinals (CBS Sports Network)	TBD
Sun.	7	Championship (CBS)	1 p.m.

All times Central and subject to change

#### MVC TV NETWORK

Fox Sports Midwest, NBC Sports Chicago, Fox Sports Kansas City, Fox Sports Indiana, Fox Sports Go, and ESPN+ or ESPN3 (subject to blackout)

#### SALUKI SPORTS NETWORK

WCIL-FM 101.5 Carbondale, III. (Flagship) KATZ-AM 1600 St. Louis, Mo. TuneInRadio (SIUSalukis.com/TuneIn)

# **ON THE AIR**







#### **GAME 1 TV: MVC TV NETWORK**

Play-by-Play Dan McLaughlin Analyst David Kaplan

#### **GAME 2 TV: ESPN3**

Play-by-Play Tom Ackerman Analyst Rich Zvosec

#### RADIO: SALUKI SPORTS NETWORK

Mike Reis Play-by-Play Analyst Rodney Watson

SIUSalukis.com/MBB/Schedule Live Stats

<sup>\*</sup> Missouri Valley Conference Game

## **NUMERICAL ROSTER**

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Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Hometown	Last School
Eric Butler	G	6-3	170	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Orlando Christian Prep
Marcus Domask	F	6-6	215	So.	Waupun, Wis.	Waupun HS
Dalton Banks	G	6-2	170	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.	Eau Claire North HS
Lance Jones	G	6-1	200	So.	Evanston, III.	Evanston Township HS
Ben Harvey	G	6-5	205	So.	Jonesboro, Ark.	Eastern Illinois
J.D. Muila	F	6-8	235	Jr.	Ottowa, Canada	Indian Hills College
Sekou Dembele	F	6-7	230	So.	Bamako, Mali	Central Park Christian (AL)
Kyler Filewich	С	6-9	250	Fr.	Winnipeg, Canada	Orangeville Prep
Will Keller	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Marion, III.	John A. Logan College
Steven Verplancken Jr	. G	6-4	205	So.	San Pedro, Dom. Rep.	Glenville State
Trent Brown	G	6-2	175	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Pinnacle HS
Jakolby Long	G	6-5	210	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Southern Utah
Chris Cross	G	6-2	195	Fr.	Urbana, III.	Urbana HS
Anthony D'Avanzo	F	6-8	205	Sr.	Harwood Heights, III.	Lewis
	Eric Butler Marcus Domask Dalton Banks Lance Jones Ben Harvey J.D. Muila Sekou Dembele Kyler Filewich Will Keller Steven Verplancken Jr Trent Brown Jakolby Long Chris Cross	Eric Butler G Marcus Domask F Dalton Banks G Lance Jones G Ben Harvey G J.D. Muila F Sekou Dembele F Kyler Filewich C Will Keller F Steven Verplancken Jr. G Trent Brown G Jakolby Long G Chris Cross G	Player         Pos.         Ht.           Eric Butler         G         6-3           Marcus Domask         F         6-6           Dalton Banks         G         6-2           Lance Jones         G         6-1           Ben Harvey         G         6-5           J.D. Muila         F         6-8           Sekou Dembele         F         6-7           Kyler Filewich         C         6-9           Will Keller         F         6-7           Steven Verplancken Jr. G         6-4           Trent Brown         G         6-2           Jakolby Long         G         6-5           Chris Cross         G         6-5	Player         Pos.         Ht.         Wt.           Eric Butler         G         6-3         170           Marcus Domask         F         6-6         215           Dalton Banks         G         6-2         170           Lance Jones         G         6-1         200           Ben Harvey         G         6-5         205           J.D. Muila         F         6-8         235           Sekou Dembele         F         6-7         230           Kyler Filewich         C         6-9         250           Will Keller         F         6-7         220           Steven Verplancken Jr. G         6-4         205           Trent Brown         G         6-2         175           Jakolby Long         G         6-5         210           Chris Cross         G         6-2         195	Player         Pos.         Ht.         Wt.         Cl.           Eric Butler         G         6-3         170         Fr.           Marcus Domask         F         6-6         215         So.           Dalton Banks         G         6-2         170         Fr.           Lance Jones         G         6-1         200         So.           Ben Harvey         G         6-5         205         So.           J.D. Muila         F         6-8         235         Jr.           Sekou Dembele         F         6-7         230         So.           Kyler Filewich         C         6-9         250         Fr.           Will Keller         F         6-7         220         Sr.           Steven Verplancken Jr. G         6-4         205         So.           Trent Brown         G         6-2         175         So.           Jakolby Long         G         6-5         210         Sr.           Chris Cross         G         6-2         195         Fr.	Eric Butler         G         6-3         170         Fr.         Orlando, Fla.           Marcus Domask         F         6-6         215         So.         Waupun, Wis.           Dalton Banks         G         6-2         170         Fr.         Eau Claire, Wis.           Lance Jones         G         6-1         200         So.         Evanston, Ill.           Ben Harvey         G         6-5         205         So.         Jonesboro, Ark.           J.D. Muila         F         6-8         235         Jr.         Ottowa, Canada           Sekou Dembele         F         6-7         230         So.         Bamako, Mali           Kyler Filewich         C         6-9         250         Fr.         Winnipeg, Canada           Will Keller         F         6-7         220         Sr.         Marion, Ill.           Steven Verplancken Jr. G         6-4         205         So.         San Pedro, Dom. Rep.           Trent Brown         G         6-2         175         So.         Scottsdale, Ariz.           Jakolby Long         G         6-5         210         Sr.         Oklahoma City, Okla.           Chris Cross         G         6-2

## **ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Hometown	High School/Last School
3	Dalton Banks	G	6-2	170	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.	Eau Claire North HS
24	Trent Brown	G	6-2	175	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Pinnacle HS
0	Eric Butler	G	6-3	170	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Orlando Christian Prep
32	Chris Cross	G	6-2	195	Fr.	Urbana, III.	Urbana HS
33	Anthony D'Avanzo	F	6-8	205	Sr.	Harwood Heights, III.	Lewis
12	Sekou Dembele	F	6-7	230	So.	Bamako, Mali	Central Park Christian (AL)
1	Marcus Domask	F	6-6	215	So.	Waupun, Wis.	Waupun HS
14	Kyler Filewich	С	6-9	250	Fr.	Winnipeg, Canada	Orangeville Prep
10	Ben Harvey	G	6-5	205	So.	Jonesboro, Ark.	Eastern Illinois
5	Lance Jones	G	6-1	200	So.	Evanston, III.	Evanston Township HS
21	Will Keller	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Marion, III.	John A. Logan College
25	Jakolby Long	G	6-5	210	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Southern Utah
11	J.D. Muila	F	6-8	235	Jr.	Ottowa, Canada	Indian Hills College
22	Steven Verplancken	Jr. G	6-4	205	So.	San Pedro, Dom. Rep.	Glenville State

STARTERS RETURNING (2 Marcus Domask Lance Jones	2) <u>Ht.</u> 6-6 6-1	Wt. 215 200	Pos. F G	<b>PPG</b> 13.6 9.3	<b>RPG</b> 5.2 2.9	MPG 34.9 25.8	2019-20 Note MVC Newcomer of the Year Led MVC frosh in assists (79)
OTHER RETURNEES (4) Trent Brown Sekou Dembele Ben Harvey Will Keller	Ht. 6-2 6-7 6-5 6-7	Wt. 175 230 205 220	Pos. G F G F	PPG 2.8 1.6  1.0	RPG 1.1 2.0  0.6	MPG 20.6 7.9  1.8	2019-20 Note  10th in MVC in steals / 40min Coming off broken leg in '20 Redshirted (Trans. from EIU) Walk-on from nearby Marion
STARTERS LOST (3) Barret Benson Eric McGill Ronnie Suggs Jr.	Ht. 6-10 6-2 6-6	Wt. 240 180 205	Pos. C G G	PPG 10.6 11.2 5.3	RPG 5.6 4.5 2.9	MPG 27.0 33.0 24.5	Note Graduated Graduated Graduated
OTHERS LOST (5) Karrington Davis Aaron Cook Jr. (6G) Harwin Francois Brendon Gooch Stevan Jeremic	Ht. 6-6 6-2 6-4 6-5 6-11	Wt. 210 185 190 205 250	Pos. G G G F C	PPG 3.0 15.0 4.2 1.3 0.2	RPG 1.6 3.0 2.2 0.7 0.9	MPG 11.7 31.1 16.1 6.8 4.5	Note Transferred (Butler College) Transferred (Gonzaga) Transferred (McNeese St.) Transferred (McKendree) Graduated
Newcomers (8) Eric Butler Dalton Banks J.D. Muila Kyler Filewich Steven Verplancken Jr. Jakolby Long Chris Cross Anthony D'Avanzo	Ht. 6-3 6-2 6-8 6-9 6-4 6-5 6-2 6-8	Wt. 170 170 235 250 205 210 195 205	CI. Fr. Fr. Jr. Fr. So. Gr. Fr. Gr.	Pos. G G F C G G F F	Two-t #24 ra #1 ran Trans Grad Uncle	ime first anked Ju nked play fer (gran transfer e Josh Cr	citle in 2020 (runner-up in '19) -team All-State in Wisconsin loo recruit (JucoRecruiting.com) ver in Manitoba province ted immediate elig. by NCAA) from Southern Utah loss played at SIU 1998-01 from D-II Lewis College

#### **QUICK FACTS**

School	Southern Illinois University
City/Zip	Carbondale, IL (62901)
Founded	1869
Enrollment	11,366 (Fall 2020)
Nickname	Salukis
Colors	Maroon and White
Arena	Banterra Center
Capacity	8,284
Affiliation	Division I
Conference	Missouri Valley
President	Dr. Daniel F. Mahony
Chancellor	Dr. Austin A. Lane
Director of Athletics	Liz Jarnigan
Alma Mater	St. Olaf, 1987
Athletic Phone	618-453-5311
Ticket Office Phone	618-453-2000

#### HISTORY

First Year of Basketball		1913
All-time Record (Through 2	2019-20)	1543-1092
Years in NCAA Tournament	:/Last	10/2007
Years in NIT/Last		9/2008
Last Postseason Opponent	t	Arizona State, '08
Result	Lost, 65	-51, Second Round

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#### **COACHING STAFF**

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Head Coach	Bryan Mullins
Alma Mater	Southern Illinois (2009)
Record at School	24-22 (2nd Year)
Career Record	Same
Basketball Phone	453-4667
Assistants	Brendan Mullins
	Pat Monaghan
	Jevon Mamon
Operations / Player Developm	ent Connor Wheeler
Graduate Assistant	Robby Dosier
Graduate Assistant	Tony Wills

## **TEAM INFORMATION**

Last Year's Overall Record	16-16
Home Record	12-3
Away Record	3-10
Conference Record	10-8 (5th)
Starters Returning/Lost	2/3
Letterwinners Return/Lost	5/8

#### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Anthony D'Avanzo	duh-VAWN-zoh
Sekou Dembele	SEE-koo dem-belly
Marcus Domask	d'MASK
Kyler Filewich	FILL-uh-witch
J.D. Muila	moo-luh
Jevon Mamon	MAY-munn

Points

Assists

Rebounds

PERCENT OF PRODUCTION RETURNING

42.1%

33.4%

51.5%



# BRYAN MULLINS

#### **HEAD COACH // SECOND SEASON**

#### 2020-21 (SECOND SEASON)

- » Snapped Butler's 59-game non-conference home court winning streak, which was the longest in the nation. Butler had not lost a non-conference home game since March 2012.
- » Started 7-0, the program's best start since 1947-48.
- » Seven-game winning streaks in back-to-back seasons (2019-20 and 2020-21) for the first time at SIU since 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- » HoopDirt's National Coach of the Week after SIU snapped Butler's 59-game non-conference home court winning streak.

#### 2019-20 (FIRST SEASON)

- » Named one of ESPN's '40 under 40' -- nation's top coaches under 40 years old. Mullins (33) is the second-youngest head coach in the nation.
- » Runner-up for 2020 Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year
- » Finalist for Joe B. Hall Award, given to the nation's top first-year head coach.
- » Team was picked last in the MVC preseason poll, and star guard Aaron Cook suffered a season-ending broken hand six games into the season. But SIU went 16-16 and finished 10-8 in the MVC -- a league record for wins by a team that was picked last.
- » SIU ranked top-15 nationally and led the MVC in scoring defense.
- » SIU had a 10-game home court winning streak and a seven-game MVC winning streak, both of which were the longest for the program since Mullins was a player in 2008.

#### **COACHING CAREER**

- » After playing professionally in Europe, Mullins began his coaching career by joining Porter Moser's staff at Loyola in 2013.
- » He was an assistant on Loyola's Final Four team in 2018 and was promoted to Associate Head Coach after the season.
- » Loyola won back-to-back MVC titles in 2018 and 2019.
- » Conference Players of the Year under Mullins:
  - » 2020 MVC Freshman and Newcomer of the Year Marcus Domask
  - » 2019 MVC Player of the Year Marques Townes
  - » 2018 MVC Player of the Year Clayton Custer
  - » 2018 MVC Defensive Player of the Year Ben Richardson
  - » 2018 MVC Freshman of the Year Cameron Krutwig
  - » 2017 MVC Sixth Man of the Year Aundre Jackson
  - » 2014 MVC Newcomer and Freshman of the Year Milton Doyle

#### AS A PLAYER AT SIU

- » An SIU alum (2009), Mullins was the point guard on the 2007 "Floorburn U" Salukis that reached the Sweet Sixteen. That team finished the season ranked No. 11 nationally, SIU's highest ever national ranking.
- » Holds SIU's career record for assists, and ranks second in steals.
- » Two-time MVC Defensive Player of the Year (2008, 09)
- » A two-time Academic All-American, he graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA in finance.
- » Inducted into the SIU Hall of Fame in 2018

## HEAD COACHES WHO GOT THEIR START AT SIU

Bryan Mullins is the latest in a long line of young head coaches who got their first Division I head coaching job at SIU. (Age at hiring in parentheses.)

Harry Gallatin (31), 1959-62 Went 79-35 in four years at SIU (three conference titles) ... Left SIU to coach in the NBA (St. Louis Hawks, and then the New York Knicks for two seasons) ... Member of the Basketball Hall of Fame and College Basketball Hall of Fame.

Jack Hartman (37), 1963-70: Coached Walt Frazier at SIU and won 1967 NIT ... Went on to coach at Kansas State for 16 years (K-State has a "Jack Hartman Drive" near its arena) ... Went 589-279 overall (142-64 at SIU) ... Won 1981 NABC National Coach of the Year.

Rich Herrin (53), 1986-98: Before SIU, had coached at a local high school (Benton HS) ... Won 225 games at SIU, two regular-season MVC titles, and 3 MVC tournament titles ... Took SIU to 3 NCAA Tournaments and 4 NITs.

Bruce Weber (42), 1999-03: Had been an 18-year assistant under Gene Keady at Purdue ... Took SIU to two MVC titles and two NCAA Tournaments (2002 Sweet Sixteen) before leaving for Illinois, and now at Kansas State ... 2005 National Coach of the Year (led Illini to 37-2, national runner-up) ... Nearing his 500th career win as a head coach.

Matt Painter (33), 2004: Coached at SIU for one season (took over for Bruce Weber) and led SIU to at-large berth to NCAA Tournament before becoming coach-in-waiting at Purdue ... In Painter's only season at SIU, the Salukis went 25-5 overall, 17-1 in the MVC (won conference title), and were ranked as high as #15 nationally.

Chris Lowery (32), 2005-12: Two-time MVC Coach of the Year ... Led SIU to three NCAA Tournaments (2 at-large selections, 2007 Sweet Sixteen) ... His 2007 team finished the season ranked #11 nationally (AP) ... Now associate head coach at K-State with Bruce Weber.

**Bryan Mullins (32), 2020-pres.** Runner-up for 2020 MVC Coach of the Year in his first season ... Finalist for Joe B. Hall Award in 2020 (best first-year head coach in the nation) ... Named one of ESPN's '40 under 40' coaches.

#### From starting at SIU to ...

- » 1,893 total combined Division I wins (entering 2020-21 season, not including Mullins)
- » 3 National Coaches of the Year (Hartman, Weber, Painter)

Year	School	Position	Overall	Conference (Finish)	Postseason	Notes
2019-20	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	16-16	10-8 (5th)		Most MVC wins ever for team picked 10th preseason
2020-21	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	8-6	2-6		Started 7-0 (SIU's best start since 1947)
Total (2nd Season)		24-22	12-14			

#### A LETTER TO SALUKI NATION

BY BRYAN MULLINS MARCH 20, 2019

A year ago today I was introduced as the men's basketball head coach at Southern Illinois University. There were numerous times throughout this first year where I caught myself smiling for no other reason than realizing that I am actually back here. I have always said that what makes SIU special is this Southern Illinois community and the passion they have for SIU Basketball.

After being back immersed in this community for a year now, what I really want to say is thank you, more importantly, thank you for never changing. Thank you for always appreciating heart and hustle over talent and potential. Thank you for always supporting a true team over the individual. Thank you for cheering louder for a loose ball than for a jump shot. Thank you for the standing ovations for the shot clock violations, the charges, and the extra passes that create the basket. Thank you for understanding what winning looks and sounds like. Thank you for knowing that winning ugly is actually just winning. Thank you for believing that magic can always happen at home. Thank you for making the Banterra Center feel like the "Arena" again. And thank you for the standards you have set and for expecting them to be met.

I hope everyone is staying safe through these unprecedented times in our country. We will get through this. After we do, our program will get back to work and continue to improve. Like so many teams before them, next year's team will try to leave a legacy that will matter, that will reach, and that will last. Go Dawgs.

#### NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES SINCE 1975-76

SIU joined the MVC in 1975-76 and has made more NCAA Tournament appearances than any current league member

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	TEAM	NCAAS				
1.	Southern Illinois	10				
2.	Valparaiso	9				
3.	Northern Iowa	8				
4.	Missouri State	6				
4.	Illinois State	6				
6.	Bradley	5				
6.	Evansville	5				
8.	Indiana State	4				
9.	Drake	1				
9.	Loyola	1				

#### **MVC CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1975-76**

SIU joined the MVC in 1975-76 and has won more regularseason and conference tournament championships than any current member of the league.

		REG.	<b>TOURN</b>	I.ALL
1.	Southern Illinois	8	5	13
t2.	Bradley	6	4	10
t2.	Illinois State	6	4	10
4.	Drake	8	1	9
5.	Northern Iowa	3	5	8
6.	Indiana State	2	3	5
7.	Loyola	2	1	3
8.	Missouri State	1	1	2
9.	Evansville	1	0	1
10.	Valparaiso	0	0	0

#### SILI'S RECORD WHEN... **MULLINS ERA**

Stat	2020-21	Mullins Era
Overall	8-6	24-22
Home Road	6-2 2-4	18-5 5-14
Neutral	0-0	1-3
MVC	2-6	12-14
MVC Home	2-2	9-4
MVC Road	0-4	3-10
Arch Madness	0-0	0-1
Vs. Top-25 Leading at half	0-0 7-2	0-0 21-7
Trailing at half	1-4	3-15
Tied at half	0-0	0-0
Outrebounds opponent	5-0	12-2
Outrebounded by opponent	3-6	11-20
Rebounds tied More assists than opp.	0-0 3-1	1-0 12-3
Fewer assists than opp.	4-4	9-17
Assists tied	1-2	3-3
15+ assists	4-1	12-2
Has more turnovers than opp.	2-1	9-6
Has fewer turnovers than opp.	5-4	14-13
Turnovers equal Scores fewer than 60 points	1-1 0-3	1-3 1-13
Scores 60-69 points	2-2	11-8
Scores 70-79	3-1	9-1
Scores 75+	4-0	8-0
Scores 80+	3-0	3-0
Has a 20-point scorer	3-2	10-5
SIU had 5 players in double-figures SIU player has a double-double	2-0 1-0	4-0 4-1
In November	0-0	3-4
In December	7-1	10-5
In January	1-5	7-7
In February	0-0	4-5
In March	0-0	0-1 2-0
Overtime Margin is 5 points or fewer	1-0 3-1	2-0 8-5
Margin is 6-9 points	2-0	3-3
Margin is 10-19 points	1-4	9-12
Margin is 20+	2-1	4-2
Shooting 45% or better	5-2	15-6 6-0
Shooting 50% or better Shooting 39.9% or worse	3-0 0-2	6-U 1-11
Holding opp. to 39.9% or worse	3-0	12-3
When winning		
Points in the paint	5-2	13-3
Points off turnovers	7-2	15-8
2nd chance points Fast break points	3-2 6-0	7-6 14-6
Bench points	5-2	11-6
When leading by 10+ at any point	7-2	19-5
When trailing by 10+ at any point	1-5	5-19
VS. NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS		
Butler		1-0
Delaware		0-1
Hampton		1-0 1-0
Illinois Wesleyan Missouri		0-1
Murray State		1-1
NC Central		1-0
Norfolk State		1-0
North Dakota		2-0
Oakland Quincy		0-1 1-0
Saint Louis		0-1
San Francisco		0-1
Southeast Missouri		2-0
Southern Miss		0-1
UTSA		1-0

#### IF SIU GOES 2-0...

- » SIU would improve to 10-6 overall, 4-6 MVC.
- » SIU would improve to 49-52 all-time vs. Bradley and 17-31 against the Braves in Peoria.
- » SIU would win back-to-back games at Bradley for the first time since 2011 and 2012.
- » SIU would sweep the regular season series from Bradley for the first time since 2016.

#### IF SIU GOES 1-1...

- » SIU's record would be 9-7 overall, 3-7 MVC.
- » Bradley would lead the overall series 53-48, including 32-16 in games played in Peoria.
- » SIU head coach Bryan Mullins would earn his first win against the Braves (0-3 last year).
- » SIU and Bradley would split the season series for the fourth time in the last five years (splits in 17, 18, and 19; BU swept in 20).

#### IF SIU GOES 0-2...

- » SIU would fall to 8-8 overall, 2-8 MVC.
- » Bradley would lead the overall series 54-47, including 33-15 in games played in Peoria.
- » SIU would suffer a 7+ game MVC losing streak for the first time since going 0-16 in 1980-81.

#### **SERIES CHECK**

- » Bradley leads the all-time series, 52-47. The Braves lead 31-15 in games played in Peoria.
- » Series trends: SIU is...
  - » 0-3 in its last three games vs. BU overall
  - » 1-4 in its last five overall
  - » 6-6 in its last 12 overall
  - » 1-3 in its last 4 road games
- » Bradley (0-3) and Indiana State (0-4) are the only MVC teams that head coach Bryan Mullins hasn't beaten yet in his young head coaching career.
- » Four of the last five games in the series have been decided by five points or fewer.
- » Sekou Dembele broke his leg at the end of the first half of the game at Peoria last year. SIU led by four when Dembele was injured but were outscored by 23 the rest of the way. The team went to the hospital to see Dembele before leaving Peoria after the game.
- » Last year, SIU and Bradley played one of the best games at Arch Madness. The game was tied with 43 seconds left, but Ja'Shon Henry's 3-point play with 38 seconds to go won the game for Bradley, who went on to win the tournament.

# THE LANCE JONES SHOW

Since Marcus Domask's injury (last 4 games), Lance Jones is averaging 17.3 points, 3.3 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He's shooting 49% from the field and 41% from the 3-point line. He scored 25 points in a game at Indiana State and had 27 points in Sunday's win over Northern Iowa. In his 27-point performance against UNI, Jones hit seven 3-pointers, which was the most by any SIU player since Kent Williams in the 2000-01 season. Last year, both Jones and Domask had 28-point games in MVC play, the highest-scoring games by true freshmen in league play since 2014 (Doyle, LUC).

#### **YOUNG DAWGS**

- » 89.2% of SIU's scoring this season is from freshmen and sophomores. 70% is from the sophomore class: Marcus Domask, Lance Jones, Ben Harvey, Trent Brown, Steven Verplancken Jr., and Sekou Dembele. (SIU's top-four leading scorers are sophomores.)
- » KenPom ranks SIU as the 9th least-experienced team in the nation (339th of 347 teams who have played at least one game).
- » SIU is the youngest team in the MVC, with its top-seven players (in terms of minutes played) averaging 20.62 years old.
  - » Context: Drake (22.55), Loyola (22.09), Evansville (21.99), Bradley (21.46), Indiana State (21.35).
- » Ten of the 14 players on SIU's roster are underclassmen (freshmen or sophomores).
  - » Two of the four upperclassmen (JD Muila and Will Keller) will miss the season with injuries.
- » Entering the season...
- » Only one player on the roster had played in more than one season of Division I basketball. (Jakolby Long)
- » Only five players on SIU's roster had played more than 100 career minutes in Division I basketball.
- » SIU ranked last in the MVC for career Division I minutes and games played on its roster.

#### TRENDING...

- » Lance Jones (486) and Ben Harvey (471) are approaching 500 career points. (Harvey scored 326 of his career points as a freshman at EIU in 2018-19.)
- » Steven Verplancken:
  - » First 10G: 3.5 ppg, 1.7 reb., 39% FG, 38% 3FG, team's 8th leading scorer
  - » Last 4G: 9.3 ppg, 3.5 reb., 42% FG, 43% 3FG, team's 3rd leading scorer
- » Kyler Filewich:
  - » First 10G: 4.4 ppg, 4.0 reb., 56% FG, team's 7th-leading scorer
  - » Last 4G: 10.5 ppg, 6.5 reb., 69% FG, team's 2nd-leading scorer (MVC Newcomer of the Week, Jan. 26)
  - » Indiana State head coach Greg Lansing on Filewich: "He isn't the biggest, but he's a physical presence. He's smart. He's unselfish. You can't guard him one-on-one because he gets right to the front of the rim. He works his tail off defensively. He's perfect for what Bryan and that staff want him to do. I'm very impressed with him. Going into the game, you're worried about a (Marcus) Domask, who didn't end up playing, and a (Lance) Jones, but that guy (Filewich) is going to be right there on everybody's scouting report."
- » Last year, SIU led the MVC in 3-point FG% defense (31.5%). This year, SIU is 9th in MVC & 308th of 340 nationally (36.8%).
- » SIU opponents have shot 50% or better in the second half in seven consecutive games. Combined opponent FG% in the second half of the last seven games = 100-for-167 (59.9%).
- » Sekou Dembele has made seven consecutive field goal attempts, dating back to the December 28 game against Evansville.

#### 2020-21 SALUKIS: THE BASICS

SIU is in its 107th season of basketball. The 2020-21 Salukis have two returning starters and eight newcomers. The Salukis are the 9th-youngest team in the nation (KenPom).

**OUTSIDE EXPECTATIONS:** The Salukis were picked fifth in the preseason Missouri Valley Conference poll of coaches, media and sports information directors. Other national organizations (ESPN's BPI, Kenpom, Norlander, Bart Torvik) have been more pessimistic, ranking SIU 8th or 9th in the MVC in their preseason rankings.

**WHAT WAS LOST:** The Salukis lost three starters to graduation, including two who averaged double-figures: Eric McGill (11.2) and Barret Benson (10.6).

SIU also lost three-year starter Aaron Cook, who broke his hand early last year and redshirted. This offseason, Cook transferred to Gonzaga as a graduate transfer.

**WHAT'S BACK:** SIU returns two starters, both sophomores in 2020-21. Marcus Domask was the MVC's Newcomer and Freshman of the Year. Lance Jones averaged 9.3 points and 2.5 assists in 26 starts at point guard, replacing Cook.

SIU also returns sophomores Trent Brown, Sekou Dembele, and Ben Harvey, along with walk-on senior Will Keller. Harvey, an Eastern Illinois transfer, was with SIU last season but redshirted due to NCAA transfer rules.

**WHAT'S NEW:** SIU welcomes eight newcomers (nine if you count Harvey, who redshirted last season as a transfer).

Two are Division II transfers: graduate transfer Anthony D'Avanzo (Lewis College) and sophomore Steven Verplancken Jr. (Glenville State). Verplancken was granted immediate eligibility by the NCAA.

Two are graduate transfers: D'Avanzo and Jakolby Long (Iowa State and Southern Utah).

Four are freshmen: Dalton Banks continued the Wisconsin pipeline to SIU, following Domask last year. Eric Butler won a state title in Florida. Kyler Filewich was ranked the #1 player in Manitoba, and Chris Cross's uncle, Josh, played at SIU for Bruce Weber (1998-01).

INJURY REPORT: J.D. Muila, who was ranked as the No. 24 junior college prospect in the country last season, will miss the year with a knee injury. The injury leaves SIU with three scholarship post players: D'Avanzo, Dembele, and Filewich. Sekou Dembele is coming back from a broken leg suffered last season. Walk-on senior Will Keller will also miss the season with an injury. Marcus Domask missed the Indiana State series with a left foot injury and his status is week-to-week.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA







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#### SECOND COVID PAUSE

- » SIU paused full-team activities on January 8 due to positive COVID test results among SIU's Tier 1 personnel, which includes coaches, studentathletes and staff.
- » SIU had five games postponed. Thanks to the MVC's flexible scheduling format, all five games were able to be rescheduled.
- » SIU went 21 days between games. After a Jan. 4 game at Drake. SIU came back to the court for a Jan. 25 game at Indiana State.
- » SIU had previously had a pause in November, which resulted in the Salukis withdrawing from Louisville's Wade Houston Tip-Off Classic. SIU was scheduled to play three games at that tournament.
- » SIU also had a game against Duquesne cancelled during non-conference play, due to positive tests in Duquesne's program.

#### **OFFENSIVE NOTES**

- » Last year, SIU only scored 70+ points six times (and went 6-0 in those games). This year, SIU has already scored 70+ points seven times (6-1).
- » The top three scoring games of the Bryan Mullins era have all happened this season (102 points vs. Quincy, 87 vs. SEMO, and 85 in Game 1 vs. North Dakota).

#### **COMEBACK SALUKIS**

- » SIU overcame an 11-point deficit the final five minutes of regulation to force overtime and win at SEMO in the season opener.
- » SIU trailed 66-55 with 5:02 remaining and outscored SEMO 32-13 the rest of the way for an 87-79 overtime win.
- » SIU has overcome five double-digit deficits to win under head coach Bryan Mullins.

#### **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

- » SIU led the MVC in scoring defense in Bryan Mullins' first season, the first time SIU led the MVC in scoring defense since 2007 -- when Mullins was a sophomore guard leading SIU to the Sweet Sixteen.
- » Last year's SIU team held 12 opponents under 40% shooting, the program's most since 2007.

#### **DOMASK SHINES AS FRESHMAN**

- » SIU freshman forward Marcus Domask earned Freshman All-America honors after a standout 2019-20 season. Other honors:
  - » MVC Newcomer of the Year
  - » MVC Freshman of the Year
  - » All-MVC Second Team
  - » NABC All-District Second Team
  - » MVC All-Freshman Team
  - » MVC All-Newcomer Team
  - » Three-time MVC Newcomer of the Week
- » Domask averaged 13.6 points, 5.2 rebounds, and 2.5 assists. He was one of only three freshmen in the nation to average at least 13.5 points, 5 rebounds, and 2.5 assists. (Anthony Edwards (Georgia) and Cole Anthony (North Carolina) were the others.)

- » Domask scored 28 points at Drake, the most by an MVC freshman since 2016 (Bradley's Darrell Brown scored 34 vs. Hofstra), and the most for an MVC freshman in a league game since 2014 (Loyola's Milton Doyle scored 28 twice in MVC play that year).
  - » Notable: fellow SIU freshman Lance Jones matched that mark with 28 points at Missouri State (2/29/20)
- » Domask hit the game-winning buzzer beater as time expired to beat Missouri State 68-66 on February 8. Domask took a full-court pass from Ronnie Suggs Jr., took one dribble and shot from 18 feet over a triple team for the win.
- » Via SIU Hall of Famer Mike Reis -- Domask's buzzer beater is believed to be the fifth game-winning shot with no time on the clock in Banterra Center history (56 seasons).
- » Domask was named Wisconsin's Mr. Basketball in 2019.
- » Domask became the third player in SIU history to score 400+ points in his freshman season, joining Charlie Vaughn (1959) and Kent Williams (2000). Vaughn (1st) & Williams (2nd) went on to become the top two career scorers in school history.

## **SALUKI FANS: THE SMARTEST FANS IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

- » From head coach Bryan Mullins' open letter to Saluki Nation on the 1-year anniversary of his hire: "Thank you for always appreciating heart and hustle over talent and potential. Thank you for always supporting a true team over the individual. Thank you for cheering louder for a loose ball than for a jump shot. Thank you for the standing ovations for the shot clock violations, the charges, and the extra passes that create the basket. Thank you for understanding what winning looks and sounds like. Thank you for knowing that winning ugly is actually just winning. Thank you for believing that magic can always happen at home. Thank you for making the Banterra Center feel like the "Arena" again. And thank you for the standards you have set and for expecting them to be met."
- » Asked to pick a "Player of the Game" in SIU's win vs. Murray State, Saluki fans chose Trent Brown -- who was the team's sixth-leading scorer in the game (only scored 6 points), but defensively he held Murray State All-American Tevin Brown to just 3 points on 1-of-7 shooting.

#### SALUKI BASKETBALL LINGO

- » THREE RULES: (1) Bring your best every day, (2) Trust the work, and (3) Own the moments.
- » RH SIU will wear RH patches on its jerseys for the remainder of the season, in memory of SIU and MVC Hall-of-Fame coach Rich Herrin, who died on Christmas night at the age of 87.
- » KEEP YOUR CHIP: The chip on your shoulder. No matter how much success a team or an individual has, keep your chip.
- » FLOORBURN U: SIU's defensive-minded teams in the mid-2000s earned six-straight NCAA Tournament appearances (5 by at-large bid), earning SIU the moniker "Floorburn U."

#### **COVID UPDATES**

SIU announced on November 12 that the program had paused team activities due to multiple positive tests among the program's Tier 1 personnel (student-athletes, coaches, immediate support staff).

As a result of the program's November 12 pause, SIU did not participate in the Wade Houston Tipoff Classic, hosted by Louisville November 25-29. SIU was originally scheduled to face Louisville, Prairie View A&M, and Winthrop at the event

Head coach Bryan Mullins tested positive for COVID-19 on November 27 and was in isolation for 10 days. Assistant coach Brendan Mullins (Bryan's older brother) served as acting head coach for the team's first two games.

SIU scheduled a game for Monday, December 14, at a neutral site (Indianapolis) vs. Duquesne, but that game was canceled due to a positive test among Duquesne's Tier 1 personnel.

SIU announced its second program pause on January 8. Five games were postponed, and the Salukis went 21 days between games.

## THE IMPROBABLE STORY OF THE 2019-20 SALUKIS

In his first year as head coach at SIU (2019-20), Bryan Mullins inherited a team that lost more than 70% of its scoring and rebounding from previous year's team to graduation. The Salukis were picked last in the MVC's preseason poll.

The only two returning players had played substantial minutes: Aaron Cook Jr. and Eric McGill. And Cook suffered a season-ending injury just six games into the year and redshirted.

Still, SIU went 16-16, 10-8 MVC. SIU's 10 Valley wins were a league record for a team that had been picked to finish last. Mullins was the runner-up for the MVC Coach of the Year and was named one of ESPN's '40 Under 40,' honoring the nation's best coaches under 40 years old.

SIU had its seven-game winning streak that lasted nearly a month (Jan. 19 - Feb. 12). That seven-game streak was SIU's longest winning streak since 2006-07 (13).

SIU won 10-straight home games over three months (from November 16 - Feb. 15.)

SIU's 10-game home court winning streak was its longest since winning 15-straight at home overlapping the 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 seasons.

- » LEAVE A LEGACY: Head coach Bryan Mullins honored every member of every SIU team that has made an NCAA Tournament, and NIT, or won a conference championship on a graphic that players walk past on their way from the locker room to the court.
- » EQUALITY: The Salukis have "EQUALITY" on the backs of their white warm-up shooting shirts this season, as a statement of support for racial justice.
- » CHARLES HELLENY TIP-OFF CLASSIC: SIU's first Division I game each year is denoted the "Charles Helleny Tip-Off Classic," in memory of "Mr. Southern Illinois" Charles Helleny, the long-time SIU fan and supporter who passed away in August 2019. Charles (a 1957 SIU alum) donated the fourthlargest gift in Saluki Athletics history
- » SALUKI STRIP: In pre-COVID seasons, about 2-3 times per season, the SIU swimming and diving team would lead the Dawg Pound (SIU's student section) by showing up to home games in their competition Speedos and swimsuits.

#### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

- » SIU's Fall 2020 team term GPA was 3.75, a program record. The team's cumulative GPA at SIU is 3.60.
- » SIU posted a 3.706 GPA in spring 2020, a program record. All three program term GPA records (Fall, Spring, and Summer) have been set since Bryan Mullins became head coach.
- » SIU earned the NABC Academic Excellence Award for the 2019-20 season
- » Last year, SIU senior center Barret Benson was named Academic All-District.
- » SIU has produced 101 Academic All-Americans across all its sports, which is the most of any MVC school and among the national leaders

#### **DAWG BITES**

- » SIU has overcome five double-digit deficits to win under head coach Bryan Mullins.
- » SIU had seven-game winning streaks in each of Bryan Mullins first two seasons as head coach, the first time SIU had a sevengame winning streak in back-to-back seasons since 2005-06 and 2006-07, when Mullins played at SIU.
- » Bryan Mullins is one of 35 head coaches in Division I who is coaching at his alma mater.
- » Trent Brown is wearing #24 because his dad, his two uncles, and his grandfather all wore #24.
- » Jakolby Long's grandfather played football at Oklahoma State and was the first member of the family to earn a degree. Long says his grandfather is the most inspirational figure in his life for making that college degree a family standard. Now, Jakolby hopes to set a new family standard by earning his master's degree at SIU.
- » Lance Jones never played point guard before arriving at SIU. He took over as SIU's starting point guard when Aaron Cook Jr. broke his hand at Murray State in his freshman season.
- » J.D. Muila and Kyler Filewich are the first Canadians to play for SIU men's basketball.
- » Steven Verplancken Jr. grew up in the Dominican Republic and moved to Belgium when he was 9 years old. His first language is Spanish.
- » Will Keller grew up in nearby Marion, III. (17 miles from Carbondale) and played junior college basketball at John A. Logan in even closer Carterville, III. (9 miles from Carbondale). He grew up coming to SIU games.

#### **TEAM NATIONAL AND MVC RANKINGS** THROUGH GAMES FEB. 2, 2021

STATISTIC	NAT'L	MVC	STAT
3-pt Field Goal Attempts (340 ranked)	209	10	296
Assist Turnover Ratio (340 ranked)	84	3	1.15
Assists Per Game (340 ranked)	134	5	13.9
Blocked Shots Per Game (340 ranked)	284	9	2.2
Defensive Rebounds per Game (340 ranked)	245	8	24.57
Fewest Fouls (339 ranked)	93	1	225
Fewest Turnovers (340 ranked)	93	1	168
Field-Goal Percentage (340 ranked)	70	5	46.3
Field-Goal Percentage Defense (340 ranked)	276	9	46.1
Free Throw Attempts (340 ranked)	205	7	250
Free Throws Made (340 ranked)	198	6	176
Free-Throw Percentage (340 ranked)	171	6	70.4
Offensive Rebounds Per Game (340 ranked)	338	10	5.71
Personal Fouls Per Game (340 ranked)	62	6	16.1
Rebound Margin (340 ranked)	294	8	-3.9
Scoring Defense (340 ranked)	162	7	69.6
Scoring Margin (340 ranked)	192	5	0.7
Scoring Offense (340 ranked)	210	6	70.4
Steals Per Game (340 ranked)	174	5	6.4
Three Pt FG Defense (340 ranked)	308	9	36.8
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game (340 ranked)	88	2	8.2
Three-Point Field-Goal Percentage (340 ranked)	22	2	38.9
Total 3-point FGM (340 ranked)	137	7	115
Total Assists (340 ranked)	179	8	194
Total Blocks (340 ranked)	273	10	31
Total Rebounds (340 ranked)	278	10	424
Total Rebounds Per Game (340 ranked)	329	9	30.29
Total Steals (340 ranked)	194	8	90
Turnover Margin (335 ranked)	93	3	1.7
Turnovers Forced (340 ranked)	172	5	13.71
Turnovers Per Game (340 ranked)	66	4	12
Won-Lost Percentage (335 ranked)	140	5	57.1
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# INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL AND MVC RANKINGS

FROM STATS.NCAA.ORG/RANKINGS

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	STATISTIC	NAME	NAT'L	MVC	STAT	
	Assist Turnover Ratio (350 ranked)	Lance Jones	316	9	1.21	
	Assists Per Game (348 ranked)	Lance Jones	269	6	3.4	
	Free Throw Attempts (346 ranked)	Lance Jones	306	9	57	
	Free Throws Made (323 ranked)	Lance Jones	254	8	44	
	Free-Throw Percentage (350 ranked)	Lance Jones	229	4	77.2	
		Ben Harvey	254	5	76.1	
	Steals Per Game (349 ranked)	Lance Jones	135	1	1.64	
	Three-Point Field Goals Per Game (348 ranked)	Trent Brown	309	8	1.86	
		Lance Jones	309	8	1.86	
	Total 3-point FGM (327 ranked)	Trent Brown	327	13	26	
		Lance Jones	327	13	26	
	Total Assists (347 ranked)	Lance Jones	287	7	47	
ı	Total Steals (308 ranked)	Lance Jones	145	6	23	

#### **HIGHEST % UNDERCLASSMEN** SCORING

NATIONALLY, AS OF JAN. 28

1.	Alabama A&M	96%
2.	SIU	89%
3.	Presbyterian	88%
t4.	Duke	87%
t4.	Auburn	87%
6.	Stetson	84%

- » Chris Cross is the nephew of Joshua Cross, who played for Bruce Weber at SIU (1998-01). Cross's paternal grandparents are from Carbondale. His father, Joe, played basketball at Illinois.
- » The Salukis have made at least one 3-point field goal in 190 consecutive games.
- » December 2 marks the latest start to a Saluki Basketball season since 1992-93. Rich Herrin's team opened that season December 3 against Truman State.
- » Head coach Bryan Mullins and assistant coach Brendan Mullins are brothers. They are the only brothers coaching together in Division I basketball.
- » SIU men's basketball sophomore Sekou Dembele and SIU women's basketball sophomore Awa Keita are both from Mali and knew each other from playing for the Mali National Teams. The fact they were both recruited by and committed to SIU was coincidental.
- » Head coach Bryan Mullins is 12-0 in season openers (4-0 as a player at SIU, 6-0 on staff at Loyola, and 2-0 as head coach at SIU).
- » SIU has won 28-straight games when scoring 75+ points. SIU's last loss when scoring 75+ was January 18, 2017 (L, 88-84 at Drake).
- » Since the start of the 2015-16 season, SIU is 50-3 (.943) when scoring 75 points or more.
- » Four all-time great Salukis went into the SIU Hall of Fame in the last two years. In the Class of 2018. Jermaine Dearman, Bruce Weber, and Bryan Mullins all were inducted. In the class of 2019, Chris Lowery was inducted

#### **QUICK SEASON RECAP**

- » As a result of the program's November 12 pause, SIU did not participate in the Wade Houston Tipoff Classic, hosted by Louisville November 25-29. SIU was originally scheduled to face Louisville, Prairie View A&M, and Winthrop at the event.
- » SIU opened the season with an 87-79 overtime win at SEMO. The Salukis overcame an 11-point deficit in the game's final five minutes to force overtime and outscored the Redhawks 16-8 in OT.
- » SIU moved to 2-0 with a 102-61 win over Division II Quincy. The win was SIU's biggest margin of victory since 1994, and SIU's 102 points were tied for the most by the program since 1998.
- » SIU moved to 3-0 with a 70-66 win over Murray State at Banterra Center. The win over a top-100 team was the best win for the MVC at that point.
- » The Salukis improved to 5-0 with wins on back-to-back days over North Dakota. SIU and UND played on back-to-back days at the same site to mimic what their conference's formats (Missouri Valley and Summit League) are changed to in 2020-21. (Ex: SIU opens league play by hosting Evansville Dec. 27-28).
- » SIU beat Butler at Hinkle Fieldhouse, 76-73, snapping the nation's longest active non-conference home court winning streak. Butler had not lost a non-conference home game since March 2012. The win was also the top non-conference win for any MVC team during the non-conference schedule (by KenPom
- » SIU opened MVC play by splitting a pair of games against Evansville. SIU won the opener to improve to 7-0, the program's best start since 1947. Evansville hit a school-record 17 3-pointers in the second game to earn the split and hand SIU its first loss of the season.
- » Drake swept SIU convincingly to send SIU to 1-3 in the MVC. The Bulldogs won by 18 in the first game and 31 in the second game to improve to a Drake-program-best 13-0.
- » SIU suffered its second COVID break of the season, going 21 days between games, and had five games postponed. SIU returned Jan. 25 at Indiana State, but were without leading scorer Marcus Domask, who suffered a foot injury. The Sycamores swept both games. SIU had its best shot in the first game, leading for more than 22 minutes against the heavily favored Sycamores, but Indiana State pulled out the win. Indiana State coach Greg Lansing: "They were the more aggressive, more physical, harder-playing team." But SIU faded in the second half of the second game en route to a 12-point loss.
- » SIU lost its first game against UNI, extending its losing streak to six games, but the Salukis rallied to win the second game. In the second game, SIU hit 15 3-pointers, the most by the program since 1998. Lance Jones scored 27 points and hit seven of those 3-pointers, the most by any SIU player since Kent Williams in 2000.

#### **MEDIA SERVICES**

Newspaper Clips from the season (mostly from The Southern Illinoisan's SIU beat writer Todd Hefferman) can be found at: SIUSalukis.com/

Postgame media availability will be conducted through a teleconference. Contact SID John Lock before tipoff for details. (jtlock2@siu.edu / 309-333-0132). Video will be available through WeTransfer after most games upon request.

Paperless game days at Banterra Center. Follow live stats at SIUSalukis.com/MBB/LiveStats. PDFs of game notes can also be found at SIUSalukis.com.

In-game notes are available through Telegram. Text SID John Lock (309-333-0132) if you would like to be included in the Telegram group.

#### SALUKI INK 3 BIG-TIME SIGNEES

SIU signed three highly rated players that will be freshmen in 2021-22 at SIU. All three are ranked as top-10 players in their respective states.

Troy D'Amico (6-7, 205, F) is SIU's highest-rated in-state signee since Kevin Dillard in 2008. He is ranked as high as #6 in the state. All-stater averaged 15.6 pts, 5.1 reb., 3.0 ast., 1.5 stl., and 1.5 blk for a 29-5 Niles Notre Dame team.

Scottie Ebube (6-8, 225, C) is also a top-10 in-state recruit. He was the MVP of the 2018 Carbondale Holiday Tournament (hosted at Banterra Center) and had 27 points & 15 rebounds in the championship game.

Foster Wonders (6-5, 190, G) is ranked #6 in the state of Michigan. A two-time Upper Peninsula Mr. Basketball, he is a three-star prospect and averaged 27.4 points, 7.8 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.9 steals per game for Iron Mountain HS.

#### **SALUKIS HONORED**

#### MARCUS DOMASK

MVC Player of the Week	Dec. 7, 2020
MVC Player of the Week	Dec. 21, 2020
MVC Freshman of the Year	2020
MVC Newcomer of the Year	2020
All-MVC Second Team	2020
NABC All-District Second Team	2020
MVC All-Freshman Team	2020
MVC All-Newcomer Team	2020
Freshman All-American (College	nsider) 2020
MVC Newcomer of the Week (3x)	2019-20

#### **BEN HARVEY**

MVC Newcomer of the Week Dec. 7, 2020

#### **KYLER FILEWICH**

MVC Newcomer of the Week Jan. 26, 2021

#### BRYAN MULLINS

HoopDirt Nat'l Coach of the Week Dec. 22, 2020

#### PROGRAM HISTORY

- » SIU has a rich basketball tradition. SIU has won more MVC championships and been to more NCAA Tournaments than any other member of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- » Walt Frazier, named one of the NBA's 50 Greatest Players, played at SIU. With Frazier leading the way, SIU won the NIT in 1967. Frazier and his teammates came back to Carbondale in 2017 for a 50-year celebration of the achievement.
- » Most recently, SIU is known for advancing to six-straight NCAA Tournaments from 2002-07 (Five at-large bids). In that stretch, the Salukis made the Sweet Sixteen twice (2002, 07).
- » Bruce Weber started the run and was SIU's head coach for the first two of those NCAA Tournament appearances, including the 2002 Sweet Sixteen team. Weber went on to coach at Illinois and is the current head coach at Kansas State.
- » Matt Painter coached SIU in 2004 before leaving for Purdue, where he is still the head coach. Chris Lowery took over for Painter and guided SIU to three more NCAA Tournaments, including the 2007 Sweet Sixteen. Lowery was inducted into the SIU Hall of Fame in 2019.
- » SIU's current head coach, Bryan Mullins, was a point guard on the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Tournament teams.
- » Prior to the run in the 2000s, Rich Herrin led the Salukis to three-straight NCAA Tournaments in the mid-1990s (1993-95). The Salukis won the MVC Tournament ("Arch Madness") in all three seasons, which remains the MVC's only three-peat at Arch Madness. Lowery was the point guard on the 1993 and 94 NCAA Tournament teams.

#### RESPECT THE VALLEY

- » The Missouri Valley Conference is one of the most underrated basketball conferences in the country. The MVC has 17 NCAA Tournament wins since 2012. Two MVC teams have advanced to the Final Four in that span.
- » The MVC is 9-1 in first-round NCAA Tournament games since 2012.
- » The MVC vs. Power Six conference opponents has been nearly a toss-up in the NCAA Tournament since 1994 (MVC has 44% win% (29-37)).
- » The MVC has had eight Sweet Sixteen teams since 2002. Years: 2002, 06 (2), 07, 10, 13, 15, 18.

#### **NEW LOOK**

- » SIU unveiled a new logo on February 28, 2019 at a private ceremony. The logo is SIU's first logo redesign since 2001.
- » In December 2019, SIU's new logo was rated the Best New Logo of 2019 by SportsLogos, including all new college and professional logos.
- » "The Saluki is unique throughout collegiate athletics," said SIU's then-Director of Athletics Jerry Kill. "Our goal with the new logo was to retain the original look and feel of the Saluki, while giving it a sleeker, modern feel. There are exciting changes happening within Saluki Athletics and Southern Illinois University as a whole, and the new logo is symbolic of the progress we intend to make."

#### **NOTABLE SALUKIS**

- » Walt 'Clyde' Frazier
- » Bruce Weber (SIU hoops coach 1998-03) and Matt Painter (SIU hoops coach 2004)
- » Gale Sayers (SIU AD 1975-81)
- » Jim Hart (SIU QB inducted into Arizona Cardinals Ring of Honor in 2017)
- » Brandon Jacobs (SIU football 2004)
- » Bart Scott
- » Rick Spielman (Minnesota Vikings GM)
- » Saluki Basebali MLB alums: Steve Finley, Dave Stieb, Jerry Hairston Jr., Al Levine, Duane Kuiper (and 20 others)
- » Current Pittsburgh Pirates manager Derek Shelton
- » "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul" star Bob Odenkirk

#### MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (AS OF FEB. 1, 2021)

Rk.	Team	Record	Pts.	Prev.	Conference
1	Gonzaga (31)	17-0	775	1	West Coast
2	Drake	16-0	735	3	Missouri Valley
3	Belmont	18-1	665	4	Ohio Valley
4	Loyola Chicago	14-3	660	6	Missouri Valley
5	Winthrop	16-1	625	2	Big South
6	Toledo	15-4	613	8	Mid-American
7	BYU	14-4	600	5	West Coast
8	Liberty	14-5	513	9	ASUN
9	Furman	11-5	502	7	Southern
10	South Dakota State	10-3	465	10	Summit
11	Wright State	13-4	425	17	Horizon
12	Eastern Kentucky	13-2	379	12	Ohio Valley
13	Abilene Christian	14-3	359	15	Southland
14	Georgia State	8-4	300	13	Sun Belt
15	Louisiana	13-4	294	21	Sun Belt
16	Sam Houston	13-6	261	14	Southland
17	Southern Utah	11-3	209	18	Big Sky
18	Akron	10-3	202	NR	Mid-American
19	ETSU	10-5	192	NR	Southern
20	Saint Mary's	11-5	153	16	West Coast
21	UNCG	12-5	134	NR	Southern
22	Coastal Carolina	12-4	123	20	Sun Belt
23	Missouri State	9-4	112	11	Missouri Valley
24	Wofford	10-5	101	22	Southern
25	Morehead State	13-6	62	NR	Ohio Valley
SIU	2020-21 opponents	underline	<u>ed</u>		

Receiving Votes: Kent State 61, UCSB 57, Navy 51, Vermont 51, San Francisco 49, Colgate 46, Cleveland State 44, Grand Canyon 41, UC Irvine 39, Siena 36, Texas State 32, Loyola Marymount 16, Stephen F Austin 16, Montana State 13, Ohio 12, Bellarmine 10, North Alabama 10, Appalachian State 9, Southern Illinois 9, Bowling Green 8, Buffalo 8, Pepperdine 7, UC Riverside 6, UMBC 5, Nicholls 1, UTRGV 1.

VOTING PANEL: Casey Alexander (Belmont), Kevin Baggett (Rider), Mike Balado (Arkansas State), Randy Bennett (St. Mary's), Will Brown (Albany), Jon Coffman (Purdue-Fort Wayne), Billy Donlon (UMKC), Jim Engles (Columbia), Greg Gary (Mercer), Derrin Hansen (Omaha), Jason Hooten (Sam Houston State), Donte' Jackson (Grambling), James Jones (Yale), Mike Jones (Radford, Robert Jones (Norfolk State), Greg Kampe (Oakland), Brian Katz (Sacramento State), Tod Kowalczyk (Toledo), Greg Lansing (Indiana State), Jim Les (UC Davis), Bob Marlin (Louisiana), Ritchie McKay (Liberty), Joe Mihalich (Hofstra), Rob O'Driscoll (Drexel), Ryan Odom (UMBC), Brett Reed (Lehigh), Mike Schrage (Elon), Todd Simon (Southern Utah), Damon Stoudamire (Pacific), Jay Spoonhour (Eastern Illinois), Willis Wilson (Texas A&M Corpus Christi)

 $^{\ast}$  Louisiana head coach Bob Marlin is the chairman of the Top 25 voting panel for the 2020-21 season.

NOTE: The Mid-Major Poll, in its 22nd season of existance, is made up of teams from the following conferences: America East, Atlantic Sun, Big Sky, Big South, Big West, Colonial, Horizon, Ivy, Metro Atlantic, Mid-American, Mid-Eastern, Missouri Valley, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Patriot, Southern, Southland, Southwestern, Summit, Sun Belt, West Coast, Western Athletic

#### SALUKIS BREAK INTO MID-MAJOR TOP-25

- » After SIU beat Murray State on December 11, the Salukis cracked College Insider's Mid-Major Top-25, breaking in at No. 17.
- » After SIU won at Butler, snapping Butler's 59-game nonconference home winning streak, the Salukis jumped to No. 10 on December 28.
- » The ranking is SIU's first in the poll of mid-major head coaches since early in the 2018-19 season.
- » Five MVC teams have been ranked in the mid-major top-25 at some point this season: SIU, Drake, Loyola, Missouri State, and Bradley.
- » SIU fell out of the mid-major top-25 after suffering a 6-game losing streak in January.



#### **MVC STANDINGS THROUGH GAMES FEBRUARY 2**

		Points	Points				Points	Points					
	MVC	Pct.	For	Against	Overall	Pct.	For	Against	Home	Away	Neutral	Last 10	Streak
Drake	8-0	1.000	79.0	63.6	17-0	1.000	82.9	61.7	10-0	6-0	1-0	10-0	W 17
Loyola	10-1	.909	74.2	53.7	15-3	.833	74.6	56.2	8-0	7-2	0-1	9-1	W 8
Evansville	6-4	.600	64.4	63.9	8-8	.500	64.6	67.2	7-2	1-5	0-1	6-4	W 2
Indiana State	7-5	.583	67.2	67.2	10-7	.588	67.8	67.9	8-3	2-4	0-0	7-3	W 6
Missouri State	5-5	.500	69.7	70.8	9-5	.643	74.5	68.9	6-4	3-1	0-0	5-5	L 4
Valparaiso	3-5	.375	63.5	71.6	6-11	.353	66.9	70.0	4-3	2-8	0-0	3-7	L 2
Bradley	3-7	.300	66.9	68.9	9-10	.474	70.7	64.4	6-3	1-7	2-0	3-7	L6
Northern Iowa	3-7	.300	66.5	72.9	5-11	.313	70.2	72.6	4-2	1-6	0-3	4-6	L1
Southern Illinois	2-6	.250	62.9	72.8	8-6	.571	70.4	69.6	6-2	2-4	0-0	4-6	W 1
Illinois State	2-9	.182	63.8	74.2	5-12	.294	73.5	77.1	3-4	1-8	1-0	2-8	L 4

# SIU AT MVC ARENAS...

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A.R.C	0-3
Carver Arena	13-27
Ford Center	4-6
Gentile Arena	3-4
Hulman Center	26-21
JQH Arena	4-9
Knapp Center	22-12
McLeod Center	2-12
Redbird Arena	13-20

MVC Preseason Poll	
1 - UNI (30)	426
2 - Loyola (13)	405
3 - Bradley (1)	341
4 - Indiana State	282
5 - SIU	235
6 - Missouri State	210
7 - Drake	207
8 - Valpo	148
9 - Illinois State	112
10 - Evansville	54

# Preseason Player of the Year AJ Green

#### **Preseason All-MVC First Team** Elijah Childs Bradley AJ Green UNI Tyreke Key Indiana State Cameron Krutwig Loyola Austin Phyfe UNI

# **Second Team**

Donovan Clay	Valpo
Marcus Domask	SIU
Jake LaRavia	Indiana State
Roman Penn	Drake
Gaige Prim	Missouri State

#### **Third Team**

Trae Berhow	UNI
Keith Fisher III	Illinois State
Tate Hall	Loyola
Marquise Kennedy	Loyola
Tremell Murphy	Drake

# **VS. THE MVC**

**MULLINS ERA** 

	ILLINOIS STATE		MISSOURI STATE	
0-3	Overall	2-0	Overall	1-1
0-1	Home	1-0	Home	1-0
0-1	Road	1-0	Road	0-1
0-1	Arch Madness	0-0	Arch Madness	0-0
	INDIANA STATE		NORTHERN IOWA	
2-2	Overall	0-4	Overall	2-2
1-0	Home	0-1	Home	2-1
1-2	Road	0-3	Road	0-1
0-0	Arch Madness	0-0	Arch Madness	0-0
	LOYOLA		VALPARAISO	
3-1	Overall	1-1	Overall	1-1
2-1	Home	1-0	Home	1-0
1-0	Road	0-1	Road	0-1
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# **SERIES STREAKS AND RECORDS VS. BRADLEY**

SIU home win	Feb. 11, 2018 (SIU 74, BU 57)
SIU home loss	Feb. 15, 2020 (BU 69, SIU 67
SIU road win	Feb. 2, 2019 (SIU 72, BU 68)

SIU road loss Jan. 11, 2020 (BU 67, SIU 48)

# SIU Record Streaks.

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Current	BU W3
Overall wins	6 (1/20/92 - 1/15/94)
Overall losses	10 (2/2/84 - 1/19/89)
Home Wins	8 (2/25/02 - 1/18/09)
Home Losses	5 (2/2/84 - 2/29/88)
Road Wins	3 (1/1/2010 - 1/4/12)
Road Losses	7 (2/28/85 - 1/31/91)

Misc	
Most points - SIU win	93 - SIU 93, BU 82 (2/23/78)
Most points - SIU loss	102 - BU 113, SIU 102 (2/29/88)
Fewest points - SIU win	53 - SIU 53, BU 51 (3/3/07)
Fewest points - SIU loss	23 - BU 31, SIU 23 (1927-28)
Most opponent points - SIU win	87 - SIU 88, BU 87 (1/28/89)
Most opponent points - SIU loss	113 - BU 113, SIU 102 (2/29/88)
Fewest opponent points - SIU win	42 - SIU 77, BU 42 (2/1/93)
Fewest opponent points - SIU loss	31 - BU 31, SIU 23 (1927-28)
Largest SIU win margin	35 - SIU 77, BU 42 (2/1/93)
Largest opponent win margin	23 - BU 59, SIU 36 (2/16/81)
Overtime Games (SIU Record)	6 (3-3)
Most points - combined	215 - BU 113, SIU 102 (2/29/88)
Fewest points - combined	54 - BU 31, SIU 23 (1927-28)

#### **BRADLEY SERIES HISTORY**

<b>OVERALL:</b> BU leads, 52-47 // <b>AT BU:</b> BU leads, 31-15	
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2/22/90 H W 83 71	
1/24/91 H W 79 69	
1/31/91 A L 87 89 1/20/92 H W 90 68	
2/8/92 A W 60 54	
1/18/93 A W 77 64	
2/1/93 H W 77 42 3/6/93 N W <sup>ot</sup> 63 61	
1/15/94 H W 72 66	
1/29/94 A L 68 62	
3/6/94 N W 72 59 1/4/95 H W 68 65	
2/20/95 A L 85 66	
1/15/96 A L 73 57	
2/26/96 H L <sup>ot</sup> 79 76 12/31/96 A W <sup>ot</sup> 64 63	
2/10/97 H L 55 53	
2/14/98 A L 86 76	
2/21/98 H W 70 66	
1/6/99 H L 65 59 2/22/99 A L 58 56	
2/27/99 N L 62 59	
1/22/00 H W 87 79	
2/26/00 A L 63 71 1/10/01 H L 65 76	
1/24/01 A L 54 57	
1/16/02 A W 55 49	
2/25/02 H W 84 73 3/2/02 N W 66 44	
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#### MIKE REIS - RADIO "DEAN OF THE VALLEY"

Mike Reis enters his 42nd year as the radio play-by-play Voice of the Salukis. He is tied with Bradley's Dave Snell for longest active tenure in the Missouri Valley Conference and ranks eighth overall.

#### Active Division I Men's Basketball Play-By-Play Announcers

1.	53	Ray Goss	Duquesne
2.	52	Bill Hillgrove	Pittsburgh
3.	48	Don Fischer	Indiana
4.	47	Rich Chvotkin	Georgetown
4.	47	Gene Deckerhoff	Florida State
6.	45	Dave Nitz	Louisiana Tech
7.	43	John Cox	Southern Miss
8.	42	Mike Reis	Southern Illinois
8.	42	Dave Snell	Bradley
8.	42	Johnny Holliday	Maryland

#### FAMILIAR FACE JOINS REIS ON RADIO

Rodney Watson is joining Hall of Famer Mike Reis on the radio for much of the 2020-21 season. Coach Watson was a 21-year assistant at SIU, during which time SIU went to nine NCAA Tournaments, two Sweet Sixteens, and 430 wins. He went on to become the head coach at Southern Indiana, where he retired as that program's alltime winningest head coach. Watson will divide games as analyst with Hall of Famer Greg Starrick, who is in his 38th year calling games with Reis.

#### WALT FRAZIER - THE REST OF THE STORY

Most people know that Southern's most famous basketball alum is Walt Frazier (1964-67). What they don't know is the story of how the Atlanta native ended up in

Basketball was Frazier's second-best sport in high school. He was offered a scholarship to play quarterback at Georgia Tech, but he didn't want to play football. Frazier went on a recruiting visit to SIU in 1963 and met with AD Donald Boydston, who was progressive about recruiting minorities during a time when southern schools rarely recruited them. According to Boydston, Frazier didn't say one word the whole trip, but called shortly after he took the train back to Atlanta to say he was enrolling at SIU.

Frazier was dismissed from the team for academic issues after his sophomore year. He went back to Atlanta and got a job doing manual labor. Frazier called in August of 1965 and asked if he could come back. He was not eligible for a scholarship, so he paid his own way and sat out his junior year, making the Dean's List. He played on the practice team, and sometimes they would beat the varsity. The 1966-67 storybook season saw Frazier lead the team to the NIT National Championship, beating Marquette in the finals. He turned pro after the season and was named one of the 50 greatest basketball players of all-time by the NBA in 1996.

#### **ABOUT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

Carbondale is located in the southern tip of the state — about a five-hour drive south of Chicago and two hours southeast of St. Louis. Many of SIU's alums are concentrated in those two cities. Since moving to Division I in 1968, SIU has been to the NCAA Tournament 10 times, including Sweet 16 appearances in 1977, 2002 and 2007. The Salukis have made nine NIT appearances.

#### WHAT'S A SALUKI?

Salukis are the oldest purebred dogs in the world, with records dating back to 3600 BC. The Saluki is an ancient Egyptian hunting dog, and has been known to outrun Greyhounds as the fastest dogs in the world, reaching 43 mph. So why is it SIU's mascot? The southern Illinois region is nicknamed "Little Egypt." The "Little Egypt" moniker came from a 19th century drought in northern Illinois led citizens to travel to southern Illinois seeking corn and wheat, a parallel of the biblical story Jacob's brothers flocking to Egypt during a famine. The names of several southern Illinois towns have Egyptian roots: Cairo, Metropolis, Thebes, Dongola, Palestine, Lebanon, New Athens, Sparta, and Karnak.

#### **LOSS OF A LEGEND**

Saluki Hall of Famer Rich Herrin died on Christmas night at the age of 87. A native of Benton, III., Herrin coached Southern Illinois from 1985 to 1998 and transformed the Salukis into a high-energy program that produced seven-straight trips to the postseason, including three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 1993 to 1995. He was inducted in the Saluki Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame in 2010.

In all, Herrin coached 13 seasons with the Salukis, registering a 225-174 record and 111 league victories. His players included Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year selections Ashraf Amaya (1992) and Chris Carr (1995) and eight Saluki Hall of Famers — Amaya, Carr, Troy Hudson, Chris Lowery, Sterling Mahan, Steve Middleton, Rick Shipley and Marcus Timmons. He sent a total of four players on to the National Basketball Association (Amaya, Carr, Hudson and Tony Harvey). SIU and Evansville observed a moment of silence prior to their game on December 27, in honor of Herrin. SIU will wear RH patches on its jerseys for the remainder of the season



# **ERIC BUTLER**

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

**Points** Rehounds Assists Steals Blocks

Minutes

Minutes

#### FRESHMAN // GUARD // 6-3 // 170 // ORLANDO, FLA. // ORLANDO CHRISTIAN PREP HS

Rebounds

#### NOTES

2 (2x) - last at Drake (1/3/21) 1 (2x) - last at Drake (1/4/21) 3 - vs. Quincy (12/6/20) 1 - vs. Quincy (12/6/20)

3-Point

Saw first action against Quincy and was very productive in 10 minutes: 2 points, 3 assists, 1 rebound, 1 steal ... Led Orlando Christian Prep to a 2020 state title and a runner-up finish in 2019 ... Was key in OCP's comeback state title win, scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter ... 2019 All-State in Florida.

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2020-21	6	0	31	5.2	2	7	.286	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0.3	3	0	4	0.7	1	0	1	4	0.7
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# MARCUS DDMASK SOPHOMORE // FORWARD // 6-6 // 215 // WAUPUN, WIS. // WAUPUN HS

#### **CAREER HIGHS** NOTES

28 - at Drake (2/1/20) **Points** Rebounds 12 - vs. Norfolk State (12/4/19) 7 - vs. Evansville (12/28/20) Assists 2 - 9x Steals Blocks 3 - vs. North Dakota (12/18/20)

Totals

Pronounced d'mask (as in 'ask') ... Missed INS series with left foot injury (week-toweek) .. Two-time MVC Player of the Week this season ... 2020 Freshman All-American (College Insider) ... 2020 MVC Newcomer of the Year and MVC Freshman of the Year ... 2020 All-MVC Second Team ... Three-time MVC Newcomer of the Week ... 2020-21 Preseason All-MVC Second Team ... One of only three freshmen in the nation to average 13.5 points, 5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 2019-20 ... 2019 Wisconsin Mr. Basketball. Daharmala

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2019-20	32	32	1112	34.8	150	320	.469	54	136	.397	80	97	.825	32	135	167 5.2	47	1	79	2.5	64	14	29	434	13.6
2020-21	10	10	337	33.7	60	124	.484	14	46	.304	29	35	.829	6	39	45 4.5	16	0	32	3.2	23	10	4	163	16.3
Total	42	42	1449	34.5	210	444	.473	68	182	.374	109	132	.826	38	174	212 5.0	63	1	111	2.6	87	24	33	597	14.2



#### DALTON BANKS

#### FRESHMAN // GUARD // 6-2 // 170 // EAU CLAIRE, WIS. // EAU CLAIRE NORTH HS

#### **NOTES**

CAREER HIGHS 14 - at SEMO (12/2/20) **Points** Rebounds 6 - vs. UNI (1/30/21) 5 (3x) - last vs. UNI (1/31/21) Assists Steals 3 - vs. UNI (1/31/21) Blocks 1 (3x) - last vs. UNI (1/31/21)

Ranks among MVC freshmen: 2nd in scoring, 4th in steals, 5th in assists ... 14 points in 39 minutes in collegiate debut (OT win at SEMO) ... Two-time All-State selection in Wisconsin ... All-Northwest Wisconsin Player of the Year ... Two-time high school conference player of the year and three-time All-City honoree ... Averaged 24.7 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 5.2 assists per game as a senior at Eau Claire ... Broke Eau Claire North High School's scoring record during his junior season.

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2020-21	14	0	346	24.7	34	69	.493	10	23	.435	17	22	.773	5	32	37 2.6	32 1	29	2.1	25	3	14	95	6.8
Total	14	0	346	24.7	34	69	.493	10	23	.435	17	22	.773	5	32	37 2.6	32 1	29	2.1	25	3	14	95	6.8



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#### **CAREER HIGHS**

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Points Rebounds Assists Steals Blocks

28 - at Missouri State (2/29/20) 9 - vs. Drake (1/19/20) 8 - vs. Hampton (12/18/19) 5 - vs. North Dakota (12/17/20) 1 - 3x (last vs. North Dakota, 12/18/20)

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#### NOTES

Had not played point guard prior to Aaron Cook (now a grad transfer at Gonzaga) breaking his hand six games into the 2019-20 season ... Started 26 games as a true freshman and averaged 9.3 points and 2.5 assists per game (led MVC freshman in assists in 2019-20) ... Played his best down the stretch of his freshman year, averaging 18.0 points on 55% shooting in the final 6 games of the year.

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2019-20	32	26	826	25.8	109	243	.449	22	74	.297	58	92	.630	13	80	93 2.9	74 1	79 2.5	88	1	31	298	9.3
2020-21	14	14	418	29.9	59	145	.407	26	62	.419	44	57	.772	9	33	42 3.0	30 1	47 3.4	. 39	2	23	188	13.4
Total	46	40	1244	27.0	168	388	.433	48	136	.353	102	149	.685	22	113	135 2.9	104 2	126 2.7	127	3	54	486	10.6

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#### **BEN HARVEY** SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-5 // 205 // JONESBORO, ARK. // EASTERN ILLINOIS

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

**Points** Rebounds **Assists** Steals Blocks

**Points** 

Assists

Steals **Blocks** 

Rebounds

29 - vs. SEMO (2/16/19) 10 - vs. Western Illinois (11/17/18) 4 - at Austin Peay (2/9/19) 3 - vs. Morehead State (2/2/19) 1 - 4x, last at SEMO (12/2/20)

#### NOTES

MVC Newcomer of the Week (12/7/20): 19 ppg, 6 rpg, 2.5 apg in a 2-0 week ... Transferred from Eastern Illinois ... Sat out 2019-20 season due to NCAA transfer rules ... 22 points in his SIU debut (an 87-79 overtime win at SEMO) ... Scored in double figures 19 times as a true freshman at EIU in 2018-19 ... Led Jonesboro HS to 32-0 record and an Arkansas 6A state championship as a junior in 2016-17. Jonesboro was ranked as high as #5 nationally that season.

			Min	;	3	3-Poin	ıt	Fre	e Thro	ows		Rebo	ounds													
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot. A	wg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2019-20^	32	1	695	21.7	118	257	.459	35	90	.389	55	73	.753	28	97	125	3.9	59	0	32	1.0	63	3	17	326	10.2
2020-21	14	12	340	24.3	48	110	.436	14	38	.368	35	46	.761	5	57	62	4.4	22	0	16	1.1	18	1	8	145	10.4
Total	46	13	1035	22.5	166	367	.452	49	128	.383	90	119	.756	33	154	187	4.1	81	0	48	1.0	81	4	25	471	10.2

<sup>^</sup> at Eastern Illinois in 2019-20



#### J.D. MUILA JUNIOR // FORWARD // 6-8 // 235 // OTTAWA, CANADA // INDIAN HILLS JUNIOR COLLEGE **CAREER HIGHS**

#### **NOTES**

Pronounced Moo-luh ... Will miss season with knee injury suffered in preseason ... Rated #24 Juco prospect in the nation by JucoRecruiting.com ... First Canadian to play at SIU, along with teammate Kyler Filewich.

Minutes Totals 3-Point Free Throws Rebounds Off. Def. Tot. Avg. GP GS Min Avg. FGA Pct. FG FGA Pct. FT FTA Pct. TO Blk. Stl. Pts. Avg. Year FG PF FO Ast Ava. 2020-21 Total



#### SEKOU DEMBELE SOPHOMORE // FORWARD // 6-7 // 230 // BAMAKO, MALI // CENTRAL PARK CHRISTIAN HS (ALA.)

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

**Points** Rebounds Assists Steals Blocks

10 - vs. Hampton (12/18/19) 5 - vs. Hampton (12/18/19) 1 (3x) - last vs. Evansville (12/28/20) 1 - 2x

1 (2x) - last vs. Evansville (12/28/20)

#### **NOTES**

Pronounced see-koo dem-belly ... Redshirted 18-19 at SIU, then only played 10G last year after suffering a broken leg at Bradley ... Mom was teacher in Mali & initially did not want him to play basketball: "Thought basketball & school together wasn't possible. She said if I didn't get good grades, I would have to quit." ... Played for Mali National Team while in 10th grade, came to US as senior in HS ... Plays hard: "I traveled 16 hours to be here. Heft my family for this. I can't go easy on the court."

		Minutes Iotals GS Min Avg. FG FGA Pc						3	3-Poin	it	Fre	e Thr	ows		Rebo	ounds	3									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2019-20	10	0	82	8.2	7	12	.583	0	0	.000	2	6	.333	6	14	20	2.0	12	0	1	0.1	2	1	2	16	1.6
2020-21	9	0	63	7.0	11	12	.917	0	0	.000	1	6	.167	3	8	11	1.2	6	0	3	0.3	1	1	0	23	2.6
Total	19	0	145	7.6	18	24	.750	0	0	.000	3	12	.250	9	22	31	1.6	18	0	4	0.2	3	2	2	39	2.1



# KYLER FILEWICH FRESHMAN // CENTER // 6-9 // 250 // WINNIPEG, CANADA // ORANGEVILLE PREP

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

**Points** Rebounds Assists Steals **Blocks** 

12 - at Indiana State (1/25/21) 9 - at Indiana State (1/26/21) 3 (2x) - last at Indiana State (1/26/21) 2 (2x) - last at Butler (12/21/20) 1 - (3x) - last at Butler (12/21/20)

#### NOTES

MVC Newcomer of the Week (1/26/21) -- SIU's first freshman center to earn that honor since 2010 (Gene Teague) ... Nicknamed by some Saluki fans as "Canadian Krutwig" after Loyola star Cameron Krutwig ... Named No. 1 player in Manitoba by the Winnipeg Sun in both 2018 and 2019 ... First Canadian to play at SIU, along with teammate J.D. Muila ... Had coming out party in Indiana State series: 11.0 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 10-12 FG (83.3%) -- INS coach Greg Lansing: "He's perfect for what Bryan wants him to do."

			Min	utes		Totals	6	3	3-Poin	it	Fre	e Thr	ows		Rebo	ounds									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot. Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2020-21	14	4	265	18.9	36	58	.621	0	0	.000	14	30	.467	22	44	66 4.7	27	0	15	1.1	20	7	6	86	6.1
Total	14	4	265	18.9	36	58	.621	0	0	.000	14	30	.467	22	44	66 4.7	27	0	15	1.1	20	7	6	86	6.1

Steals

Blocks



# WILL KELLER SENIOR // FORWARD // 6-7 // 220 // MARION, ILL. // MARION HS // JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE

CAREER HIGHS	
Points	3 - vs. Hampton (12/18/19)
Rebounds	1 - 3x
Assists	

NOTES

Walk-on ... Hometown (Marion, III.) is 26 miles east of Carbondale ... Junior college (John A. Logan) is only 8 miles away from Carbondale ... "I grew up around Saluki Basketball, and I've always wanted to play here. I remember being at games and thinking about how fun it would be to be on the floor playing." - Keller ... Will miss the 2020-21 season with an injury.

			Minutes Totals SS Min Avg. FG FGA Pct.					3	3-Poin	t	Fre	e Thre	ows		Rebo	ound	S									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot	. Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2019-20	5	0	8	1.6	2	4	.500	1	3	.333	0	0	.000	1	2	3	0.6	1	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	5	1.0
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	0	8	1.6	2	4	.500	1	3	.333	0	0	.000	1	2	3	0.6	1	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	5	1.0



# STEVEN VERPLANCKEN JR. SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-4 // 205 // SAN PEDRO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC // GLENVILLE ST.

#### CAREER HIGHS

**CAREER HIGHS** 

Blocks

**Points** 30 - at Concord (2/29/20) 11 - at Frostburg State (2/8/20) Rebounds Assists 11 - at Fairmont State (12/15/19) Steals 4 - 2x, last at Notre Dame (OH) (12/4/19) 2 - vs. Salem (WV) (12/19/19) Blocks

#### NOTES

Granted NCAA waiver for immediate eligibility ... Transferred to SIU from Division II Glenville State, where he averaged 16.4 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.1 assists as a freshman in 2019-20 ... Shot 50% from the field and 45% from the 3-point line at Glenville State as a freshman in 2019-20 ... Grew up in Dominican Republic and moved to Belgium when he was nine years old.

			Minutes Iotals  Min Avg. FG FGA Pct.					3	-Poir	Ιτ	Fre	e inro	ows		керс	unas	;									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2018-19^	28	28	888	31.7	170	339	0.501	65	146	0.445	54	73	0.74	51	90	141	5.0	55	0	86	3.1	59	3	29	459	16.4
2020-21	14	4	276	19.7	27	67	.403	15	37	.405	3	5	.600	2	29	31	2.2	23	1	14	1.0	12	0	3	72	5.1
Total	42	32	1164	27.7	197	406	.485	80	183	.437	57	78	.731	53	119	172	4.1	78	1	100	2.4	71	3	32	531	12.6

<sup>^</sup> at Glenville State



#### TRENT BROWN SOPHOMORE // GUARD // 6-2 // 175 // SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. // PINNACLE HS

#### **Points** 21 - at Butler (12/21/20) Rebounds 4 - at SEMO (12/2/20) 4 (3x) - last at Indiana State (1/25/21) Assists 4 - vs. Norfolk State (12/4/19) Steals

1 - 2x, last vs. Bradley (3/6/20)

First player to commit to head coach Bryan Mullins at SIU ... Has become SIU's best perimeter defender (held Murray State's Tevin Brown to 3 points on 1-7 shooting --Tevin Brown averaged 18 ppg last year) ... Led Pinnacle HS (Arizona) to back-to-back 6A state championships ... HS teammate of Nico Mannion (Golden State Warriors 2020 second-round pick) ... Was key in SIU's win at Butler: Career-high 21 points, 5-6 3FG (SIU snapped Butler's 59G non-con home court winning streak)

			Minutes Totals GS Min Avg. FG FGA Pct.						3-Poin	t	Fre	e Thro	ows		Rebo	ounds	6									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2019-20	32	1	658	20.6	26	96	.271	22	82	.268	16	18	.889	8	28	36	1.1	49	0	31	1.0	26	2	28	90	2.8
2020-21	14	14	418	29.9	33	74	.446	26	58	.448	8	14	.571	1	26	27	1.9	27	0	19	1.4	12	0	17	100	7.1
Total	46	15	1076	23.4	59	170	.347	48	140	.343	24	32	.750	9	54	63	1.4	76	0	50	1.1	38	2	45	190	4.1



# JAKOLBY LONG SENIOR // GUARD // 6-5 // 210 // OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA // MUSTANG HS // SOUTHERN UTAH

# **CAREER HIGHS**

17 - vs. Tulsa (11/17/17) **Points** 8 - at Eastern Washington (1/25/20) Rebounds 5 - 2x, last vs. Idaho (2/29/20) Assists Steals 4 - at Nebraska (11/9/19) Blocks 1 - at Indiana State (1/25/21)

Missed games with injury, returned 1/25 at Indiana State ... Grad transfer from Southern Utah ... Started his college career at Iowa State (2016-17, 17-18) before transferring to Southern Utah ... Was named Class 6A Oklahoma Boys Coaches Association Player of the Year as a senior in high school and was the top-ranked prep in the state.

			Min	utes		Totals	5	3	3-Poin	ıt	Fre	e Thro	ows		Rebo	ounds	;									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2016-17^	9	0	40	4.4	4	17	.235	3	6	.500	0	1	0	3	7	10	1.1	1	0	1	0.1	1	0	1	11	1.2
2017-18^	22	0	209	9.5	14	40	.350	9	21	.429	4	8	.500	5	24	29	1.3	26	1	13	0.6	8	0	4	41	1.9
2018-19		Sat	out sea	son due	to NC	AA Tra	nsfer F	lule																		
2019-20*	27	17	590	21.9	67	146	.459	3	16	.188	25	35	.714	22	55	77	2.9	27	0	40	1.5	35	0	18	162	6.0
2020-21	8	0	54	6.8	3	6	.500	0	0	0	3	4	.750	0	8	8	1	5	0	3	0.4	4	1	3	9	1.1
Iowa St^	31	0	249	8.0	18	57	.316	12	27	.444	4	9	.444	8	31	39	1.3	27	1	14	0.5	9	0	5	52	1.7
Career	66	17	893	13.5	88	209	.421	15	43	.349	32	48	.667	30	94	124	1.9	59	1	57	0.9	48	1	26	223	3.4

<sup>^</sup> at Iowa State // \* at Southern Utah



# CHRIS CROSS FRESHMAN // GUARD // 6-2 // 195 // URBANA, ILL. // URBANA HS

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**CAREER HIGHS** 

Minutes

Points 3 - vs. Quincy (12/6/20) Rebounds Assists Steals Blocks

Totale

#### NOTES

Nephew of Joshua Cross, who played at SIU (1998-01) for Bruce Weber and scored 787 points for the Salukis ... Father, Joe, played basketball at Illinois ... Paternal grandparents are from Carbondale ... Averaged 14.5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals as a senior at Urbana HS and was named All-Area by the Champaign News-Gazette ... Led Urbana HS to back-to-back regional titles after a 30-year drought.

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Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2020-21	3	0	6	2.0	1	3	.333	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	1.0
Total	3	0	6	2.0	1	3	.333	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	1.0

Free Throws



#### ANTHONY D'AVANZO SENIOR // FORWARD // 6-8 // 205 // HARWOOD HEIGHTS, ILL. // NOTRE DAME HS // LEWIS COLLEGE **CAREER HIGHS** NOTES

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**Points** 25, 2x, last at Drury (2/6/20) Rebounds 13, 5x 6, vs. McKendree (2/20/20) Assists Steals 3, 4x Blocks 3, 5x (once at SIU, 12/2/20 at SEMO)

Pronounced duh-VAWN-zoh ... Graduate transfer from Division II Lewis College ... Averaged 15.8 points and 8.4 rebounds last season at Lewis ... Scored 17 points in 26 minutes in an exhibition game against Illinois last year ... Led the conference in rebounding during league games as a senior at Lewis in 2019-20 ... Pursuing an MBA at SIU.

			Min	utes		Totals	;	3	-Poin	ıt	Fre	e Thr	ows		Rebo	ounds									
Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off.	Def.	Tot. Avg.	PF	FO	Ast	Avg.	TO	Blk.	Stl.	Pts.	Avg.
2016-17^	32	12	622	19.4	82	135	.607	0	0	.000	32	44	0.727	28	107	135 4.2	59	1	16	0.5	27	23	16	196	6.1
2017-18^	8	3	100	12.5	11	19	.579	0	0	.000	7	10	0.700	6	15	21 2.6	14	1	4	0.5	7	2	4	29	3.6
2018-19^	31	26	623	20.1	115	221	.520	0	3	.000	30	40	0.750	26	101	127 4.1	70	1	29	0.9	32	16	19	260	8.4
2019-20^	28	28	949	33.9	165	339	.487	55	138	.399	57	73	0.781	17	217	234 8.4	56	0	53	1.9	54	24	26	442	15.8
2020-21	14	12	271	19.4	33	74	.446	9	29	.310	22	31	.710	15	46	61 4.4	34	0	12	0.9	11	6	11	97	6.9
Lewis <sup>^</sup>	99	69	2294	23.2	373	714	.522	55	141	.390	126	167	.754	77	440	517 5.2	199	3	102	1.0	120	65	65	927	9.4
Career	113	81	2565	22.7	406	788	.515	64	170	.376	148	198	.747	92	486	578 5.1	233	3	114	1.0	131	71	76	1024	9.1

# **RECORD BOOK UPDATE**

#### POINTS SCORED BY A FRESHMAN

	PLAYER	G PC	DINTS
1.	Charlie Vaughn, 1958-59	26	620
2.	Kent Williams, 1999-00	33	440
3.	Marcus Domask, 2019-20	32	434
4.	Mike Glenn, 1973-74	25	382
5.	Kevin Dillard, 2008-09	31	377
6.	Darren Brooks, 2001-02	36	340
7.	Lance Jones, 2019-20	32	298

#### **ASSISTS BY A FRESHMAN**

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	Player	G A	551515
1.	Kevin Dillard, 2008-09	31	129
2.	Darren Brooks, 2001-02	36	118
3.	Bryan Mullins, 2005-06	33	105
4.	Stetson Hairston, 2001-02	36	81
t5.	Marcus Domask, 2019-20	32	79
t5.	Lance Jones, 2019-20	32	79

# 2020-21 MISCELLANEOUS STATS

DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING						
Player	2020-21	Career				
Anthony D'Avanzo	4	49				
Marcus Domask	8	30				
Steven Verplancken	3	28				
Ben Harvey	8	27				
Lance Jones	10	24				
Trent Brown	5	8				
Jakolby Long	0	7				
Kyler Filewich	4	4				
Dalton Banks	3	3				
Sekou Dembele	0	1				
30-POINT GAMES						

30-POINT GAMES								
Player	2020-21	Career						
Steven Verplancken	0	1						

2020-21	Career
0	10
0	8
3	8
2	5
1	2
1	1
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#### **DOUBLE-FIGURE REBOUNDING** Player 2020-21 Career Anthony D'Avanzo 1 12 Marcus Domask 0 2 Steven Verplancken 0 2

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Ben Harvey

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Player	2020-21	Career				
Steven Verplancken	0	1				

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DOUBLE-DOUBLES		
Player	2020-21	Caree
Anthony D'Avanzo	1	11
Steven Verplancken	0	3
Marcus Domask	0	2
Ben Harvey	0	1

#### **5 PLAYERS IN DOUBLE FIGURES (2-0)**

Date	Game		Result					
12/6/20	vs. Quincy	\	N, 102-61					
Domask (	18), Harvey (16)	), Verplancken (14	.),					
Brown (12) and Jones (11)								

vs. Murray State W. 70-66 Domask (13), D'Avanzo (13), Harvey (12), Jones (10) and Banks (10)

#### **TOP 5 COMEBACKS SINCE 2012-13**

21 Northern Iowa, Jan. 23, 2019 18 at Sam Houston State, Nov. 21, 2015

17 Northern Iowa, Jan. 14, 2014 17 Wichita State, Feb. 5, 2013

15 Air Force, Nov. 13, 2015

#### **TOP 5 OPPONENT COMEBACKS SINCE 2012-13**

at Southern Miss, Dec. 7, 2019

15 Wright State, Nov. 11, 2016

14 Indiana State, Jan. 10, 2015

13 Evansville, Jan. 28, 2016

13 at SEMO, Dec. 10, 2014

13 Saint Louis, Nov. 16, 2013

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SCORING RUNS	WINNING STREAKS (ALL GAMES)
Went on a 15-0 scoring run       (16-0) at Butler, Dec. 21, 2020         Went on a 16-0 scoring run       (16-0) at Butler, Dec. 21, 2020         Went on a 17-0 scoring run       (19-0) at Northern Iowa, Feb. 23, 2020         Went on a 19-0 scoring run       (19-0) at Northern Iowa, Feb. 23, 2020         Went on a 20-0+ scoring run       (19-0) at Northern Iowa, Feb. 23, 2020         Went on a 20-0+ scoring run       (26-0) vs. SEMO, Dec. 21, 2019	Won five games in a row       (7) Dec. 2, 2020 - Dec. 27, 2020         Won 6+ games in a row       (7) Dec. 2, 2020 - Dec. 27, 2020         Won 7+ games in a row       (7) Dec. 2, 2020 - Dec. 27, 2020         Won 8+ games in a row       (13 straight) Jan. 20 - March 3, 2007         School record (one season) - 19 games       Jan. 7 - Mar. 18, 1967         School record (multiple seasons) - 21 games       Jan. 7 - Dec. 2, 1967
COMEBACKS	WINNING STREAKS (MVC GAMES)
Came back from 10+ point deficit Came back from 20-point deficit Came back from 21-point deficit Came back from 22-point deficit Came back from 10+ point deficit (21) vs. Northern lowa, Jan. 23, 2019 Came back from 22-point deficit Came back from 10+ point deficit (21) vs. Northern lowa, Jan. 23, 2019 Came back from 21-point deficit Came back from 22-point deficit	Regular season only (MVC Tournament games excluded) 5+ (7 straight) Jan. 19, 2020 - Feb. 8, 2020 School record (one season) - 17 games Dec. 28, 2003 - Feb. 28, 2004 School record (multiple seasons) - 21 games Feb. 19, 2003 - Feb. 28, 2004 WINNING STREAKS (MVC HOME GAMES)
TEAM SUPERLATIVES	5+ (one season) (6 straight) Jan. 4 - Feb. 8, 2020
Points         85+       Dec. 17, 2020 vs. North Dakota (W, 85-64)         90+       Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Quincy (W, 102-61)         95+       Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Quincy (W, 102-61)         100+       Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Quincy (W, 102-61)         105+       Jan. 15, 1998 vs. Missouri State (W, 106-78)         108       Dec. 20, 1992 vs. Radford (W, 108-82)         109       Nov. 30, 1991 at Murray State (W, 109-98)         110+       Check media guide for top-10         Assists       23+         Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Quincy (23)	7+ (one season) (7 straight), Jan. 3 - Feb. 17, 2018 8+ (multiple seasons) Feb. 24, 2019 - Feb. 8, 2020 9+ (19 straight), Feb. 7, 2006 - Feb. 20, 2008 School record (multiple seasons) - 42 games Jan. 5, 2002 - Feb. 27, 2006 Perfect 9-0 seasons 2006-07 2004-05 2003-04 2002-03 2001-02 1992-93
26+ Dec. 9, 2020 vs. Quility (25)	WINNING STREAKS (MVC ROAD GAMES)
50+ Points in the Paint Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Quincy (54)  INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES  Triple-Doubles Three all-time at SIU  Rashad Tucker (24p, 10r, 10a) vs. UNI, Feb. 27, 1998	3 Jan. 25, 2020 - Feb. 5, 2020 4+ (4 straight), Dec. 30, 2015 - Jan. 24, 2016 School record (one season) - 8 games Dec. 6, 2003 - Feb. 18, 2004 School record (multiple seasons) - 9 games March 3, 2003 - Feb. 18, 2004
Rashad Tucker (14p, 12r, 11a) at Bradley, Dec. 31, 1996 Wayne Abrams (13p, 12r, 10a) vs. UW Milwaukee, Dec. 9, 1978 25+ points 30+ points Armon Fletcher (34) at Evansville, Feb. 27, 2019 35+ points Carlton Fay (38) vs. W. Michigan, Feb. 19, 2010 40+ points Steve Middleton (42) vs. Bradley, Feb. 29, 1988	WINNING STREAKS (HOME GAMES)  5 (5) Dec. 6, 2020 - Dec. 27, 2020 6+ (10-straight) Nov. 26, 2019 - Feb. 8, 2020 11+ (15-Straight), Feb. 7, 2006 - Nov. 17, 2007 School record (multiple seasons) - 33 games Jan. 11, 2004 - Jan. 24, 2006
45+ points Dick Garrett (46) vs. Centenary, Mar. 1, 1968 (SIU record) 15+ rebounds Thik Bol (17) vs. Mo. Southern St., Nov. 16, 2016 20+ rebounds Rick Shipley (20) vs. Illinois State, Mar. 5, 1989 25+ rebounds Joe C. Meriweather (27) at Ind. St., Feb. 18, 1974 (SIU record)	WINNING STREAKS (TRUE ROAD GAMES) 5+ (8 straight) Nov. 21, 2015 - Jan. 24, 2016 School record (multiple seasons) - 8 games Jan. 11, 2004 - Jan. 24, 2006
10+ assists Aaron Cook (10) vs. Howard, Nov. 19, 2018 13 assists (SIU record) Rob Kirsner vs. Wichita State, March 3, 1981 Bryan Mullins vs. UMass, Nov. 12, 2008 14+ assists Never Happened Two players had double-doubles Nov. 29, 2017 vs. SIU Edwardsville Kavion Pippen (13p, 13r) and Jonathan Wiley (12p, 10r) Three players had double-doubles Feb. 1, 1997 vs. Drake Monte Jenkins (20p, 11r), Troy Hudson (24p, 11r), Rashad Tucker (17p, 12r) Four players had double-doubles Never Happened Five players in double-figures Dec. 11, 2020 vs. Murray State (Domask, D'Avanzo, Harvey, Jones, and Banks) Three players with 20+ points Feb. 16, 2019 at Indiana State Armon Fletcher (20), Kavion Pippen (21), and Sean Lloyd Jr. (21) Hit a game-winner with 0:00 on the clock Marcus Domask 18- foot jumper vs. Missouri State (Feb. 8, 2020) Scored the go-ahead point(s) with 5 seconds or fewer on the clock Marcus Domask 18-foot jumper vs. Missouri State (0:00), (Feb. 8, 2020)	WINNING STREAKS (ROAD/NEUTRAL GAMES) 5+ (8 straight) Nov. 28, 2015 - Jan. 24, 2016 (10 straight) Jan. 9, 1966 - Mar. 18, 1967
All-Time Record vs. Top-25 15-64	

Beat a top-25 team

Beat a top-25 team at home

All-Time Record vs. Top-10

Wins over Top-10 Teams

Beat a top-25 team on the road

Feb. 5, 2013 (SIU 64, #22 Wichita State 62)

Feb. 5, 2013 (SIU 64, #22 Wichita State 62)

Dec. 20, 1965 (SIU 89, #8 Wichita State 68)

Feb. 17, 2007 (SIU 68, #13 Butler 64)

Jan. 11, 1967 (SIU 53, #2 Louisville 50)

3-Pointers

3FG Pct

FG (2nd)(OT)

1st

2nd(OT) Score Mar

**Opponent** 

**Date** 

Jan. 31

vs Northern Iowa

20/30 (-10)

10/20 (-10)

# **2020-21 COMPARISON STATISTICS**

FG Pct

FG (1st)

Game Totals are displayed in the form of SOUTHERN ILLINOIS/OPPONENT for each category. **BOLD** for season high. <u>UNDERLINE</u> for season low. \*Overtime numbers in  $^{^0}$  are not also included in second-half totals

Total FG

Date	<u>Upponent</u>	IST	<b>2na</b> (01)		mar	<u>Iotal FG</u>	FG PCT		G (IST)		<u>(na)</u>	<u>3-Poli</u>	iters	3FG PCT
Dec. 2	at SEMO		42(16)/40(8	87/79	+8 2	5-58/31 <b>-74</b>	.431/.419	.37	74/.393	.480(.500	)/.468(.333)	9-21/	6-19	.429/.316
Dec. 6	vs Quincy	<b>56</b> /34	46/27	<b>102</b> /61	+41 4	<b>0-72</b> /23-61	.556/.377	.64	<b>47</b> /.437	.473	3/.310	10-23	/7-27	.435/.259
Dec. 11	vs Murray State	40/32	30/34	70/66		0-43/26-61	.465/.426	.56	65/.444	.350	0/.411	9-19/8	3-23	.474/.348
Dec. 17	vs North Dakota	37/20	<b>48</b> /44	85/64	+21 3	1-55/23/55	<b>.564</b> /.418	.53	38/.258	.586	<b>6</b> /.620	10-16/	11- <b>31</b>	<b>.625</b> /.355
Dec. 18	vs North Dakota	29/25	33/25	62/50	+12 23	3-52/19-52	.442/.365	.37	79/.360	.521	1/.370	6-22/	6-22	.273/.273
Dec. 21	at Butler	37/24	39/ <b>49</b>	76/73	+3 29	9-53/26-57	.547/.456	.53	35/.321	.560	)/.586	9-19/8	8-22	.474/.364
Dec. 27	vs Evansville	28/19	35/38	63/57	+6 20	0-48/19-49	.417/.388	.37	70/.368	.476	6/.400	2-13/1	0-29	.154/.345
Dec. 28	vs Evansville	39/35	33/49	72/84	-12 26	6-53/26-47	.491/.553	.59	92/.480	.384	1/.636	10-22/	<b>17</b> -29	.455/.588
Jan. 3	at Drake	30/39	25/34	55/73	-18 20	0-49/28-55	.408/.509	.40	07/ <b>.517</b>	.409	9/.500	6-14/9	9-20	.429/.450
Jan. 4	at Drake	21/ <b>41</b>	34/45	55/ <b>86</b>	-31 19	9-52/ <b>34</b> -57	.365/ <b>.596</b>	.37	75/.484	.357	/.750	7-25/	9-15	.280/ <b>.600</b>
Jan. 25	at Indiana State	33/34	33/35	66/69	-3 27	7-55/25-50	.491/.500	.53	38/.500	.448	3/.500	8-22/	5- <del>16</del>	.364/.313
Jan. 26	at Indiana State	29/31	30/40	59/71	-12 20	0-53/23-47	.377/.489	.44	40/.464	.321	/.526	8-29/	8-18	.276/.444
Jan. 30	vs Northern Iowa	30/27	32/47	74/62	-12 22	2-52/28-56	.423/.500	.48	30/.333	.370	)/.692	6-21/	5-19	.286/.263
Jan. 31	vs Northern Iowa	37/24	34/44	71/68	+3 25	5-54/26-53	.463/.491		37/.407	.500	)/.576	15-30		.500/.280
Date	Opponent	Free Thr	ows	FT Pct	Off Re	eb Def Reb	Rebounds	Mar	Assist	<b>TOver</b>	Block	Steals	Fouls	
Dec. 2	at SEMO	<b>28-35</b> /1	1-21	.800/.524	4/18	33/32	37/ <b>50</b>	-13	13/ <b>21</b>	9/13	7/7	5/6	18/ <b>28</b>	
Dec. 6	vs Quincy	12-16/8	-11	.750/.727	9/4	<b>36</b> /26	<b>45</b> /30	+15	<b>23</b> /12	6/14	2/2	7/2	14/15	
Dec. 11	vs Murray State	21-26/6	6-7	.808/.857	2/11	25/25	27/36	-9	14/17	18/18	2/2	5/8	11/21	
Dec. 17	vs North Dakota	13-19/7	7-9	.684/.778	7/6	27/19	34/25	+9	19/19	11/17	2/1	<b>11</b> /6	11/15	
Dec. 18	vs North Dakota	10-11/6-	-15	.909/.400	5/7	32/25	37/32	+5	16/14	16/13	5/0	7/9	18/12	
Dec. 21	at Butler	9-14/13	-17	.643/.765	3/10	20/24	23/34	-11	13/17	10/13	1/5	7/5	19/17	
Dec. 27	vs Evansville	21-29/9	-14	.724/.643	6/6	27/25	33/31	+3	8/13	9/12	1/5	5/5	18/23	
Dec. 28	vs Evansville	10-14/15	5-17	.714/.882	4/5	17/25	21/30	-9		9/14	3/3	6/4	18/13	
Jan. 3	at Drake	9-12/8-	-10	.750/.800	4/5	22/25	26/30	-4	12/8	12/7	3/4	3/8	7/12	
Jan. 4	at Drake	10-15/9	-10	.667/.900	8/12	12/26	20/38	-18	10/13	14/17	0/5	8/8	12/14	
Jan. 25	at Indiana State	4-6/14-	-17	.667/.824	6/9	17/24	23/33	-10	13/13	15/16	1/1	9/6	19/14	
Jan. 26	at Indiana State	11-19/ <b>17</b> ·	-26	.579/.654	11/8	21/25	32/33	-1	13/12	12/13	1/2	5/4	<b>21</b> /17	
Jan. 30	vs Northern Iowa	12-25/13	3-22	.480/.591	5/9	25/ <b>35</b>	25/44	-19	11/14	11/11	1/4	4/6	20/21	
Jan. 31	vs Northern Iowa	6-9/9-	21	.667/.429	6/7	30/25	36/32	+4	16/14	16/14	2/0	8/12	19/12	
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Date	Opponent	Pai	nt	Off TO	2	2nd chance	Fast Brea	ak	Bench	9	Score Tie	d Lead	d Change	es
Dec. 2	at SEMO	32/38	3 (-6)	15/10 (+	5)	2/ <b>17</b> (-15)	4/6 (-2)		17/26 (-9)		5/1 <b>(+4)</b>	5	5/4 <b>(+1)</b>	
Dec. 6	vs Quincy	<b>54</b> /30	(+24)	20/8 (+1	12)	12/4 (+8)	23/7 <b>(+16</b>	3)	<b>36</b> /30 (+6	)	1/1		0/0	
Dec 11	vs Murray State	20/36	(-16)	<b>22</b> /14 (+	-8)	1/15 (-14)	<b>25</b> /9 <b>(+16</b>	6)	16/25 (-9)		5/5		4/4	
Dec. 17	vs North Dakota	38/20	(+18)	21/10 (+	11)	<b>15</b> /6 <b>(+9)</b>	18/7 (+11	)	27/18 (+9)	)	0/0		0/0	
Dec. 18	vs North Dakota	32/26	(+6)	14/10 (+	4)	4/6 (-2)	13/5 (+8	)	12/14 (-2)		0/0		1/1	
Dec. 21	at Butler	34/30	(+4)	12/7 (+	5)	4/14 (-10)	13/2 (+11	)	11/2 (+9)		2/2		2/2	
Dec. 27	vs Evansville	34/16	(+18)	10/5 (+	5)	2/5 (-3)	$14/\overline{2}$ (+12)	2)	14/11 (+3)		0/0		0/0	
Dec. 28	vs Evansville	24/14	(+10)	15/12 (+	3)	4/3 (+1)	10/ <b>15</b> (-5	5)	19/35 (-16	)	2/2		5/5	
Jan. 3	at Drake	28/	28	<u>7/15 (-8</u>	3)	6/4 (+2)	4/10 (-6)	)	12/19 (-7)		2/2		4/4	
Jan. 4	at Drake	22/44	(-22)	14/ <b>21</b> (-	7)	7/9 (-2)	6/12 (-6)	)	17/ <b>47</b> (-30	)	2/2		1/1	
Jan. 25	at Indiana State	36/32	(+4)	13/16 (-	3)	4/12 (-8)	<u>3/14 (-11</u>	)	13/ <u>0</u> ( <b>+13</b> )	)	9/9		13/13	
Jan. 26	at Indiana State	24/30	(-6)	11/10 (+		6/6	5/7 (-2)		11/23 (-12)	)	5/5		5/5	
Jan. 30	vs Northern Iowa	28/42	(-14)	9/13 (-4	4)	9/9	6/8 (-2)		23/8 (-15)		6/6		13/13	

9/3 (+6)

7/7

3/11 (-8)

20/12 (+8)

3/3

#### SIU INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Points	46	Dick Garrett vs. Centenary	Mar. 1, 1968
Opp Points	49	Hersey Hawkins (Bradley)	Feb. 29, 1988
Rebounds	27	Joe C. Meriweather at Indiana St.	Feb. 18, 1974
Assists	13	Rob Kirsner vs. Wichita St.	Mar. 3, 1981
	13	Bryan Mullins vs. UMass	Nov. 12, 2008
Steals	8	Marcus Timmons vs. Creighton	Feb. 9, 1995
	8	Darren Brooks at Drake	Dec. 6, 2003
	8	Darren Brooks vs. Missouri St.	Jan. 15, 2005
	8	Bryan Mullins at Creighton	Feb. 11, 2006
Blocks	8	Rod Camp vs. Siena	Dec. 3, 1980
Field Goals	19	Dick Garrett vs. Centenary	Mar. 1, 1968
FG Attempts	38	Charlie Vaughn vs. Tenn. St.	Dec. 29, 1960
3-pointers	11	Troy Hudson vs. Hawaii Hilo	Dec. 29, 1995
3-point FG Att.	25	Troy Hudson vs. New Mexico St.	Dec. 28, 1996
Free Throws	16	Charlie Vaughn vs. Villa Madonna	Dec. 27, 1960

#### SIU TEAM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Most Points	130	vs. Centenary	Mar. 1, 1968
Rebounds	82	Truman State	Dec. 2, 1965
Offensive Rebounds	35	Evansville	Jan. 7, 1998
Rebounding Advantage	+38	Missouri Southern	Dec. 23, 1994
Most Assists	35	Northern Illinois	Nov. 30, 1996
Most Blocks	11	at Northern Illinois	Dec. 12, 1992
Most Steals	22	Augustana	Nov. 21, 2004
Most Turnovers Forced	34	Roosevelt (Chicago)	Dec. 5, 1979
Margin of victory	63	vs. Centenary	Mar. 1, 1968
Margin of victory - road	51	at Eastern Illinois	Jan. 20, 1961
*Fewest Points Allowed	28	Washington (Mo.)	Nov. 10, 2006
*Fewest Points Allowed (vs.	D1) 36	at Louisiana Tech	Nov. 29, 2006
Best FG Percentage	70.5%	at Wichita State	March 5, 1983
Most 3-pointers	18	at Hawaii Hilo	Dec. 29, 1985
Most Free Throws Made	37	Villanova	Nov. 26, 1988
	37	Evansville	Dec. 11, 1972
Most Free Throw Attempts	52	at Murray State	Nov. 30, 1991
Most Points - Half	73	vs. Culver Stockton (2nd	) Jan. 29, 1964
Best FG Percentage - Half	85.6%	Creighton (2nd)	Feb. 10, 2007

<sup>\*</sup>Modern era -- since 1950

#### **OPPONENT SINGLE-GAME RECORDS VS. SIU**

Most Points	116	at Drake	Jan. 10, 1980
Most Points (Half)	65	Indiana State (2nd)	Jan. 22, 1983
Margin of victory	46	at Evansville	Dec. 9, 1981
Field Goal Percentage	77.5%	Creighton	Feb. 14, 2012
Worst Field Goal Percentage	18.6%	Washington (Mo.)	Nov. 10, 2006
Worst FG Percentage (D1)	19.0%	at Saint Louis	Dec. 4, 1996
Most 3-pointers	17	Evansville	Jan. 7. 1997



**ERIC BUTLER** Fr. || G || 6-3 || 170



**MARCUS DOMASK** So. || F || 6-6 || 215



**DALTON BANKS** Fr. || G || 6-2 || 170



**LANCE JONES** So. || G || 6-1 || 200



**BEN HARVEY** So. || G || 6-5 || 205



**J.D. MUILA** Jr. || C || 6-8 || 235



**SEKOU DEMBELE** So. || F || 6-7 || 230



**KYLER FILEWICH** Fr. || F || 6-9 || 250



**WILL KELLER** Sr. || F || 6-7 || 220



So. || G || 6-4 || 205



**TRENT BROWN** So. || G || 6-2 || 175



JAKOLBY LONG Sr. || G || 6-5 || 210



**CHRIS CROSS** Fr. || G || 6-2 || 195



**ANTHONY D'AVANZO** Sr. || F || 6-8 || 205



**BRYAN MULLINS** Head Coach



**BRENDAN MULLINS** Assistant Coach



**PAT MONAGHAN** Assistant Coach



**JEVON MAMON** Assistant Coach



**CONNOR WHEELER** Development / Operations



**MARCUS EDWARDS** Sports Performance



**ROBBY DOSIER** Graduate Assistant



**TONY WILLS** Graduate Assistant



**RILEY HOISTAD** Athletic Trainer



**ASHLEY NOWAK** Equipment



**HILARY WITTENBORN** Academics

# 2020-21 CONFERENCE-ONLY STATISTICS

#### **Game Records**

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-6	2-2	0-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-6	2-2	0-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

#### Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	тот
Southern III.	247	256	0	503
Opponents	250	332	0	582

#### **Team Box Score**

NI.	Diaman				Tota	ıl	3-Poi	nt	F-Thi	ow		Reb	ounds	5								
NO.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
5	JONES, Lance	8-8	254:12	31.8	38-94	.404	18-44	.409	30-38	.789	5	18	23	2.9	19	1	21	25	0	10	124	15.5
1	DOMASK, Marcus	4-4	134:22	33.6	22-47	.468	7-20	.350	6-9	.667	1	14	15	3.8	8	0	14	9	1	3	57	14.3
10	HARVEY, Ben	8-6	175:02	21.9	21-61	.344	7-24	.292	12-17	.706	4	24	28	3.5	12	0	8	9	0	5	61	7.6
14	FILEWICH, Kyler	8-4	161:09	20.1	25-39	.641	0-0	.000	9-21	.429	15	21	36	4.5	13	0	8	11	4	1	59	7.4
22	VERPLANCKEN, Steven	8-4	181:08	22.6	17-43	.395	11-26	.423	2-2	1.000	2	20	22	2.8	20	1	6	8	0	2	47	5.9
24	BROWN, Trent	8-8	246:55	30.9	15-40	.375	10-30	.333	4-7	.571	1	14	15	1.9	15	0	10	10	0	12	44	5.5
33	D'AVANZO, Anthony	8-6	153:36	19.2	16-41	.390	5-19	.263	7-12	.583	8	23	31	3.9	17	0	7	6	2	6	44	5.5
3	BANKS, Dalton	8-0	196:46	24.6	15-37	.405	4-12	.333	9-13	.692	5	19	24	3.0	19	1	19	14	3	9	43	5.4
12	DEMBELE, Sekou	6-0	47:45	8.0	8-9	.889	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	2	6	8	1.3	5	0	2	1	1	0	17	2.8
25	LONG, Jakolby	3-0	27:46	9.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	4	4	1.3	4	0	0	2	1	0	5	1.7
0	BUTLER, Eric	4-0	20:22	5.1	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.5
32	CROSS, Chris	1-0	00:58	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Tea	ım										6	8	14					2				
Tot	al	8	1600		179-416	.430	62-176	.352	83-129	.643	50	171	221	27.6	134	3	96	98	12	48	503	62.9
Op	ponents	8	1600		209-414	.505	70-171	.409	94-137	.686	61	210	271	33.9	126	2	108	104	24	53	582	72.8

#### Team Statistics

	SIU	OPP
Scoring	503	582
Points per game	62.9	72.8
Scoring margin	-9.9	-
Field goals-att	179-416	209-414
Field goal pct	.430	.505
3 point fg-att	62-176	70-171
3-point FG pct	.352	.409
3-pt FG made per game	7.8	8.8
Free throws-att	83-129	94-137
Free throw pct	.643	.686
F-Throws made per game	10.4	11.8
Rebounds	221	271
Rebounds per game	27.6	33.9
Rebounding margin	-6.3	-
Assists	96	108
Assists per game	12.0	13.5
Turnovers	98	104
Turnovers per game	12.3	13.0
Turnover margin	+0.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.0
Steals	48	53
Steals per game	6.0	6.6
Blocks	12	24
Blocks per game	1.5	3.0
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-
Attendance	0	1135
Home games-Avg/Game	4-0	4-284
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

#### Team Results

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Dat	te	Opponent		Score	Att.
12,	/27/2020	Evansville	W	63-57	0
12,	/28/2020	Evansville	L	72-84	0
01,	/03/2021	at Drake	L	55-73	521
01,	/04/2021	at Drake	L	55-86	474
01,	/25/2021	at Indiana St.	L	66-69	70
01,	/26/2021	at Indiana St.	L	59-71	70
01,	/30/2021	UNI	L	62-74	0
01,	/31/2021	UNI	W	71-68	0

#### **BIGGEST LEADS (MVC ONLY, 2020-21)**

In a win: 16, vs. UNI (1/31/21)

In a loss: 10 (2x), vs. Evansville (12/28/20) and at Drake (1/3/20)

#### **BIGGEST DEFICITS (MVC ONLY, 2020-21)**

In a win: 2 vs. UNI (1/31/21) In a loss: 37 at Drake (1/4/21)

#### **BIGGEST LEADS (MVC ONLY, MULLINS ERA)**

In a win: 26, vs. Drake (1/19/20)

In a loss: 10 (2x), vs. Evansville (12/28/20) and at Drake (1/3/20)

#### **BIGGEST DEFICITS (MVC ONLY, MULLINS ERA)**

In a win: 10 (3x), at Illinois State (1/25/20, vs. Loyola (1/29/20),

and vs. Missouri State (2/8/20) In a loss: 37 at Drake (1/4/21)

#### **BIGGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY (MVC ONLY)**

2020-21: 6 vs. Evansville (12/27/20)

Mullins Era: 17 (2x), vs. Drake (1/19/20) and vs. Evansville (2/20/20)

#### **BIGGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT (MVC ONLY)**

2020-21: 31 at Drake (1/4/21) Mullins Era: 31 at Drake (1/4/21)

# **2020-21 OVERALL STATISTICS**

#### **Game Records**

#### Record Overall Home Away Neutral ALL GAMES 8-6 6-2 2-4 0-0 CONFERENCE 2-6 2-2 0-4 0-0 NON-CONFERENCE 6-0 0-0 4-0 2-0

#### Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	тот
Southern III.	475	494	16	985
Opponents	416	551	8	975

#### **Team Box Score**

N.	Player				Tota	I	3-Poi	nt	F-Thre	ow		Rebo	ounds									
NO.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
1	DOMASK, Marcus	10-10	338:55	33.9	60-124	.484	14-46	.304	29-35	.829	6	39	45	4.5	16	0	32	23	10	4	163	16.3
5	JONES, Lance	14-14	420:22	30.0	59-145	.407	26-62	.419	44-57	.772	9	33	42	3.0	30	1	47	39	2	23	188	13.4
10	HARVEY, Ben	14-12	336:48	24.1	48-110	.436	14-38	.368	35-46	.761	5	57	62	4.4	22	0	16	18	1	8	145	10.4
24	BROWN, Trent	14-14	419:08	29.9	33-74	.446	26-58	.448	8-14	.571	1	26	27	1.9	27	0	19	12	0	17	100	7.1
33	D'AVANZO, Anthony	14-12	269:13	19.2	33-74	.446	9-29	.310	22-31	.710	15	46	61	4.4	34	0	12	11	6	11	97	6.9
3	BANKS, Dalton	14-0	345:51	24.7	34-69	.493	10-23	.435	17-22	.773	5	32	37	2.6	32	1	29	25	3	14	95	6.8
14	FILEWICH, Kyler	14-4	263:46	18.8	36-58	.621	0-0	.000	14-30	.467	22	44	66	4.7	27	0	15	20	7	6	86	6.1
22	VERPLANCKEN, Steven	14-4	275:11	19.7	27-67	.403	15-37	.405	3-5	.600	2	29	31	2.2	23	1	14	12	0	3	72	5.1
12	DEMBELE, Sekou	9-0	64:30	7.2	11-12	.917	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	3	8	11	1.2	6	0	3	1	1	0	23	2.6
25	LONG, Jakolby	8-0	53:40	6.7	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	8	8	1.0	5	0	3	4	1	3	9	1.1
32	CROSS, Chris	3-0	05:30	1.8	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
0	BUTLER, Eric	6-0	32:06	5.4	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	0.3	3	0	4	1	0	1	4	0.7
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Tot	tal	14	2825		347-749	.463	115-296	.389	176-250	.704	80	344	424	30.3	225	3	194	168	31	90	985	70.4
Op	ponents	14	2832		357-774	.461	116-315	.368	145-217	.668	117	361	478	34.1	234	7	208	192	41	89	975	69.6

#### **Team Statistics**

	SIU	OPF
Scoring	985	975
Points per game	70.4	69.6
Scoring margin	+0.7	-
Field goals-att	347-749	357-774
Field goal pct	.463	.461
3 point fg-att	115-296	116-315
3-point FG pct	.389	.368
3-pt FG made per game	8.2	8.3
Free throws-att	176-250	145-217
Free throw pct	.704	.668
F-Throws made per game	12.6	10.4
Rebounds	424	478
Rebounds per game	30.3	34.1
Rebounding margin	-3.9	-
Assists	194	208
Assists per game	13.9	14.9
Turnovers	168	192
Turnovers per game	12.0	13.7
Turnover margin	+1.7	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	1.1
Steals	90	89
Steals per game	6.4	6.4
Blocks	31	41
Blocks per game	2.2	2.9
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	
Attendance	0	3287
Home games-Avg/Game	8-0	6-548
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

#### Team Results

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Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
12/02/2020	at Southeast Mo. St.	Wot	87-79	740
12/06/2020	Quincy	W	102-61	0
12/11/2020	Murray St.	W	70-66	0
12/17/2020	North Dakota	W	85-64	0
12/18/2020	North Dakota	w	62-50	0
12/21/2020	at Butler	W	76-73	1412
12/27/2020	Evansville	W	63-57	0
12/28/2020	Evansville	L	72-84	0
01/03/2021	at Drake	L	55-73	521
01/04/2021	at Drake	L	55-86	474
01/25/2021	at Indiana St.	L	66-69	70
01/26/2021	at Indiana St.	L	59-71	70
01/30/2021	UNI	L	62-74	0
01/31/2021	UNI	W	71-68	0

# BIGGEST LEADS (2020-21)

In a win: 41 vs. Quincy (12/6/20)

In a loss: 10 (2x), vs. Evansville (12/28/20) and at Drake (1/3/20)

#### **BIGGEST DEFICITS (2020-21)**

In a win: 11 at SEMO (12/2/20) In a loss: 37 at Drake (1/4/21)

# **BIGGEST LEADS (MULLINS ERA)**

In a win: 41 vs. Quincy (12/6/20) In a loss: 17, at Southern Miss (12/7/19)

# **BIGGEST DEFICITS (MULLINS ERA)**

In a win: 11 at SEMO (12/2/20) In a loss: 37 at Drake (1/4/21)

# **BIGGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY**

2020-21: 41 vs. Quincy (12/6/20) Mullins Era: 41 vs. Quincy (12/6/20)

#### **BIGGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT**

2020-21: 31 at Drake (1/4/21) Mullins Era: 31 at Drake (1/4/21)