

## NORTH ALABAMA

MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES — Game 3 vs. Northwestern State

14 NCAA TOURNAMENTS // 6 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS // 2 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS // 2025 ASUN REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS

NO	/EMBER	
1	STILLMAN (Exhibition)	W, 82-51
5	at Mississippi State	L, 86-62
5 7	LANE COLLEGE	W, 90-84
11	NODTHWESTERN STATE	
11	NORTHWESTERN STATE	6:00 PM
15	EISU	2:00 PM
17	ETSU at Clemson at Chattanooga	8:00 PM
22	at Chattanooga	3:30 PM
	UT SOUTHEŘN	12:00 PM
	EMBER	
1	at Jacksonville State	6:00 PM
3	at San Francisco	TBD
15	at Alabama A&M	7:00 PM
19	at Loyola Marymount (CA)	9:00 PM
	IUARY	
1	STETSON *	2:00 PM
3	FGCU *	2:00 PM
8	at EKU *	6:00 PM
10	at Bellarmine *	1:00 PM
15	NORTH FLORIDA *	6:00 PM
15 17	JACKSONVILLE *	2:00 PM
21	at Queens *	6:00 PM
24	CENTRAL ARKANSAS *	6:00 PM
29	at FGCU *	6:00 PM
31		1:00 PM
	RUARY	
4		6:30 PM
7	at Austin Peay *	4:00 PM
11	WEST GEORGIA *	6:00 PM
14	EKU *	6:00 PM
18	QUEENS *	6:00 PM
21	at Lipscomb *	4:00 PM
25	BELLARMINE *	7:45 PM
28		1:00 PM
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4	ASUN Tournament - Jack First Round	TBD
6		
7	Quarterfinal	TBD
8	Semifinal	TBD
0	Championship Final	TBD
15	Postseason	
15	NCAA Selection Sunday	

\* ASUN game | All Times Central

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Tuesday, November 11 • Florence, Ala. • CB&S Bank Arena • 6:00 PM CT

NORTH ALABAMA LIONS

1-1 Overall 0-0 ASUN



NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS

0-2 Overall 0-0 Southland

#### **OPENING TIP**

#### **Last Time Out**

The Lions defeated NCAA Division II program Lane College by a 990-84 final on Friday night inside CB&S Bank Arena. This game was no cakewalk for the Lions, as the Dragons shot over 50 percent from the field (28-55) and behind the arc (12-24) and 94 percent from the line (16-17). However, UNA had a 46-26 advantage in the paint, shot 48.4 percent from the field and made 24 free throws to keep pace. Corneilous Williams had 22 points and 12 rebounds.

#### **Night of Champions**

Prior to Friday's game against Lane College, UNA hosted a "Night of Champions" where the 2024-25 team was presented rings for the ASUN Regular Season Championship and a new banner was revealed in CB&S Bank Arena. UNA also honored Coach Gary Elliott with the naming of Gary Elliott Court. Elliott led the Lions to the 1991 NCAA Division II National Championship and is a member of the UNA Athletics Hall of Fame.

#### A Historic 2024-25 Season

Last season, North Alabama finished with a 24-11 overall record and a 14-4 record in Atlantic Sun Conference play. This led to UNA winning its first ASUN Regular Season Championship in program history. The Lions made a run to the 2025 ASUN Championship Final, falling to Lipscomb in Nashville. However, the Lions were invited to the NIT where they battled Bradley in the first round. This was the first NIT appearance in school history. UNA finished with the most single-season wins since 2008 and ended with a 14-1 record inside CB&S Bank Arena.

#### **Preseason Hype**

UNA returns 10 players from last season's team while welcoming four newcomers. As a result, the Lions were picked first in the ASUN Preseason Media Poll and second in the ASUN Preseason Coaches Poll. UNA was also the only team to have more than one player on the all-conference preseason team, as both Corneilous Williams and Donte Bacchus were voted. Williams was one of two unanimous picks along with ASUN Preseason Player of the Year Chris Ashby from Queens.

#### **NORTH ALABAMA'S LAST GAME STARTERS**











#4 Canin	#8 Kevin	#1 Donte #34 Dallas Bacchus Howell 6-7 • Sr. • F 6-7 • R-Sr. • F		#2 Corneilous
Jefferson	de Kovachich			Williams
6-2 • Jr. • G	6-4 • So. • G			6-9 • R-Jr. • F
PPG	PPG	Games	PPG5.0 RPG4.0 AST4 FG%12.5 FT%83.3	PPG

#### **INSIDE THE NUMBERS:**





76.0	<b>POINTS</b> Per game	60.5
85.0	POINTS ALLOWED Per game	89.0
42.5	FG%	37.8
64.6	FT%	72.9
37.5	REBOUNDS Per game	28.0
11.0	ASSISTS Per game	10.0
7.0	STEALS Per game	8.0
6.0	BLOCKS Per game	3.5
11.0	TURNOVERS Per game	16.0

#### **GAME COVERAGE:**

VIDEO ESPN+



#### **RADIO**

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### **2025-26 ASUN Conference Standings**

<u>Team</u>	<u>ASUN</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Streak</u>
Austin Peay FKU	0-0 0-0	2-0 1-0	W2 W1
Central Arkansas	0-0	1-0 1-1	W1
FGCU	0-0	1-1	L1
Jacksonville	0-0	1-1	W1
North Alabama	0-0	1-1	W1
Stetson	0-0	1-1	W1
West Georgia	0-0	1-1	W1
Queens	0-0	1-2	L1
North Florida	0-0	0-1	 L1
Bellarmine	0-0	0-2	L2
Lipscomb	0-0	0-2	L2
Upcoming Gam Monday, Novemb			
Stetson at Miami (Fl			6 PM
Western Kentucky a	6 PM		
West Georgia at #12	9 PM		
Tuesday, Novemb	er 11		
Northwestern State		Alabama	6 PM
Jacksonville at High		labarra	6 PM
Georgia Southern at			6 PM
Lipscomb at UNC As	7 PM		
Central Arkansas at		ısas	7 PM
Austin Peay at Wyor	ning		7:30 PM
Queens at Duquesn	7 PM		
   Wednesday, Nove	mber 12		

All times listed are Central

**EKU at Vanderbilt** 

Hanover at Bellarmine

North Florida at #18 Tennessee

#### **TEAM RANKINGS:**





6 PM

6 PM

7 PM

193	Massey	280
228	KenPom	299
121	NET (2024-25)	226

#### 2025-26 ASUN Preseason Awards

#### 2025-26 Men's Basketball Preseason Awards

Preseason Player of the Year: Chris Ashby, Queens

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year: Montavious Myrick, EKU

#### **Preseason All-ASUN Team**

^Chris Ashby, Queens
^Corneilous Williams, North Alabama
Tate McCubbin, Austin Peay
Camren Hunter, Central Arkansas
Montavious Myrick, EKU
Chris Arias, Jacksonville
Charlie Williams, Lipscomb
Donte Bacchus, North Alabama
Jamie Phillips Jr., Stetson
Shelton Williams-Dryden, West Georgia

^ - denotes a unanimous selection to the Preseason All-ASUN Team

#### **Preseason Coaches Poll**

PI.	Team (1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes)	Points
1.	Queens (6)	136
2.	North Alabama	117
3.	EKU (2)	111
4.	FGCU (2)	98
5.	Austin Peay (1)	94
6.	Jacksonville	88
7.	Lipscomb	77
8.	Central Arkansas	57
9.	Stetson	56
10.	Bellarmine	36
11.	North Florida (1)	34
12.	West Georgia	32

#### **Preseason Media Poll**

PI.	Team (1st Place Votes)	Points
1.	North Alabama (18)	519
2.	EKU (3)	495
3.	Queens (9)	468
4.	FGCU (12)	465
5.	Lipscomb (9)	408
6.	Jacksonville	381
7.	Austin Peay	357
8.	Stetson	243
9.	North Florida	192
10.	Bellarmine	189
11.	Central Arkansas	174
12.	West Georgia	126











## 2025-26 University of North Alabama Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/Previous School
0	Tank Washington	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Panama City, Fla. / Coastal Alabama-North CC
1	Donte Bacchus	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Homewood, Ala. / Snead State CC
2	Corneilous Williams	F	6-9	215	R-Jr.	Beaumont, Miss. / LSU / Western Carolina
3	Braylon Patton	G	6-0	180	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Hueytown HS
4	Canin Jefferson	G	6-2	185	Jr.	New Orleans, Lousiana / Newman HS
5	Kedar Bodie	G	6-3	205	Jr.	Augusta, Ga. / Bishop State CC
8	Kevin de Kovachich	G	6-4	185	So.	Montreal, Quebec, Canada / Hamilton Heights Academy
12	Cortez Graham-Howard	G	6-5	210	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro HS
21	Israel Jenrette	C	7-1	270	So.	Valdosta, Ga. / Valdosta HS
24	Mitchell Chaffee	C	6-10	220	Sr.	Muscle Shoals, Ala. / Calhoun CC
25	DarKaun King	F	6-7	215	So.	Dallas, Texas / TACA Academy
34	Dallas Howell	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Coffee Springs, Alabama / Enterprise HS
35	Jamal Albritton	C	6-9	250	R-Sr.	Montgomery, Alabama / Wallace-Selma JC
55	King Walker	G	6-6	185	R-Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Loomis-Chaffee School

Coaches/Staff	Pronunciation	Guide	
Head Coach: Tony Pujol (8th Season)	#1 Donte Bacchus	Don-tay	BOCK-us
Associate Head Coach: Ahmad Smith	#2 Corneilous Williams	Corn-EE-lee	e-us
Assistant Coach: Sean Foley	#4 Canin Jefferson	Cannon	
Assistant Coach: Andrew Steele	#5 Kedar Bodie	Keh-DAR	BO-dee
Assistant Coach: Eric Wagenlander	#8 Kevin de Kovachich		de-cove-ah-CHEECH
Director of Operations: Jalen Patton	#21 Israel Jenrette		Jen-RETT
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Jacob Rister	#24 Mitchell Chaffee		Chay-fee
Athletic Trainer: Alex Stutts	#25 DarKaun King	DARK-on	
Voice of the Lions: Benjamin Ray			
Sports Information Director: Mike Ezekiel	Tony Pujol		Pooh-hole
	Eric Wagenlander		WAGON-land-er
	Jacob Rister		RYE-ster

#### **MEET THE OPPONENT:**

#### The Northwestern State File

Established: 1884 Affiliation: Public Enrollment: 9,389

Location: Natchitoches, Louisiana MBB Conference Championships: 3 - Southland: 2001, 2006, 2013

MBB Conference Regular Season Championships: 11

- LIAA: 1922 - SIAA: 1940

-Gulf States Conference: 1949, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1960

- Gulf South Conference: 1974- Division II Independent: 1975

- Southland: 2005, 2006

NCAA Tournament Appearances: 3 (2001, 2016, 2013)

- 71-67 win over Winthrop in 2001 Opening Round

- 64-63 win over #3 lowa in the 2006 First Round

CIT Tournament Appearances: 1 (2015)

#### Notable Alumni:

- Ed Orgeron (Former LSU Head Coach)
- David Fry (MLB Player)
- Lee Smith (Former MLB Player)
- Mike Brey (Atlanta Hawks Assistant)

#### **Game-By-Game Series History**

Season	Winner	Score	Location
1973-74	Northwestern St.	78-71	at NSU
1974-75	North Alabama	79-69	Florence
1975-76	Northwestern St.	102-78	at NSU
2024-25	Northwestern St.	71-58	at NSU



Northwestern State University Demons

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Primary Secondary

#### **Series History**

This will be the fifth all-time meeting between UNA and Northwestern State, but just the second meeting as Division I opponents. The Demons have a 3-1 advantage in the series with wins in 1974, 1976 and last season in 2024. The last time this series was hosted at Flowers Hall (CB&S Bank Arena) was in 1975. UNA won that game 79-69. Both teams were together in the Gulf South Conference for a brief stint before Northwestern State left in 1975.

#### **Scouting Report**

The Demons are off to an 0-2 start with road losses to Texas A&M and North Texas. The trip to Florence will end a three-game road swing to start the season before hosting Ecclesia College this Friday for the home opener. Senior guard Micah Thomas, a member of the Southland All-Tournament team last season, is the player to watch with 16.0 PPG over the first two outings. Junior guard Chris Muribu led the Demons with 13 points against UNA last season and had 6.0 PPG over the first two games this season.

#### **UNA-NSU Football Connection**

North Alabama defensive backs coach De'Von Lockett has a deep-rooted connection to Northwestern State, serving as the assistant head coach and defensive backs coach for 13 seasons. Lockett is now in his third season with North Alabama under head coach Brent Dearmon. Lockett has four sons, including Seth Archangel, a marketing and SID student worker at Northwestern State. Lockett graduated in psychology from Northwestern State in 2002, then earned a Master's in Education from Bethel in 2007, which explains his connection to Coach Dearmon.



University of North Alabama Lions

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## North Alabama By the Numbers:

UNA BASKETBALL RECOF	RDS	UNA'S RECORD THIS YEAR	WHEN
OVERALL RECORD:	1-1	SCORING:	
ASUN RECORD	0-0		0.0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	100 OR MORE POINTS	0-0
AT CB&S BANK ARENA	1-0	90-99 POINTS	1-0
ROAD GAMES	0-1	80-89 POINTS	0-0
NEUTRAL	0-0	70-79 POINTS	0-0
ON SUNDAY	0-0	LESS THAN 70 POINTS	0-1
ON MONDAY	0-0		
ON TUESDAY	0-0	GIVING UP	
ON WEDNESDAY	0-1	<b>100 OR MORE POINTS</b>	0-0
ON THURSDAY	0-0	90-99 POINTS	0-0
ON FRIDAY	1-0	80-89 POINTS	1-1
ON SATURDAY	0-0	70-79 POINTS	0-0
		60-69 POINTS	0-0
<b>ACTIVE WINNING STREA</b>	AKS	LESS THAN 60 POINTS	0-0
OVERALL	1		_
ASUN GAMES	0	SHOOTING FROM THE FLOOI	<u>K</u>
AT CB&S BANK ARENA	15	50% OR BETTER	0-0
ROAD GAMES	0	40% - 49%	1-0
NEUTRAL	1	30% - 39%	0-1
OVERTIME	1	29% OR LOWER	0-0
LIONS RECORD BY MON	NTH	SHOOTING FROM 3-PT RANG	<u> БЕ</u>
NOVEMBER	1-1	<b>50% OR BETTER</b>	0-0
DECEMBER	0-0	40% - 49%	0-1
JANUARY	0-0	30% - 39%	0-0
FEBRUARY	0-0	29% OR LOWER	1-0
MARCH	0-0		
WINNING AT THE HALF	0-0		
TRAILING AT THE HALF	1-1		
TIED AT THE HALF	0-0		

THE NUMBER OF TIMES A UNA PLAYER HAS	
SCORED 20+ POINTS Corneilous Williams	<b>1</b> 1
SCORED 10+ POINTS Kevin de Kovachich Corneilous Williams Donte Bacchus Dallas Howell Canin Jefferson Braylon Patton	7 2 1 1 1 1
HAD 10+ REBOUNDS Corneilous Williams	<b>2</b> 2
HAD MORE THAN ONE ASSIST Tank Washington Cortez Graham-Howard Corneilous Williams Kevin de Kovachich Donte Bacchus Dallas Howell	6 1 1 1 1 1
<b>HAD 5+ ASSISTS</b> Kevin de Kovachich	<b>1</b> 1
HAD 10+ ASSISTS	0
HAD MORE THAN ONE STEAL Kevin de Kovachich Dallas Howell Canin Jefferson Tank Washington	<b>4</b> 1 1 1 1
HAD A DOUBLE-DOUBLE Corneilous Williams	<b>1</b> 1







## **Game-By-Game Starting Lineup**

OPPONENT	DATE	1	2	3	4	5	
at Mississippi State	Nov. 5	Jefferson	de Kovachich	Washington	Bacchus	Williams	x1
Lane College	Nov. 7	Jefferson	de Kovachich	Howell	Bacchus	Williams	x1
Northwestern State	Nov. 11						
ETSU	Nov. 15						
at Clemson	Nov. 17						
at Chattanooga	Nov. 22						
UT Southern	Nov. 25						
at Jacksonville State	Dec. 1						
at San Francisco	Dec. 3						
at Alabama A&M	Dec. 15						
at Loyola Marymount	Dec. 19						
Stetson	Jan. 1						
FGCU	Jan. 3						
at EKU	Jan. 8						
at Bellarmine	Jan. 10						
North Florida	Jan. 15						
Jacksonville	Jan. 17						
at Queens	Jan. 21						
Central Arkansas	Jan. 24						
at FGCU	Jan. 29						
at Stetson	Jan. 31						
at Central Arkansas	Feb. 4						
at Austin Peay	Feb. 7						
West Georgia	Feb. 11						
EKU	Feb. 14						
Queens	Feb. 18						
at Lipscomb	Feb. 21						
Bellarmine	Feb. 25						
at West Georgia	Feb. 28						

<sup>\* -</sup> x1, x2, etc. indicates the number of times a specific lineup has been used

## **Lineup Notes**

- UNA used just three starting lineups last season.
- UNA deployed the same starters for 29 straight games up until the NIT.
- Three players that started games last season return to the roster this season
  - Corneilous Williams Started at the five in all 35 games
  - Donte Bacchus Started three games and was the sixth man for 32 games
  - Dallas Howell Started the first three games before a season-ending injury
- Bacchus scored a team-high 19 points as a starter in the NIT. Prior, his most recent start was in November against ULM.



#### 2025-26 North Ala. Men's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

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**Game Records** 

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0

_	Score by Periods				
I	Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	тот
ı	North Ala.	76	76	0	152
١	Opponents	79	91	0	170

**Team Box Score** 

						Rebounds										$\overline{}$						
No	Player				Tota	al	3-Poi	nt	F-Thi	row		Rebo	ound	s								
IVO.	riayei	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
8	DE KOVACHICH, Kevin	2-2	57:37	28.8	13-22	.591	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	1	5	6	3.0	6	0	5	3	0	3	32	16.0
2	WILLIAMS, Corneilous	2-2	71:18	35.7	13-19	.684	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	12	13	25	12.5	4	0	3	4	5	0	30	15.0
4	JEFFERSON, Canin	2-2	56:01	28.0	6-24	.250	4-13	.308	8-13	.615	0	4	4	2.0	4	0	0	1	2	2	24	12.0
1	BACCHUS, Donte	2-2	59:17	29.6	6-17	.353	0-2	.000	8-9	.889	9	3	12	6.0	3	0	4	7	0	2	20	10.0
3	PATTON, Braylon	2-0	26:54	13.5	6-10	.600	3-5	.600	1-5	.200	0	3	3	1.5	5	0	1	3	0	0	16	8.0
34	HOWELL, Dallas	2-1	49:28	24.7	2-16	.125	1-11	.091	5-6	.833	2	6	8	4.0	7	0	4	3	2	2	10	5.0
25	KING, DarKaun	2-0	24:49	12.4	4-6	.667	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	4.5
5	BODIE, Kedar	2-0	15:17	7.6	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0	3	3	1.5	1	0	0	1	0	1	9	4.5
12	GRAHAM-HOWARD, Cortez	2-0	20:48	10.4	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	1.0
35	ALBRITTON, Jamal	1-0	04:41	4.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
0	WASHINGTON, Tank	2-1	13:50	6.9	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0.0
Tea	m										2	3	5									
Tot	al	2	400		54-127	.425	13-44	.295	31-48	.646	26	49	75	37.5	34	0	22	22	12	14	152	76.0
Op	ponents	2	400		59-126	.468	20-51	.392	32-41	.780	23	57	80	40.0	39	2	30	18	10	16	170	85.0

**Team Statistics** 

	UNA	OPF
Scoring	152	170
Points per game	76.0	85.0
Scoring margin	-9.0	-
Field goals-att	54-127	59-126
Field goal pct	.425	.468
3 point fg-att	13-44	20-51
3-point FG pct	.295	.392
3-pt FG made per game	6.5	10.0
Free throws-att	31-48	32-41
Free throw pct	.646	.780
F-Throws made per game	15.5	16.0
Rebounds	75	80
Rebounds per game	37.5	40.0
Rebounding margin	-2.5	-
Assists	22	30
Assists per game	11.0	15.0
Turnovers	22	18
Turnovers per game	11.0	9.0
Turnover margin	-2.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.7
Steals	14	16
Steals per game	7.0	8.0
Blocks	12	10
Blocks per game	6.0	5.0
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-
Attendance	2423	9060
Home games-Avg/Game	1-2423	1-9060
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

### Team Results

Date	Орропент		Score	Att.
11/05/2025	at Mississippi St.	L	62-86	9060
11/07/2025	Lane	W	90-84	2423



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**Game Records** 

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

	Score by Periods				
l	Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	TOT
l	Northwestern St.	55	66	0	121
l	Opponents	84	94	0	178

**Team Box Score** 

	III BOX SCOLE	1				_		-														
No	Player				Tot	al	3-Poi	nt	F-Th	row		Rebo	ound	S								
NO.	riayei	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
5	THOMAS, Micah	2-2	54:55	27.5	11-27	.407	4-7	.571	6-6	1.000	1	0	1	0.5	5	0	2	5	2	1	32	16.0
25	ADEGBOLA, Omar	2-0	35:00	17.5	5-11	.455	0-3	.000	12-12	1.000	0	4	4	2.0	2	0	1	1	0	2	22	11.0
13	REDMOND, Justin	2-0	51:37	25.8	5-16	.313	4-10	.400	3-3	1.000	4	3	7	3.5	2	0	5	5	0	2	17	8.5
11	MUBIRU, Chris	2-2	48:08	24.1	4-10	.400	2-4	.500	2-5	.400	4	6	10	5.0	2	0	4	4	0	0	12	6.0
0	MILES, Izzy	2-2	31:56	16.0	3-7	.429	1-1	1.000	4-6	.667	0	3	3	1.5	3	0	0	3	0	0	11	5.5
8	LOUM, Moustapha	2-0	35:59	18.0	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	1	0	1	0.5	5	0	1	1	3	2	11	5.5
3	JUMAWAN, Landyn	2-2	47:00	23.5	1-9	.111	1-8	.125	5-6	.833	2	4	6	3.0	4	0	4	5	0	5	8	4.0
21	RILEY JR., J.C.	2-2	31:56	16.0	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3	3	6	3.0	4	0	1	2	0	0	4	2.0
10	TURNER, Kordrick	2-0	31:00	15.5	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	7	7	3.5	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	2.0
33	BOLTON JR., Quentin	1-0	08:38	8.6	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
4	LARRY, CJ	2-0	23:51	11.9	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	2	2	1.0	3	0	1	2	1	3	0	0.0
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#### **Team Statistics**

	NW	OPF
Scoring	121	178
Points per game	60.5	89.0
Scoring margin	-28.5	-
Field goals-att	37-98	63-121
Field goal pct	.378	.521
3 point fg-att	12-36	21-52
3-point FG pct	.333	.404
3-pt FG made per game	6.0	10.5
Free throws-att	35-48	31-45
Free throw pct	.729	.689
F-Throws made per game	17.5	15.5
Rebounds	56	76
Rebounds per game	28.0	38.0
Rebounding margin	-10.0	-
Assists	20	37
Assists per game	10.0	18.5
Turnovers	32	23
Turnovers per game	16.0	11.5
Turnover margin	-4.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.6	1.6
Steals	16	20
Steals per game	8.0	10.0
Blocks	7	12
Blocks per game	3.5	6.0
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	0	10547
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	2-5274
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

#### **Team Results**

ı	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/03/2025	at Texas A&M	L	68-98	7517
	11/06/2025	at North Texas	L	53-80	3030
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#### 2025-26 North Alabama Men's Basketball Game Notes

#### Game 3 vs. Northwestern State

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Official Basketball Box Score - Final North Ala. at Mississippi St. 11/05/25 Humphrey Colseum, Starkville 2025-26 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 8:05 PM Game Duration: 1:58 Attendance: 9,060

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Officials: Owen Shortt, Todd Austin, Devvn Page

North Ala 62 Record: 0-1																		
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NO.	Name		Min	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD	11-	AS	10	31	BS	BA	+/-
0	Tank Washington	F	10:30	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1
1	Donte Bacchus	F	27:14	1-7	0-0	2-2	2	1	3	2	1	4	1	3	1	0	1	-3
2	Corneilous Williams	F	35:19	4-7	0-0	0-1	6	7	13	2	1	8	1	2	0	4	1	-21
4	Canin Jefferson	G	28:09	5-17	4-9	2-3	0	3	3	3	4	16	0	0	0	1	2	-12
8	Kevin de Kovachich	G	25:00	6-12	0-2	2-3	1	1	2	4	3	14	0	2	0	0	0	-16
34	Dallas Howell		18:04	0-5	0-3	0-0	0	4	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	-19
3	Braylon Patton		11:51	4-5	3-3	0-1	0	0	0	1	1	11	1	2	0	0	1	-12
5	Kedar Bodie		10:49	2-4	0-0	1-2	0	1	-1	1	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	-5
35	Jamal Albritton		04:41	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-3
12	Cortez Graham-Howard		15:37	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	-9
25	DarKaun King		12:46	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	-21
Tear	n						2	1	3	0		0		0				
Tota	ls			24-65	7-19	7-12	11	25	36	20	14	62	7	13	5	8	6	-24

Shooti	ng By Pe	riod
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	14-30	46.7%
3PT%	6-10	60.0%
FT%	3-6	50%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	10-35	28.6%
3PT%	1-9	11.1%
FT%	4-6	66.7%
GM FG%	24-65	36.9%
3PT%	7-19	36.8%
FT%	7-12	58.3%

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99	Achor Achor	F	16:06	1-3	0-1	0-1	2	6	8	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	0
15	Quincy Ballard	С	19:52	4-5	0-0	0-0	2	5	7	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
5	Shawn Jones Jr.	G	26:58	3-10	1-5	0-2	6	3	9	3	1	7	1	2	2	0	0	20
10	Jayden Epps	G	15:34	2-7	1-5	0-0	0	2	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	4	-2
12	Josh Hubbard	G	31:50	7-16	3-8	10-12	0	1	1	1	10	27	8	0	2	0	0	16
1	Dellquan Warren		09:56	2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	14
11	Sergej Macura		18:43	3-7	0-1	1-2	4	8	12	1	1	7	1	1	2	0	1	24
2	Ja'Borri McGhee		22:31	4-10	2-3	4-4	1	3	4	1	2	14	2	2	2	0	0	29
4	Brandon Walker		06:09	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	Jamarion Davis-Fleming		19:10	2-3	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	1	1	5	0	0	1	2	1	15
23	King Grace		13:11	2-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	-5
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	UNA	STATE
Biggest lead	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 16:03)	24 (2 nd 0:36)
Best Scoring Run	10 (2 nd 16:03)	15 (2 nd 11:39)
Lead Changes	(	6
Times Tied	4	1
Time with Lead	04:03	31:52

Points from	UNA	STATE	Period by	/ Per	iod S	coring
Turnovers	11	15		1st	2nd	TOT
Paint	24	42		07	25	
Second Chance	14	13	UNA	37	25	62
Fast Breaks	9	17	STATE	20	48	86
Bench	20	37	SIAIE	30	46	86



Official Basketball Box Score - Final **Lane at North Alabama** 11/07/25 CB&S Bark Arena at Flowers Hall, Florence, AL 2025-26 Men's Basketball Game Time: 6:00 PM Game Duration: 1:56 Attendance: 2,423

Officials: Mark Pillen, Corey Taylor, Kyle Ray

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35	Jerome Beya	F	28:06	2-3	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	5	2	5	1	0	0	1	1	8	3PT%	5-10
3	Elijah Greer Dawson	G	21:35	3-5	0-1	5-5	0	2	2	3	5	11	2	4	2	1	0	-16	FT%	8-8
5	Jaiden Lee	G	35:34	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	6	7	4	0	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	14-27
10	Naby Ngom	G	04:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-2	3PT%	7-14
23	Xavier Bell	G	28:10	4-8	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	5	0	10	1	0	1	0	0	-11	FT%	8-9
22	Chase Murray		19:50	5-6	4-5	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	14	1	2	2	0	0	6	GM FG%	28-55
1	Elijah Lewis		32:48	10-20	5-10	6-6	1	2	3	0	2	31	2	0	1	0	1	4	3PT%	12-24
11	Jarrell Love		19:29	3-10	1-3	4-4	1	2	3	4	3	11	2	2	0	1	2	-13	FT%	16-17
15	Paul Pullins		08:45	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-9	Dead	Ball Reb
12	Taber Brown		01:34	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
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1	Donte Bacchus	F	32:03	5-10	0-2	6-7	7	2	9	1	5	16	3	4	1	0	2	6
2	Corneilous Williams	F	35:59	9-12	0-0	4-4	6	6	12	2	3	22	2	2	0	1	0	12
34	Dallas Howell	F	31:24	2-11	1-8	5-6	2	2	4	4	3	10	4	0	2	1	2	-3
4	Canin Jefferson	G	27:52	1-7	0-4	6-10	0	1	1	1	6	8	0	1	2	1	0	0
8	Kevin de Kovachich	G	32:37	7-10	4-6	0-1	0	4	4	2	2	18	5	1	3	0	0	6
3	Braylon Patton		15:03	2-5	0-2	1-4	0	3	3	4	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	10
0	Tank Washington		03:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
25	DarKaun King		12:03	2-4	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
5	Kedar Bodie		04:28	1-1	1-1	1-2	0	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	-4
12	Cortez Graham-Howard		05:11	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	-2
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6	3PT%	2-14	14.3%
2	FT%	7-14	50%
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	15-29	51.7%
)	3PT%	4-11	36.4%
3	FT%	17-22	77.3%
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#### **QUICK HITS:**

#### **Keeping The Band Together**

The Lions have 14 players on the 2025-26 roster, including 10 returning lettermen and four newcomers. Last year, the Lions had six returners and nine newcomers, with seven of those newcomers back this season.

#### **Debut To Remember**

Making his first collegiate appearance off the bench, true freshman Braylon Patton went 3-3 behind the arc and finished with 11 points against Mississippi State. Patton had the highest-scoring debut by a true freshman for UNA since Jacari Lane scored 11 points vs. Oakwood in 2022.

#### His Time To Shine

Making his first collegiate start, junior point guard Canin Jefferson led the way with 16 points on 4-9 shooting behind the arc. He's played in 53 career games so far.

#### **Thrill Neil**

Redshirt junior forward Corneilous Williams returns for his second season as a Lion. Last season, Williams led the ASUN with 9.1 RPG and ranked 21st among all Division I players with 317 total rebounds. He and former Lion Taye Fields were one of two duos in the nation with 300 or more rebounds each. The other school was Maryland with Derik Queen and Julian Reese. He currently leads the ASUN with 25 rebounds over two games.

#### Coach Pujol Is Locked In

Back in August, UNA Director of Athletics Dr. Josh Looney announced a new five-year contract for head men's basketball coach Tony Pujol, extending him through the 2029-30 season. Pujol was hired on April 2, 2018 and has been the program's only coach during the Division I era. He enters his eighth season at the helm and has 102 wins over the first seven seasons.

In 2025, Pujol became the first coach at UNA to win an ASUN Regular Season Championship in any sport.

#### **Home Openers**

The Lions defeated Lane College 90-84 in the 2025-26 home opener, marking 16 straight wins in home openers inside CB&S Bank Arena. The Lions also improved to 21-0 against non-Division I opponents over the last eight seasons under Tony Pujol.

#### **Paint Presence**

In UNA's last game against Lane College, UNA dominated the paint with a 46-26 advantage.

#### First Time Scorers

Three Lions scored for the first time inside CB&S Bank Arena, including Patton, junior transfer Kedar Bodie with four points and true freshman Cortez Graham-Howard with two on a first-half dunk.

#### In Memoriam - Leo and Una

For decades, The University of North Alabama boasted the only live Lion mascot in the country living on a college campus.

Leo III, born on November 18, 2002 resided on the UNA campus in the 12,764 square-foot George H. Carroll Lion Habitat to carry on a tradition that has covered more than 40 years until his passing on May 3, 2024. His sister Una, passed away in 2021 after also serving as a mascot at UNA since 2002.

On July 22, 1974, former UNA president Dr. Robert M. Guillot brought a 35-pound lion cub to the campus and Leo spent the next 14 years "roaring" the school to victory. The original Leo died on Jan. 20, 1988, and a great outpouring of support from the Shoals community resulted in Leo II being brought to UNA in July of 1988. Leo II lived in the compound that once housed the original Leo and grew to a weight of more than 600 pounds at eleven years of age. In 1997, Leo II was selected as the nation's "Second Best Mascot" by Sports Illustrated. He died in February of 2000.

In 2012 Leo III and UNA were ranked No. 1 of the 25 Best Real Animal Mascots in College Football by totalprosports.com. UNA was the only non-Division I institution to make the list, joining the company of competitive NCAA teams such as the Baylor Bears, LSU Tigers and Texas Longhorns.

All funds associated with the care and feeding of Leo III, the operation of his habitat, and the conduct of a related educational program were funded exclusively by charitable contributions.

More information is available at leoanduna.com.

Pronounced: Lee-o and You-nah



#### **QUICK HITS:**

#### **Home Court Advantage**

The Lions are on a 15-game winning streak inside CB&S Bank Arena that dates back to November of 2024. This is the fifth-longest active win streak in the NCAA. UNA finished 16-1 at home last season with the only loss coming to then-defending SoCon champion Samford by a 97-96 final in overtime.

Team	Streak	Record in 24-25
St. Thomas (MN)	W19	24-10
Duke	W18	35-4
Akron	W18	28-7
Miami (OH)	W17	25-9
North Alabama	W15	24-11
Louisville	W13	27-8
New Mexico	W13	27-8
McNeese	W13	28-7
Utah Valley	W13	25-9

#### Money in The Bank

Below is an all-time breakdown of UNA's success inside CB&S Bank Arena at Flowers Hall:

UNA inside Flowers Hall	545-186	(74.5%)
Tony Pujol in Flowers Hall	67-27	(71.2%)
Tony Pujol at home (non-con)	32-4	(88.8%)

#### **Professional Pipeline**

The Lions have had five former players join professional teams overseas the last two seasons following their graduation. Four of the five were primary starters.

- Damian Forrest	Nurnberg Falcons 1	Netherlands
- Tim Smith Jr.	EPG Baskets Koblenz	Germany
- KJ Johnson	Milton Keynes Breakers	England
- Eoin Nelson	Neptune Basketball Clu	b Ireland
- Taye Fields	Hefte Helfen Bulls	Austria

#### **Non-Conference Success**

Coach Tony Pujol holds a record of 32-4 in home non-conference games over his eight seasons.

Prior to a loss vs. Morehead State in 2023, UNA had a 15-game home winning streak over non-conference opponents that spanned exactly three years from Dec. 10, 2020 to Dec. 10, 2023. The current streak is now four wins over non-conference opponents at home, including Dalton State, Tennessee Tech and Charleston Southern.

#### Steele Is Here

Speaking of Tennessee Tech, the Lions made a splash in the coaching world this offseason as Tony Pujol announced former Alabama guard Andrew Steele to his staff. Steele was most recently an assistant at Tennessee Tech and was on the opposite bench against UNA three times the last two seasons. Steele played at Alabama for Anthony Grant while Tony Pujol was an assistant coach.

#### **Full-time Foley**

A key to UNA's success on offense last season was Sean Foley, who was promoted from Special Assistant to the Head Coach to a full-time assistant coach this offseason. Foley joined the UNA staff in 2022 as the director of operations and has continuously climbed the ladder since then.

#### **Ball Security Stats**

Last season, UNA was one of the best teams in Division I at protecting the basketball. Below are some key stats related to turnovers from last season.

Stat	NCAA Rank	ASUN Rank	<u>Value</u>
Turnover Margin	37th	2nd	2.7
Turnovers Forced	209th	5th	11.5
Turnovers Committe	ed 2nd	1st	8.9
Steals per game	105th	3rd	7.5

#### State of Basketball

Many have claimed the state of Alabama is producing the best basketball in the nation as of late, and the case is compelling. Of the 10 Division I schools in the state, eight finished ranked in the top three of their conferences last year. All eight were also ranked in the top 125 of the NET.

Four of the eight made the NCAA Tournament, while four others were selected to the NIT. South Alabama was prematurely invited to the NIT but unfortunately had the invitation revoked and became the first team out.

<u>Team</u>	OVR.	CONF	Place	League	NET
Auburn	32-6	16-4	1st	SEC	3
Alabama	28-9	13-5	3rd	SEC	6
UAB	24-13	13-5	3rd	AAC	98
Troy	23-11	13-5	T1st	Sun Belt	99
Jacksonville St.	23-13	12-6	T1st	C-USA	115
Samford	22-11	12-6	T3rd	SoCon	118
North Ala.	24-11	14-4	T1st	ASUN	121
South Ala.	21-11	13-5	T1st	Sun Belt	122
Alabama State	20-16	12-6	T4th	SWAC	265
Alabama A&M	10-22	6-12	9th	SWAC	359

## NORTH ALABAMA MEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

#### **GENERAL**

SchoolU	Iniversity of North Alabama
Location	Florence, Alabama
Founded	1830
Enrollment	10,600
Nickname	Lions
School Colors	Purple and Gold
Facility (Capacity)	CB&S Bank Arena (3,000)
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	ASUN
President	Dr. Kenneth Kitts
alma mater	Appalachian State (1985)
Athletic Director	Josh Looney
alma mater	Washburn (2005)

#### **HISTORY**

First Year of Basketball 1932
All-Time Record1,190-996
Years in NCAA Division II Tournament 14
1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1988, 1991
1994, 1995, 1996, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2014
NCAA Division II National Titles2
1979, 1991
NCAA Division I Postseason Games2
2023 CBI, 2025 NIT
Conference Titles6
1977, 1981, 1988, 1994, 1996, 2014
Regular Season Conference Titles7
1977, 1981, 1984, 1994, 1996, 2014, 2025

#### **TEAM INFORMATION**

Record in 2024-25	24-11
Conference Record/Finish	14-4
	T-1st in ASUN
Total Players Returning	10
Lettermen Returning	9
Lettermen Lost	5
Starters Returning	1
Starters Lost	4
Newcomers	4

#### **QUICK HITS:**

#### **Mount Rushmore of Rebounders**

Redshirt junior Corneilous Williams had 317 rebounds last season — the third-most by a Lion in a single season all-time. The last UNA player to have over 300 rebounds in a single season was Casey Holt in 2008, who was recently inducted into the UNA Athletics Hall of Fame in 2025. The record of 363 was set by Hall of Famer Dabbs Earnest in 1961.

#### **Pujol Continues Program Growth**

UNA head coach Tony Pujol enters his eighth season at the helm, serving as the first and only coach of UNA's Division I era. Pujol has 103 wins over eight seasons and received a five-year contract extension in August that runs through the 2029-30 season.

#### Lions Have Best Offensive Season of D1 Era

In the 2022-23 season, UNA averaged 74.1 points per game. The Lions also shot 45.8% from the field, a total that hasn't been topped since the 2009-10 season. All of those were Division I era bests. In the 2023-24 season, UNA topped that scoring with a new DI school record of 76.5 PPG.

The 2024-25 season was even better in this statistic, as the Lions finished with 78.7 PPG to rank second in the ASUN and 62nd in the NCAA.

#### Strength of Schedule

North Alabama played seven games against teams ranked among the top 150 of the NET last season.

This year's schedule will take a step up with six non-conference opponents ranked in the top 150 of last year's NET. Lipscomb was the only team ahead of UNA from the ASUN at 86. The Lions finished 121 last year.

11/5	at Misssissippi State	#34
11/7	Lane College	
11/11	Northwestern State	#226
11/15	ETSU	#142
11/17	at Clemson	#25
11/22	at Chattanooga	#96
11/25	UT Southern	
12/1	Jacksonville State	#115
12/3	San Francisco	#67
12/15	Alabama A&M	#359
12/19	Loyola Marymount (CA)	#161

#### **QUICK HITS:**

#### RANKED OPPONENTS IN MID-MAJOR POLL

UNA received votes the majority of last season in the College Insider Poll, including 15 votes in the March 10 poll and nine votes in the final poll on April 7.

The Lions took one win against #14 Lipscomb, who was one of two opponents from last season to finish in the Top 25. The other was #17 Bradley, who eliminated UNA in the first round of the NIT. Wofford and Samford, both of whom beat UNA, received votes in the final poll along with UNA.

#### **ABOUT THE POLL**

The Mid-Major Poll is in its 15th year and is made up of teams from the following conferences:

America East

**ASUN** 

Big Sky

**Big South** 

**Big West** 

Colonial

C-USA

Horizon

Independents

Ivy League

Metro Atlantic

Mid-American

Mid-Eastern

Missouri Valley

Northeast

Ohio Valley

**Patriot** 

Southern (SoCon)

Southland

Southwestern

Summit League

Sun Belt

West Coast

Western Athletic

#### **UNA HAS WON SEVEN NATIONAL TITLES**

UNA has won 7 NCAA Division II National Championships. UNA won men's basketball national titles in 1979 and 1991, football in 1993, 1994 and 1995, volleyball in 2003 and softball in 2016. UNA is one of just five schools in NCAA history on all levels to have won at least two national titles in football and men's basketball. The others are Florida, Michigan State, Northwest Missouri and Wisconsin-Whitewater.



#### COLLEGE INSIDER

#### Men's Mid-Major Top 25 Poll

Rank	Team (First-place votes)	) Record	Previous	Conference
1	Gonzaga (27)	2-0	1	West Coast
2	Saint Mary's (3)	2-0	2	West Coast
3	Liberty (1)	3-0	3	CUSA
4	Yale	1-0	5	Ivy League
5	High Point	2-0	8	Big South
6	Akron	2-0	7	Mid-American
7	Miami (OH)	2-0	10	Mid-American
8	Northern Iowa	2-0	11	Missouri Valley
9	San Francisco	1-1	6	West Coast
10	Illinois State	1-1	4	Missouri Valley
11	UNCW	1-0	12	Coastal Athletic
12	Santa Clara	2-0	17	West Coast
13	UCSB	2-0	15	Big West
14	UC Irvine	1-1	9	Big West
15	Troy	2-0	NR (32)	Sun Belt
16	Kennesaw State	2-0	19	CUSA
17	Belmont	2-0	24	Missouri Valley
18	Towson	1-1	16	Coastal Athletic
19	Vermont	3-0	NR (30)	America East
20	Bradley	1-1	18	Missouri Valley
21	California Baptist	2-0	NR (52)	Western Athletic
22	McNeese	1-1	20	Southland
23	New Orleans	2-0	NR *	Southland
24	Kent State	1-1	23	Mid-American
25	Marshall	2-0	NR *	Sun Belt

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Murray State 57, Hawaii 51, UC San Diego 43, Youngstown State 43, Bowling Green 40, South Alabama 37, Montana 36, Siena 32, Chattanooga 31, Ohio 31, Charleston 25, Drake 22, Harvard 22, UT Martin 21, Stephen F Austin 20, Milwaukee 18, SIUE 18, St. Thomas 18, Robert Morris 17, Southern Illinois 16, Samford 15, New Mexico State 14, Norfolk State 14, Northern Colorado 14, Quinnipiac 13, Eastern Kentucky 12, Middle Tennessee 11, Bucknell 10, Portland State 10, Utah Valley 10, Iona 9, Oakland 9, Radford 8, Arkansas State 7, Mercyhurst 7, Navy 7, UMass 7, Austin Peay 6, Furman 6, South Dakota State 6, Stony Brook 6, UNC Asheville 6, Winthrop 6, Jacksonville State 5, Loyola Marymount 5, UIC 5, Boston University 4, Idaho 4, James Madison 4, Marist 3, Queens 3, Abilene Christian 1, Grambling 1, Little Rock 1, William & Mary 1

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## **Head Coach**

## **Tony Pujol**



Tony Pujol was hired as UNA's head men's basketball coach on April 2, 2018. He enters his eighth season in 2025-26.

In August 2025, Pujol received a five-year contract extension through the 2029-30 season.

Pujol has been one of the key pillars in UNA's move to Division I in 2018, as he is the first and only Division I coach for the UNA men's basketball program. The upward trajectory of the program since his hire has been evident, as the men's basketball team won the school's first Atlantic Sun Conference regular season championship in any sport during the 2024-25 season.

In the 2024-25 season, Pujol's squad finished with a 24-11 record and a 14-4 record in conference play. The Lions won a share of the ASUN Regular Season Championship, won both the ASUN Quarterfinal and Semifinal rounds in front

of two sellout crowds at CB&S Bank Arena, and advanced to the ASUN Championship Game for the second time in seven seasons. Despite falling in the championship to Lipscomb, UNA earned an at-large bid to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) for the first time in school history.

For his efforts, Pujol was named a finalist for the Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year Award in 2025, which is awarded to the top coach in mid-major basketball.

In his seven seasons, Pujol has won 102 games, coached six all-conference selections, two winners of the ASUN Freshman of the Year, one winner each of the ASUN Newcomer and Sixth Man of the Year, a Lou Henson Award Finalist and an NABC All-District player in the same district as multiple SEC programs.

The Lions have been a tough beat at home since Pujol's arrival, owning a 64-28 record inside CB&S Bank Arena over the last seven seasons. UNA finished 14-1 at home in 2024-25, including a perfect 11-0 record against conference opponents in both the regular season and postseason.

Pujol originally came to UNA after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Wyoming. Pujol also served as an assistant basketball coach at Appalachian State University, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Alabama before taking a position at Wyoming in 2016. He became just the seventh head coach in the 88-year history of the UNA's men's basketball program.

He has over two decades of collegiate coaching experience.

In 2022-23, Pujol led the Lions to their highest win total since 2013-14 with an 18-15 record. The Lions also competed in their first NCAA Division I postseason game with an appearance in the CBI Tournament in Florida. He followed that with a 15-17 record in 2023-24 against a tougher schedule with four Power Four opponents, but led the Lions to the ASUN Semifinal Round after a thrilling tournament win over Lipscomb at the buzzer. The buzzer shot made by KJ Johnson officially started March Madness, made national headlines and was the top play on SportsCenter and Scott Van Pelt's "Best Thing I Saw Today."

In seven seasons at North Alabama, Pujol has led the Lions to the ASUN Conference Tournament every year, including a berth in the championship game in 2021 and a semifinal run in 2024. During his tenure, UNA has had 12 all-conference selections, including five on the league's All-Freshman Team and two All-Academic picks.

Pujol led North Alabama through its transition to NCAA Division I basketball. Since making the move, which included membership in the ASUN Conference at the start of the 2018-19 season, UNA improved its record each of the first three years. The Lions posted a 10-22 record during their first Division I season, earning a No. 6 seed in the ASUN Tournament with a 7-9 league record after being picked to finish last in the preseason coaches poll. Pujol followed with a three-win improvement in the second year and a No. 5 seed in the conference tourney. Mervin James was also named to the ASUN All-Freshman Team.

In the 2020-21 campaign, North Alabama secured its first winning record at the Division I level, posting a 13-10 mark that included a postseason run. After earning a No. 5 seed, UNA won consecutive ASUN tournament games, knocking off North Florida 68-60 and FGCU 96-81 to earn a spot in the championship against top-seeded Liberty. The Lions held a late lead before falling 79-75.

Payton Youngblood and James earned all-tournament honors. Youngblood later added ASUN All-Academic and CoSIDA Academic All-District honors to his resume while James was a second team all-conference pick. Detalian Brown was also named to the league's All-Freshman Team.

UNA had several standout performances during its inaugural Division I season, including Jamari Blackmon being named the ASUN Freshman of the Year and Christian Agnew also being named to the league's All-Freshman team. Under Pujol, UNA secured the program's first-ever Division I victory with a 72-59 home on over Blue Mountain on Nov. 10, at Flowers Hall. On Jan. 8, Florida Gulf Coast became the first Division I opponent to fall. The 61-56 home victory over FGCU also represented the Lions' first-ever win in ASUN Conference play.

A road game against seventh-ranked Gonzaga, the renewal of the home-and-home rivalry series with Jacksonville State and a No. 2 finish on ESPN's SportsCenter Top 10 Plays were among the other first-season highlights for Pujol and the UNA program.

Pujol helped lead Wyoming to a 20-13 record in 2017-18. In 2016-17, Pujol helped lead the Cowboys to the College Basketball Invitational Championship. The Cowboys finished the season 23-15 overall with a 19-3 home record. Pujol helped mentor Mountain West Sixth Man Justin James, as he also was named the Most Valuable Player of the CBI. Junior Forward Hayden Dalton also received Honorable-Mention All-Mountain West honors. The Cowboys set a school and MW record with 369 three-pointers last season.

Pujol coached collegiately at Alabama for five seasons from 2010-2014 under head coach Anthony Grant. Pujol helped the Crimson Tide compile a 99-71 record during his time on the staff, including three-straight 20-win seasons for the first time since 1990-92. Alabama earned two NIT bids and one NCAA bid from 2011-13 and finished runner-up in the NIT in 2011. That 2010-11 Crimson Tide team featured one of the toughest defenses in the nation, as Alabama surrendered only 59.4 points per game, the eighth-lowest average in the nation. Alabama's tenacious defense helped it go 19-0 at home during that season.

On the recruiting trail, he helped the Tide land a 2011 recruiting class that Rivals. com ranked as the fifth best in the nation with four prospects ranked in the top 100 nationally. After the 2013-14 season, Pujol stepped away from collegiate coaching to dedicated more time to his family and has coached the last year and a half in the AAU ranks in New Jersey.

Previously, Pujol served under Grant at VCU from 2006-09 with Edwards. The staff guided the Rams to a 76-25 record in those three seasons, including 45-9 in the Colonial Athletic Association. VCU won three conference regular-season titles and two tournament titles in that span to play in the NCAA tournament twice and NIT once. Two Rams from that team, Eric Maynor and Larry Sanders, would go on to be selected in the NBA draft.

Pujol joined Grant's staff after two seasons at Appalachian State from 2004-06, where he helped the Mountaineers win the Southern Conference North Division in 2005. The team also earned the NCAA's Public Recognition Award based on the program's APR. His recruits would help ASU win a school-record 25 games the season after he left.

Prior to his collegiate career, Pujol was a high school coach in south Florida for 13 seasons, including nine at Northwest Christian Academy in Miami, where he posted a 250-46 record with state titles in 1999, 2003 and 2004.

He graduated from Sterling College (Kansas) in 1989 with a degree in business administration and was a standout in both basketball and baseball, earning all-conference honors on the diamond in his final three seasons.

Tony and his wife, Mayle, have three daughters, Kasey, Kristen and Mia.



Tony Pujol Year-By-Year Record

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Team	Overall	Conference	Standing
UNA	10-22	7-9	6th
UNA	13-17	8-8	5th
UNA	13-11	7-8	5th
UNA	9-21	2-14	6th (West)
UNA	18-15	10-8	6th `
UNA	15-17	8-8	6th
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#### **NORTH ALABAMA MEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF**



#### **Ahmad Smith Associate Head Coach**

Ahmad Smith was elevated to Associate Head Basketball Coach at UNA in March of 2023. He is in his eighth season on the North Alabama staff, having previously served as an assistant coach. He has been with head coach Tony Pujol for all eight seasons at UNA. Prior to UNA, he served as Associate Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at Charleston Southern. Smith has played a valuable role in UNA's success over the first seven seasons of the Division I era, helping head coach Tony Pujol build a yearly contender in the Atlantic Sun Conference. In the 2024-25 season, Smith helped the

Lions finish with a 24-11 record and a 14-4 record in conference play. The Lions won a share of the ASUN Regular Season Championship, won both the ASUN Quarterfinal and Semifinal rounds in front of two sellout crowds at CB&S Bank Arena, and advanced to the ASUN Championship Game for the second time in seven seasons. Despite falling in the championship to Lipscomb, UNA earned an at-large bid to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) for the first time in school history. In seven seasons at North Alabama, Smith has helped the Lions reached the ASUN Conference Tournament each year. During his tenure, UNA has had 15 all-conference selections, including six on the league's All-Freshman Team and two All-Academic picks. While working with the post players, Smith has also coached the ASUN's leading rebounder three times over seven seasons, including 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2024-25. Under Smith's front-court leadership, UNA was one of two NCAA Division I schools in 2025 to have two players with 300 or more rebounds, joining Sweet Sixteen participant Maryland. UNA's two top rebounders were Corneilous Williams (317) and Taye Fields (300), who both ranked among the top 50 rebounders in the country. In 2019, Smith was invited to participate in the TopConnect Virtual Seminar, which identifies the top basketball assistant coaches in the country. Smith, a 2004 Appalachian State graduate, was an integral part of one of the best stretches in Charleston Southern history as an assistant coach during his seven years on staff. Smith returned to college coaching after spending three years in several capacities, including that of head coach, in Ireland. Before leaving for Ireland, Smith was an assistant coach at Appalachian State University from 2004-08, helping lead the Mountaineers to a school-record 25 wins in 2006-07, a North Division regular season SoCon Championship in 2008 and a San Juan Shootout Tournament championship in 2007.



Jacob Rister Strength & Conditioning



Jalen Patton Director of **Basketball Operations** 



Sean Foley **Assistant Coach** 

Sean Foley was added to the UNA coaching staff in 2022 as the director of basketball operations. He was promoted to special assistant to the head coach after one season with more coaching and scouting responsibilities. On June 11, 2025, head coach Tony Pujol announced Foley's promotion to a full-time assistant coaching position. After two successful seasons with Foley coaching the Lion offense, Pujol promoted him to a full-time assistant coach. Foley was instrumental to the program's success, including a 24-11 overall record, the program's first Atlantic Sun Conference

Regular Season Championship and the program's first appearance in the NIT. Over his last three seasons, he has assisted in the development of multiple Atlantic Sun Conference honors, including seven all-conference players, a Newcomer of the Year, Sixth Man of the Year and Freshman of the Year. In 2024-25, Foley assisted North Alabama's offense in breaking multiple program records, including finishing in the KenPom top 100 in offensive efficiency rating and finishing second in the country in turnover percentage — highlighting the team's elite ball security. The Lions scored 2,753 total points, averaging 78.7 PPG in 2024-25, which is the highest scoring average for UNA since 2018. Foley originally came to UNA after spending one year as an assistant coach at Division III powerhouse Christopher Newport in Virginia. During his time at CNU, he helped the Captains to a 27-3 overall record and an Elite 8 appearance in the Division III national tournament during the 2021-22 campaign. Prior to CNU, he spent two years as assistant coach and director of recruiting at Eastern Nazarene College from 2019-2021. Foley's coaching experience also includes spending four years at C. Milton Wright High School, helping the program to a 3A Maryland State title and an overall record of 70-28 over the four-year span. He also had stints at St. Paul's School and Eastern Tech High School. In addition to coaching, Foley is a member of Rising Coaches, where he has overseen operations and social media for The Nerd Team of the TBT and has worked numerous camps, including the Coaching Development Program at Jay Bilas Skills Camp. Foley graduated from McDaniel College in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in exercise science/physical education with minors in coaching and athletic training. He earned his master's degree in 2019 from McDaniel College in kinesiology with a concentration in athletic administration.



**Alex Stutts** Athletic Trainer



Andrew Steele, a former standout guard at the University of Alabama, was named to Tony Pujol's coaching staff at North Alabama on June 11, 2025. Steele played for the Crimson Tide while Pujol was an assistant at Alabama under Coach Anthony Grant. Steele played in 94 games with 20 starts as a four-year lettermen, helping the Tide to three 20-win seasons, an NCAA Tournament appearance and two NIT berths, including a runner-up finish. He was also named team captain for the 2012-13 season. As a coach, Steele started his career as the head coach at John Carroll Catholic High

School — his alma mater — where he coached for two seasons before becoming the Men's Basketball Director of Operations at South Alabama. He took a similar role at Troy in 2018-19 before returning to Alabama as the Director of Video Services. In May 2020, Steele landed an assistant coach position at Alabama State University. After one season, he was hired as an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech University, spending four seasons in Cookeville. The Steele family is synonymous with basketball excellence in the state of Alabama. Andrew's brother, Ronald Steele, was an All-American at Alabama in 2004. He went on to assist Andrew at John Carroll in 2014, then took over as the head coach and athletic director in 2016. He is currently the school's principal.



#### **Eric Wagenlander Assistant Coach**

Eric Wagenlander originally joined the UNA men's basketball staff in 2023 as the Director of Player Development. After one season in that role, he took an assistant coaching job at West Ashley High School in Charleston, South Carolina. He officially returned to UNA on June 11, 2025 as an assistant coach. Ironically, his connection to Charleston is what led him to UNA the first time, as he worked alongside Ahmad Smith at Charleston Southern during the 2017-18 season. Wagenlander was a four-year letterman at Wofford College from 2013-17, helping lead the Terriers to back-to-back

SoCon titles in 2014 and 2015. He played for Coach Mike Young, who coached at Wofford for 17 seasons before taking over at Virginia Tech in 2019. Wagenlander's coaching career started at Charleston Southern for one season, then led him to two seasons at James Madison as the director of operations. He then joined Young's staff at Virginia Tech for the 2020-21 season as a program assistant. After spending much of his adult life in the game of basketball, Wagenlander transitioned to football in 2021 as he accepted a front office job in the NFL with the Houston Texans. He worked two years in team development and logistics. This led him back to basketball with his player development role at UNA in 2023. In 11 years as a player and staff member, Wagenlander has been involved in eight winning seasons

and three NCAA Tournaments. He was also named to the TopConnect "Top Young Coaches" list in 2020.

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## **Tank Washington**

6-7 | 210 | Junior | Forward Panama City, Florida | Bay HS | Coastal Alabama North-CC

Birthname is Deondrian Washington, but goes by "Tank"

## Bia



**PREVIOUS:** Spent two seasons at Coastal Alabama Community College - North in 2023-24 and 2024-25 ... Coached by Chuck Taylor ... Led the Coyotes to a regular season conference title as a sophomore in 2024-25, as the team posted a 20-12 overall record and a 14-2 record in league play ... Was the team's leading scorer that season with 16.0 points per game, shooting 62.4 percent from the field ... Also averaged 8.0 rebounds per game as a sophomore ... Recorded a season-high 29 points in a 90-82 victory over Southern Union State ... Finished in double figures in 16 of 19 games in 2024-25, scoring 20+ points six times ... Notched seven double-doubles in 2024-25 ... Earned first team all-conference honors and was a nominee for player of the year.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Bay High School in Panama City, Florida ... Coached by Rusty Cook ... Played shooting guard and small forward for the Tornadoes ... Led the team to a district championship and the Elite Eight of the state tournament in both 2021-22 and 2022-23 ... Was the two-time Bay County Player of the Year ... Three-time first team all-county ... Two-time first team all-region and two-time first team all-state ... Was a two-time 4A State Player of the Year ... Joined both the 1,000 point and 500 rebound club at Bay High ... Holds the all-time career scoring record and the single-game scoring record with 44 points ... Graduated in 2023.

**PERSONAL:** Full name is Deondrian Washington ... Goes by "Tank" ... Birthday is October 26 ... From Panama City, Florida ... Son of Pamela Hogans ... Has four siblings — Artiuna, Quay, Tatiana and Lazavia ... Has a side profession as a chef ... Majoring in sport management.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **Put Him Anywhere**

With a dangerous combination of size and scoring ability, Tank Washington has been deployed in both the frontcourt and backcourt at various points in his career. He mainly played as a shooting guard/small forward combo at Bay High School in Panama City, Florida.

#### From the Coast to the Bank

As a sophomomre, Tank Washington averaged 16.0 points and 8.4 rebounds per game while shooting 62.4 percent from the field at Coastal Alabama Community College in Bay Minnette, Alabama. He finished in double figures in 16 of 19 games in 2024-25, scoring at least 20 points six times.

#### Down by the Bay

Washington is the only Floridian on the roster this season by way of Bay High School in Panama City. Tank was a two-time Bay County Player of the Year and finished his career with over 1,000 points and 500 rebounds.

#### Former Lions from Florida

Washington is the only Floridian on the roster this season and becomes the 20th all-time Lion from the state of Florida. The last time UNA had a player from Florida was 2020 — Austin Meloche. The second-most recent Florida player goes back to the Division II era in 2017 in former guard Johnell Ginnie. Another former Lion from Florida is Kenny Gamble, who set the school record for most blocked shots in a game against UAH in 1999 with 11 blocks.



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## **Donte Bacchus**

6-7 | 220 | Senior | Forward Homewood, Alabama | Homewood HS | Snead State CC

Pronunciation: Don-tay Bock-us



UNA 2024-25: Played in 35 games with three starts ... Was the primary sixth man for the Lions with 20.2 minutes per game ... Averaged 8.3 PPG and 4.2 RPG ... Shot 19-41 behind the arc for an efficient 46.3 percentage, setting the school's Division I school record for three-point percentage in a season on a minimum of one attempt per game ... Ranked third ont he team with 13 blocks and fifth on the team with 30 steals ... Scored in double figures 12 times ... Led the Lions in scoring during the program's first all-time appearance in the NIT with 19 points against Bradley in the first round ... Scored a season-high 21 points in a road win over North Florida on Jan. 18 ... Notched his first-career double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds against EKU on Jan. 4 ... Had his second double-double of the season against Jacksonville on Feb. 15 with 16 points and 10 rebounds ... Scored 16 points in the ASUN Quarterfinal win over Austin Peay.

PREVIOUS: Spent two seasons at Snead State Community College in Boaz, Alabama ... Played for Coach Jeremiah Patterson ... Third Team All-American ... Was Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference in 2024 ... Won a pair of state championships in 2023 and 2024 ... Led Snead State to a 50-16 record over two seasons, including a 25-7 record in 2024 with a 15-1 record in conference games and a 16-1 record at home ... Advanced to the NJCAA DII Gulf South District Championship in 2024 ... Led the team with 680 points to average 22.7 PPG and 7.2 RPG ... Went 63-149 behind the arc to shoot 42.3 percent.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Homewood High School in Homewood, Ala. ... Played for Coach Tim Shepler ... Helped the Patriots make the Sweet 16 in the 6A AHSAA State Playoffs ... All-Area and All-Region selection ... Graduated in 2022.

PERSONAL: Birthday is January 27 ... Born in New Orleans, Louisiana ... From Homewood, Alabama ... Son of Aisha and Darrin Bacchus ... Has three siblings — Dwayne, Pooch and Devin ... Dwayne played football at the University of Oklahoma ... Devin played football at Indiana Wesleyan ... Donte's favorite food is Sushi ... Majoring in exercise science.

## **Quick Hits**

#### Preseason All-ASUN Selection

Bacchus was voted to the All-ASUN Preseason Team in a vote of the head coaches in October. Bacchus was UNA's primary sixth man last season, playing all 35 games with three starts. He averaged 8.3 PPG and 4.2 RPG to lead all bench players. He netted a team-high 19 points against Bradley in the first round of the NIT to end last season.

#### **Bacchus Did Not Miss**

Last season at North Florida, Bacchus had his best game as a Lion with a season-high 21 points. He shot 9-9 from the floor for a perfect shooting percentage. In addition, he played 21 minutes, averaging exactly one point per minute played. He also

#### State Champ

his time there, winning a pair of JUCO state championships in 2023 and 2024. He was a first team all-conference selection as a sophomore and was ACCC Player of the Year. He is from Homewood in the Birmingham area.

#### Accomplished JUCO Star

remarkable 680 points as a sophomore at Snead State for an average of 22.7 PPG.



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2024-25	UNA	35-3	702/20.1	111-206	.539	19-41	.463	51-85	.600	46	102	148	4.2	45-0	13	28	13	30	292	8.3		
2025-26	UNA	2-2	59/29.6	6-17	.353	0-2	.000	8-9	.889	9	3	12	6.0	3-0	4	7	0	2	20	10.0		
тот	AL .	37-5	761/20.6	117-223	.525	19-43	.442	59-94	.628	55	105	160	4.3	48-0	17	35	13	32	312	8.4		

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## **Corneilous Williams**

6-9 | 215 | R-Junior | Forward Beaumont, Mississippi | Combine Aca. | LSU | Western Carolina

Bia

Pronunciation: Cor-nee-lee-us Williams



**UNA 2024-25:** Played in and started all 35 games ... Averaged 9.7 PPG ... Owns the Division I school record for best single-season shooting percentage, going 127-200 to shoot 63.5 percent ... Led the ASUN in rebounding with 317 total rebounds and 9.1 RPG ... His 317 rebounds ranked 21st among all NCAA Division I players ... His 317 rebounds set the school's Division I single-season record ... Was part of a duo with Taye Fields as two players on the same team with 300 or more rebounds; the only other team in the NCAA to accomplish this was Sweet Sixteen finalist Maryland ... Led the ASUN and ranked 32nd in the country with 11 double-doubles on the season ... Finished with 28 blocks to rank eighth in the ASUN ... Won ASUN Newcome of the Week two times, including Nov. 18 following a pair of double-doubles at home against UT Martin and Samford and Feb. 10 following two double-doubles on the road against Austin Peay and West Georgia ... Scored a season-high 18 points in a win at North Florida on Jan. 18 ... Had double-doubles in both the ASUN Quarterfinal and Semifinal rounds, including 14 points and 14 rebounds against Austin Peay in the quarterfinal game and 10 points and 12 rebounds against Jacksonville in the semifinal ... Had 12 rebounds against Bradley in the first round of the NIT ... Tied the single-game Division I school record with 19 rebounds in a road win at West Georgia on Feb. 8 ... Tied the single-game school record with six blocks against Austin Peay on Jan. 25 ... Had 17 points and 16 rebounds against Samford on Nov. 15 ... Had 15 rebounds against Bellarmine in his ASUN debut on Jan. 2 ... Had 17 games in double-figure scoring ... Had 13 games with double-digit rebounds.

**PREVIOUS:** Played one season at Western Carolina in 2023-24 ... Played 14 minutes against UNA last season with three points and three rebounds ... Spent the 2022-23 season as a redshirt at LSU ... Was the first high school signee at LSU for Coach Matt McMahon.

WCU 2023-24 (Redshirt Freshman): Played 29 games on the year, each coming off the bench ... Finished with 101 points scored, averaging 3.5 points per game ... Scored in double figures twice with a career-high 11 points at Chattanooga (March 2) and 10 points at Middle Tennessee (Nov. 13) ... Shot 70.7 percent from the floor on the year ... Finished with 87 rebounds, averaging 3.0 boards per game ... Made his collegiate debut against Dalton State (Nov. 7), scoring eight points and pulling down six rebounds ... Pulled down eight rebounds twice – at MTSU and at UTC – and a career-best nine rebounds at VMI (Feb. 24).

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played the 2021-22 season for Combine Academy, one of the top post-graduate prep schools in the country ... Averaged 13.2 points and 8.8 rebounds per game ... Tabbed as the MVP of both the DME Beach and Ball Classic and was also a first-team All-Tournament team selection at the Big Shots Prep Nationals event ... Averaged 18.5 points, 9.5 rebounds, and a blocked shot in two games at the NTL Prep Showcase.

PERSONAL: Birthday is January 18 ... From Beaumont, Mississippi in the Hattiesburg area.

## **Quick Hits**

#### Preseason All-ASUN Selection

Corneilous Williams, known by his teammates as "Neil," averaged 9.7 points per game last year and led the ASUN with 9.1 rebounds per game. His 317 rebounds last season set a single-season Division I record for UNA while ranking 21st in the NCAA. He also led the ASUN and ranked 32nd in the NCAA with 11 double-doubles.

#### **How About Another Rebound Record**

Last season at West Georgia, Corneilous Williams had 19 rebounds to tie the Division I school record last set in 2020 by Emanuel Littles against Crowley's Ridge. The all-time record is 23 rebounds, set four time, but last set in 1974 by Coleman Crawford. Williams led the ASUN leader with 9.1 RPG.

#### **Double-Double Trouble**

Corneilous Williams recorded double-doubles in five of the last 10 games and 11 times last season, including the ASUN Semifinal vs. Jacksonville. He was voted ASUN Newcomer of the Week with 12.0 PPG and 14.5 RPG last February. He added one more against Lane with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

#### Career-High Scoring vs. Lane College

Williams had a career-high 22 points against Lane College on Nov. 7. His previous career-high was 18 points set against North Florida last season during league play.



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2023-24	WCU	29-0	343/11.8	41-58	.707	0-1	.000	19-37	.514	38	49	87	3.0	41-0	2	11	27	3	101	3.5
2024-25	UNA	35-35	1043/29.8	127-200	.635	0-0	.000	84-129	.651	113	204	317	9.1	98-1	13	36	28	19	338	9.7
2025-26	UNA	2-2	71/35.7	13-19	.684	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	12	13	25	12.5	4-0	3	4	5	0	30	15.0
TOTAL FO	R UNA	37-37	1114/30.1	140-219	.639	0-0	.000	88-134	.657	125	217	342	9.2	102-1	16	40	33	19	368	9.9
TOTA	AL.	66-37	1457/22.1	181-277	.653	0-1	.000	107-171	.626	163	266	429	6.5	143-1	18	51	60	22	469	7.1

## **Braylon Patton**

6-0 | 180 | Freshman | Guard Birmingham, Alabama | Hueytown HS

**Pronunciation: Bray-lon Patton** 

## Bio

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Hueytown High School in the Birmingham area ... Coached by Branham Daniels ... Started at point guard for the Golden Gophers at the Class 6A level ... Led the team to three area championships ... Two-time all-area selection ... Scored over 1,700 points in his high school career ... Was on the A-B Honor Roll ... Graduated in 2025.

**PERSONAL:** Birthday is June 30 ... Born in Birmingham, Alabama ... Hometown is Bessemer, Alabama ... Son of Brycelyn & Derryck Patton ... Has four siblings — Derryck Jr., Korey, Ayr Marie and Kartoria ... His brother, Derryck Patton Jr., plays at Stillman College, who UNA plays on Nov. 1, 2025 ... His cousin, Corey Stevenson, is a senior on the basketball team at FIU ... Psychology is his favorite subject ... Enjoys anime and meditation ... Majoring in Entrepreneurship & Innovation.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **What a Debut**

Making his first collegiate appearance off the bench, true freshman Braylon Patton went 3-3 behind the arc and finished with 11 points against Mississippi State. Patton had the highest-scoring debut by a true freshman for UNA since Jacari Lane scored 11 points against Oakwood in 2022.

#### From Gopher to Lion

Braylon Patton is one of five Lions on the roster from the state of Alabama, but is the only true freshman from the state. He prepped at Hueytown High School, helping his team to three area championships. He joined the 1,000 point scoring club as a senior.

#### **Following Major Footsteps**

Patton is the second UNA player in program history to come from Hueytown, Alabama. The other is Albert Owens, who played for the Lions from 1979-82 and was inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. Owens is 24th on the all-time scoring list with 1,047 career points and was a member of UNA's 1979 national championship as a true freshman.

#### Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic

Patton was invited to play in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic for the state of Alabama on March 8, 2025. This was one day before UNA competed with Lipscomb in the 2025 ASUN Championship. The Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic began in 1991 and was first hosted at UNA inside Flowers Hall — now known as CB&S Bank Arena. Patton wasn't the only future Lion in this game, as UNA women's player Brooke Hallman represented Auburn High School on the girl's all-star team.

#### Thirty Piece

Patton had back-to-back 30 point games during his junior season against a pair of challenging opponents, scoring 31 points against Theodore and 30 points against James Clemens.



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2025-	-26	UNA	2-0	27/13.5	6-10	.600	3-5	.600	1-5	.200	0	3	3	1.5	5-0	1	3	0	0	16	8.0
T	ОТА	\L	2-0	27/13.5	6-10	.600	3-5	.600	1-5	.200	0	3	3	1.5	5-0	1	3	0	0	16	8.0

## **Canin Jefferson**

6-2 | Sophomore | Guard New Orleans, Louisiana | Newman HS

Pronunciation: Cannon Jefferson

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## Bio

**UNA 2024-25:** Appeared in all 35 games off the bench as a sophomore ... Averaged 15.5 minutes per game and 5.5 points per game ... Had 39 assists and just 23 turnovers for a 1.7 assist/turnover ratio ... Had seven games in double-figure scoring, including a career-high 18 points against EKU on Jan. 4 ... Scored in double figures in three of the first four games, including 14 against Point, 12 against UT Martin and 12 against Samford ... Went on a personal 12-0 run in the second half of a win against UT Martin, helping UNA outscore the Skyhawks 43-28 in the second frame ... Hit a go-ahead three-pointer late in the first half at No. 4 Auburn — a Final Four participant — and finished with seven points ... Had 14 points over 18 minutes in a road win at Austin Peay on Feb. 5 ... Had 10 points and a career-high three steals in a win over Central Arkansas on Feb. 1 ... Scored 17 points in four postseason games, including seven in the school's first NIT appearance at Bradley on March 19 ... Finished the season 63-158 from the floor for 39.9 percent ... Went 27-81 behind the arc for 33.3 percent ... Went 40-54 from the line for 74.1 percent.

**UNA 2023-24:** Appeared in 30 games off the bench as a true freshman ... Averaged 9.6 minutes per game and 2.9 points per game ... Had three rebounds, three assists and two steals over 15 minutes in his debut against Blue Mountain ... Scored six points with three assist in his first game against a Division I opponent on November 9 vs. Alabama A&M ... Had a season-high 11 points and six assists over 24 minutes against Rust College on December 7 for his first double-digit scoring game ... Averaged 2.4 PPG in conference play, including 30 points over the final five games for 6.0 PPG in that span ... Had at least one three-pointer made in four of the final six contests ... Scored seven points in seven minutes during his ASUN debut against Central Arkansas ... Shot 32-74 for 43.2 percent from the floor, 11-33 behind the arc for 33 percent and 11-16 at the line for 68.8 percent ... Had 23 rebounds, 29 assists (nearly 1.0 per game) to just 15 turnovers (0.5 per game) ... Added 11 steals and two blocks.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Isidore Newman School under head coach Randy Livingston ... Helped lead the team to four state playoff appearances including two championships and one runner-up finish ... Earned all-state honors and was named all-state MVP.

PERSONAL: Birthday is June 2 ... Son of Denise and Lawrence Jefferson and has two brothers, CJ and Colby ... Major is Sport Management.

## **Quick Hits**

#### My Time

Canin Jefferson played in all 35 games as the backup point guard to Jacari Lane, who is now a senior at Texas A&M. Jefferson averaged 15 minutes per game and 5.5 points per game. He had 39 assists to just 23 turnovers for a solid 1.7 ratio. He scored in double figures seven times last year.

#### Shot out of a Cannon

Last season, Jefferson went on a personal 12-0 run in the second half of a win against UT Martin, helping UNA outscore the Skyhawks 43-28 in the second frame to lead a double-digit victory.

#### **Championship DNA**

While in high school, Jefferson helped led Newman High School to four playoff appearances, including two championships and one runner-up finish. Jefferson earned all-state honors and was named all-state MVP.

#### **New Orleans to Florence**

Canin Jefferson came to UNA by way of New Orleans, Louisiana where he played high school basketball at Newman High School. He is the only Lion from Louisiana this year. He was one of two Louisiana natives last season along with all-conference guard Daniel Ortiz.





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2023-24	UNA	30-0	289/9.6	32-74	.432	11-33	.333	11-16	.688	6	17	23	0.8	25-0	29	15	2	11	86	2.9
2024-25	UNA	35-0	544/15.6	63-158	.399	27-81	.333	40-54	.741	4	37	41	1.2	50-1	39	23	4	27	193	5.5
2025-26	UNA	2-2	56/28.0	6-24	.250	4-13	.308	8-13	.615	0	4	4	2.0	4-0	0	1	2	2	24	12.0
тот	<b>AL</b>	67-2	889/13.3	101-256	.395	42-127	.331	59-83	.711	10	58	68	1.0	79-1	68	39	8	40	303	4.5



## **Kedar Bodie**

6-3 | 205 | Junior | Guard Augusta, Georgia | Butler HS | Bishop State CC

*Pronunciation: Keh-dar BO-dee* 

(not body)



## Bio

**PREVIOUS:** Spent two seasons at Bishop State Community College in Mobile, Alabama ... Coached by Trenton Eager ... Was named the ACCC Player of the Year in 2024-25 ... Scored 1,051 career points at Bishop, including 660 in the 2024-25 season to average 21.2 points per game ... Played in 60 career games with 51 starts ... Had a career shooting percentage of 44.6, going 358-802 from the field ... Made 80 three-pointers with 40 as a freshman and 40 as a sophomore ... Had a career free throw percentage of 81.5, going 255-313 at the stripe ... Earned all-conference honors both seasons, including second team as a rookie and first team as a sophomore.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Butler High School in Augusta, Georgia ... Coached by Cervantes Boddy ... Played shooting guard for the Bulldogs at the Class 2A level ... Won a region championship and finished runner-up at state ... Two-time first team all-region selection ... Won a player of the year award ... Also lettered in football ... Graduated in 2022.

**PERSONAL**: Birthday is March 26 ... From Augusta, Georgia ... Son of Pamela and Gary Bodie ... His father is from Nassau, Bahamas ... Has four siblings — Joia, Tasha, Keisha and Terell ... Majoring in sport management.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **High Scorer from Georgia**

Kedar Bodie was stellar last season at Bishop State Community College, averaging a remarkable 21.2 points per game. He is a two-time all-conference selection for Bishop State. He made 40 three-pointers in his freshman season and followed that with 40 more as a sophomore.

#### **Another 1K Scorer**

Bodie joins Donte Bacchus and Tank Washington as players who excelled at the JUCO level in the state of Alabama and finished their two years with over 1,000 career points. Bodie scored 1,051 career points at Bishop State Community College, including 660 last season as a sophomore.

#### **Peach State Products**

Bodie is one of two Lions from the state of Georgia this season along with Israel Jenrette. The former Butler High School standout is the first Lion to come from Augusta, home of The Master's Tournament. The Lions have had 18 players from Georgia all-time.

#### Player of the Year

Bodie was named Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Player of the Year on March 6, 2025. This was the same night UNA eliminated Jacksonville from the 2025 ASUN Championship in the semifinal round. The ACCC has 23 member schools.



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TOT	AL	2-0	15/7.6	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0	3	3 1.5	1-0	0	1 0	1	9	4.5

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## Kevin de Kovachich

6-4 | 185 | Sophomore | Guard Montreal, Quebec, Canada | Hamilton Heights Academy

Pronunciation: Kevin de-cove-a-cheech

## Bio



**UNA 2024-25:** Played in 22 games off the bench as a true freshman ... Averaged 7.1 minutes per game ... Averaged 3.4 points per game with 74 points ... Scored a season-high 23 points in just 22 minutes of action against Dalton State on Nov. 27 ... Made his debut with four minutes played in the season opener at Air Force on Nov. 4 ... Made his home debut on Nov. 7 against Point, scoring 11 points with a season-high four rebounds and season-high three steals in 16 minutes ... Netted 16 points in 16 minutes at home against Central Arkansas on Feb. 1 ... Shot 25-45 from the floor for 55.6 percent on the season ... Went 8-15 behind the arc for 53.3 percent ... Went 16-21 at the line for 76.2 percent.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tennessee ... Coached by Stephen Cool ... Also played football in high school ... Graduated in 2024.

**PERSONAL:** Birthday is Feburary 1 ... Born in Montréal, Quebec, Canada ... Specific hometown is Montréal-Nord ... Son of Andrea de Kovachich ... Has three siblings ... Enjoys animals ... Majoring in professional management.

## **Quick Hits**

#### Sophomore Season

Kevin de Kovachich played in 22 games as a true freshman and averaged 7.1 minutes per game. He will look to contribute more as a sophomore.

#### **Point Getter**

Kevin de Kovachich played extensive minutes in his home debut against Point University last year, going off for 11 points, four rebounds and three steals. He followed that with 23 points against Dalton State and wass one of three UNA players to score above 20 points in a game last season.

#### **Conference Play Impact**

On February 1 against Central Arkansas, de Kovachich had his best ASUN game with 16 points in 16 minutes. He shot 7-9 from the field.

#### **His Home And Native Land**

Kevin de Kovachich comes to UNA by way of Chattanooga, Tennessee, but is originally from Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He is the only international player on the roster over the last two seasons. Eoin Nelson was the only international player in 2023 by way of Dublin, Ireland.

#### League Of His Own

Kevin de Kovachich is the only Canadian player to play Division I basketball at UNA. The last Canadian player at UNA was forward Kevin Ndahiro — also named Kevin — from Ottawa in 2017-18. Ndahiro played in 27 games and scored 73 points. The 2017-18 season was UNA's last at the Division II level.



## **Career Stats**

#### **DE KOVACHICH, Kevin**

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2024-25	UNA	22-0	157/7.1	25-45	.556	8-15	.533	16-21	.762	6	18	24	1.1	12-0	10	4	0	14	74	3.4
2025-26	UNA	2-2	58/28.8	13-22	.591	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	1	5	6	3.0	6-0	5	3	0	3	32	16.0
тот	AL.	24-2	215/8.9	38-67	.567	12-23	.522	18-25	.720	7	23	30	1.3	18-0	15	7	0	17	106	4.4

# **12** Cortez Graham-Howard

6-5 | 210 | Freshman | Guard Nashville, Tennessee | Hillsboro HS

Pronunciation: Cor-tez Graham Howard

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Tennessee ... Coached by Rodney Thweat ... Three-star prospect by 247Sports with an 80 grade ... Fourth-ranked prospect from Tennessee in the composite rankings for the class of 2025 ... Played all five positions for the Burros as needed ... Was a finalist for the 2025 TSSAA Mr. Basketball award for Class 4A ... Led the team to a state championship as a senior in 2025 ... Also led the team to three district and region championships and one final four ... Made the all-state tournament team ... District 11 4A MVP as a junior ... Won Multi-time All-District 11 4A and All-Region 6 4A selection since his freshman season ... Averaged roughly 16 points, 6.2 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game for his career ... Graduated in 2025.

PERSONAL: Birthday is May 28 ... From Nashville, Tennessee ... Son of Leon Howard and Comaneci Graham ... Has four siblings — Caliya, Leon, Cachey and Camecia ... Has had multipe relatives in the college athletics world — all from Nashville — including former Vanderbilt and UCLA football player Jamie Graham, former Tennessee State men's basketball player Jamonte Graham and former IUPUI basketball standout Odell Bradley, who also played in the USBL and CBA ... Majoring in sport management.

## **Quick Hits**

#### Music City to the Shoals

Cortez Graham-Howard was a three-star prospect out of Hillsboro High School in Nashville. He was the fourth-ranked prospect from the state of Tennessee in the composite rankings for the class of 2025 by 247 Sports. He was a Tennessee High School Mr. Basketball Finalist for Class 4A after leading his team to a state title in 2025.

#### **Put Him Anywhere**

Graham-Howard was a weapon for Hillsboro, as he played all five positions at some point in his high school career. He is expected to play guard for the Lions, providing size at the position. He has point guard and shooting guard abilities and can also play the frontcourt.

#### Third Lion from Nashville

Graham-Howard is the first player from Nashville to join the program since 2004. Two other Lions have hailed from Music City — Jeremiah Marshall and Orlando Springer. Those two were on the team together in 2003 and 2004. The Nashville area also produced KJ Johnson, who is originally from Lewisburg, Tennessee and spent two seasons at Lipscomb before transferring to UNA in 2022. Johnson made the famous three-pointer at the buzzer to defeat Lipscomb in the ASUN Quarterfinal in Nashville in 2024.

#### **Family Ties**

Cortez has numerous family members who have left their mark on college athletics, including former Vanderbilt and UCLA football player Jamie Graham, former Tennessee State men's basketball player Jamonte Graham and former IUPUI basketball standout Odell Bradley, who also played in the USBL and CBA.



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# **21** Israel Jenrette

7-1 | 270 | Sophomore | Center Valdosta, Georgia | Valdosta HS

Pronunciation: Is-ree-el Jen-rette (Two Syllables)



## Bio

UNA 2024-25: Played in 22 games as a true freshman ... Averaged 5.6 minutes per game ... Scored 17 points and grabbed 34 rebounds ... Added 11 blocks to rank fourth on the team ... Scored one point on a free throw and had three rebounds in his collegiate debut at Air Force ... Scored his first career field goal in the home opener at Point ... Grabbed nine rebounds in 11 minutes against Point for a season high ... Also had a season-high three blocks in the Point game ... Scored four points in just one minute played against Tennessee Tech ... Grabbed 12 rebounds during conference play ... Shot 7-14 from the field for 50 percent ... Went 3-8 from the line for 37.5 percent.

HIGH SCHOOL: Prepped at Valdosta High School in Valdosta, Georgia ... Coached by James Lee ... Won three regional championships and made it two a pair of Sweet 16s at the 7A level ... Two-time Defensive Player of the Year as a junior and senior ... Also twotime first team all-region ... One-time all-state ... First Division I signee out of Valdosta in over a decade ... Honor Roll ... Graduated in 2024.

**PERSONAL:** Goes by "Izzy" ... Birthday is November 22 ... From Valdosta, Georgia ... Son of Stacey and Kimberly Jenrette ... His father played at Air Force ... Has four siblings — Stacey Jr., Tyree, Domnique and Nykeriah ... Enjoys fishing ... Majoring in computer science.

## **Quick Hits**

#### The Biggest of Bigs

Israel Jenrette is the tallest player on the roster at a towering 7-foot-1. Jenrette is the tallest player in UNA's history, as well as the first player over seven feet tall. The previous tallest players were Gary Tibbetts (1980-82) and Eoin Nelson (2022-24) both at 6-foot-11. Teammate Mitchell Chaffee also stands at 6-11.

#### Rookie Regular

Last season, Jenrette was the only freshman on the roster to play all 13 non-conference games. He averaged 5.6 minutes per game last season.

#### Valdosta Ties

Jenrette joined UNA from Valdosta, Georgia, which is in the footprint of UNA's former Division II conference, the Gulf South Conference. While at Valdosta High School, Jenrette helped his team advance to a pair of Sweet 16s at the Class 7A level.

#### **Swat Partu**

Jenrette had 11 blocks last season while averaging 5.6 minutes per game. Most notably, Jenrette swatted away a putback against Charleston Southern to rile up the crowd. He also has 34 rebounds to average 1.5 per game.



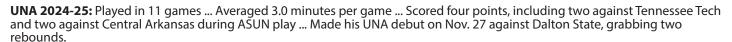
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## **24** Mitchell Chaffee

6-10 | Junior | Center Muscle Shoals, Ala. | Calhoun CC

Pronunciation: Mitchell Chay-fee

## Bio



**PREVIOUS:** Played two seasons at Calhoun Community College in Alabama for head coach Derrick Powell ... Was the first signee for Calhoun's men's basketball program in 21 years as the program returned to the court in 2022 ... Played in 57 career games for the Warhawks ... Averaged 5.1 PPG as a freshman in 2022-23 and upped that to 6.9 PPG as a sophomore in 2023-24 ... Shot 87-189 from the field as a sophomore for 46.0 percent.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped locally at Muscle Shoals High School ... Coached by Neal Barker ... Played center for the Trojans at the 6A level ... Led the team in scoring and rebounding as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Goes by "Mitch" ... Birthday is January 30 ... Born in Flora, Illinois ... From Muscle Shoals, Alabama ... Son of Tim Chaffee and Deanna Burkett ... Has two siblings — Kaio and Gabi ... Majoring in computer science.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **Local Hero**

Mitchell Chaffee joined the Lions last season from Calhoun Community College and has the nearest hometown to UNA just across the bridge in Muscle Shoals. Chaffee was the leading scorer and rebounder at Muscle Shoals High School as a senior.

#### **First Appearance**

Mitchell Chaffee made his first Lion appearance against Dalton State last year, playing eight minutes with two rebounds. He followed that with his first points on a layup against Tennessee Tech.

#### There's A First For Everything

Mitchell Chaffee was the first signee at Calhoun Community College for men's basketball since 2001, as the program went on a 21-year hiatus until 2022. Chaffee averaged 5.1 PPG as a rookie and 6.9 PPG as a sophomore.

#### Staying In State

Chaffee is one of five in-state players for UNA, joining Dallas Howell from Coffee Springs (near Enterprise), Jamal Albritton from Montgomery, Donte Bacchus from Homewood and Braylon Patton from Birmingham (Hueytown).



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2024-25	UNA	11-0	34/3.1	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	0	3 0.3	1-0 (	0	0	0	4 0.4
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6-7 | Freshman | Forward Dallas, Texas | TACA Academy

Pronunciation: Dark-on King

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## Bio

**UNA 2024-25:** Played in 18 games as a true freshman ... Averaged 7.5 minutes per game ... Averaged 2.2 points per game with 39 points ... Made his collegiate debut in the final game of non-conference play, playing 11 minutes against Loyola Marymount (CA) on Dec. 22 ... Made a long two-pointer to end the LMU game for his first collegiate basket ... Also grabbed two rebounds and added a block in his debut ... Had a season-high seven points at FGCU on Jan. 9, adding his first career triple in the process ... Picked up his first career steal and scored six points off the bench against West Georgia on Feb. 18 ... Shot 18-37 from the field on the season for 48.6 percent ... Went 3-12 behind the arc for 25 percent ... Did not attempt any free throws.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at The Arts Community Alliance (TACA) in Dallas, Texas ... Played forward for Coach Ani Umana ... First-team all-district selection ... Made a state playoff appearance ... Graduated in 2024.

**PERSONAL:** Nickname is "Kool" ... Birthday is October 24 ... Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma ... From Dallas, Texas ... Son of Darryl and Corey King ... His father played basketball at Kansas State ... Has two siblings — Acoya and Kymani ... Has three dogs ... Majoring in elementary education.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **Kool King**

DarKaun King, also known as "Kool," is from Dallas, Texas. While at The Arts Community Alliance, he was rated by some sites as a three-star prospect. He is the son of former Kansas State basketball player Corey King.

#### **A Royal Debut**

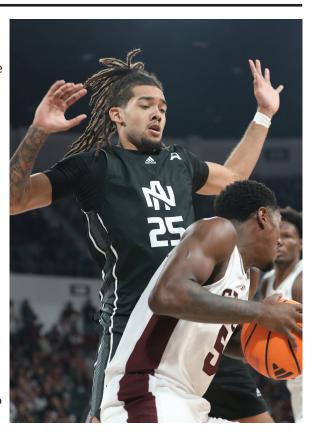
DarKaun King made his collegiate debut in the final game of non-conference play, playing 11 minutes against Loyola Marymount. He made a long two-pointer to end the game for his first collegiate basket. He also grabbed two rebounds. King was a regular contributer in conference play and now in the postseason off the bench.

#### **ASUN Highlights**

DarKaun King scored his first points inside CB&S Bank Arena against EKU with a two-pointer in the first half. Against FGCU, he sank his first career three-pointer and scored a career-high seven points in his fourth collegiate game. He recently picked up his first career steal against West Georgia and scored six points off the bench in the Wolves' return trip to Florence.

#### **Texas Pride**

DarKaun King is one of six all-time players at UNA from the state of Texas, including Patrick Fairley (1992-93), Marco Foster (2023-24), Desmond Greer (1996), Floyd Macon (1989-90) and Sherman Wyckoff (1987-88). Greer is also from Dallas.



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SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF-FO	<b>A</b> 1	ΓΟΙ	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	UNA	18-0	136/7.5	18-37	.486	3-12	.250	0-0	.000	6	13	19	1.1	19-0	3	3	3	2	39	2.2
2025-26	UNA	2-0	25/12.4	4-6	.667	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1.0	0-0	0	0	1	0	9	4.5
TOT	AL	20-0	161/8.0	22-43	.512	3-13	.231	1-2	.500	6	15	21	1.1	19-0	3	3	4	2	48	2.4

34 Dallas Howell
6-7 | Senior | Forward

Coffee Springs, Alabama | Enterprise HS

Bio

**Pronunciation: Dallas Howell** 



**UNA 2024-25:** Played in and started three games before suffering a season-ending injury ... Averaged 24.3 minutes ... Was averaging 11.3 points per game, scoring 34 points over his three games ... Had eight rebounds for 2.7 per game ... Had an impressive season debut against Air Force, leading the Lions to a thrilling road win with 17 points, one block and five rebounds ... Shot 5-8 behind the arc at Air Force ... Scored seven points in the home opener against Point ... Scored 10 points against UT Martin before exiting the game in the second half ... Had "one of everything" in the UT Martin game with 10 points, two assists, one rebound, one block and one steal ... Shot 12-27 from the floor for 44.4 percent ... Went 7-20 behind the arc for 35 percent ... Went 3-6 at the line for 50 percent ... Traveled to every game and helped support the team as one of the team leaders after his injury.

UNA 2023-24: Played in 27 games with seven starts ... Logged 24.4 minutes per game ... Scored 8.4 points per game and grabbed 5.3 rebounds per game ... Finished the season playing in 95 career games, which ranks fourth on the all-time list for most career Division I games in a UNA uniform ... Led the team with 27 blocks ... Had 12 games in double figure scoring totals ... Scored a career-high 17 points against Tennessee Tech on December 16, going 7-14 from the field ... Notched a double-double against Kennesaw State with 12 points and a season-high 11 rebounds ... Led the team with 14 points in a thrilling ASUN Quarterfinal Round win over Lipscomb, where UNA won at the buzzer and made national headlines ... Had 16 games with multiple three-pointers made ... Led the team in three-point shooting, going 54-154 for 35.1 percent ... Went 77-202 from the floor for 38.1 percent ... Shot 18-19 at the line for 94.7 percent, leading all players in free throw percentage with at least 15 attempts ... Had an even assist/turnover ratio with 16 of each ... Added 23 steals to rank second on the team.

**UNA 2022-23:** Played in 31 games and started in 27 games in the 2022-23 season ... Averaged 6.7 points and 4.1 rebounds across 24.2 minutes per game ... Shot 74-189 from the floor and a career high 38.4 percent from three, making 53 of his 138 attempts ... Added 22 steals, 20 assists and 19 blocks ... Reached double figures on five occasions including a 13 points to go alongside nine rebounds at Mississippi Valley State on Nov. 18.

**UNA 2021-22:** Played in 29 games, including four starts in 2021-22 ... Went 45-137 from the floor, including 33 made three-point baskets ... Averaged 4.4 points and 2.9 rebounds per game and added four steals, 14 assist and 20 blocked shots ... Reached double figures four times on the year including a career-high 15 points on Nov. 28 during a win at Alabama State.

**UNA 2020-21:** Saw action in eight games for the Lions in the 2020-21 season ... Scored 14 points and pulled down eight rebounds on the year, adding two assists, a steal and a blocked shot ... Was 4-of-13 from three-point range ... Scored eight points on Feb. 13 against Bellarmine.

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year letterman and three-year starter at Class 7A Enterprise High School ... Scored 1,078 career points, averaging 15.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game as a senior ... Received a Class 7A All-State honorable mention as a sophomore and second-team selection as a junior ... Was also a three-time area all-tournament pick, earned regional all-tournament honors as a junior and was selected to play in the AHSAA North/South All-Star Game.

PERSONAL: Birthday is May 8 ... Son of Hunter and Karla Howell ... Has three siblings, Holli, Hayden, and Dru ... Major is Exercise Science.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **Year Six**

Dallas Howell is the longest-tenured member of the program with six seasons at UNA, including a COVID-19 season and an injury redshirt last season. Howell has appeared in 98 games and looks to become the third UNA player to play in 100 basketball games at the Division I level. The other two are Will Soucie and Jamari Blackmon.

#### **Started Hot**

Before a second-half injury against UT Martin in the third game of 2024-25, Howell was averaging 11.3 PPG and was on pace for a career season. He opened the season with 17 points and five rebounds in a program-defining road win over Air Force.

#### First Double-Double

In a 90-84 win over Kennesaw State in 2023, Dallas Howell posted his first-career double-double with 12 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Howell shot 4-9 behind the arc to account for all of his scoring.





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SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	UNA	8-0	36/4.5	5-17	.294	4-13	.308	0-0	.000	1	7	8	1.0	2-0	2	2	1	1	14	1.8
2021-22	UNA	29-4	420/14.5	45-137	.328	33-114	.289	6-11	.545	18	66	84	2.9	52-2	14	24	20	4	129	4.4
2022-23	UNA	31-27	708/22.9	74-189	.392	53-138	.384	7-10	.700	23	104	127	4.1	83-3	20	24	19	22	208	6.7
2023-24	UNA	27-7	665/24.6	77-202	.381	54-154	.351	18-19	.947	29	113	142	5.3	64-2	16	16	27	23	226	8.4
2024-25	UNA	3-3	73/24.2	12-27	.444	7-20	.350	3-6	.500	3	5	8	2.7	2-0	2	3	2	2	34	11.3
2025-26	UNA	1-0	18/18.1	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	4.0	3-0	0	3	1	0	0	0.0
TOT	AL	99-41	1920/19.4	213-577	.369	151-442	.342	34-46	.739	74	299	373	3.8	206-7	54	72	70	52	611	6.2

## 35 Jamal Albritton

6-9 | Senior | Center Montgomery, Alabama | Wallace-Selma CC

Pronunciation: Jamal All-britton

## Bio



**UNA 2024-25:** Played in two games before a season-ending injury ... Averaged 14.0 minutes ... Had two rebounds and one block in a road win over Air Force ... Scored two points with two rebounds and two blocks in the home-opening win over Point.

**UNA 2023-24:** Played in 13 games ... Averaged 4.8 minutes per game ... Scored eight points and had 11 rebounds on the season ... Had a game-changing block in the closing moments against Kennesaw State on January 24, helping the Lions score a tight road win over the defending ASUN Champions ... Scored a season-high four points, notched a season-high four rebounds and logged a season-high 19 minutes against Rust College on December 7 ... Also scored against Texas Tech and North Florida ... Finished the season with four blocks.

**PREVIOUS:** Played at Wallace-Selma Junior College under head coach Duane Evans.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Prepped at Percy Julian High School under head coach Bryant Johnson ... Helped lead the team to three state playoff appearances including one state championship in 2020.

PERSONAL: Birthday is May 16 ... Son of Ashley Wooden and has two siblings, Maximus and Schlaya ... Major is Business.

## **Quick Hits**

#### **Get That Outta Here**

Jamal Albritton had a big defensive play in the 90-84 win over Kennesaw State to start UNA's five game winning streak last season, swatting away a layup in the final minute to help preserve the victory.

#### **Sweet Home Alabama**

Albritton is one of five in-state players for UNA, joining Dallas Howell from Coffee Springs (near Enterprise), Mitchell Chaffee from Muscle Shoals, Donte Bacchus from Homewood and Braylon Patton from Birmingham.

#### **Never Too Tall**

Albritton is the third-tallest member of the North Alabama men's basketball program behind sophomore Israel Jenrette at 7-1 and senior transfer Mitchell Chaffee at 6-11. Forward Corneilous Williams is fourth at 6-9.

#### **Lifting Trophies**

During his junior season of high school, Albritton helped Percy Julian High School take home the 2020 AHSAA 7A State championship trophy in basketball. Albritton was a member of the 2019 and 2021 squads that made runs in the state playoffs.



				Field G	ioals	3-Poir	nt	F-Thr	ows	I	Rebo	und	5						Scoring
<b>SEASON</b>	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF-FO	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS AVG
2023-24	UNA	13-0	61/4.7	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	5	6	11	0.8	10-0	1	2	4	0	8 0.6
2024-25	UNA	2-0	28/14.1	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	2.0	6-0	0	2	3	0	2 1.0
2025-26	UNA	1-0	5/4.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2-0	0	0	1	0	0.0
TOT	AL	16-0	94/5.9	3-11	.273	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	6	11	17	1.1	18-0	1	4	8	0	10 0.6



**Detroit, Mich.** | Loomis-Chaffee School

Pronunciation: King Walker

UNA 2024-25: Did not make any appearances.



PERSONAL: Birthday is May 15 ... Born in Detroit, Michigan ... Comes to UNA by way of Windsor, Connecticut ... Has three older siblings — Keith, Taylor and Brooklyn ... Comes from a host family of successful athletes, including his brother Tre Williams who played football at Clemson, Chris Williams who played football at Stonehill and Ortavius Walker who played basketball at Central State ... Full name is Kingston ... Majoring in Bio Engineering at UNA.

lettered in football and cross country ... Won two football championships while playing wide receiver ... Graduated in 2024

## **Quick Hits**

#### **Motor City Baller**

Kingston Walker, who goes by "King," was born in Detroit, Michigan. He is the seventh player to hail from Michigan in UNA history. The most recent was Christian Agnew from 2019-20. Others include Lester Harbin (2000), Roy McBee (1987-58), Tommy Minor (1983-84), Anthony Stewart (2000) and Eric Summers (1999).

#### **Connecticut Connection**

Walker attended boarding school in Connecticut and is the only UNA player to ever come to campus by way of Connecticut.

#### **Family Affair**

King Walker is from a host family of successful athletes, including his brother Tre Williams who played football at Clemson, Chris Williams who played football at Stonehill and Ortavius Walker who played basketball at Central State.



## **UNA Player Career-Highs**

#### **O** - Tank Washington

PTS - 29 vs. Southern Union St., 11/5/24

AST - 3 vs. Southern Union St., 11/5/24

REB - 13 vs. Reid State Tech, 1/9/25

STL - 5 vs. Lurleen B. Wallace, 12/13/24

BLK - 5 vs. Bishop State, 12/16/24

#### 1 - Donte Bacchus

PTS - 21 at North Florida, 1/18/25

#### AST - 3 vs. Lane College, 11/7/25

REB - 10 (three times)

STL - 5 vs. Queens (2/26/25)

BLK - 2 (three times)

#### 2 - Corneilous Williams

#### PTS - 22 vs. Lane College, 11/7/25

AST - 2 vs. Bellarminem 1/2/25

REB - 19 at West Georgia, 2/8/25

STL - 3 vs. Samford, 11/15/24

BLK - 6 vs. Austin Peay, 1/25/25

#### 3 - Braylon Patton

PTS - 11 at Mississippi State, 11/5/25

AST - 1 at Mississippi State, 11/5/25

#### REB-3 vs. Lane College, 11/7/25

STL - N/A

BLK - N/A

#### 4 - Canin Jefferson

PTS - 18 vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1/4/25

AST - 6 vs. Rust College, 12/7/23

REB - 4 (two times)

STL - 3 at Central Arkansas, 2/24/25

BLK - 1 (seven times)

#### 5 - Kedar Bodie

PTS - 33 vs. Coastal Alabama, 1/13/25

AST - 8 vs. Wallace State, 1/19/25

REB -11 vs. Calhoun, 2/23/25

STL - 6 vs. Gadsden State, 2/24/25

BLK - 3 vs. Gadsden State, 2/24/25

#### 8 - Kevin de Kovachich

PTS - 23 vs. Dalton State, 11/27/24

AST-5 vs. Lane College, 11/7/25

REB-4 (two times)

STL-3 (two times)

BLK - N/A

#### 9 - Taye Fields

PTS - 32 at Pittsburg State (3/2/24)

AST - 9 at Central Arkansas (2/24/25)

REB - 19 (two times)

STL - 4 (four times)

BLK - 6 (two times) (last vs. APSU on 2/5)

#### 12 - Cortez Graham-Howard

#### PTS - 2 vs. Lane College, 11/7/25

AST - 2 at Mississippi State, 11/5/25

REB - 3 at Mississippi State, 11/5/25

STL - 1 (two times)

#### BLK-1 vs. Lane College, 11/7/25

#### 21 - Israel Jenrette

PTS - 4 vs. Tennessee Tech, 12/4/24

AST - N/A

REB - 9 vs. Point, 11/7/24

STL - 1 vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 11/23/24

BLK - 3 (two times)

#### 24 - Mitchell Chaffee

PTS - 2 (two times)

AST - N/A

REB - 2 vs. Dalton State, 11/27/24

STL - N/A

BLK - N/A

#### 25 - DarKaun King

PTS - 7 at FGCU, 1/9/25

AST - 2 vs. Central Arkansas, 2/1/25

REB - 5 at Central Arkansas 2/24/25

STL - 1 (two times)

BLK - 1 (four times)

#### 34 - Dallas Howell

PTS - 17 at Tennessee Tech, 12/16/23

AST - 4 at Virgin Islands, 11/13/21

REB - 14 at Eastern Kentucky, 2/16/22

#### STL-4 (two times)

BLK - 4 vs Carver, 12/5/21

#### 35 - Jamal Albritton

PTS - 4 vs. Rust College, 12/7/23

AST - 1 at Texas Tech, 1/1/24

REB - 4 vs. Rust College, 12/7/23

STL - N/A

BLK - 2 vs. Point, 11/7/24

#### 55 - King Walker

PTS - N/A

AST - N/A

REB - N/A

STL - N/A

BLK - N/A

NOTE: The career-highs listed are while playing at an NCAA institution. JUCO and NAIA stats are not included here.

JUCO career highs are only included for Kedar Bodie and Tank Washington since they made their NCAA debuts this year.

Highlight indicates career mark was set last game.

## Radio/TV Sheet



Tony Pujol Head Coach Eighth Season



0 - Tank Washington6-7 • Jr. • ForwardPanama City, Fla.



1 - Donte Bacchus6-7 • Sr. • ForwardHomewood, Ala.



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3 - Braylon Patton 6-0 • Fr. • Guard Birmingham, Ala.



4 - Canin Jefferson 6-2 • Jr. • Guard New Orleans, La.



5 - Kedar Bodie 6-3 • Jr. • Guard Augusta, Ga.



8 - Kevin de Kovachich 6-4 • So. • Guard Montreal, Quebec, Canada



12 - Cortez Graham-Howard 6-5 • Fr. • Guard Nashville, Tenn.



21 - Israel Jenrette7-1 • So. • CenterValdosta, Ga.



24 - Mitchell Chaffee 6-10 • Sr. • Center Muscle Shoals, Ala.



25 - DarKaun King 6-7 • So. • Forward Dallas, Texas



34 - Dallas Howell 6-7 • R-Sr. • Forward Coffee Springs, Ala.



35 - Jamal Albritton 6-9 • R-Sr. • Center Montgomery, Ala.



55 - King Walker 6-6 • R-Fr. • Guard Detroit, Mich.