

QUICK FACTS

THE BASICS

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Founded: 1794
Conference: Southeastern
Enrollment: 40,421
Colors: Orange (PMS 151) & White
Nickname: Volunteers
Mascot: Smokey
Band: Pride of the Southland
University President: Randy Boyd
Knoxville Chancellor: Dr. Donde Plowman
Faculty Athletics Rep: Dr. Matt Harris
Director of Athletics: Dr. Daniel J. White
Athletic Department Phone: 865-974-1220
Ticket Office Phone: 1-800-332-VOLS (8657)

COURT FACTS

FOOD CITY CENTER

Normal Capacity: 21,678
Record in Arena: 481-144 (.770), 39th season
Record on Current Floor: 42-4 (.913), third season
Largest Crowd: 25,610 vs. Kentucky (1/21/89)
Largest Crowd at Current Capacity: 22,547 vs. Auburn (2/28/24)

MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS

Outlets interested in obtaining credentials to cover Tennessee basketball home games must apply for credentials via Sports Systems:

www.sportssystem.com/clients/seccredentials/

Applications for single-game credentials should be submitted at least five days in advance of the game(s) one plans to cover.

COVERING PRACTICE

Only select Tennessee basketball practices are open to the media. Contact Associate AD Alex Schwartz (alexschwartz@tennessee.edu) for dates and times. See Pages 360-361 of the UT Record Book for specific coverage guidelines.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCES

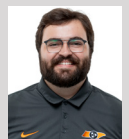
Rick Barnes and select Tennessee players are typically available for interviews twice weekly during the season (in addition to postgame availabilities). For a particular week's schedule, please email Alex Schwartz (alexschwartz@tennessee.edu).

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TENNESSEE ROSTER (NUMERICAL/ALPHABETICAL)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	G	6-1	188	Sr.	Greenville, Md. / Maryland / Belmont / Greenville
1	Amari Evans	G	6-5	220	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Overtime Elite (Ga.)
3	Bishop Boswell	G	6-4	204	So.	Charlotte, N.C. / Myers Park
4	Clarence Massamba	G	6-5	192	Fr.	Paris, France / Edmentum
6	DeWayne Brown II	F	6-8	251	Fr.	Hoover, Ala. / Hoover
7	Grant Hurst	G	6-2	205	RSr.	Cleveland, Tenn. / UT Martin / Cleveland
10	Nate Ament	F	6-10	207	Fr.	Manassas, Va. / Highland School
11	Gavin Paull	G	5-11	160	So.	Austin, Texas / Westlake
12	Cade Phillips	F	6-9	221	Jr.	Jacksonville, Ala. / Link Academy (Mo.)
13	J.P. Estrella	F	6-11	240	RSr.	Scarborough, Maine / Brewster Academy (N.H.)
21	Campbell Duncan	G	6-6	205	So.	Austin, Texas / Anderson
23	Jaylen Carey	F	6-8	267	Jr.	Southwest Ranches, Fla. / Vanderbilt / James Madison / Westminster Acad.
24	Troy Henderson	G	6-1	186	Fr.	Richmond, Va. / John Marshall
34	Felix Okpara	F	6-11	243	Sr.	Lagos, Nigeria / Ohio State / Link Academy (Mo.)
35	Ethan Burg	G	6-3	199	So.	Mishmar HaShiv'a, Israel / Gymnasia Realit Rishon LeZion
77	Amaree Abram	G	6-3	200	Sr.	Port Arthur, Texas / La. Tech / Ga. Tech / Ole Miss / So. Cal. Acad. (Calif.)

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Head Coach: Rick Barnes

Overall Record: 852-430 (39th season)

Record at Tennessee: 248-116 (118-71 SEC) (11th season)

Associate Head Coach: Justin Gainey (fifth season, fourth as AHC)

Assistant Coach: Gregg Polinsky (fifth season, fourth as AC)

Assistant Coach: Amorow Morgan (first season)

Assistant Coach: Bryan Lentz (eighth season, second as AC)

Assistant Coach: Steve McClain (first season)

Director of Basketball Ops.: Mary-Carter Eggert (11th season)

Director of Sports Performance: Garrett Medenwald (11th season)

Athletic Trainer: Chad Newman (30th season)

Director of Player Personnel: Lucas Campbell (sixth season)

Director of Video and Analytics: Luke Schapker (eighth season)

Director of Strategy: Scott Daughtry (third season)

Assistant Director of Player Development: Riley Collins (fourth season)

Player Development Coordinator: Justin Caldwell (second season)

Administrative Specialist: Janet Reynolds (25th season)

Graduate Assistant: Colin Coyne (second season)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nate Ament: AY-ment

DeWayne Brown II: duh-WAYNE

J.P. Estrella: uh-STRELL-uh

Clarence Massamba: muh-SAHM-buh

Felix Okpara: ock-PAR-uh

Garrett Medenwald: MAY-dihn-wald

Amorow Morgan: uh-MARR-oh

BREAKDOWN BY LOCATION

Country: United States (13), France, Israel, Nigeria
State: Texas (3), Alabama (2), Tennessee (2), Virginia (2), Florida, Maine, North Carolina, Pennsylvania

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Seniors: Four (one RS)

Juniors: Two

Sophomores: Five (one RS)

Freshmen: Five



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TENNESSEE BASKETBALL

BY THE NUMBERS

852 Rick Barnes is tied for the most wins (**852**) of any active DI head coach and ranks co-ninth on the all-time list (min. 10 years in DI).

105 The Volunteers have been ranked in **105** of the 111 AP Poll releases over the last six seasons (2020-26), with 56 top-10 nods.

24 Since 12/22/21, Tennessee is **24-12** versus AP top-15 foes, including 13-8 against AP top-10 teams and 8-6 versus the AP top five.

1 Tennessee is the one (**1**) team to reach the Elite Eight and finish in the AP, Coaches and KenPom top five each of the last two years.

WINNING WAYS

- Over the last nine seasons (2017-26), Tennessee paces all SEC programs in total victories (217) and postseason victories (23), plus ranks second in overall winning percentage (.728; 217-81). In that period, UT has three SEC titles (2018 and 2024 regular seasons, 2022 tournament).
- In that same span, the Volunteers are one of two SEC teams with even 205-plus wins and/or a winning percentage above .695, alongside Auburn (216-80; .730).
- Over SEC play across the same period, Tennessee (104-49; .680) is second in the SEC in league winning percentage and league victories, trailing only Kentucky (105-49; .682). The only other schools at even 95-plus wins and/or a .600 clip are Auburn (101-53; .656) and Alabama (97-57; .630).
- In just the last five seasons (2021-26), the Vols own a 125-43 (.7440) overall record. That is good for the most total wins and the best winning percentage in the SEC, narrowly ahead of Auburn (.7439; 122-42).
- In that time, Tennessee (57-25; .695) ties Alabama (57-25; .695) and Kentucky (57-26; .687) for second in league wins and equals the former in league winning percentage. Auburn (58-24; .707) is first.

RACKING UP RANKED VICTORIES...

- TOP 25:** In the past five seasons (2021-26), the Vols' 33 AP top-25 wins lead DI. Only Connecticut (31), Alabama (30), Kansas (30), Arizona (27), Iowa State (27) and Purdue (26) are even at 26-plus.
- TOP 20:** Tennessee leads the nation with 29 AP top-20 triumphs over that span. Just Connecticut (27), Kansas (26), Alabama (25), Arizona (22) and Purdue (21) are even at 21-plus.
- TOP 15:** The Vols lead DI with 24 AP top-15 decisions over those five years. Kansas (23) and Alabama (20) are the only other schools even at 18-plus.
- TOP 10:** Since 2021-22, Tennessee owns 13 AP top-10 wins, co-first nationally, alongside Connecticut (13), Iowa State (13) and Kansas (13). Alabama (12), Florida (12), Arizona (11), Kentucky (11) and Purdue (11) are the only programs even with 10-plus.
- TOP FIVE:** In that same five-year period, the Volunteers have eight AP top-five victories, tied with Arizona for the most in DI. Alabama (seven), Florida (seven) and Iowa State (six) are the only others with even five-plus.
- TOP THREE:** UT's five AP top-three wins in those five years tie Florida for second in DI, behind Arizona (six). The only others with even four are Alabama (four), Iowa State (four) and Wisconsin (four).

...AND DOING SO EFFICIENTLY

- Tennessee, at 33-22 (.600), has the SEC's best record versus AP top-25 foes over the last five seasons (2021-26). Auburn (24-20; .545) places second, while no one else has a tally over .525.
- The Volunteers are 29-17 (.630) against AP top-20 teams in that span, 12 games over the .500 mark. Auburn (20-16; .556) is a distant second among SEC schools, with no other one at even a .480 clip.
- Tennessee is 24-13 (.649) versus AP top-15 foes in that time. Auburn (15-14; .517) is a far second in the SEC, as the only other team above even .500.
- At 13-9 (.591), the Vols have the best record in the SEC against AP top-10 foes over those five seasons. The only other SEC team above even a .460 clip is distant second-place Florida (12-12; .500).
- With an 8-7 (.533) figure, Tennessee has the second-best record in the SEC versus AP top-five teams in

that stretch, barely trailing only Florida (7-6; .538). No other team owns a clip above even .400.

- The Volunteers, even with their excellent winning percentage, have played the fourth-most games (55) against AP top-25 foes of any DI team the last five years (2021-26). UT trails just Texas (61), Alabama (60) and Oklahoma (56) in such outings. Kansas (53) ranks fifth on the list.

SEVEN IN A ROW

- Tennessee has reached every NCAA Tournament since 2018. The seven straight bids pass 2006-11 for the longest streak in program history.
- UT is tied with Houston for the fourth-longest active NCAA Tournament streak in DI, trailing Michigan State (27), Gonzaga (26) and Purdue (10). Baylor and Kansas (due to a vacated bid) are next with six.
- The Vols' current streak includes four—2018, 2023, 2024, 2025—of their 10 all-time Sweet 16 bids and two of their three Elite Eight trips (2024, 2025).
- UT has earned a top-five seed in each of its seven NCAA Tournament trips under **Rick Barnes**: No. 3 in 2018, No. 2 in 2019, No. 5 in 2021, No. 3 in 2022, No. 4 in 2023, No. 2 in 2024 and No. 2 in 2025.
- The Vols' No. 2 seed in 2025 matched 2024, 2019, 2008 and 2006 for their best position ever.
- Tennessee has three No. 2 seeds in Barnes' tenure, eclipsing its full total (two) before his arrival. The seven top-five seeds in the Barnes also surpass UT's complete tally (five) prior to his hiring.

RARE AIR

- Rick Barnes**, a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame nominee each of the last three years, reached the DI NCAA Tournament for the 29th time in 2024-25. That moved him past **Bob Knight** (28) for sole possession of fourth place in history. Only **Mike Krzyzewski** (36), **Jim Boeheim** (35) and **Roy Williams** (30) have more bids.

FIVE DIFFERENT DECADES

- Rick Barnes** and **Rick Pitino** are the only two active coaches to lead a team to the Division I NCAA Tournament in five separate decades. Barnes made his first trip in 1989, while Pitino did so in 1983.
- Just nine total coaches have achieved this feat all-time. The other seven are **Jim Boeheim** (six decades), **Lefty Driesell**, **Cliff Ellis**, **Bob Huggins**, **Lon Kruger**, **Mike Krzyzewski** and **Ray Meyer**.

QUITE THE CAMPAIGN

- Tennessee's 10 AP top-25 wins last season were its most ever, eclipsing the seven it had in both 2023-24 and 2021-22. It has tallied at least seven in three of the last four years after never before doing so.
- UT had seven AP top-15 wins last year, passing 2021-22 (six) for the most in school history. The Vols had five in 2022-23, giving them five-plus in three of the last four years after never before hitting that mark.
- This was the third time in program history, including the second in **Rick Barnes'** tenure, the Vols logged four AP top-seven (or even AP top-10) victories in a single season, joining 2021-22 and 1976-77.
- Tennessee had 25-plus wins in a season for the ninth time, including the sixth under **Rick Barnes** (all in the last eight years) and the fourth in a row. It reached 25 victories in the regular season for the third time, joining 2018-19 (27-4) and 2007-08 (28-3).
- The Volunteers posted 30-plus wins for the third time, including the second in the Barnes era. They went 31-6 in 2018-19, and 31-5 in 2007-08.

FANTASTIC FINISHES PART I ...

- Tennessee is one of just seven schools to finish in the AP top 25 in each of the last four years, including the only one in the SEC. The Volunteers placed fifth in 2024-25, fifth in 2023-24, No. 20 in 2022-23 and fifth in 2021-22.
- The other six teams to achieve the feat are Arizona, Duke, Gonzaga, Houston, Purdue and Saint Mary's.
- Of those seven, only five were top-20 all four years: Arizona, Duke, Houston, Purdue and Tennessee.

... FANTASTIC FINISHES PART II

- Tennessee and Houston are the only schools to finish top-five in the polls each of the last two years. Both teams did so in the AP Poll and the Coaches Poll, as well as the KenPom rankings.
- The Volunteers ended the year fifth on all three lists in 2023-24 and then did so again in 2024-25. The AP Poll and KenPom finishes set program bests, while the Coaches Poll placement tied UT's top mark.
- Duke is the only other school to rank even top-10 in all three final polls the last two years. Alabama is the lone other to do so in either/both of the human polls (AP and Coaches).
- Furthermore, Tennessee and Houston are the only programs to finish in the AP top five in three of the last four seasons. The Vols placed fifth in 2021-22.
- Just two other teams—Alabama, Kansas and Purdue—have finished in the AP top five even twice in the last four years.

STRONG IN THE STANDINGS

- Tennessee finished fourth in the SEC last season. It marked the program's seventh top-four finish in the last eight years, including its fifth in a row.
- The Volunteers are the only team in the league to place top-four each of the past five seasons. Only three others have done it multiple times: Alabama (four), Auburn (three) and Kentucky (three).
- UT is also the only school to place top-four in seven of the last eight campaigns. Just three others have done it even four times: Auburn (six), Kentucky (six) and Alabama (four).

TENNESSEE TABBED THIRD

- Tennessee placed third in the SEC preseason poll, as voted on by a select panel of league and national media members.
- Only Florida, the reigning NCAA champion, and Kentucky finished above Tennessee in the voting.
- This was the fourth straight year the Volunteers took a top-three position in the media poll. UT was picked third in 2024-25, first in 2023-24 (it won the league) and third in 2022-23. No other school has a streak of even two years or greater than two total nods across those four campaigns.
- Tennessee has received a top-five position in the preseason poll eight consecutive years, dating back to the 2018-19 edition. That is the longest streak in the league, with only Alabama (six) and Arkansas (five) also owning an active mark of even two.
- The full SEC preseason poll is below:

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| 1. Florida | 9. Texas |
| 2. Kentucky | 10. Mississippi State |
| 3. Tennessee | 11. Vanderbilt |
| 4. Alabama | 12. Oklahoma |
| 5. Arkansas | 13. Texas A&M |
| 6. Auburn | 14. Georgia |
| 7. Missouri | 15. LSU |
| 8. Ole Miss | 16. South Carolina |

POLL PRESENCE

- Tennessee has played 261 games as a ranked team in the AP Poll in **Rick Barnes'** tenure, posting a 194-67 (.743) record. In total, 71.7 percent of the Volunteers' 364 games since Barnes arrived in 2015-16 have come with the team ranked in the AP Poll, all since 2017-18 (261 of 298, 87.6 percent).
- UT is 170-59 (.742) while in the AP top 20 under Barnes, 129-44 (.746) while top-15, 103-33 (.757) while top-10, 49-14 (.778) while top-five, 25-3 (.893) while top-three and 14-2 (.875) while No. 1.
- The Vols are 40-30 (.571) in AP top-25 matchups under Barnes, including 32-23 (.582) with both teams in the top 20, 20-16 (.556) with both in the top 15 and 11-10 (.524) with both in the top 10.

TOP-TIER TRIUMPHS

- Tennessee is 47-45 (.511) against AP top-25 foes under **Rick Barnes**, including 31-18 (.633) in its past 49 such games (since 1/22/22).
- The Volunteers are 41-37 (.526) versus AP top-20 teams in Barnes' tenure, including 27-14 (.659) in their last 41 such affairs (since 1/22/22).
- UT is 31-29 (.517) against AP top-15 teams in the Barnes era, including 24-12 (.667) in its last 36 such games (since 12/22/21).
- The Vols own an 18-17 (.514) record versus AP top-10 foes under Barnes, including a 16-11 (.593) mark in their last 27 such contests (since 3/2/19) and a 13-8 (.619) tally in their last 21 (since 12/22/21).
- UT is 12-11 (.522) against AP top-five foes in Barnes' tenure, including 8-6 (.571) in its last 14 such affairs (since 2/15/22). It is 9-3 (.750) versus AP top-five SEC teams, including 8-2 (.800) in its last 10 such outings (since 3/2/19). All 12 wins are listed below.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 24, 2017	#4 Kentucky	Knoxville	W, 82-80
Dec. 9, 2018	#1 Gonzaga	Phoenix	W, 76-73
March 2, 2019	#4 Kentucky	Knoxville	W, 71-52
March 16, 2019	#4 Kentucky	Nashville	W, 82-78
Feb. 15, 2022	#4 Kentucky	Knoxville	W, 76-63
Feb. 26, 2022	#3 Auburn	Knoxville	W, 67-62
March 12, 2022	#5 Kentucky	Tampa	W, 69-62
Nov. 25, 2022	#3 Kansas	Bahamas	W, 64-50
Feb. 15, 2023	#1 Alabama	Knoxville	W, 68-59
Feb. 1, 2025	#5 Florida	Knoxville	W, 64-44
March 15, 2025	#3 Auburn	Nashville	W, 70-65
Nov. 25, 2025	#3 Houston	Las Vegas	W, 76-73

- Tennessee also has two Barnes-led exhibition wins over top-five foes, a 99-80 victory over #2 Gonzaga in Frisco, Texas (10/28/22) and an 89-88 triumph at #4 Michigan State (10/29/23).

PARTICULARLY POTENT AT HOME

- Under **Rick Barnes**, Tennessee is 24-8 (.750) versus AP top-25 teams at Food City Center, including 19-2 (.905) in its last 21 such games (since 1/30/21).
- The Volunteers are 19-7 (.731) at home against AP top-20 teams in the Barnes era, including 15-2 (.882) in their last 17 such contests (since 1/30/21).
- Tennessee has a 16-5 (.762) mark when hosting AP top-15 squads under Barnes, including a 14-2 (.875) record in its last 16 such affairs (since 1/30/21).
- Barnes has led UT to a 9-1 (.900) ledger at home versus AP top-10 teams, with eight straight wins (since 3/2/19). That includes perfect marks against AP top-six foes (8-0) and versus SEC teams (7-0).
- Tennessee is a perfect 6-0 when hosting AP top-five teams in the Barnes era (all since 1/24/17). The six straight wins are an SEC record, per ESPN, surpassing the mark of five by Kentucky in 1978-84 and 1956-59.
- The Vols won 12 straight home games against AP top-25 foes from 1/30/21 to 2/28/24. That is an SEC record, per CBS Sports, and the longest in DI since Kansas had 17 straight from 1/11/14 to 2/13/17. Nine of those victories were versus top-15 foes, with five against the top 10 and three over top-five teams.
- Tennessee is 21-5 (.808) in AP top-25 home

matchups under Barnes, including 15-5 (.750) with both teams in the top 20, 9-2 (.818) with both in the top 15 and 5-0 (1.000) with both in the top 10.

NUMBER 850

- An 86-85 overtime win at Georgia (1/28/26) gave **Rick Barnes** the 850th victory of his 39-year career. He is the 10th DI coach all-time (min. 10 years in DI) with 850-plus wins.
- Barnes, **John Calipari** and **Adolph Rupp** are the only three SEC coaches ever to amass 850 career wins.
- Just 17 coaches all-time, at any level, have hit 850 victories (min. five years in NCAA). Barnes, **John Calipari** (Arkansas) and **Dave Holmquist** (Division II Biola) are the only three active members of that elite group.

NUMBERS 200 & 205

- Across the last four seasons (2022-26), **Rick Barnes** has collected his first victory as a head coach over 12 different schools: FGCU (11/16/22), #10 Texas (1/28/23), George Mason (12/5/23), Georgia Southern (12/12/23), Tarleton State (12/21/23), Norfolk State (1/2/24), Saint Peter's (3/21/24), #11 Creighton (3/29/24), Montana (11/13/24), Middle Tennessee State (12/23/24), Northern Kentucky (11/8/25) and Rutgers (11/24/25).
- The Norfolk State win gave Barnes triumphs over 200 different current Division I programs and he is now at 206. The former coach at two of those schools (Texas and George Mason), Barnes has defeated 211 total schools, including non-DI programs.
- In the victory against Saint Peter's (3/21/24), Barnes hit another 200 mark, as he became the third coach to amass 200 wins at Tennessee.
- In the triumph over Montana (11/13/24), Barnes earned his 205th UT win to pass **Don DeVoe** for sole possession of second place on the Vols' all-time list.
- Barnes is one of 19 coaches with 200-plus wins at two DI schools, just five of whom are active. In addition, he is among 29 coaches with 100-plus victories at three DI institutions, eight of whom are active. *The full lists can be found on page 20.*

NUMBER 100 ... AND MORE

- In Tennessee's 66-59 victory at #17/16 South Carolina on 3/6/24 to clinch the outright 2023-24 SEC regular season title, **Rick Barnes** improved to 100-60 in SEC play. He became the 24th coach in league history to reach triple-digit conference wins.
- Barnes is the third coach to win 100 SEC games at UT, joining **Ray Mears** (182-76 in 15 years from 1962-77) and **Don DeVoe** (107-91 from in 11 years from 1978-89). DeVoe went 3-15 at Florida in 1989-90 to finish 110-106 in SEC competition.
- Barnes, in his 11th year in the league, is now up to 118 SEC wins. That is good for No. 18 on the all-time leaderboard. He has three more SEC wins than he does total losses (115) as the head coach at UT.
- Among active SEC coaches, only Arkansas' **John Calipari** has more league victories than Barnes.

BEATING THE BEST

- Under **Rick Barnes**, Tennessee has 48 total victories over 15 (of the 37) NCAA champions: Arizona, Arkansas (8x), Baylor, Cincinnati, Duke, Florida (10x), Kansas (2x), Kentucky (12x), Louisville (3x), Maryland, North Carolina, NC State (2x), Syracuse (2x), UCLA, Virginia and Wisconsin.
- The Volunteers also own wins during Barnes' tenure over non-SEC teams such as Butler, Colorado (2x), Creighton, Georgia Tech (3x), Gonzaga, Houston, Illinois (2x), Iowa, Memphis, Miami, Purdue, Rutgers, St. Joseph's, Southern Cal, Texas (2x pre-SEC), Wake Forest (2x), Washington, West Virginia and VCU.
- In his 39 years as a head coach, Barnes owns 188 total wins over 28 (of the 37) programs with a national title. He has never coached against six of the other nine.

THESE NOTES ARE THROUGH THE 2024-25 SEASON

ONE OF ONLY TWO SCHOOLS TO EARN AN

AP TOP-FIVE RANKING

IN EACH OF THE LAST FOUR SEASONS



ONE OF ONLY FOUR SCHOOLS TO EARN AN

AP TOP-SIX RANKING

IN EACH OF THE LAST FIVE SEASONS



ONE OF ONLY EIGHT SCHOOLS TO EARN AN

AP NO. 1 RANKING

IN AT LEAST TWO OF THE LAST SEVEN SEASONS



ONE OF ONLY SEVEN SCHOOLS TO EARN AN

AP TOP-20 RANKING

IN EACH OF THE LAST EIGHT SEASONS



361 WEEKS IN THE TOP 25

- In 39 years as a head coach, **Rick Barnes** has led his teams to a total of 361 weeks in the AP Top 25 Poll, including 174 in the top 10 and 84 in the top five.

SCHOOL	TOP 25	TOP 10	TOP 5	TOP 3	HIGH
George Mason	0	0	0	0	NR
Providence	2	0	0	0	20
Clemson	34	14	6	2	2
Texas	180	84	40	26	1
Tennessee	145	76	38	17	1
TOTAL	361	174	84	45	

SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL SUCCESS

- Providence, in a 23-season stretch from 1978-2001, earned a spot in the AP rankings just six times, a third of which came during Barnes' six-year stint.
- Clemson has earned a single-digit ranking in the AP Poll 11 times, all in Barnes' tenure. The Tigers did so nine times in 1996-97 (top-five four times, high of second) and twice in 1997-98 (both fifth).
- Texas had just one AP top-five ranking ever (1/25/82) before hiring Barnes, who guided it to 40 such spots across six different years. The Longhorns had 25 top-10 marks, all in 1978-79 and 1981-82, before Barnes led them to 84 over 10 separate campaigns.
- Tennessee earned 74 AP top-25 rankings and 28 AP top-10 nods in the 14 seasons prior to the arrival of Barnes, who has 138 and 76, respectively. UT's 38 top-five marks under Barnes over double their full total (17) before his tenure. Their 10 top-two rankings are five times their total before his hire (two).

POLL VOLS PART I...

- Tennessee was in every AP Poll from the 2021-22 preseason rankings through the 1/12/26 poll, a total of 90 releases in a row. That shattered the prior program record of 37, set from 3/1/99 to 2/19/01.
- The 90-week streak is the 24th-longest in Division I history. It is the third-longest ever by an SEC team, trailing only Kentucky's 164 from 12/3/90 to 12/6/99 and Florida's 94 from 2/8/99 to 2/9/04.
- Across that 90-week stretch, the Vols earned 83 spots in the top 20, 64 in the top 15, 57 in the top 12, 50 in the top 10, 24 in the top five, seven in the top three and five at No. 1.
- When it ended, UT's 90-week streak was the second-longest in the country, behind only Houston (116). No other team was at even 70-plus, with the closest in the SEC, Alabama (40), sixth and 50 weeks behind.
- Since 2020-21, UT has made 105 of 111 releases (not the final three of 2020-21, 1/19/26, 1/26/26 or 2/9/26), with 56 top-10 spots and 24 in the top five.
- The Vols had a 66-week AP top-20 streak (since 11/28/22) that ended with the first poll (1/5/26) of 2026. UT had a 37-week AP top-15 streak (since 12/11/23) and an 18-week AP top-eight streak (since 11/25/24) both end with the 2025-26 preseason poll.
- Since 11/28/22, UT has earned a top-15 ranking in 56 of the 72 AP Poll releases. It has claimed a top-10 spot in 37 of the 56 releases since the start of the 2023-24 season, placing top-eight in 33 of the past 50 (dating to 12/18/23).

...POLL VOLS PART II

- UT reached No. 1 last year, fourth in 2023-24, second in 2022-23, fifth in 2021-22 and sixth in 2020-21.
- The Vols, who hit No. 1 in 2018-19, have been in the AP top six in six of the past seven full seasons (2018-25). They hit that mark an equal six times in program history before **Rick Barnes'** tenure (2007-08, 2000-01, 1999-2000, 1969-70, 1967-68 and 1958-59).
- UT has been in the AP top five in five of the last seven completed seasons (2018-25). It achieved that feat an equal five times before Barnes' arrival (each of the above six seasons except for 1969-70).
- The 2025-26 campaign is the ninth in a row UT has earned an AP top-20 spot. The prior program record was seven straight years (1966-67 to 1972-73).
- The Vols' season-ending 18-week AP top-10 streak in

2024-25 was their second-longest tally ever, passing a season-closing mark of 15 in 2023-24. Four of UT's six all-time double-digit streaks, including all three of 15-plus, have come since 2018-19 under Barnes.

- UT's 11 AP top-five nods last year were its second-most ever, above the nine in 2023-24 and trailing the 14 in 2018-19. Its top three marks are under Barnes.
- The Vols' six-week AP top-three streak last season (12/2/24 to 1/6/25) was its second-best such mark ever and tied its second-longest AP top-five streak.

HIGH-CALIBER COMPANY

THESE NOTES ARE THROUGH THE 2024-25 SEASON

- Tennessee and Kansas are the only two schools to earn an AP top-five ranking in each of the last four seasons (2021-25). Only two others, Arizona and Purdue, entered 2024-25 with a three-year streak.
- The Volunteers are one of only four teams to reach the AP top six in each of the past five seasons, alongside Alabama, Houston and Kansas.
- UT is one of just five programs to reach the AP top six in at least six of the last seven seasons (2018-25), alongside Duke, Gonzaga, Kansas and Kentucky. Those are also the only five schools to enter the AP top five in at least five different years in that stretch.
- The Vols are among only eight teams to reach the No. 1 spot in the AP Poll in at least two of the last seven seasons (2018-25), joining Auburn, Baylor, Duke, Gonzaga, Houston, Kansas and Purdue.
- Over that same seven-year stretch (2018-25), UT is one of eight teams with an AP top-two position in at least three seasons, alongside Baylor, Connecticut, Duke, Gonzaga, Houston, Kansas and Purdue.
- UT is one of seven schools with an AP top-20 ranking each of the last eight years (2017-25), joining Duke, Gonzaga, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan State and North Carolina. Just three others—Houston, Purdue and Texas Tech—have even been AP top-25 in each.
- In the last three years (2022-25), UT is one of six teams in the AP top two in multiple seasons, joining Alabama, Connecticut, Duke, Kansas and Purdue.

CHART TOPPER

- Tennessee reached No. 1 in the AP Poll (and Coaches Poll) five straight weeks last year (12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24, 12/30/24 and 1/6/25). That marked the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th times the Volunteers held the top spot in the poll, across three different seasons. Nine of the 10 such nods are under **Rick Barnes** and UT is 14-2 at No. 1 in his tenure.
- UT was No. 1 for one week in 2007-08 (2/25/08) and for four weeks in 2018-19 (1/21/19, 1/28/19, 2/4/19 and 2/11/19). It is 15-3 all-time at No. 1.
- The 2024-25 campaign was the earliest in a season the Vols ascended to No. 1 and their first time doing so before the start of SEC play.

TAKING DOWN THE TEAM AT THE TOP

- With its 68-59 home victory over top-ranked Alabama on 2/15/23, Tennessee became one of 17 DI schools with at least six wins over AP No. 1 teams.
- Rick Barnes** has led the Volunteers to two of those victories, as UT won each of its first two matchups with the AP No. 1 team during his tenure.
- The Vols, now 2-2 in such contests under Barnes, also beat Gonzaga, 76-73, on 12/9/18 in Phoenix.

DYNAMITE "D" A UT TRADEMARK

- The Vols place No. 16 in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency (95.8). They are second in the SEC, behind only sixth-ranked Florida (92.3).
- Tennessee finished 2024-25 third nationally in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency (89.7), fourth in 3-point percentage defense (28.7), seventh in field-goal percentage defense (38.6) and No. 10 in scoring defense (63.0).
- The Volunteers ranked third in 2023-24 in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency (90.2) and placed fifth in DI in field-goal percentage defense (39.4).

- In 2022-23, UT led the nation in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency (87.5), taking the top spot for 15 weeks. The Vols led all DI teams in 3-point defense (26.5), plus ranked third in scoring defense (57.9) and field-goal percentage defense (37.3).
- In six of the last eight years (2017-25), UT placed top-10 in KenPom adjusted defensive efficiency: third in 2024-25, third in 2023-24, first in 2022-23, third in 2021-22, fifth in 2020-21 and sixth in 2017-18.
- UT is 107-9 (.922) under **Rick Barnes** when allowing 60 or fewer points, with 44 such wins in a row from 3/1/22 to 1/21/25. It was 22-0 in 2022-23.
- The Volunteers have won 50 straight games (40 in Barnes' tenure) when conceding 50 points or fewer, dating to 12/29/12. That includes 12 such victories in 2022-23, tying Houston for the DI lead that year.

HAPPY AT HOME

- Over the last five seasons (2021-26), the Volunteers' .923 (72-6) home winning percentage is sixth in Division I. That mark trails only Houston (.951, 77-4), Gonzaga (.932; 69-5), Akron (.932; 68-5), Duke (.925; 74-6) and Arizona (.924; 73-6).
- The tally includes a 37-0 (1.000) ledger in non-conference home affairs and a 34-6 (.850) figure in SEC home contests. It also features an 18-2 (.900) home record versus AP top-25 foes, including a 13-2 (.867) count against AP top-15 teams and a perfect 7-0 (1.000) mark versus AP top-10 opponents.
- In total, UT is 150-26 (.852) at Food City Center in **Rick Barnes'** 11 years and has twice gone undefeated at home (18-0 in 2018-19 and 16-0 in 2021-22).

HOLDING SERVE, HISTORICALLY

- The Volunteers went undefeated at home in non-conference play this year (8-0), their sixth straight season with a perfect such mark. They have won 44 non-conference home games in a row, dating to the 2020-21 season opener (12/8/20).
- Per Elias Sports Bureau, that 44-game streak is the longest in program history. The prior top tally of 43 came from 12/7/40 to 12/10/49.
- The Vols' 44-game regular season non-conference home winning streak is co-fourth in DI, alongside Akron. That trails only Auburn (66), Baylor (52) and Texas Tech (46). The lone others above even three-dozen are Iowa State (42) and Providence (39).
- The only other school with 44-plus such wins and no losses over the past six years (2020-26) is Texas Tech (46-0). Just five additional programs are above 20: Baylor (43-0), Auburn (37-0), Providence (37-0), Akron (32-0) and Purdue Fort Wayne (24-0).
- During its streak, Tennessee owns victories over teams such as Arizona, Cincinnati, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Louisville, Syracuse and Texas.

SEEING THE SECOND WEEKEND

- Tennessee has reached the Sweet 16 in eight of the past 18 NCAA Tournaments (since 2006-07). That is tied for eighth-most trips in that span, matching Michigan, Purdue and UCLA.
- The Vols' trips have come under three coaches: **Rick Barnes** (2025, 2024, 2023, 2019), **Cuonzo Martin** (2014) and **Bruce Pearl** (2010, 2008, 2007).
- The only seven schools that own more second-weekend bids over that span are Duke (11), North Carolina (11), Gonzaga (10), Michigan State (10), Arizona (nine), Kansas (nine, plus one vacated) and Kentucky (nine).
- The SEC top-three in that stretch is Kentucky (nine), Tennessee (eight) and Florida (seven). No other school has greater than four.

SENSATIONAL SIX

- Tennessee, Drake, Duke, Gonzaga, Houston and Saint Mary's are the only schools with 25-plus wins each of the past four seasons (2021-22 to 2024-25).
- Tennessee and Duke are the only two to achieve the feat while in a Power Five league the entire stretch.

ROCKY TOP 2025-26 HONORS WATCH

JUSTIN GAINEY

- Silver Waves Media 100 Most Impactful High Major Coaches List

NATE AMENT

- SEC Player of the Week (1/26/26)
- Five-time SEC Freshman of the Week (11/10/25, 11/17/25, 12/1/25, 2/2/26, 2/9/26)
- Julius Erving Award Top 10 Midseason Watch List & Top 20 Preseason Watch List
- USBWA Wayman Tisdale Award Midseason Watch List & Preseason Watch List
- Wooden Award Midseason Top 25 Watch List & Preseason Watch List
- Lute Olson Award Early Season Watch List
- NABC Player of the Year Preseason Watch List
- Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
- USBWA Oscar Robertson Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Jay Bilas Preseason Second Team All-American
- Blue Ribbon Yearbook Preseason Third Team All-American
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Media)
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)

JA'KOBI GILLESPIE

- USBWA Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week (12/23/25)
- SEC Player of the Week (12/22/25)
- Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Wooden Award Preseason Watch List
- USBWA Oscar Robertson Trophy Preseason Watch List
- College Hoops Today Preseason All-America Honorable Mention
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Media)
- Preseason Second Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Bob Cousy Award Top 20 Preseason Watch List

FELIX OKPARA

- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Top 20 Preseason Watch List

CADE PHILLIPS

- Allstate NACDA Good Works Winter Team Nominee

HOOPS DNA

- Tennessee Vice Chancellor/Director of Athletics **Dr. Daniel J. White** (Danny) played college basketball at Towson (1998-2000) and Notre Dame (2000-02). The Fighting Irish reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament both years he was active.
- Danny's father, **Kevin White**, was the AD at six schools, including five at the DI level and three in a Power Five league, over 38 years. Duke won two national titles in men's basketball (2010, 2015) during his 13 years there, before his 2021 retirement. Notre Dame won a title in women's basketball (2001) his and Danny's first year there.
- Danny's younger brother, **Brian White**, is the AD at Florida Atlantic. In his fifth year, 2022-23, the Owls reached the Final Four for the first time and defeated Tennessee, 62-55, in the Sweet 16.
- Danny's older brother, **Mike White**, a four-year starter at Ole Miss from 1995-99, is in his 14th year as a DI head coach and third at Georgia. He was at Florida from 2015-22 and made four NCAA Tournament trips, reaching the 2017 Elite Eight. He went 101-40 at Louisiana Tech from 2011-15.

LEGENDARY LEADERS

- Rick Barnes** is one of seven active UT head coaches who have led their team to a No. 1 national ranking. An eighth, **Tony Vitello** (baseball; 2025, 2024, 2022) departed Tennessee in October 2025.

COACH	POLL YEARS
Rick Barnes , M. Basketball	AP, Coaches 2025, 2019
Josh Heupel , Football	CFP 2022
Joe Kirt , W. Soccer	Coaches 2025
Duane Ross , M. Track & Field	USTFCCCA 2026
Brennan Webb , M. Golf	Golfweek 2018
Karen Weekly , Softball	varied 2025, 2014, 2007
Chris Woodruff , M. Tennis	ITA 2022

ALL ALONE ... THRICE

- Tennessee is the only school to earn a No. 1 ranking in baseball, men's basketball and football in the last three academic years (2022-25). It was the only one to reach the CWS, Elite Eight and CFP in the 2024 calendar year, plus the only one to make Supers, the Elite Eight and CFP in the 2024-25 academic year.

"EVERYTHING SCHOOL"

- After winning three consecutive SEC All-Sports titles in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, UT finished second in the standings in 2024-25. The Vols earned the trophy in each of **Daniel J. White's** first three full years as the AD after never previously winning it
- Tennessee has finished top-six in the LEARFIELD Directors' Cup each of the last three years after never previously doing so. UT placed sixth in 2022-23, third in 2023-24 and sixth in 2024-25. The school's previous top finish was seventh in 2006-07.
- UT's third-place LEARFIELD Directors' Cup finish in 2023-24 featured 1,217 total points to rank behind only Texas (then in Big 12) and Stanford. Tennessee garnered 25-plus points from all 20 of its teams.
- In a 13-month span from Jan. 2025 to Jan. 2026, five different UT athletic teams were ranked No. 1.
- All of Tennessee's athletic teams, for the first time ever, reached the postseason in 2023-24. It then repeated that feat in 2024-25. No other Power Five school in the country has achieved that both years.
- In 2023-24, 13 of UT's 20 teams finished top-20 nationally, with 10 in the top 10 and four in the top five. Baseball ranked first after winning the national championship. In addition, 19 reached the top 25 at some point, with 13 peaking in the top 10.
- In 2024-25, 12 Tennessee teams concluded the year in the top 15, one more than in 2023-24. Eight sports finished in the top 10, with five placing top-five.
- Three UT sports finished top-five the last two years: rowing (No. 3, No. 5), women's swimming & diving (No. 4, No. 5) and men's basketball (No. 5, No. 5).

PROMINENT PROGRAMS

- Tennessee is the only school with 1,400-plus wins in both men's and women's basketball. Just five others—Connecticut, Louisiana Tech, Stanford, Stephen F. Austin and Texas—have 1,200-plus in each.
- UT has the fifth-most combined wins between men's and women's basketball, trailing only Duke, Kansas, Kentucky and North Carolina.

DANCING ON ROCKY TOP

- Tennessee is the only school to reach each of the last seven—no one else is at even six—NCAA Tournaments in both men's and women's basketball.
- In 2024-25, UT was the only school to reach the final 16 in men's and women's basketball, football (12-team CFP), baseball (Supers) and softball (Supers).

DOMINATING THE DRAFTS

- In 2024-25, Tennessee was one of just three schools with multiple players selected in the NFL, NBA and MLB Drafts, alongside Florida and Rutgers.
- Tennessee, Michigan and North Carolina were the only schools with a top-40 draftee in the NFL, NBA and MLB in 2025. In addition, Tennessee and Ohio State tied for the most top-40 picks across the three drafts with six apiece.
- Furthermore, Tennessee was the only school with multiple first- or second-round picks in each draft. Just six other schools—Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas—had even one first- or second-rounder in each draft.
- Across the NFL, NBA and MLB Drafts, Tennessee totaled 11 first-and second-round picks, four more than any other school. Ohio State and Texas tied for second with seven each, while Georgia and Michigan tied for fourth with six apiece.
- In the NBA Draft alone, Tennessee was one of eight schools with multiple draftees. The others were Duke, Florida, Georgetown, Illinois, Kentucky and Rutgers. For the Volunteers, **Chaz Lanier** went No. 37 to the Detroit Pistons and **Jahmai Mashack** went No. 59 to the Houston Rockets.

NEW VOICES OF THE VOLS

- The 2024-25 season was the final one for **Bob Kesling** and **Bert Bertelkamp**, Tennessee's radio broadcasters on Vol Network for 26 years, dating to 1999-2000.
- Mike Keith**, a native of Franklin, Tenn., is in his first year as the play-by-play commentator for Vol Network. After 26 years (1999-2024) as the voice of the Tennessee Titans, he returned to Rocky Top in 2025. Keith, a 1991 Tennessee graduate, is a 12-time Tennessee Sportscaster of the Year and a member of five halls of fame, including the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.
- John Wilkerson**, who joined Keith in the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame in July 2025, will serve as both a color analyst and a fill-in play-by-play broadcaster this season. The 1988 UT graduate has worked as the Vol Network's basketball studio and scoreboard host for the past 29 seasons, the voice of Tennessee baseball the last 27 seasons and the backup play-by-play basketball announcer for the last 26.
- Chris Lofton**, who scored 2,131 points at Tennessee from 2004-08, is in his first year as a color analyst with Vol Network. The two-time All-American and 2006-07 SEC Player of the Year, whose No. 5 jersey hangs in the Food City Center rafters, will be in the analyst rotation before taking over the primary role ahead of the postseason. An 11-year pro, Lofton will be inducted in the UT Sports Hall of Fame in 2026.
- Steve Hamer** will once again serve as a color analyst, a position for which he has been a contributor since 2015. He also works as a television color analyst for UT basketball games, a role he started in 1999. The two-time All-SEC designee amassed 1,418 points and 750 rebounds on Rocky Top from 1992-96 before spending a season with the Boston Celtics.

WIDE WINGSPANS, LONG LIMBS

- Seven Volunteers possess wingspans at least four inches greater than their listed height.
- 6-8 **DeWayne Brown II** has a 7-3 wingspan (+7in)
- 6-3 **Amaree Abram** has a 6-9.75 wingspan (+6.75in)
- 6-5 **Amari Evans** has a 6-10.75 wingspan (+5.75in)
- 6-8 **Jaylen Carey** has a 7-1.25 wingspan (+5.25in)
- 6-9 **Cade Phillips** has a 7-2 wingspan (+5in)
- 6-1 **Ja'Kobi Gillespie** has a 6-5.25 wingspan (+4.25in)
- 6-11 **Felix Okpara** has a 7-3 wingspan (+4in)
- Nine Tennessee players own wingspans upwards of 6-9, with six above 7-feet.
- **DeWayne Brown II** has a 7-3 wingspan
- **Felix Okpara** has a 7-3 wingspan
- **Cade Phillips** has a 7-2 wingspan
- **J.P. Estrella** has a 7-1.75 wingspan
- **Jaylen Carey** has a 7-1.25 wingspan
- **Nate Ament** has a 7-1 wingspan
- **Amari Evans** has a 6-10.75 wingspan
- **Amaree Abram** has a 6-9.75 wingspan
- **Campbell Duncan** has a 6-9.5 wingspan
- Nine Volunteers have a standing reach of at least two feet greater than their listed height.
- 6-11 **Felix Okpara** has a 9-4 reach (+2ft, 5in)
- 6-8 **DeWayne Brown II** has a 9-0.5 reach (+2ft, 4.5in)
- 6-11 **J.P. Estrella** has a 9-3 reach (+2ft, 4in)
- 6-10 **Nate Ament** has a 9-0 reach (+2ft, 2in)
- 6-9 **Cade Phillips** has an 8-11.25 reach (+2ft, 2.25in)
- 6-8 **Jaylen Carey** has an 8-9.25 reach (+2ft, 1.25in)
- 6-5 **Amari Evans** has an 8-6 reach (+2ft, 1in)
- 6-5 **Clarence Massamba** has an 8-5 reach (+2ft)
- 6-6 **Amaree Abram** has an 8-3 reach (+2ft)
- Six members of the UT roster own a standing reach above 8-9, with four reaching at least 9-feet.
- **Felix Okpara** has a 9-4 reach
- **J.P. Estrella** has a 9-3 reach
- **DeWayne Brown II** has a 9-0.5 reach
- **Nate Ament** has a 9-0 reach
- **Cade Phillips** has an 8-11.25 reach
- **Jaylen Carey** has an 8-9.25 reach

TRACKING TENNESSEE

Date	AP	Coaches	NET	KPom
Pre	18	17	n/a	9
11/10	20	18	n/a	13
11/17	20	17	n/a	13
11/24	17	16	n/a	13
12/1	13	13	12	13
12/8	20	20	33	18
12/15	20	23	35	18
12/22	19	20	26	15
12/29	n/a	20	25	15
1/5	21	22	26	16
1/12	24	RV (26)	27	19
1/19	RV (30)	RV (30)	26	22
1/26	RV (26)	RV (28)	24	20
2/2	25	RV (27)	21	18
2/9	RV (29)	RV (30)	21	17
2/16	-	-	-	-
2/23	-	-	-	-
3/2	-	-	-	-
3/9	-	-	-	-
3/16	-	-	-	-
4/7	-	-	-	-

Ratings Tracker (through Feb. 8, 2026)
 BartTorvik: 16 ESPN SOR: 24 Haslametrics: 16
 ESPN BPI: 13 EvanMiya: 19 WAB: 24

Quad 1 Record: 4-7 (Wins: vs. #6 Houston, #17 Louisville, at #23 Alabama, at #35 Georgia)
 Quad 2 Record: 3-0
 Quad 3 Record: 3-0
 Quad 4 Record: 6-0

TEAM STAT RANKINGS

Category Stat	SEC	NCAA	SEC*
Scoring Offense 81.7	11	69	78.90 9
Scoring Defense 69.8	1	73	77.70 5
Scoring Margin 12.0	5	39	1.20 9
FG Pct. 47.1	7	76	44.4 9
FG Pct. Defense 40.4	1	32	43.7 4
Effective FG Pct. 53.1	11	127	-- --
3P Pct. 35.2	5	113	36.2 1
3P Pct. Defense 29.6	2	21	31.3 4
3PM Per Game 7.2	15	250	6.70 13
3PA Per Game 20.5	16	277	-- --
Free Throw Pct. 69.2	14	279	68.5 15
FTM Per Game 17.5	9	58	-- --
FTA Per Game 25.3	5	26	-- --
Rebounds Per Game 43.13	2	4	42.20 2
Rebound Margin 13.1	2	4	10.60 2
Off. Rebs Per Game 15.91	2	2	16.50 1
Def. Rebs Per Game 27.22	4	35	25.70 4
Assists Per Game 17.5	3	30	14.40 5
Assist/Turnover Ratio 1.36	9	98	1.07 14
TOs Per Game 12.9	16	287	-- --
TOs Forced Per Game 11.57	7	213	-- --
Turnover Margin -1.3	15	288	-3.10 15
Blocks Per Game 3.4	14	173	2.70 14
Steals Per Game 7.7	5	98	7.80 2
Fouls Per Game 18.4	11	255	-- --
Bench PPG 26.13	7	93	-- --
Fast-Break PPG 12.57	8	92	-- --
Winning Pct. .696	7	66	.600 5

Bold = top-40 national ranking * = SEC games only

GAME-BY-GAME DUNKS

Opponent	For	Against	Margin
Mercer	4	1	+3
Northern Kentucky	4	1	+3
North Florida	10	1	+9
Rice	9	3	+6
Tennessee State	4	3	+1
vs. Rutgers	5	1	+4
vs. Houston	2	3	-1
vs. Kansas	2	4	-2
at Syracuse	1	3	-2
vs. Illinois	3	1	+2
Louisville	4	2	+2
Gardner-Webb	4	0	+4
South Carolina State	8	0	+8
at Arkansas	2	3	-1
Texas	7	1	+6
at Florida	0	3	-3
Texas A&M	2	0	+2
Kentucky	4	1	+3
at Alabama	2	5	-3
at Georgia	4	3	+1
Auburn	0	3	-3
Ole Miss	0	0	0
at Kentucky	3	4	-1
at Mississippi State	--	--	--
LSU	--	--	--
Oklahoma	--	--	--
at Vanderbilt	--	--	--
at Missouri	--	--	--
Alabama	--	--	--
at South Carolina	--	--	--
Vanderbilt	--	--	--
vs. TBD	--	--	--
TOTAL	84	46	+38

BEASTS ON THE BOARDS

- Tennessee leads the nation, according to KenPom, with a 45.2 offensive rebounding percentage. That is 2.0 percent above second-ranked Florida (43.2) and 5.0 ahead of third-place Virginia (40.2).
- UT is on pace, per KenPom, to be the third-best offensive rebounding team this century. Two teams in 2000-01, Michigan State (47.0) and Georgetown (45.3), had better clips, but no others.
- The Volunteers have logged double-digit offensive rebounds in 22 of 23 games, with 13-plus in 18, 15-plus in 15, 20-plus in five and 23-plus in three. Their top tally is 26.
- UT is fourth in Division I in rebounding margin (13.1), fourth in total rebounds per game (43.13) and second in offensive rebounds per game (15.91).
- The Vols have grabbed at least 35 total boards in 20 of 23 contests, with 40-plus in 14, 46-plus in 11 and 50-plus in six. Their highest mark is 60.
- Jaylen Carey** (four times), **J.P. Estrella** (three), **Felix Okpara** (three), **Bishop Boswell** (two), **DeWayne Brown II** (two) and **Nate Ament** (one) have all amassed 10 total rebounds in a game this season.
- Per KenPom, **Jaylen Carey** is No. 10 in the country with his 17.6 offensive rebounding percentage.
- In his second start, versus Gardner-Webb (12/21/25), **DeWayne Brown II** had 14 rebounds. He tied **Grant Williams** (3/1/17), **Jarnell Stokes** (3/3/12) and **Brian Williams** (12/15/07) for the most by a UT freshman in the last 20 seasons (2006-26). He also tied the fifth-highest total by any Vol in the **Rick Barnes** era.
- The Volunteers pulled down 60 rebounds in the double-overtime victory against Texas A&M (1/13/26) and conceded just 35 (plus-25). It marked their first time with 55-plus rebounds since grabbing 58 on 11/18/08 versus UT Martin. UT had 24 offensive boards and allowed only 10 (plus-14). **Jaylen Carey** (10p, 9r) was one rebound away from giving Tennessee three players with double-digit boards and double-doubles, as **Bishop Boswell** (13p, 11r) and **Felix Okpara** (10p, 12r) both hit that mark.
- In the overtime win at Georgia (1/28/26), Tennessee grabbed 52 rebounds and allowed only 27 (plus-

25). It also pulled down an astounding 26 offensive boards while giving up just seven (plus-19). Two Vols, **J.P. Estrella** and **Felix Okpara**, had as many offensive boards individually as the Bulldogs did as a team. **Bishop Boswell** (13p, 10r) tallied a double-double, while Estrella (17p, 9r) and Okpara (6p, 11r) nearly did so.

In the victory against Auburn (1/31/26), Tennessee had four players—**Nate Ament**, **Bishop Boswell**, **Jaylen Carey** and **Amari Evans**—grab eight rebounds. It marked the second such instance for the Volunteers in the last 20 seasons (2006-26), alongside a 12/23/13 game versus Morehead State. **DeWayne Brown II** gave UT five players with seven-plus boards, the first such occurrence for UT in the last two decades and just the fourth by any SEC team in league play.

At Kentucky (2/7/26), **DeWayne Brown II** pulled down a game-best 12 rebounds. That tied for the third-most by a Tennessee freshman in an SEC game the last 20 seasons (2006-26). The only others to hit that mark are **Grant Williams** (14 on 3/1/17 at LSU), **Jarnell Stokes** (14 on 3/3/12 against Vanderbilt), **Tobias Harris** (12 on 1/29/11 at Ole Miss) and **Wayne Chism** (12 on 2/10/07 against Vanderbilt).

DISHING OUT DIMES

- In each of Tennessee's first three games of the season—wins over Mercer (11/3/25), Northern Kentucky (11/8/25) and North Florida (11/12/25)—two different players had five-plus assists. The Volunteers had that happen just four total times during the 2024-25 season.
- The first four instances were recorded by four different players. **Ja'Kobi Gillespie** (six) and **Ethan Burg** (five) did it against Mercer, while it was **Nate Ament** (five) and **Troy Henderson** (five) versus Northern Kentucky. Gillespie (seven) and Ament (five) achieved the feat against North Florida.
- In 2024-25, only three different Volunteers had five-plus assists in a game at any point in the year.
- Against Northern Kentucky, **Troy Henderson** became the first UT freshman with five-plus assists

- and zero turnovers in a game since **Kennedy Chandler** (seven) on 3/13/22 in the SEC Tournament title game win over Texas A&M in Tampa, Fla.
- After notching 19 assists in the opener versus Mercer (11/3/25), Tennessee had 24 assists against Northern Kentucky (11/8/25), its most since 11/13/24 versus Montana (24). The Volunteers eclipsed that number with 26 against North Florida (11/12/25), their top tally since 2/17/24 against Vanderbilt (28). UT then posted 23 versus Rice (11/20/25), giving the team three straight games at 23-plus, and followed that with 20 against Tennessee State (11/20/25) for a fourth consecutive game at 20-plus.
- Bishop Boswell** had five assists versus Rutgers (11/24/25) in Las Vegas, becoming the fifth different Vol to hit that mark in the first six games. Tennessee finished with 18 assists in the win, its sixth straight contest with at least that many to open the year.
- Tennessee had 30 assists on 39 made field goals against South Carolina State (12/30/25). It marked UT's largest total under **Rick Barnes**, its top count versus a Division I foe since 11/17/2009 (34 against UNC Asheville) and the co-fourth-most in any game in program history.
- In that victory over the Bulldogs to cap 2025, three Volunteers had six-plus assists. **Ja'Kobi Gillespie** logged eight, while **Bishop Boswell** and **Troy Henderson** each had six to set career highs. It marked the first time in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) three UT players had at least a half-dozen assists in the same game.
- Through 23 games, Tennessee has registered 13-plus assists on 20 occasions, with 17-plus 14 times, 20-plus six times and 23-plus four times. Its highest figure in a game is 30.

BRINGING IN BURGER BOYS

- For the sixth time in the past seven seasons—last year, 2024-25, was the only outlier—Tennessee has a McDonald's All-American on its roster. **Nate Ament** played in prestigious event in 2025.
- **Rick Barnes** signed at least one each year from 2019-22, after UT had two total in the prior 20 years (1999-2018) and eight ever. Three of four were one-and-done NBA draftees, with two going first-round. He then inked Ament in the class of 2025.
- Barnes has coached 21 McDonald's All-Americans in his career, signing 20 out of high school. The one transfer, **Jai Lucas**, is now the head coach at Miami.

FRESHMAN PHENOM'S STELLAR START...

- **Nate Ament** claimed SEC Freshman of the Week honors on 11/10/25, the first such accolade of the year in the league. The last Volunteer to win the award was **Julian Phillips** on 1/23/23.
- Ament, to begin his career against Mercer (11/3/25) became the fifth Tennessee freshman with 18 points in a season opener in the last 20 years (2006-26).
- Next, Ament had 23 points, eight rebounds, five assists and two steals versus Northern Kentucky (11/8/25). He became the sixth SEC freshman in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to hit that mark, joining **Reed Sheppard** (12/2/23), **Brandon Miller** (3/12/23), **VFL Kennedy Chandler** (2/22/22), **Ben Simmons** (12/2/15) and **James Young** (1/8/14). Only two other Vols, Chandler and **Josiah-Jordan James** (3/1/22), hit those numbers in that two-decade span.
- In the only game of his second week, **Nate Ament** had 19 points, nine rebounds, five assists, two steals and one block versus North Florida (11/12/25). He became the fifth SEC freshman—seventh instance—in the last 20 years (2006-26) with that line. Ament followed **Ben Simmons** (thrice in 2015-16), **James Young** (1/8/14), **Archie Goodwin** (11/23/12) and **John Wall** (3/27/10). Only one other Vol, **Igor Miličić Jr.** (2/5/25) had that line in those 20 seasons.
- That lone performance helped Ament repeat as SEC Freshman of the Week on 11/17/25. He became the sixth Vol with two such honors in a season, including the first since **Zakai Zeigler** in 2021-22 and the first one ever to garner them in back-to-back weeks.
- To open his third week, Ament had 19 points and 10 rebounds for his first double-double, adding three steals, against Rice (11/17/25). He became the fifth SEC freshman—six instance—in the past 15 years (2011-26) with that line, following **Brandon Miller** (3/12/23); **Jabari Smith** (11/12/21); **Aaron Nesmith** (11/27/18); and **Ben Simmons** (twice in 2015-16). The last Vol to do it was over 19 years ago when **Dane Bradshaw** (1/18/06) achieved it.
- Ament then had 15 points, six boards, four assists and four steals against Tennessee State (11/20/25). He is the fifth SEC freshman—third in regulation—with that line in the last 10 years (2016-26), alongside **Collin Murray-Boyles** (3/9/24 in OT), **Anthony Edwards** (2/26/20 in OT), **Keyontae Johnson** (3/15/19) and **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander** (3/15/18).
- In his first three contests versus Power Five foes, Ament averaged 16.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 2.7 apg and 1.3 spg at the Players Era Men's Championship. He scored 20 against both Rutgers (11/24/25) and Kansas (11/26/25), with nine in the middle in a win over #3/2 Houston (11/25/25). For that performance, he again won SEC Freshman of the Week.

...AND GETTING GOING AGAIN

- After averaging 11.1 points per game in a seven-contest span (12/2/25 to 1/6/26) that followed his hot start, **Nate Ament** exploded once again.
- Ament scored 17-plus points in each of the next eight games (1/10/26 to 2/7/26). He tied his then-career high with 23 points (19 in the final 20 minutes) in a 1/13/26 double-overtime win against Texas A&M and then broke that with 29 points (18 in the second half) in a 1/24/26 victory at #17 Alabama. He had 28

(26 in the second half) in the 2/3/26 win over Ole Miss and then tied his career best with 29 (19 in the first half) in a 2/7/26 road game at Kentucky.

- Ament averaged 23.0 ppg and 6.4 rpg in that eight-outing span, shooting 46.7 percent overall, 44.1 percent from deep and 80.3 percent at the line.
- For his performance against the Crimson Tide, Ament won SEC Player of the Week (1/26/26). He became the fourth Tennessee freshman every to do so, following **Jarnell Stokes** (3/5/12), **Tony Harris** (2/9/98) and **Allan Houston** (2/11/90).
- Alongside his 29 points in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Ament tallied seven rebounds and three assists. He became the sixth SEC freshman in the last 20 years (2006-26) with that line, joining **Tre Johnson** (2/15/25), **Anthony Edwards** (2/26/20 in OT), **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander** (3/11/18), **Ben Simmons** (1/2/16 and 12/2/15) and **Terrence Jones** (11/22/10).
- In addition, Ament became the first freshman in any league with 29 points, seven rebounds and three assists on the road against an AP top-25 team since Arizona's **Chase Budinger** on 2/10/07 at Oregon.
- The only Tennessee freshmen in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to score 29-plus points in a game are **Nate Ament**, **Jaden Springer** (2/10/21) and **Grant Williams** (2/11/17 and 12/15/16).
- Ament went 12-of-15 from the line in the win over Auburn (1/31/26), becoming the first Volunteer to hit either of those marks since **Grant Williams** (1/23/19).
- The performance against the Tigers, alongside his 19-point showing in a win at Georgia, helped Ament win SEC Freshman of the Week on 2/2/26, making him the first four-time honoree in program history.
- Ament had 28 points, the then-second-most of his career, to go along with six boards and four assists in the victory against Ole Miss (2/3/26). Of his 28 points, 26 came in the second half, good for the most points in a frame by any Tennessee player since **Dalton Knecht** had 27 in the second half against Auburn on 2/28/24.
- Ament tied a career high with 29 points at Kentucky (2/7/26), shooting 10-of-17 from the field, 4-of-6 beyond the arc and 5-of-6 at the line. He tied his top makes marks in the former two areas, plus had eight rebounds and three assists. The 29 points were, per **Jared Berson**, the highest total by a freshman on the road against the Wildcats in nearly 36 years, since Auburn's **Ronnie Battle** had 30 on 2/24/90.
- After averaging 28.5 ppg, 7.0 rpg and 3.5 apg against the Rebels and Wildcats, Ament won SEC Freshman of the Week on 2/9/26, his fifth such accolade.

BIG MAN'S BIG-TIME RETURN

- After missing the final 35 games of the 2024-25 season due to left foot surgery, **J.P. Estrella** resumed play in the 2025-26 season opener with a career-high 12 points and co-career-best five rebounds against Mercer (11/3/25).
- Estrella followed that with new career highs in both categories versus Northern Kentucky (11/8/25), tallying 17 points and 11 rebounds for his first collegiate double-double.
- In the next game, against North Florida (11/12/25), Estrella had another career-best point total in a double-double, notching 23 points and 10 rebounds, while shooting 11-of-14. He became just the fourth SEC player—fifth instance—in the last six seasons (2020-26) to make 11-plus field goals on fewer than 15 attempts while grabbing 10-plus boards. The others are Tennessee's **Jonas Aido** (2/14/24), Mississippi State's **Tolu Smith III** (1/28/23 and 1/16/21) and Kentucky's **Oscar Tshiebwe** (11/16/21).

LIMITED LOUISVILLE AGAIN

- The Volunteers posted an 83-62 victory over #1 Louisville. It marked the second time in the last two seasons (2024-26) Tennessee beat the Cardinals by 20-plus and held them under 63 points. UT also posted a 77-55 road win on 11/9/24.
- At that point, in Louisville's other 44 games across

those two years, the then-entirety of **Pat Kelsey's** tenure, only one other team had achieved either of those feats against Louisville and no one did both.

- Ole Miss beat Louisville by 23, 86-63, on 12/3/24. Duke held the Cardinals to 62 points on 3/15/25 in the ACC Tournament title game in Charlotte, N.C.

SCORED 105, WON BY 51

- Tennessee posted a 105-54 win over South Carolina State (12/30/25) to cap non-conference play.
- The Volunteers scored triple-digit points for the 69th time (65-4) in program history, including eighth (8-0) in **Rick Barnes'** tenure and the first since 11/17/24, a 103-68 defeat of Austin Peay.
- The 105 points tied for the 25th-most in UT history and for the second-most in the Barnes era, behind only a 106-87 triumph on 1/15/19 against Arkansas.
- UT logged a 50-point win for the seventh time in the shot-clock era (1985-2026), including the sixth against a DI foe and first since 12/4/22. The latter was a 54-point triumph, 94-40, over Alcorn State.
- The 51-point margin of victory marked the third-largest of Barnes' tenure on Rocky Top, trailing only 54-point wins over both Alcorn State (12/4/22) and Tennessee Tech (103-49 on 12/18/20).
- The Vols now own 17 victories by 40-plus under Barnes, with 13 of them in the last six seasons (2020-26) and eight in the last four years (2022-26) alone.
- Additionally, Tennessee scored 64 second-half points in the win, five more than it had in any prior half under **Rick Barnes**. Its prior high was 59 on 2/3/18 versus Ole Miss.
- The 64 points tied for the fifth-most in a half in program history and marked UT's 10th time reaching that number. It last hit that mark on 11/17/09, when it had 66 before the break versus UNC Asheville.

AMARI AWESOME AT ARKANSAS

- **Amari Evans** scored a career-high 16 points at #18 Arkansas (1/3/26) in his first SEC contest. He shot a perfect 7-of-7 from the field and led the Volunteers in scoring for the first time.
- Evans became the 16th Division I freshman in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to make seven-plus field goals without a miss on the road against a Power Five foe, including the first since Creighton's **Frederick King** on 12/16/22 at Marquette. The lone other SEC player to do so in that stretch is **Andrew Nembhard** on 2/16/19 at Alabama.
- Over the last three seasons (2023-26), the only other SEC freshman to go at least 7-of-7 from the field in any game is **Justin Edwards**, who did so on 2/24/25 against Alabama. Evans, Nembhard and Edwards are three of the only seven SEC freshmen in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to achieve the feat in conference play.
- Evans' seven made field goals also set a career high, surpassing the five hit in the prior game against South Carolina State (12/30/25). He went 5-of-6 in that contest, making 11 straight shots across the two outings. Before scoring 30 points on 12-of-13 shooting in those two games, Evans had 18 total points on 7-of-19 shooting on the season.

CONTAINING THE CRIMSON TIDE

- Tennessee earned a 79-73 win at #17 Alabama on 1/24/26, rallying from a 10-point first-half deficit for a fifth straight series win. **Nate Ament** had a career-high 29 points and **Ja'Kobi Gillespie** added 24.
- UT has now beat Alabama five-plus times in a row thrice in program history. This is the first instance since a nine-game stretch from 1/6/68 to 1/29/72.
- In addition, Tennessee has held Alabama to 76 points or fewer in all nine meetings since **Nate Oats** took over as head coach in 2019-20, allowing just 70.9 points per game. As of 1/24/26, the teams' most recent meeting, the Crimson Tide was averaging 85.4 points per game against all other opponents during that seven-year stretch.

TOP-TIER TALENT

- EvanMiya.com ranks **Ja’Kobi Gillespie** as the No. 10 player in the country and as the premier competitor in the SEC.
- The complete top 15, based off Baysien Performance Rating (BPR), can be found below.

NAME	BPR	CONF.	SCHOOL
1. Cameron Boozer	13.53	ACC	Duke
2. Yaxel Lendeberg	12.78	Big Ten	Michigan
3. Braden Smith	11.25	Big Ten	Purdue
4. Jeremy Fears Jr.	11.04	Big Ten	Mich. State
5. Joshua Jefferson	10.19	Big 12	Iowa State
6. Kingston Flemings	9.96	Big 12	Houston
7. Patrick Ngongba II	9.94	ACC	Duke
8. Morez Johnson Jr.	9.93	Big Ten	Michigan
9. Silas Demery Jr.	9.83	Big East	UConn
10. Ja’Kobi Gillespie	9.71	SEC	Tennessee
11. Flory Bidguna	9.58	Big 12	Kansas
12. A.J. Dybantsa	9.50	Big 12	BYU
13. Keaton Wagler	9.38	Big Ten	Illinois
14. Bennett Stirtz	9.30	Big Ten	Iowa
15. Milan Momcilovic	9.28	Big 12	Iowa State

GILLESPIE’S GREATNESS

- Ja’Kobi Gillespie** scored a career-high 34 points in the SEC home opener against Texas (1/6/26). He went 12-of-18 from the floor, including missing just four of his 16 shots in the first 38 minutes, to set a career high in makes.
- Gillespie became just the second SEC player in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) with at least 34 points, five assists, four rebounds and three steals in a game, alongside **Ben Simmons**, who did so on 12/2/15 against North Florida.
- Gillespie became the fifth Power Six competitor in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to post that four-stat line in a conference game, including the first in nearly nine years and just the second in regulation. He followed **Khadeen Carrington** (2/5/17 against Creighton), **Markelle Fultz** (1/18/17 against Colorado in overtime), **Corey Sanders** (2/3/16 against Illinois in triple-overtime) and **Dominique Jones** (1/23/10 at Providence in overtime).
- Prior to Gillespie, just two DI players tallied that four-stat line in a regulation game in 2025-26: **Christian Anderson** (11/4/25 versus Lindenwood) and **Cameron Boozer** (11/14/25 versus Indiana State).
- In addition, Gillespie previously scored a then-career-best 32 points in an 11/24/25 win over Rutgers in Las Vegas. Through the first week of January, he was thus one of six Power Five players with multiple 32-point games on the year, alongside **Cameron Boozer**, **A.J. Dybantsa**, **Josh Hubbard**, **Nick Martinelli** and **Bruce Thornton**.
- After scoring eight points in his Tennessee debut, Gillespie has scored double-digit points in all 22 games since then. He has 17-plus points in 14 outings, 20-plus in 11 and 24-plus in four.

SENSATIONAL AT THE STRIPE

- Ja’Kobi Gillespie** made 35 consecutive free throws this year, the fifth-longest single-season streak in program history.
- The streak started with Gillespie’s last attempt against Rutgers in Las Vegas on 11/24/25 and ended with his second-to-last shot (fourth make of the day) at Florida on 1/10/26.
- In between those two games, Gillespie went 30-of-30, including 9-of-9 versus Houston in Las Vegas on 11/25/25 and 10-of-10 against Louisville on 12/16/25.
- The only longer single-season streaks in UT history are 39 by **Michael Brooks** (1984-85), 39 by **Danny Schultz** (1962-63), 38 by **Chris Lofton** (2005-06) and 38 by **Allan Houston** (1990-91).

SPREAD THE SCORING TO START

- Tennessee had three individuals score 17-plus points in its second, third and fourth games of 2025-26.
- Entering this season, that feat happened 14 total

times in **Rick Barnes’** first 10 years (2015-25) at the helm. Half those outings were in the 2018-19 season.

- The stretch included a game against North Florida (11/12/25) in which three Volunteers had at least 19 points. It marked the third such occurrence in Barnes’ tenure, alongside 1/29/19 against South Carolina and 11/19/15 versus Marshall. The latter was Barnes’ third game at Tennessee.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

- According to **Will Warren** of Basket Under Review, **Rick Barnes** entered 2025-26 with the best record of any coach against Quad 3 and Quad 4 opponents over the previous five seasons (2020-25) at 58-0.
- Per Warren, the only other head coaches with 25-plus such games and no losses in that five-year span are Ole Miss’ **Chris Beard** at 45-0 and Duke’s **Jon Scheyer** at 44-0.
- Adding in Volunteers’ 9-0 record in such games in 2025-26, Barnes is now 67-0 versus Quad 3 and Quad 4 foes over the last six years (2020-26). Meanwhile, Beard is no longer undefeated, at 53-1, while Scheyer is now 52-0.

IT’S BEEN A WHILE

- Now in his 11th season with the Volunteers, **Rick Barnes** is the active SEC coach with the longest tenure at his current school.
- John Calipari** is in his 17th straight year in the SEC, but just his second at Arkansas. **Mike White**, like Barnes, is in his 11th consecutive season in the SEC, but just his fourth at Georgia.

PRO PRODUCER

- Eight players whom **Rick Barnes** coached in college have been in the NBA in 2025-26: **Kevin Durant** (Rockets), **Dalton Knecht** (Lakers), **Chaz Lanier** (Pistons), **Jahmai Mashack** (Grizzlies), **Julian Phillips** (Bulls), **Jaden Springer** (Pelicans), **Myles Turner** (Bucks) and **Grant Williams** (Hornets). Five of them were first-round picks.
- In 2024-25, Barnes had 10 former players in the NBA, as **Keon Johnson**, **Cory Joseph**, **Tristan Thompson** and **P.J. Tucker** were all active last season.

KD’S COACH

- Rick Barnes** is one of only four active college head coaches who has developed an NBA MVP, as **Kevin Durant**, his Texas protégée, won it in 2014. He is joined by Arkansas’ **John Calipari** (**Derrick Rose** [Memphis] in 2011 and **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander** [Kentucky], 2025), Kansas’ **Bill Self** (**Joel Embiid** in 2023) and Santa Clara’s **Herb Sendek** (**James Harden** [Arizona State] in 2018), the latter of whom was Barnes’ assistant at Providence in 1988-89.
- Barnes, Calipari and Missouri State’s **Cuonzo Martin** are the only active DI coaches who have coached an NBA Finals MVP. Barnes coached Durant (2017, 2018) at Texas, while Calipari coached Gilgeous-Alexander (2025) at Kentucky and Martin coached **Jaylen Brown** (2024) at Cal. Martin was UT’s head coach from 2011-14.
- The only active DI head coaches who have coached an NBA All-Star Game MVP are Barnes and Arkansas’ **John Calipari**. Durant (2012, 2019) played for Barnes at Texas, while **Anthony Davis** (2017) played for Calipari at Kentucky.
- Barnes and Calipari are the only active DI coaches who had multiple players win medals at the Paris 2024 Olympics. Durant won gold with the USA and **Uroš Plavšić** claimed bronze with Serbia, becoming the third men’s basketball medalist in UT history. For Calipari, a trio of ex-Kentucky players won gold with the USA: Davis, **Bam Adebayo** and **Devin Booker**.
- Durant owns current/future on-court contract earnings of \$598.2 million, the most in NBA history.

SELECT SIX

- In addition to **Kevin Durant** (2006-07), **Rick Barnes** also coached **T.J. Ford** to national player of the year plaudits (2002-03).
- Barnes is one of six DI head coaches to tutor two different national player of the year honorees this century, alongside **John Calipari**, **Tom Izzo**, **Mike Krzyzewski**, **Thad Matta** and **Roy Williams**.
- Barnes, Calipari and Krzyzewski are the only three who had two different pupils win at least three of the six recognized awards in that time.

QUALITY COMPANY

- Rick Barnes** is one of just 11 active coaches to win conference coach of the year accolades in at least three different Division I leagues.
- The other eight to do are Oregon’s **Dana Altman**, Arkansas’ **John Calipari**, UCLA’s **Mick Cronin**, DePaul’s **Chris Holtmann**, Louisville’s **Pat Kelsey**, Butler’s **Thad Matta**, St. John’s’ **Rick Pitino**, Houston’s **Kelvin Sampson**, Santa Clara’s **Herb Sendek** and Georgia’s **Mike White**.
- Ten of those 11 individuals—all except White—are the only active coaches to win league coaching honors at three different Division I schools.

PRESEASON PLAUDITS

- Nate Ament** and **Ja’Kobi Gillespie** were both named Preseason Second Team All-SEC selections by the media, alongside Florida’s **Boogie Fland**, Florida’s **Thomas Haugh** and Missouri’s **Mark Mitchell**. They were also tabbed second-team choices by the league’s coaches, joining Fland, Mitchell and Ole Miss’ **Malik Dia**. The Volunteers and Gators were the only teams with multiple first- or second-team designees on either list.
- Ament was one of eight individuals to earn votes for the media’s SEC Preseason Player of the Year, joining Kentucky’s **Otega Oweh** (honoree), Florida’s **Alex Condon**, Ole Miss’ **Malik Dia**, Florida’s **Boogie Fland**, Florida’s **Thomas Haugh**, Mississippi State’s **Josh Hubbard** and Auburn’s **Tahaad Pettiford**.
- Ament garnered Preseason Second Team All-America status from Jay Bilas and Preseason Third Team All-America recognition from the Blue Ribbon Yearbook. He was also one of just four freshmen named to the 20-man NABC Player of the Year Preseason Watch List, alongside Duke’s **Cameron Boozer**, BYU’s **A.J. Dybantsa** and Kansas’ **Darryn Peterson**. Ament was also selected for the USBWA Wayman Tisdale Award Preseason Watch List.
- Ament and Gillespie were tabbed to preseason watch lists for the Naismith Trophy, USBWA Oscar Robertson Trophy and Wooden Award.
- Ja’Kobi Gillespie** (Bob Cousy Award), **Nate Ament** (Julius Erving Award) and **Felix Okpara** (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award) were all tabbed to the Naismith Starting 5 Top 20 Preseason Watch List at their respective positions.
- UT was one of 16 schools with three-plus Naismith Starting 5 Watch List picks. Only five—Tennessee, Arkansas, Connecticut, Houston and Purdue—had a point guard, shooting guard and small forward.
- While not quite in the preseason, **Ja’Kobi Gillespie** was named to the Lute Olson Award Early Season Watch List on 12/18/25. He was one of 30 players nationally to make the cut.

TIPPED OFF AS A TOP-20 TEAM

- Tennessee entered 2024-25 as a consensus preseason top-20 team. A list of the Volunteers' preseason top-20 positions is below (a "C" indicates computer poll and an "H" indicates human poll):

5. Haslametrics.com	C	16. SI.com	H
7. Blue Ribbon Yearbook	H	17. CBSSports.com	H
9. KenPom.com	C	17. Coaches Poll	H
13. BartTorvik.com	C	18. AP Poll	H
14. Hoops HQ	H	18. ESPN.com	H
15. EvanMiya.com	C	18. 247Sports.com	H
- Since the Coaches Poll started in 1991-92, this was the 15th time Tennessee opened a season top-25 in both that and the AP Poll, including the seventh under **Rick Barnes** and sixth in a row. This was the 13th time the Vols started top-20 in both polls, again including seven under Barnes and six in a row.
- Tennessee opened in the AP top 20 for the sixth straight year, claiming the No. 18 spot. This is the first time the Volunteers have earned a preseason AP top-25 ranking in six consecutive years; the prior high was five from 2006-07 to 2010-11, with just three of those featuring a top-20 placement.
- UT was in the preseason Coaches Poll for the eighth straight year, dating to 2018-19. That extends a program record, as the prior mark was five from 2006-07 to 2010-11. UT has earned a top-17 spot in seven of the eight years.

FAMILY TIES

- For the first time ever, the Tennessee men's and women's basketball teams having siblings on their roster during the same season.
- Grant Hurst**, a redshirt senior guard, is in his third year with the Volunteers. This is his first season on scholarship.
- Lauren Hurst**, a freshman guard/forward, is in her first campaign with the Lady Volunteers. She was a consensus top-50 recruit.
- The Hursts, who hail from nearby Cleveland, Tenn., form just the second brother/sister duo to play basketball at Tennessee. **E.J. Anosike** played for the Vols in 2021-22 and **Nicky Anosike** competed for Lady Vols in 2004-08.

ST. LOUIS STAR

- Assistant coach **Gregg Polinsky** was inducted into the Ladue Schools Athletic Hall of Fame on 10/16/25. He was one of 25 members of the school's inaugural hall of fame class, including the only male basketball player. Other honorees included four-time NFL All-Pro **Andy Russell** and two-time FIFA World Cup champion **Becky Sauerbrunn**.
- A 1976 graduate of Ladue Horton Watkins High School in St. Louis, Polinsky is now in two hall of fames in his hometown. In 2014, he was inducted into the St. Louis Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.
- Polinsky scored 1,416 points in just three seasons, all before the 3-point line. That stood as the school record for 38 years, until 2014. He also set the school record with 50 points in a single game.

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

- The Volunteers set a program record with a 3.74 GPA in the fall 2025 semester. It marked the third straight semester UT set a new program best, with this mark eclipsing the prior one by 0.15 points.
- Tennessee earned the NABC Team Academic Excellence Award (3.0+ GPA) for the fourth straight year after finishing 2024-25 with a 3.54 GPA. UT had a 3.28 mark in 2021-22, a 3.33 ledger in 2022-23 and a 3.32 GPA in 2023-24.
- The Volunteers' 3.54 GPA in 2024-25 was the best in an academic year in program history. Their 3.59 GPA in the spring of 2025 set a then-semester record, breaking the mark of 3.50 set just before during the fall 2024 semester. The next-best mark, 3.39, came during the fall of 2023, meaning the program has set a new record in four of the last five semesters.

- All 14 UT players made either the SEC Winter Honor Roll (six) or the SEC First-Year Honor Roll (eight) in 2024-25. In addition, five Vols made the 2024-25 NABC Honors Court: **Darlinstone Dubar**, **Grant Hurst**, **Chaz Lanier**, **Felix Okpara** and **Zakai Zeigler**. It was the second straight recognition for Hurst.
- UT has tallied a perfect 1,000 single-year APR score in seven of the past eight years. Its 2023-24 multi-year rate, released May 2025, set a program record and earned the NCAA APR Public Recognition Award for being in the top 10 percent in the sport.
- Grant Hurst** is a Tennessee graduate, earning a degree in recreation & sport management in May 2025. He is now enrolled in the gricultural leadership, education & communication master's program at UT.

TALENTED TRANSFERS

- Chaz Lanier** was a finalist for the 2024-25 Riley Wallace Award, for to the top transfer in the nation. In 2023-24, **Dalton Knecht** claimed the distinction.
- The league's head coaches voted Lanier the 2024-25 SEC Newcomer of the Year, while Knecht earned the plaudits from the Associated Press—the coaches' award began the following year—in 2023-24.
- This year, in 2025-26, **Ja'Kobi Gillespie** is on three preseason national player of the year watch lists. He was also named Preseason Second Team All-SEC by both the media and the league's head coaches.

WELCOME TO ROCKY TOP

- Tennessee inked three prep standouts in the early signing period: 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard **Marquis Clark**; 6-foot-7, 210-pound guard **Manny Green**; and 6-foot-8, 195-pound wing **Ralph Scott**.
- Clark is a three-star recruit out of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago who is considered a top-five player in Illinois. He is labeled by 247Sports the No. 29 point guard in the country and the second-best player in his home state. Clark was a *Chicago Sun Times* Third Team All-City pick as a junior after averaging 18.6 ppg.
- Green is a four-star recruit from Ellenwood, Ga., who is a four-star, top-100 prospect according to 247Sports and ESPN. Both list him as the fourth-best player in Georgia. Green, who attends Cedar Grove High School, which produced VFL **Reggie Johnson**, he was *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* 3A Player of the Year as a junior after posting 19.0 ppg.
- Scott is a four-star recruit from Warwick, Bermuda, who ranks top-40 nationally by 247Sports (No. 34) and Rivals (No. 40). The MVP of the 2025 Basketball Without Borders Americas camp, he was recently named to the Naismith Trophy High School Player of the Year Watch List. Scott goes to IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., VFL **Jaden Springer**'s alma mater.

LAST ONE STANDING IN 2024-25

- Tennessee was the final undefeated team in the country last season, making it to 1/7/25 before falling in its 15th game. The Vols outlasted Florida and Oklahoma, both of which lost three days prior.
- According to ESPN, this was the second time UT was the nation's last unbeaten team, joining the 1915-16 campaign that it finished 12-0.
- UT's 13-0 record in non-conference play marked the program's fifth perfect such mark in the SEC era (since 1932-33), alongside 2020-21 (6-0), 1997-98 (11-0), 1980-81 (8-0) and 1956-57 (8-0). The Vols were the 12th SEC team ever to win 13-plus regular season non-conference games without a loss.
- The Volunteers' 14-0 start to 2024-25 matched 1922-23 (1/8/1923 to 2/20/1923) for their best-ever beginning to a season. The other three times UT won 10-plus games in a row to begin a season, were in 1915-16 (12-0 season), 1999-2000 (11-0) and 1997-98 (10-0).
- Tennessee's 14 straight victories to open last season tied the second-longest single-season winning

streak in program history. The Volunteers won 19 games in a row in 2018-19 (11/28/18 to 2/13/19) under **Rick Barnes**' leadership and won 14 in a row in 1922-23 (1/8/1923 to 2/20/23).

Tennessee was also the last undefeated school in the nation in Division I baseball in 2025.

DOWNED THE 2024-25 CHAMPION

- Tennessee notched a 64-44 home triumph over Florida (2/1/25) in the teams' second meeting last year. The Gators went on to win the national title.
- Florida's setback marked just the ninth all-time by 20-plus points for an eventual champion. It was the first by an SEC school, with the Volunteers also the first SEC team to earn such a win.
- The last time an eventual national title winner lost by 20-plus was on 12/7/15, a 78-55 neutral-site win by Oklahoma against Villanova. The last such result in league play was on 3/8/14 when Connecticut suffered an 81-48 setback at Louisville.
- Along with Tennessee, Oklahoma and Louisville, the other six schools to achieve the feat are Duke (1/17/02 against Maryland), Wake Forest (1/30/93 against North Carolina), North Carolina (3/10/91 against Duke [N]), Pittsburgh (3/2/85 against Villanova), Washington (2/22/75 against UCLA) and Illinois (12/4/64 against UCLA).
- UT now owns four all-time victories over eventual NCAA champions, all against Florida. The Vols beat the Gators twice in 2005-06 and once in 2006-07.

DOUBLE DIGITS (AND MORE) YET AGAIN

- Tennessee had double-figure SEC victories last year, its fifth straight season reaching that mark. This is the third such streak in program history. The Volunteers accumulated 10-plus SEC wins five seasons in a row from 2005-06 to 2009-10 and for 13 straight years from 1964-65 to 1976-77.
- UT also reached 11 SEC triumphs for the fourth year in a row. This is the third streak of that variety in program history. The Vols won 11-plus SEC games four years in a row from 1978-79 to 1982-83 and for seven straight campaigns from 1970-71 to 1976-77.
- Tennessee hit the 12-win mark in SEC play for the second consecutive year. This is its fourth such streak ever, alongside 2017-18 to 2018-19, a seven-year mark from 1970-71 to 1976-77 and a three-year tally from 1966-67 to 1968-69.

TOP TOTALS IN 2024-25

- The eight neutral-site wins for Tennessee in 2024-25 marked the most in a single-season for **Rick Barnes** in his head coaching career. His prior high was seven, recorded in 2022-23, 2007-08 and 2002-03.
- The Volunteers' seven wins in November gave Barnes a new career high for the month. His previous top tally was six, logged six different times. UT then won seven again in November of this season, too.
- In addition, UT's seven wins in March matched the most Barnes has compiled in the month. He also hit that figure in 2007-08 and 2002-03.

RECORD-SETTING ALL-AMERICANS

- Zakai Zeigler** logged 275 assists last year to set a new SEC single-season best, breaking the mark of 260 set in 1979-80 by Ole Miss' Sean Tuohy. He finished his career with 747 assists, a Tennessee record and the third-most in SEC history. Zeigler also set the Volunteers' career steals record with 251, co-ninth in SEC history.
- Chaz Lanier** made 123 3-pointers last year, a Tennessee single-season high. It marked the sixth-most in a campaign in SEC history.
- Zeigler (AP, NABC, TSN, USBWA) and Lanier (NABC, TSN) were both named Third Team All-Americans last year. UT was the only school in the country with multiple All-America choices.

FOOD CITY CENTER

CAPACITY: **21,678** | OVERALL RECORD IN 39 SEASONS AT FOOD CITY CENTER: **481-144 (.770)**

ELITE ATTENDANCE

- In each of the last six non-COVID-impacted seasons, Tennessee finished top-five nationally in average home attendance. It placed third last year.
- Tennessee's total number of season tickets sold this year (14,500) again exceeded the average home attendance of all but 15 DI programs.

2024-25 AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE LEADERS

1. North Carolina	20,521	4. Arkansas	18,996
2. Kentucky	20,334	5. Syracuse	18,888
3. Tennessee	20,026	6. Creighton	17,366

- Tennessee has finished top-20 in attendance for 20 consecutive seasons, logging 13 top-five spots.
- In 2024-25, UT had eight of the top 18 regular season single-game marks, including two of the top four.

2024-25 SINGLE GAME LARGEST CROWDS (reg. season)

1. Duke at Syracuse	2/5/25	23,13
2. Alabama at Tennessee	3/1/25	22,392
3. North Carolina at Syracuse	2/15/25	22,340
4. Kentucky at Tennessee	1/28/25	22,272

- Four of the six largest regular season single-game attendance totals in 2023-24 were in Knoxville.

2023-24 SINGLE GAME LARGEST CROWDS (reg. season)

1. Notre Dame at Syracuse	2/24/24	25,194
2. Clemson at Syracuse	2/10/24	23,050
3. Auburn at Tennessee	2/28/24	22,547
4. Texas A&M at Tennessee	2/24/24	22,322
5. Kentucky at Tennessee	3/9/24	22,206
6. Ole Miss at Tennessee	1/6/24	21,932

OVER HALF A MILLION

- UT had the highest combined MBB/WBB attendance in DI in 2024-25 (521,438), after placing third in 2023-24 (447,813) and first in 2022-23 (451,142).

2024-25 COMBINED BASKETBALL ATTENDANCE

Rank	School	Games	Total
1	Tennessee	34	521,438
2	South Carolina	35	494,096
3	Indiana	34	469,297
4	Kentucky	36	451,745
5	Arkansas	35	399,298

HOME HOOPS DURING THE BARNES ERA

- UT is 150-26 (.852) at Food City Center under **Rick Barnes**, including 73-22 (.768) in SEC play.
- Barnes has led the Vols to a 24-8 (.750) home mark against AP top-25 foes, including a 19-7 (.731) tally versus top-20 teams, a 16-5 (.762) ledger against the top 15, a 9-1 (.900) record versus top-10 opponents and a perfect 6-0 record against the top five.
- The Vols won 12 straight home games versus ranked teams, an SEC record per CBS Sports, from 1/30/21 to 2/28/24. That is the longest streak in DI since Kansas notched 17 in a row from 1/11/14 to 2/13/17.

20,000 STRONG

- In **Rick Barnes'** 11 seasons, Tennessee has played in front of a home crowd of at least 20,000 on 50 occasions (39-11), with 37 sellouts (29-8).
- In each of the last two years, the Vols amassed eight sellouts at Food City Center, setting and then tying the single-season record. Of the 16 games, 14 were in SEC play. Five featured crowds greater than 22,000.
- A year prior, in 2022-23, UT had five sellout crowds, at the time tying the arena single-season record.
- This year, the Vols have sold out five regular season games: Louisville (12/16), Kentucky (1/17), Auburn (1/31), LSU (2/14) and Alabama (2/28). Those are in addition to an exhibition versus Duke (10/26) that does not count towards official numbers.

AVG. HOME ATTENDANCE DURING THE BARNES ERA

Season	Average	NCAA Rank
2015-16	14,233	No. 17
2016-17	13,637	No. 20
2017-18	16,210	No. 8
2018-19	19,034 (<i>No. 9 in UT history</i>)	No. 4
2019-20	18,990 (<i>No. 10 in UT history</i>)	No. 4
2020-21	4,191 (COVID-19)	N/A
2021-22	18,202	No. 5
2022-23	18,781	No. 5
2023-24	19,664 (<i>No. 5 in UT history</i>)	No. 4
2024-25	20,026 (<i>No. 4 in UT history</i>)	No. 3

SEASON TICKETS EXCEED 13K AGAIN

- For the seventh straight full-capacity season, UT sold over 13,000 season tickets. The Vols sold out the full allotment of 14,500 for the third straight year.

NATION'S MOST PASSIONATE FANS

- In 2024-25, 2023-24 and 2022-23, Tennessee was the only school in America to rank in the top 10 in average home attendance for football, men's basketball and women's basketball.
- In 2024-25, Tennessee amassed 1,234,843 fans across its 41 home games in those three sports, the top regular season mark in the nation, over 99,000 above second-place Michigan. The 30,118 average also ranked first, over 1,000 ahead of the Wolverines.
- The only school in America to rank even top-15 nationally in cumulative attendance and/or average attendance during the 2024-25 regular season in all three sports, UT finished top-six in every category.
- During the 2023-24 athletic year, Tennessee totaled 1,161,218 fans across the three sports, the highest mark in the country. It placed over 96,000 above second-place LSU despite hosting six fewer games. Its average attendance of 30,558 led the country and ranked over 3,500 above second-place Michigan.

ONE FLY, WE ALL FLY

- With approximately 14:00 left on the clock, Tennessee executes its "One Fly, We All Fly" unified slam dunk, a tradition that started in 2018-19.
- Each game's dunker is determined by feel. His teammates circle the paint before he explodes toward the rim. When he takes flight, so do his teammates. As the ball is slammed and the Vols land in unison, UT fans let out a roar. The team then briefly returns to the locker room for final preparations.
- Teams from all levels of basketball across the globe—including multiple NBA teams (even **LeBron James** weighed in on Instagram)—have replicated "OFWAF," which is believed to have been named by VFL **Admiral Schofield**.

LARGEST ARENAS IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL (19K+)

Rank	Arena	School	Capacity	Location	League	On/Off
1	JMA Wireless Dome	Syracuse	30,219	Syracuse, N.Y.	ACC	On
2	First Horizon Coliseum	UNC Greensboro*	23,000	Greensboro, N.C.	SoCon	Off
3	KFC Yum! Center	Louisville	22,090	Louisville, Ky.	ACC	Off
4	Dean E. Smith Center	North Carolina	21,750	Chapel Hill, N.C.	ACC	On
5	Food City Center	Tennessee	21,678	Knoxville, Tenn.	SEC	On
6	Rupp Arena	Kentucky	20,500	Lexington, Ky.	SEC	Off
7	Capital One Arena	Georgetown	20,028	Washington, D.C.	BIG EAST	Off
8	Madison Square Garden	St. John's*	19,812	New York, N.Y.	BIG EAST	Off
9	Bud Walton Arena	Arkansas	19,200	Fayetteville, Ark.	SEC	On
10	Lenovo Center	NC State	19,119	Raleigh, N.C.	ACC	Off
11	Value City Arena	Ohio State	19,049	Columbus, Ohio	Big Ten	On

Food City Center is the fifth-largest venue in the country, including third-largest among on-campus arenas. It is the second-largest non-ACC facility in America, including the biggest on a campus and the largest among the other Power Five conferences. It is one of just seven venues with over 20,000 seats.

One of the two schools with a larger arena, UNC Greensboro, only uses it part of the time, as it also has an on-campus facility. The same applies to St. John's, which ranks eighth with its off-campus venue.

VOLS IN THE PROS

TEN VOLS DRAFTED SINCE 2019

- Over the last seven NBA Drafts (2019-25), 10 Volunteers have been selected, the most in program history in a seven-year span. That includes four first-round picks.
- Three Volunteers were picked in the 2019 NBA Draft, matching the program record set in both 1977 and 1950 when the draft had double-digit rounds.
- Tennessee is one of just three schools with double-digit draftees in the last seven years, alongside Duke and Kentucky. The Volunteers are also one of 15 teams with four-plus first-rounders in that time.
- Only four schools have produced an NBA draftee in at least six of the past seven years. Tennessee joins Arkansas, Duke and Kentucky on that list.
- The 10 Volunteers chosen in the past seven years are guard **Chaz Lanier** (No. 37 in 2025), **Jahmai Mashack** (No. 59 in 2025), **Dalton Knecht** (No. 17 in 2024), **Julian Phillips** (No. 35 in 2023), **Kennedy Chandler** (No. 38 in 2022), **Jaden Springer** (No. 28 in 2021), **Keon Johnson** (No. 21 in 2021), **Jordan Bone** (No. 57 in 2019), **Admiral Schofield** (No. 42 in 2019) and **Grant Williams** (No. 22 in 2019). Four of them—Phillips, Chandler, Springer and Johnson—were one-and-done collegians.
- In addition, Tennessee, Baylor, Connecticut, Duke and Kentucky are the only five schools with an NBA draftee in each of the past five years (2021-25).
- When **Rick Barnes** arrived on Rocky Top in 2015-16, only seven Vols had been picked in the prior 22 NBA Drafts (1994-2015), with just two in the first round.

VOLS WELL REPRESENTED IN THE NBA

- Tobias Harris** (2010-11) is in his 15th season in the NBA and the second year of his second stint with the Detroit Pistons, whom he signed a two-year, \$52 million deal with in July 2024. He earned \$276.23 million in his first 14 years in the league, while averaging 16.1 PPG on 47.8 percent shooting for five franchises. Harris recently became the 155th player ever to appear in 1,000 NBA games, making Tennessee one of just 26 schools—just four are in the SEC—with multiple players to hit that mark, as **Dale Ellis** previously did so.
- Grant Williams** (2016-19) is a seventh-year pro in his second full season with his hometown Charlotte Hornets. He is in the third season of a four-year, \$53 million deal he inked with the Dallas Mavericks in July 2023. Williams averaged 13.9 PPG in 28.0 MPG in 29 games with Charlotte after being traded there in Feb. 2024, but played just 16 games last year after tearing his right ACL in Dec. 2024.
- Jaden Springer** (2020-21) opened his fifth NBA season with his fourth team, the New Orleans Pelicans. Now in the G League, he earned \$11.14 million over his first

four campaigns, which included a 2023-24 NBA title with Boston.

- Julian Phillips** (2022-23) is a third-year pro now with the Minnesota Timberwolves after a deadline trade. He played in 79 games last season, making five starts and averaging 4.6 PPG. Phillips earned \$3.49 million in his first two years in the NBA.
- Dalton Knecht** (2023-24) is a second-year Los Angeles Laker. In his 11th game, 11/13/24 against Memphis, he became the 19th NBA rookie to go 5-of-5 from deep. Six days later, he scored 37 points versus Utah and went 9-of-12 beyond the arc to tie an NBA rookie record for made 3-pointers. UT's first Rising Stars Challenge selection averaged 9.1 PPG in his first pro season and made \$3.82 million.
- Chaz Lanier** (2024-25) is a rookie for the Detroit Pistons, who selected him No. 37 in the most recent draft. He is in the opening season of a four-year, \$8.79 contract.
- Jahmai Mashack** (2021-25) is a rookie with the Memphis Grizzlies, who took him at No. 59 in the 2025 NBA draft. He inked a two-year, two-way contract on 11/16/25.

CRUSHING THE COMBINE

- Under the tutelage of UT Director of Sports Performance **Garrett Medenwald**, a Tennessee alum has posted the highest max vertical leap at three of the last five NBA Combines. Twice, that individual also had the top standing vertical leap.
- In 2021, **Keon Johnson** set the all-time NBA Combine record in the max vertical leap at 48 inches, shattering the 20-year-old mark by 2.5 inches. **Kennedy Chandler** finished first in 2022 at 41.5, while **Julian Phillips** did so in 2023 at 43.
- Johnson** (41.5) and **Phillips** (36) both ranked first in standing vertical leap, as did **Jordan Bone** (36) in 2019. That year, Bone also led the way in the shuttle run (2.78) and lane agility (9.97), while **Grant Williams** did so in max bench reps (20).
- Most recently, in 2025, **Chaz Lanier** finished third in the standing leap (36). The prior year, in 2024, **Dalton Knecht** paced all NBA Draft Combine participants in the shuttle run (2.79) and ranked second in lane agility (10.56).
- Over the last seven NBA Draft Combines, a Tennessee player has posted the No. 1 result among all participants in 10 different events: max vertical (3x), standing vertical (3x), shuttle run (2x), lane agility and max bench press.

FAMILIAR FACE IN THE FRONT OFFICE

- Tennessee all-time leading scorer **Allan Houston** (1989-93) is the VP for Player Leadership & Development for the New York Knicks, whom he has worked for since 2008. He won the 2026 Jerry Colangelo Award, presented on NBA All-Star Weekend, which recognizes an NBA executive for leadership and character.

SUPERLATIVES

Jump-Balls Controlled		Points Leader*		Minutes Leader*		15+ Rebounds		Dunks	
Tennessee	18	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	10	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	15	Felix Okpara	-	Felix Okpara	29
Opponents	8	Nate Ament	9	Nate Ament	6			Cade Phillips	11
How Scored First Points		Rebs. Leader*		10+ Points		10+ Assists		J.P. Estrella	
3-Pointer	6	Amaree Abram	1	Amaree Abram	2	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	-	DeWayne Brown II	8
Free Throw	4	Jaylen Carey	1	Jaylen Carey	10			Nate Ament	8
Jump-Shot	4	J.P. Estrella	1	Felix Okpara	4			Jaylen Carey	8
Layup	4	Amari Evans	1	Nate Ament	19			Ja'Kobi Gillespie	2
Dunk	2	Felix Okpara	1	J.P. Estrella	11			Amari Evans	1
Tip-in	2			Cade Phillips	-				
Hook Shot	1			Bishop Boswell	5				
Scored UT's First Points		Assists Leader*		20+ Points		3+ Steals		Floor Burns (Diving Efforts)	
		Ja'Kobi Gillespie	20	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	11	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	3	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	17
Nate Ament	8	Bishop Boswell	3	Nate Ament	8	Amaree Abram	2	Bishop Boswell	13
Ja'Kobi Gillespie	6	Nate Ament	2	Felix Okpara	4	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	1	Felix Okpara	4
Felix Okpara	1	DeWayne Brown II	2	Nate Ament	19	Amaree Abram	-	Nate Ament	8
J.P. Estrella	4	Amari Evans	2	J.P. Estrella	11			Cade Phillips	3
Bishop Boswell	1			Cade Phillips	-			DeWayne Brown II	6
DeWayne Brown II	1			Bishop Boswell	5			Jaylen Carey	6
Jaylen Carey	1			DeWayne Brown II	4			Amaree Abram	4
Cade Phillips	1			Amari Evans	2			Amari Evans	4
First Off UT Bench*		Steals Leader*		25+ Points		5+ Steals		Troy Henderson	
Cade Phillips	1	Troy Henderson	1	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	2	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	1	Ethan Burg	1
Jaylen Carey	16			Nate Ament	8			Gavin Paull	-
J.P. Estrella	10			Amaree Abram	5				
Ethan Burg	5			Jaylen Carey	1				
Amari Evans	6			J.P. Estrella	1				
Amaree Abram	4			Felix Okpara	1				
DeWayne Brown II	3								
Troy Henderson	3								
"OFWAF" Dunk		Blocks Leader*		30+ Points		5+ Blocks		Free Throws in Last Four Minutes & Overtime	
Cade Phillips	3	Felix Okpara	13	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	2	Felix Okpara	-	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	22-27
Felix Okpara	3	Cade Phillips	6	Nate Ament	3	Cade Phillips	-	Nate Ament	14-19
J.P. Estrella	4	Nate Ament	4	Amaree Abram	-			Bishop Boswell	14-18
Bishop Boswell	1	DeWayne Brown II	4	Jaylen Carey	1			Cade Phillips	-
Nate Ament	3	J.P. Estrella	1	J.P. Estrella	3			Felix Okpara	6-11
Campbell Duncan	1	Bishop Boswell	2	DeWayne Brown II	2			DeWayne Brown II	6-9
Clarence Massamba	2	Ja'Kobi Gillespie	2	Nate Ament	2			Jaylen Carey	3-7
DeWayne Brown II	1	Amari Evans	1	Amaree Abram	-			J.P. Estrella	4-8
Jaylen Carey	1							Amaree Abram	4-5
Amari Evans	1							Amari Evans	4-5
Ja'Kobi Gillespie	1							Clarence Massamba	1-2
Troy Henderson	1							Grant Hurst	0-1
Gavin Paull	1							TEAM	78-112

THE LAST TIME...

LAST TIME A TENNESSEE PLAYER...

Scored 40+ Points: Dalton Knecht (40), vs. Kentucky, 3/9/24
Scored 35+ Points: Dalton Knecht (37), vs. Purdue in NCAA Tournament (Detroit), 3/31/24
Scored 30+ Points: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (34), vs. Texas, 1/6/26
Scored 25+ Points: Nate Ament (29), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Scored 20+ Points off the Bench: Jaylen Carey (22), at Syracuse, 12/2/25

Scored 35+ Points in Back-To-Back Games: Dalton Knecht, 36 at Georgia (1/13/24) and 39 vs. Florida (1/16/24)
Scored 30+ Points in Back-To-Back Games: Dalton Knecht, 32 at Vanderbilt (1/27/24) and 31 vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)
Scored 25+ Points in Three-Plus Straight Games: Dalton Knecht (six), 28 at Mississippi State (1/10/24), 36 at Georgia (1/13/24), 39 vs. Florida (1/16/24), 25 vs. Alabama (1/20/24), 32 at Vanderbilt (1/27/24) and 31 vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)

Scored 25+ Points in Back-to-Back Games: Chaz Lanier, 26 vs. Virginia (11/21/24) and 25 vs. Baylor (11/22/24), both in Baha Mar Championship (Nassau, Bahamas)
Scored 20+ Points in Seven Straight Games: Kevin Punter Jr., 24 vs. Gardner-Webb (11/22/15), 26 vs. Army West Point (11/24/15), 24 vs. George Washington (12/27/15), 23 vs. Nebraska (11/28/15), 27 at Butler (12/12/15), 24 vs. Florida Atlantic (12/16/15) and 23 vs. Gonzaga (12/19/15)

Had 20+ Rebounds: Jeronne Maymon (20), vs. Memphis, 11/22/11
Had 15+ Rebounds: Igor Miličić Jr. (18), vs. Arkansas, 1/4/25

Had 10+ Off. Rebounds: Jeronne Maymon (10), vs. NC State, 12/18/13
Had 7+ Off. Rebounds: J.P. Estrella (7) and Felix Okpara (7), at Georgia, 1/28/26

Made 15+ FGs: Dylon Nix (15-19), vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/25/88
Made 12+ FGs: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (12-18), vs. Texas, 1/6/26
Made 10+ FGs: Nate Ament (10-17), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Took 25+ FGs: Dalton Knecht (14-31), vs. Purdue in NCAA Tournament (Detroit), 3/31/24
Took 20+ FGs: Nate Ament (10-20) and Ja'Kobi Gillespie (8-20), at Alabama, 1/24/26

Shot 100 Percent (min. 10 FGM): Olivier Nkamhoua (10-10), at South Carolina, 1/7/23
Shot 100 Percent (min. 7 FGM): Amari Evans (7-7), at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Shot 100 Percent (min. 4 FGM): Amari Evans (7-7), at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Shot over 75 Percent (min. 10 FGM): J.P. Estrella (11-14), vs. North Florida, 11/12/25
Shot over 75 Percent (min. 8 FGM): Felix Okpara (8-10), vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Shot over 75 Percent (min. 5 FGM): Amari Evans (7-7), at Arkansas, 1/3/26

Made 12+ FGs in Back-to-Back Games: Dalton Knecht, 12-20 at Georgia (1/13/24) and 13-23 vs. Florida (1/16/24)
Made 10+ FGs in Back-to-Back Games: Dalton Knecht, 13-21 at Vanderbilt (1/27/24) and 11-24 vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)
Made 10+ FGs in Three-Plus Straight Games: Dalton Knecht, 10-18 at Mississippi State (1/10/24), 12-20 at Georgia (1/13/24) and 13-23 vs. Florida (1/16/24)

Took 20+ FGs in Two Straight Games: Dalton Knecht, 8-21 vs. Creighton in NCAA Tournament (Detroit; 3/29/24) and 14-31 vs. Purdue in NCAA Tournament (Detroit; 3/31/24)
Took 20+ FGs in Five Straight Games: Dalton Knecht, 12-20 at Georgia (1/13/24), 13-23 vs. Florida (1/16/23), 8-20 vs. Alabama (1/20/24), 13-21 at Vanderbilt (1/27/24) and 11-24 vs. South Carolina (1/30/24)

Made 8+ 3Ps: Chaz Lanier (8-13), at Texas A&M, 2/22/25
Made 7+ 3Ps: Chaz Lanier (8-13), at Texas A&M, 2/22/25
Made 6+ 3Ps: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (6-10), vs. Rutgers in Players Era Men's Championship (Las Vegas), 11/24/25
Made 5+ 3Ps Without a Miss: Santiago Vescovi (5-5), vs. Austin Peay, 12/21/22
Made 3+ 3Ps Without a Miss: Zakai Zeigler (4-4), vs. Missouri, 2/5/25

Took 15+ 3Ps: Chaz Lanier (6-16), vs. Norfolk State, 12/31/24
Took 12+ 3Ps: Chaz Lanier (6-13), vs. Wofford in NCAA Tournament (Lexington, Ky.), 3/20/25
Took 10+ 3Ps: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (5-10), vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26

Made 20+ FTs: Grant Williams (23-23), at Vanderbilt, 1/23/19
Made 15+ FTs: Grant Williams (23-23), at Vanderbilt, 1/23/19
Made 10+ FTs: Nate Ament (12-15), vs. Auburn 1/31/26

Made 10+ FTs Without a Miss: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (10-10), vs. Louisville, 12/16/25
Made 7+ FTs Without a Miss: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (10-10), vs. Louisville, 12/16/25

Took 20+ FTs: Grant Williams (23-23), at Vanderbilt, 1/23/19
Took 15+ FTs: Nate Ament (12-15), vs. Auburn 1/31/26
Took 10+ FTs: Nate Ament (8-10), vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26

Made 8+ FTs Without a Miss in Back-to-Back Games: Dalton Knecht, 9-9 vs. Florida (1/16/24) and 8-8 vs. Alabama (1/20/24)

Had 15+ Assists: Zakai Zeigler (15), at Ole Miss, 3/5/25
Had 12+ Assists: Zakai Zeigler (12), vs. Wofford in NCAA Tournament (Lexington, Ky.), 3/20/25
Had 10+ Assists: Zakai Zeigler (10), vs. Kentucky in NCAA Tournament (Indianapolis), 3/28/25
Had 7+ Assists with No TOs: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (8), vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25

Had 7+ Steals: Kennedy Chandler (7), vs. Presbyterian, 11/30/21
Had 6+ Steals: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (6), vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Had 5+ Steals: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (6), vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26

Had 7+ Blocks: Yves Pons (9), vs. Florida in SEC Tournament (Nashville, Tenn.), 3/12/21 (*program record*)
Had 5+ Blocks: Cade Phillips (5), vs. Norfolk State, 12/31/24

Played Every Second: Zakai Zeigler (40:00), vs. Creighton in NCAA Tournament (Detroit), 3/29/24
Played Every Second in Back-to-Back Games: Zakai Zeigler, (40:00) vs. Texas in NCAA Tournament (Charlotte; 3/23/24) and (40:00) vs. Creighton in NCAA Tournament (Detroit; 3/29/24)
Played 40+ Minutes: Bishop Boswell (42:46) and Ja'Kobi Gillespie (40:46), at Georgia, 1/28/26

Converted 4-Point Play: Nate Ament (16:12 left in 1H), vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25

Scored at Buzzer To Force Overtime: Robert Hubbs III, at Vanderbilt, 2/11/15 (driving layup as time expired to tie it at 67 [UT won, 76-73, in OT])
Scored in Closing Seconds to Force Overtime: Bishop Boswell, vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26 (free throw with 12.2 seconds left in regulation to tie at 71 [UT won, 87-82, in 2OT])

Scored at Buzzer to Win: Jahmai Mashack, vs. Alabama, 3/1/25 (35-footer after dribbling up the floor following a forced five-second call with 3.8 seconds left to win, 79-76)
Scored in Closing Seconds to Win: Grant Williams, at Ole Miss, 2/27/19 (driving layup with three seconds left to win, 73-71)

Scored 20+ Points in First Half: Ja'Kobi Gillespie (23 of his 32), vs. Rutgers in Players Era Men's Championship (Las Vegas), 11/24/25

Scored 20+ Points in Second Half: Nate Ament (26 of his 28), vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26

Scored 20+ in a Half in Two-Plus Straight Games: Dalton Knecht (three), 26 in 2H at Mississippi State (1/10/24), 20 in 2H at Georgia (1/13/24) and 22 in 1H vs. Florida (1/16/24)
Scored 15+ in Five-Plus Straight Halves: Dalton Knecht (six), 26 in 2H at Mississippi State (1/10/24), 16 in 1H & 20 in 2H at Georgia (1/13/24), 22 in 1H & 17 in 2H vs. Florida (1/16/24) and 17 in 1H vs. Alabama (1/20/24)

Scored 10+ in Both Halves of Back-to-Back Games: Ja'Kobi Gillespie, 14 & 10 vs. Kentucky (1/17/26) and 10 & 14 at Alabama (1/24/26)

Scored 10+ in Both Halves of Three Straight Games: Dalton Knecht, 14 & 13 vs. LSU (2/7/24), 10 & 12 at Texas A&M (2/10/24), 12 & 10 at Arkansas (2/14/24)

Made 7+ 3Ps in a Half: Chaz Lanier (7-8), vs. Baylor in Baha Mar Championship (Nassau, Bahamas), 11/22/24
Made 5+ 3Ps in a Half: Chaz Lanier (6-7), at Texas A&M, 2/22/25

Had a 4x5 Game: Armani Moore (6 pts, 6 reb, 5 ast, 5 blk), vs. Texas A&M, 1/9/16

Had a PTS/AST Double-Double: Zakai Zeigler (18 pts, 10 ast), vs. Kentucky in NCAA Tournament (Indianapolis), 3/28/25
Had a PTS/REB Double-Double: Bishop Boswell (13 pts, 10 reb), at Georgia, 1/28/26

Had a 20-Point Double-Double with Assists: Zakai Zeigler (26 pts, 13 ast), at Kentucky, 2/3/24
Had a 20-Point Double-Double with Rebounds: J.P. Estrella (23 pts, 10 reb), vs. North Florida, 11/12/25

Had A 15-15 Game: Zakai Zeigler (17 pts, 15 ast), vs. Middle Tennessee State, 12/23/24

Had A Triple-Double: Tyler Smith (12 pts, 10 reb, 10 ast), vs. UNC Asheville, 12/3/08 (*only triple-double in UT history*)

Had Back-to-Back Double-Doubles: J.P. Estrella (17 pts, 11 reb) vs. Northern Ky. (11/8/25) and (23 pts, 10 reb) vs. North Florida (11/12/25)

Was Called for a Technical Foul: Jaylen Carey, vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26

Was Called for a Flagrant Foul: J.P. Estrella, at Florida, 1/10/26
Was Ejected: Yemi Makanjuola (type-2 flagrant foul), at Vanderbilt, 1/24/12

LAST TIME A TENNESSEE FRESHMAN...

Scored 30+ Points: Jaden Springer (30), vs. Georgia, 2/10/21
Scored 25+ Points: Nate Ament (29), at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Scored 20+ Points: Nate Ament (29), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Scored 25+ Points in Back-to-Back Games: Nate Ament, 28 vs. Ole Miss (2/3/26) and 29 at Kentucky (2/7/26)

Had 12+ Rebounds: DeWayne Brown II (12), at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Had 10+ Rebounds: DeWayne Brown II (12), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Had 7+ Offensive Rebounds: Olivier Nkamhoua (7), vs. Florida A&M, 12/4/19
Had 5+ Offensive Rebounds: DeWayne Brown II (6), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Made 12+ FGs: Kennedy Chandler (13-20), at Colorado, 12/4/21
Made 10+ FGs: Nate Ament (10-17), at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Made 8+ FGs: Nate Ament (10-17), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Took 20+ FGs: Nate Ament (10-20), at Alabama, 1/24/26
Took 15+ FGs: Nate Ament (10-17), at Kentucky, 2/7/26

Shot 100 Percent (min. 7 FGM): Amari Evans (7-7), at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Shot 100 Percent (min. 4 FGM): Amari Evans (7-7), at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Shot over 75 Percent (min. 10 FGM): Grant Williams (10-12), vs. Lipscomb, 12/15/16
Shot over 75 Percent (min. 8 FGM): Kennedy Chandler (9-12), at Missouri, 2/22/22
Shot over 75 Percent (min. 5 FGM): Amari Evans (7-7), at Arkansas, 1/3/26

Made 7+ 3Ps: Lamonte' Turner (7-11), vs. Presbyterian, 12/6/16
Made 6+ 3Ps: Santiago Vescovi (6-13), vs. LSU, 1/4/20 (*collegiate debut*)
Made 5+ 3Ps: Kennedy Chandler (5-6), vs. Arkansas, 3/5/22
Made 4+ 3Ps Without a Miss: Kennedy Chandler (4-4), vs. UT Martin, 11/9/21 (*collegiate debut*)

Took 12+ 3Ps: Chris Lofton (5-13), at Kentucky, 3/2/05
Took 10+ 3Ps: Santiago Vescovi (4-11), vs. Kentucky, 2/8/20
Took 8+ 3Ps: Zakai Zeigler (2-8), vs. Ole Miss, 1/5/22

Made 12+ FTs: Nate Ament (12-15), vs. Auburn 1/31/26
Made 10+ FTs: Nate Ament (12-15), vs. Auburn 1/31/26
Made 8+ FTs: Nate Ament (8-10), vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26
Made 10+ FTs Without a Miss: Jaden Springer (10-10), at Vanderbilt, 2/24/21
Made 7+ FTs Without a Miss: Nate Ament (8-8), vs. Kansas in Players Era Men's Championship (Las Vegas), 11/26/25

Took 12+ FTs: Nate Ament (12-15), vs. Auburn 1/31/26
Took 10+ FTs: Nate Ament (12-15), vs. Auburn 1/31/26

Had 10+ Assists: Kennedy Chandler (10), at South Carolina, 2/5/22
Had 7+ Assists: Kennedy Chandler (9), vs. Michigan in NCAA Tournament (Indianapolis), 3/19/22
Had 5+ Assists: Troy Henderson (6), vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Had 7+ Assists Without no TOs: Kennedy Chandler (7) vs. Texas A&M in SEC Tournament (Tampa, Fla.), 3/13/22
Had 5+ Assists Without no TOs: Troy Henderson (6), vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25

Had 7+ Steals: Kennedy Chandler (7) vs. Presbyterian, 11/30/21
Had 5+ Steals: Kennedy Chandler (5) and Zakai Zeigler (5), at Mississippi State, 2/9/22

Had 5+ Blocks: Grant Williams (6), at Texas A&M, 12/29/16
Had 4+ Blocks: Grant Williams (4), at LSU, 3/1/17
Had 3+ Blocks: Jonas Aidoo (3), vs. Arkansas, 3/5/22

Had at PTS/AST Double-Double: Kennedy Chandler (11pts, 10ast), at South Carolina, 2/5/22
Had a PTS/REB Double-Double: Nate Ament (19pts, 10reb), vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Had 20-Point Double-Double: Tobias Harris (21pts, 11reb), at Arkansas, 1/8/11

■ NCAA DI TOURNAMENT BERTHS - ALL-TIME DI HEAD COACHES

RANK	COACH	SCHOOLS	BERTHS
1	Mike Krzyzewski	Duke	36
2	Jim Boeheim	Syracuse	35
3	Roy Williams	Kansas, North Carolina	30
4	Rick Barnes*	Four schools	29
5	Bob Knight	Indiana, Texas Tech	28
T-6	Tom Izzo*	Michigan State	27
T-6	Lute Olson	Iowa, Arizona	27
T-6	Dean Smith	North Carolina	27
9	Bob Huggins	Three schools	26
T-10	Mark Few*	Gonzaga	25
T-10	Bill Self*	Three schools	25
T-10	Eddie Sutton	Four schools	25
13	Denny Crum	Louisville	23
T-14	Jim Calhoun	Northeastern, Connecticut	22
T-14	John Calipari*	Four schools	22
T-16	Dana Altman*	Three schools	20
T-16	Lon Kruger	Five schools	20
T-16	Rick Pitino*	Six schools	20
T-16	Adolph Rupp	Kentucky	20
T-16	John Thompson	Georgetown	20

through 2024-25 season | * indicates active coach

■ NCAA DI TOURNAMENT BERTHS - ACTIVE DI HEAD COACHES

RANK	COACH	SCHOOLS	BERTHS
1	Rick Barnes	Four	29
2	Tom Izzo	One	27
T-3	Mark Few	One	25
T-3	Bill Self	Three	25
5	John Calipari	Four	22
T-6	Rick Pitino	Six	20
T-6	Kelvin Sampson	Four	20
T-8	Dana Altman	Three	17
T-8	Matt Painter	Two	17
T-10	Mick Cronin	Three	15
T-10	Jamie Dixon	Two	15

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■ CONSECUTIVE NCAA DI TOURNAMENT BERTHS - ALL-TIME DI HEAD COACHES

RANK	COACH	YEARS (SCHOOL)	BERTHS
1	Tom Izzo*	1998-2025 (Michigan State)	27*
2	Mark Few*	2000-25 (Gonzaga)	25*
3	Mike Krzyzewski	1996-2019 (Duke)	24
4	Dean Smith	1975-97 (North Carolina)	23
5	Roy Williams	1990-2009 (two schools)	20
6	Bill Self*	1999-2017 (two schools)	18
7	Rick Barnes*	1996-2012 (two schools)	17
8	Bob Knight	1986-2000 (Indiana)	15
T-9	Bob Huggins	1992-2005 (Cincinnati)	14
T-9	Lute Olson	1985-98 (Arizona)	14
T-9	Tubby Smith	1994-2007 (three schools)	14
T-9	Bo Ryan	2002-15 (Wisconsin)	14
T-9	John Thompson	1979-92 (Georgetown)	14

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* indicates active coach | * indicates active streak

■ CONSECUTIVE NCAA DI TOURNAMENT BERTHS - ACTIVE DI HEAD COACHES

RANK	COACH	YEARS (SCHOOL)	BERTHS
1	Tom Izzo	1998-2025 (Michigan State)	27*
2	Mark Few	2000-25 (Gonzaga)	25*
3	Bill Self	1999-2017 (two schools)	18
4	Rick Barnes	1996-2012 (two schools)	17
5	Mick Cronin	2011-23 (two schools)	12
T-6	Matt Painter	2015-25 (Purdue)	10*
T-6	Kelvin Sampson	1995-2003 (Oklahoma)	9
8	Jamie Dixon	2004-11 (Pittsburgh)	8
T-9	Rick Barnes	2019-25 (Tennessee)	7*
T-9	Thad Matta	2009-2015 (Ohio State)	7
T-9	Kelvin Sampson	2019-25 (Houston)	7*

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■ NCAA DI TOURNAMENT GAMES - ACTIVE DI HEAD COACHES

RANK	COACH	SCHOOLS	GAMES
1	Tom Izzo	Michigan State	84
2	Bill Self	Three schools	76
3	John Calipari	Four schools	71
4	Mark Few	Gonzaga	69
5	Rick Barnes	Four schools	62
6	Rick Pitino	Five schools	59
7	Kelvin Sampson	Four schools	51
8	Matt Painter	Southern Illinois, Purdue	41
9	Thad Matta	Three schools	37
10	Dana Altman	Three schools	36

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■ NCAA DI TOURNAMENT WINS - ACTIVE DI HEAD COACHES

RANK	COACH	SCHOOLS (by apps)	GAMES
1	Tom Izzo	Michigan State	59
2	Bill Self	Three schools	53
3	John Calipari	Three schools	50
4	Mark Few	Gonzaga	44
5	Rick Pitino	Five schools	40
6	Rick Barnes	Four schools	33
7	Kelvin Sampson	Four schools	31
8	Thad Matta	Three schools	24
9	Matt Painter	Purdue	24
10	Scott Drew	Baylor	21

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■ NCAA TOURNAMENT AT FOUR DI SCHOOLS - ALL-TIME HEAD COACHES (17 total; seven active)

COACH	SCHOOLS
Steve Alford* (5)	Missouri State, Iowa, New Mexico, UCLA, Nevada
Rick Barnes*	Providence, Clemson, Texas, Tennessee
Chris Beard*	Little Rock, Texas Tech, Texas, Ole Miss
John Beilein	Cainisius, Richmond, West Virginia, Michigan
John Calipari*	UMass, Memphis, Kentucky, Arkansas
Lefty Driesell	Davidson, Maryland, James Madison, Georgia State
Cliff Ellis	South Alabama, Clemson, Auburn, Coastal Carolina
Larry Eustachy	Utah State, Iowa State, Southern Miss, Colorado State
Jim Harrick	Pepperdine, UCLA, Rhode Island, Georgia
Ben Howland	Northern Arizona, Pittsburgh, UCLA, Mississippi State
Lon Kruger (5)	Kansas State, Florida, Illinois, UNLV, Oklahoma
Fran McCaffery*	Lehigh, UNC Greensboro, Siena, Iowa
Tom Penders	Rhode Island, Texas, George Washington, Houston
Rick Pitino* (6)	Boston U, Providence, Kentucky, Louisville, Iona, St. John's
Kelvin Sampson*	Washington State, Oklahoma, Indiana, Houston
Tubby Smith (5)	Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota, Texas Tech
Eddie Sutton	Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma State

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* indicates active coach

■ NCAA TOURNAMENT BERTHS - ACTIVE SEC COACHES

RANK	COACH	SCHOOL	BERTHS
1	Rick Barnes	Tennessee	29
2	John Calipari	Arkansas	22
3	Sean Miller	Texas	11
4	Nate Oats	Alabama	8
T-5	Chris Beard	Ole Miss	6
T-5	Chris Jans	Mississippi State	6
7	Mike White	Georgia	5
T-8	Dennis Gates	Missouri	3
T-8	Todd Golden	Florida	3
T-8	Matt McMahon	LSU	3
T-8	Porter Moser	Oklahoma	3
T-8	Mark Pope	Kentucky	3
T-13	Mark Byington	Vanderbilt	2
T-13	Lamont Paris	South Carolina	2
15	Bucky McMillan	Texas A&M	1
16	Steven Pearl	Auburn	0

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■ NCAA TOURNAMENT WINS - ACTIVE SEC COACHES

RANK	COACH	SCHOOL	WINS
1	John Calipari	Arkansas	50
2	Rick Barnes	Tennessee	33
3	Sean Miller	Texas	20
T-4	Chris Beard	Ole Miss	13
T-4	Nate Oats	Alabama	13
6	Mike White	Georgia	7
T-7	Todd Golden	Florida	6
T-7	Porter Moser	Oklahoma	6
T-9	Matt McMahon	LSU	2
T-9	Mark Pope	Kentucky	2
T-11	Mark Byington	Vanderbilt	1
T-11	Chris Jans	Mississippi State	1
T-11	Dennis Gates	Missouri	1
T-14	Bucky McMillan	Texas A&M	0
T-14	Lamont Paris	South Carolina	0
T-14	Steven Pearl	Auburn	0

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■ AP NO. 1 RANKING AT MULTIPLE DI SCHOOLS - ALL-TIME HEAD COACHES (seven total; three active)

COACH	SCHOOLS
Rick Barnes*	Texas, Tennessee
John Calipari*	UMass, Memphis, Kentucky (three)
Frank McGuire	St. John's, North Carolina, South Carolina (three)
Bruce Pearl	Tennessee, Auburn
Rick Pitino*	Kentucky, Louisville
Eddie Sutton	Arkansas, Kentucky
Roy Williams	Kansas, North Carolina

* indicates active coach

NOTE: Rick Barnes led Tennessee to the No. 1 ranking for four weeks in 2019 (Jan. 21-Feb. 17) and five in 2024-25 (Dec. 9-Jan. 5). He guided Texas to the No. 1 spot for two consecutive weeks in 2010 (Jan. 11-24), still the only time it has ever been atop the poll.

■ SWEET 16 BERTHS AT THREE DI SCHOOLS - ALL-TIME HEAD COACHES (12 total; four active)

COACH	SCHOOLS (YEARS)
Rick Barnes*	Clemson (1997), Texas (5x), Tennessee (3x)
Gene Bartow	Memphis (1973), UCLA (2x), UAB (2x)
John Calipari*	UMass (2x*), Memphis (3x*), Kentucky (8x)
Lon Kruger (4)	Kansas State (1988), Florida (1994), UNLV (2007), Oklahoma (2x)
Frank McGuire	St. John's (2x), North Carolina (1957), South Carolina (3x)
Ralph Miller	Wichita State (1964), Iowa (1970), Oregon State (1982)
Rick Pitino*	Providence (1987), Kentucky (5x), Louisville (3x+)
Bruce Pearl	Milwaukee (2005), Tennessee (3x), Auburn (2019)
Bill Self*	Tulsa (2000), Illinois (2x), Kansas (10x*)
Eddie Sutton (4)	Creighton (1974), Arkansas (4x), Kentucky (2x), Oklahoma State (6x)
Tubby Smith	Tulsa (2x), Georgia (1996), Kentucky (6x)
Bruce Weber	Southern Illinois (2002), Illinois (2x), Kansas State (2018)

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* indicates active coach

^ indicates one additional vacated appearance

+ indicates four additional vacated appearances

NOTE: Barnes is one of eight coaches—the others are John Calipari, Lon Kruger, Rick Pitino, Bruce Pearl, Bill Self, Tubby Smith and Bruce Weber—to achieve this feat in the 64-team era (since 1985).

■ 100+ WINS AT THREE DI SCHOOLS - ALL-TIME HEAD COACHES (29 total; eight active)

COACH	SCHOOLS (WINS)
Steve Alford* (4)	Iowa (152), New Mexico (155), UCLA (124), Nevada (130)
Rick Barnes*	Providence (108), Texas (402), Tennessee (248)
John Beilein	Richmond (100), West Virginia (104), Michigan (277)
John Calipari*	UMass (189), Memphis (214), Kentucky (410)
Bobby Cremins	App State (100), Georgia Tech (354), Charleston (114)
Mike Davis	Indiana (115), UAB (122), Texas Southern (145)
Tom Davis	Lafayette (116), Boston College (100), Iowa (270)
Ed DeChellis	ETSU (105), Penn State (114), Navy (196)
Lefty Driesell (4)	Davidson (176), Maryland (348), James Madison (159), Georgia State (103)
Hugh Durham	Florida State (230), Georgia (297), Jacksonville (106)
Cliff Ellis (4)	South Alabama (171), Clemson (177), Auburn (186), Coastal Carolina (297)
Larry Eustachy	Iowa State (101), Southern Miss (142), Colorado State (121)
Seth Greenberg	Long Beach State (105), USF (108), Virginia Tech (170)
Ron Hunter*	IU Indy (221), Georgia State (171), Tulane (102)
Jeff Jones	Virginia (146), American (211), Old Dominion (203)
Bob Knight	Army West Point (102), Indiana (662), Texas Tech (138)
Lon Kruger	Florida (104), UNLV (161), Oklahoma (179)
Jim Larrañaga	Bowling Green (170), George Mason (273), Miami (274)
Frank McGuire	St. John's (102), North Carolina (164), South Carolina (283)
Mike Montgomery	Montana (154), Stanford (393), Cal (130)
Tom Penders	Fordham (125), Texas (208), Houston (121)
Kelvin Sampson*	Washington State (103), Oklahoma (281), Houston (320)
Herb Sendek*	NC State (191), Arizona State (159), Santa Clara (182)
Shaka Smart*	VCU (163), Texas (109), Marquette (107)
Jerry Tarkanian	Long Beach State (116), UNLV (509), Fresno State (104)
Billy Tubbs	Oklahoma (333), TCU (156), Lamar (121)
Butch von Breda Kolff	Lafayette (132), Hofstra (215), Princeton (103)
Bruce Weber	Southern Illinois (103), Illinois (210), Kansas State (184)
Buzz Williams*	Marquette (139), Virginia Tech (100), Texas A&M (118)

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* indicates active coach

■ 200+ WINS AT TWO DI SCHOOLS - ALL-TIME HEAD COACHES (19 total; five active)

COACH	SCHOOLS (WINS)
Dana Altman*	Creighton (327), Oregon (378)
Rick Barnes*	Texas (402), Tennessee (248)
Jim Calhoun	Northeastern (248), Connecticut (625)
John Calipari*	Memphis (214), Kentucky (408)
Fran Dunphy	Penn (310), Temple (270)
Hugh Durham	Florida State (230), Georgia (297)
Lou Henson	Illinois (423), New Mexico State (289)
Bob Huggins	Cincinnati (399), West Virginia (345)
Jeff Jones	American (211), Old Dominion (203)
Jim Larrañaga	George Mason (273), Miami (274)
Bob Marlin	Sam Houston State (225), Louisiana (269)
Neil McCarthy	Weber State (205), New Mexico State (226)
Ralph Miller	Wichita State (220), Oregon State (342)
Johnny Orr	Michigan (209), Iowa State (218)
Rick Pitino*	Kentucky (219), Louisville (293)
Kelvin Sampson*	Oklahoma (281), Houston (320)
Norm Sloan	Florida (232), NC State (266)
Eddie Sutton	Arkansas (260), Oklahoma State (368)
Roy Williams	Kansas (418), North Carolina (485)

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* indicates active coach

NOTE: The only six coaches on the above two lists (100 x3 and 200 x2) are Rick Barnes, John Calipari, Hugh Durham, Jeff Jones, Jim Larrañaga and Kelvin Sampson. Just three of them are active.

NOTE: Vacated NCAA Tournament appearances/wins are not included.

ON THE BENCH



JUSTIN GAINEY

Associate Head Coach • NC State, 2000

- In his 20th year at the college level, including his 14th as a coach, Gainey is in his fifth season at Tennessee, including his fourth as associate head coach.
- Prior to coming to Tennessee in April 2021, Gainey spent the 2020-21 season as the associate head coach at Marquette, where he also worked from 2014-17.
- In between his stints in Milwaukee, Gainey was an assistant coach at Santa Clara in 2017-18 and Arizona from 2018-20.
- The High Point, N.C., native was a standout point guard at NC State, starting 103 games from 1996-2000, and went 2-2 in matchups with Rick Barnes-led Clemson.



GREGG POLINSKY

Assistant Coach • Northern Arizona, 1981

- Now in his fifth year on the Tennessee staff, Polinsky served as a volunteer analyst in 2021-22 and was promoted to assistant coach following the season.
- The St. Louis native was a DI head coach at Georgia Southern (1995-99), as well as an assistant at Texas (1983-86), Alabama (1986-94) and Howard College (1981-83).
- Spent over two decades in NBA scouting and front-office positions with the New Jersey/Brooklyn Nets (1999-2018) and the Detroit Pistons (2018-21).
- The Ladue High School Sports Hall of Famer played at New Mexico for two seasons before transferring to Northern Arizona for the final season of his college career.



AMORROW MORGAN

Assistant Coach • Idaho State, 2012

- Hired in May 2025 to join the Tennessee staff, bringing 12 years of collegiate coaching experience, including eight at the Division I level and two in the ACC.
- Previously worked at Cal, Loyola Chicago, South Alabama, Nicholls State, Henderson State (Ark.), Our Lady of the Lake (Texas) and Illinois-Springfield.
- Coached top-20 NBA Draft pick Jalon Tyson and ACC Sixth Man of the Year Jeremiah Wilkinson at Cal, plus helped Loyola Chicago reach 2022 NCAA Tournament.
- The Memphis, Tenn., native graduated from Cordova High School and then became a two-time All-Big Sky selection at Idaho State and multi-year pro player.



BRYAN LENTZ

Assistant Coach • Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.), 2000

- The Hickory, N.C., native came to Rocky Top in 2018-19 and is in his eighth season on staff at Tennessee, including his second as an assistant coach.
- Worked for Rick Barnes for four years at Texas, serving as a special assistant/video coordinator from 2010-14, and helped develop five NBA players.
- Son of John Lentz, the Lenoir-Rhyne head coach for 29 years (432-374 from 1986-2015) and Rick Barnes' college roommate at the then-NAIA school in Hickory.
- Spent the 2014-18 seasons as an assistant coach at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C., as well as the 2001-10 campaigns at his alma mater, Lenoir-Rhyne.



STEVE McCLAIN

Assistant Coach • Chadron State (Neb.), 1984

- In his first year at Tennessee, but has 43 prior years of coaching experience, including 31 at the DI level, 13 with Power Five teams and 17 as a head coach.
- Served as the head coach at UIC (2015-20), Wyoming (1998-2007) and Hutchinson Community College (1991-94), winning the 1994 NJCAA title at the latter.
- The Orient, Iowa, native has also worked at schools such as Texas (2022-25), Georgia (2020-22), Indiana (2010-15), Colorado (2007-10) and TCU (1994-98).
- The 2001-02 Mountain West Coach of the Year has tutored future NBA players such as Alec Burks, Toumani Camara, Victor Oladipo, Noah Vonleh and Cody Zeller.



MARY-CARTER EGGERT

Director of Basketball Operations • Tennessee, 2011

- A two-time Tennessee graduate, Eggert is in her 11th season working in the lead basketball operations role, dating back to Rick Barnes' first season.
- Part of a select group of females in a DOBO or Chief of Staff role in DI men's basketball, including an even smaller number at the Power Five level.
- The Richmond, Va., native spent three years on UT's media relations staff (2012-15), working closely with the Tennessee football program from 2012 to 2014.
- A Tennessee alumna who has worked with UT athletics in some capacity since arriving on campus as a freshman in 2007.



GARRETT MEDENWALD

Director of Sports Performance • Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2013

- In his 11th season at Tennessee, as he joined Rick Barnes from day one, after working for him as a graduate manager (2012-14) and strength intern (2014-15) at Texas.
- The Green Bay, Wis., native was a running back at UW-Whitewater, where he helped lead the Warhawks to back-to-back national championships in 2010 and 2011.
- An elite powerlifter, Medenwald was a national qualifier in Olympic weightlifting and served as a coach and co-founder of the UW-Whitewater Olympic Lifting Club.
- Helped a Volunteer post the best max vertical leap at the 2023 (Julian Phillips), 2022 (Kennedy Chandler) and 2021 (Keon Johnson) NBA Draft Combines.



CHAD NEWMAN

Athletic Trainer • Tennessee, 1994

- In his 31st season working at Tennessee, including his 30th with the basketball program, the latter dating to Sept. 1996 during his final year as a UT master's student.
- A two-time Tennessee alum, Newman is in his 36th consecutive academic year on the UT campus after first coming to Knoxville, Tenn., as an undergrad in 1990.
- Under Newman's care, the Volunteers have won five SEC titles and reached the postseason 22 times, with 18 NCAA Tournament berths and nine Sweet 16 trips.
- The Chattanooga, Tenn., native is the SEC Sports Medicine Committee treasurer and was the 2009 Tennessee Athletic Trainer's Society Athletic Trainer of the Year.



LUCAS CAMPBELL

Director of Player Personnel/Recruiting Coordinator • Tennessee, 2019

- In his sixth year—fourth of his second stint—on staff at Tennessee, previously serving as a GA (2019-21), director of recruiting (2022-24) and assistant coach (2024-25).
- Spent the 2021-22 season as ETSU's director of basketball operations under then-head coach Desmond Oliver, a former Rick Barnes assistant at Tennessee.
- A four-year walk-on (2015-19) for the Volunteers, Campbell joined the program during Barnes' first year at the helm and appeared in 16 games as a collegian.
- The Knoxville, Tenn., native helped UT to a 57-15 record, an SEC regular season title, two NCAA Tournament bids and a Sweet 16 in his final two years as a player.



LUKE SCHAPKER

Director of Video and Analytics • Bowling Green, 2018

- Now is in his eighth year with the Tennessee basketball program after first coming to Rocky Top as a graduate assistant in 2018-19.
- Viewed by Rick Barnes as an indispensable member of the Tennessee staff, as he is among Barnes' most trusted analytical minds.
- The Evansville, Ind., native earned a master's degree in sport management from Tennessee in 2020 and was retained following his graduate assistantship.
- Worked for four years as a men's basketball student manager, including three years as a head manager, at Bowling Green during his undergraduate tenure.



SCOTT DAUGHTRY

Director of Strategy • Tennessee, 2023

- In his first season as a full-time staff member at Tennessee after being hired by Rick Barnes in June 2025 to a newly created position.
- Worked on staff as a graduate assistant from December 2023 through May 2025, spearheading the further development of UT's analytical structure.
- Served as an undergraduate manager for Tennessee from April 2021 to December 2023, including as a head manager for two-and-a-half years.
- The Anderson, S.C., native is pursuing a Master of Science in Business Analytics / MBA dual program at UT, with an anticipated graduation in May 2026.



RILEY COLLINS

Assistant Director of Player Development • Drew (N.J.), 2020

- In his fourth year at Tennessee, including his second as the assistant director of player development, after joining the program in the summer of 2022.
- The Lacey, N.J., native worked as a graduate assistant at Marymount University (Va.) from 2020-22, and has multiple years of skills development experience.
- Served as the head coach of the New Jersey Panthers in the Hoop Group Showcase League from 2019-22, guiding the team to the title in 2020.
- Four-time First Team All-Landmark Conference honoree and 2020 Reese's All-American at Drew, setting school record for points (1,973), assists and made 3-pointers.



JUSTIN CALDWELL

Program Development Coordinator • Glenville State (W.Va.), 2013

- In his 13th year on a college coaching staff, including his third at a Division I institution and second at Tennessee.
- Owns youth, high school, DIII and DI experience, including serving as the head coach at Glenville State from 2018-23 and as an assistant at Marshall in 2023-24.
- Totaled 1,997 points in his four-year college career, including three at West Virginia Wesleyan, and was twice an All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pick.
- The Mullens, W.Va., native is married to Kim Caldwell, the second-year head coach of the Tennessee women's basketball team.

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SEASON HIGHS

Points:	15 (2x) // last vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Rebounds:	4 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Assists:	4 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Steals:	3 (2x) // last vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	6 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
3-Pointers:	3 // vs. Tenn. State 11/20/25
Free Throws:	4 // vs. Tenn. State 11/20/25
Minutes:	22:49 // vs. Tenn. State 11/20/25

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	26 // vs. Stanford (N), 11/24/22
Rebounds:	8 (4x) // last at Middle Tenn., 2/20/25
Assists:	5 (2x) // last vs. Georgia, 1/14/23
Steals:	6 // vs. Southern Ill. (N), 11/25/24
Blocks:	1 (10x) // last at Western Ky., 2/22/25
Field Goals:	12 // vs. Stanford (N), 11/24/22
3-Pointers:	5 (2x) // last vs. UT Arlington, 11/9/24
Free Throws:	5 // at Western Ky., 2/22/25
Minutes:	41:00 // vs. Sam Houston St., 2/1/25

SEC HIGHS

Points:	17 // vs. Kentucky, 1/31/23
Rebounds:	5 // at South Carolina, 1/17/23
Assists:	5 // vs. Georgia, 1/14/23
Steals:	2 (5x) // last vs. Miss. State, 2/18/23
Blocks:	1 (3x) // last at Arkansas, 1/21/23
Field Goals:	7 // vs. Kentucky, 1/31/23
3-Pointers:	4 // vs. LSU, 2/25/23
Free Throws:	2 (3x) // last vs. Miss. State, 2/18/23
Minutes:	38:25 // vs. Miss. State, 2/18/23

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2024-26	Career
Scored 10+ Points	2	33
Scored 15+ Points	2	16
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	2	35
Made 4+ 3-Pointers	--	6
Had 5+ Rebounds	--	15
Had 3+ Assists	1	24
Had 5+ Assists	--	2
Had Multiple Steals	5	26
Led the Vols in Steals	4	4
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	9	40

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2022-23*	32-22	694	21.0	104-258	.403	39-107	.364	18-27	.667	8-58-66	2.0	63-1	66	59	4	22	265	8.0
2023-24*	10-4	108	10.8	11-42	.262	4-20	.200	8-13	.615	2-15-17	1.7	10-0	11	9	2	1	34	3.4
2024-25+	32-32	1026	32.1	145-344	.422	66-177	.373	39-46	.848	15-126-141	4.4	68-0	53	60	4	47	395	12.3
2025-26	21-3	252	12.0	26-65	.400	14-38	.368	13-16	.813	8-25-33	1.6	26-0	17	8	0	16	79	3.8
TOTAL	96-61	2080	21.7	286-709	.403	123-342	.360	78-102	.765	33-224-257	2.7	167-1	147	136	10	86	773	8.1

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- 2024-25: All-CUSA Honorable Mention
- 2022-23: SEC Co-Freshman of the Week (11/28/22)

AS A SENIOR IN 2025-26

- Did not play in the win against Ole Miss (2/3/26) due to flu-like symptoms.
- Tied a season best with a co-game-high 15 points against Gardner-Webb (12/21/25), shooting 6-of-7 from the floor to set a new season high in makes, plus added a co-team-best three steals.
- Scored eight points, connecting on two 3-pointers, in a Music City Madness matchup with No. 14/15 Illinois (12/6/25).
- Scored a season-high 15 points versus Tennessee State (11/20/25), including hitting his first three 3-point attempts in the opening three minutes.
- Earned his first start as a Volunteer against Rice (11/17/25) and finished with four assists, one shy of his career high.
- Registered nine points, three steals and two assists versus North Florida (11/12/25).

AS A JUNIOR IN 2024-25 AT LOUISIANA TECH

- One of three players to appear in all 32 affairs and one of just two to start each of them.
- Averaged 12.3 points, 4.4 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.5 steals in 32.1 minutes per game, while posting a 37.3 percent mark from 3-point range and an 84.8 percent ledger at the stripe.
- Led the team in made 3-pointers (66) and free-throw percentage (min. 1 FTA/gm), as well as placed second in scoring, steals, minutes, made field goals (145) and 3-point percentage (min. 10 3PA).
- Placed third on the roster in assists average and defensive rebounding (3.9), plus ranked fourth in total rebounding and made free throws (39).
- Finished sixth in the CUSA in minutes average, ninth in steals average and total minutes (1,029), co-ninth in total steals (47), No. 10 in made 3-pointers per game (2.1) and total made 3-pointers, No. 16 in total points (395) and No. 17 in scoring average.
- In league-only action, placed No. 10 in the CUSA in both made 3-pointers per game (2.1) and minutes average (32.4).
- Tied for the third-most steals (six) in a single game by a CUSA player.
- Scored in double digits on 23 occasions, with 14-plus points 12 times and 20-plus thrice, the former two marks both second-most on the team.
- Grabbed five-plus boards in 13 contests and reached seven-plus in six, both third-most on the roster, as well as dished out multiple assists 17 times with three-plus in seven, both second-most.
- Led the team with 14 multiple-steal outings, notching three-plus on five occasions to rank second and four-plus twice to take co-second.
- Connected on multiple 3-pointers 22 times to lead the team and rank co-eighth in the CUSA, with three-plus a team-high 11 times to take co-ninth in the league and four-plus four times.
- Logged the top single-game steals figure (six) on the roster and tied for the second-most made 3-pointers in a game (five).

AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2023-24 AT GEORGIA TECH

- Played in 10 contests, including starting each of the first four.
- Averaged 3.4 points, 1.7 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 10.8 minutes per game.
- Scored five-plus points in half his appearances and thrice dished out multiple assists.

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2022-23 AT OLE MISS

- One of four players to appear in all 33 games, placing fourth on the team with 22 starting nods.
- Averaged 8.0 points, 2.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists in 21.0 minutes per game, while shooting 36.4 percent from beyond the arc.
- Led the team in 3-point percentage and ranked second in made 3-pointers (39).
- Placed third on the roster in both assists average and made field goals (104), as well as fourth in both minutes average and total steals (22), plus came in at co-fourth in scoring.
- Scored in double figures eight times, with 17-plus points on five occasions and 20-plus twice, the latter two marks both third-most on the roster.
- Had multiple assists 20 times and three-plus 15 times, both tied for the team lead, while hitting four-plus on four occasions.
- Placed third on the team with seven multiple-steal outings, as well as twice grabbed five-plus rebounds.
- Tied for the highest single-game point total (26) on the roster, good for co-eighth-best among SEC freshmen, as well as the second-most made 3-pointers without a miss (three) in a contest.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Consensus four-star, top-100 recruit, as well as a top-15 prospect in the talent-rich state of California.
- Ranked as high as No. 65 overall, including No. 11 both among point guards and in California, by 247Sports.
- Finished No. 76, good for No. 10 at the point guard spot and No. 13 in the state, on the On3 Consensus list.
- McDonald's All-American Game nominee averaged 16.0 points and 7.0 assists per game as a senior.
- Earned all-state, all-region and all-conference designation, aiding his team to a 32-7 record and a conference title.
- Amassed 38 points, 11 rebounds, eight assists and 10-made 3-pointers in a victory over 1-of-1 Academy.
- Helped his team win the John Wall Holiday Invitational in Raleigh, N.C., and the Saint James Invitational in Hagerstown, Md., earning all-tournament recognition in the latter.
- Attended Summer Creek High School in Houston as a junior, earning all-region status.
- Went to Port Arthur Memorial High School in his hometown as a freshman and sophomore, including aiding the team to a 25-6 mark and a regional title game appearance in his inaugural prep season.
- Played first base and outfield on the baseball field during his first two years of high school.
- A member of National Honor Society, grad with a 4.0 GPA and in the top 15 in his class.
- Competed on the AAU level with Houston Hoops on the Nike EYBL circuit, playing alongside Zubey Ejiofor (St. John's/Kansas) and Tyler Smith (Milwaukee Bucks).
- Played at Southern California Academy with Vincent Iwuchukwu (Georgetown/St. John's/USC), Taeshaud Jackson (Northern Colorado/VMI), Dior Johnson (Tarleton State/UCF/Pittsburgh), Jaxon Kohler (Michigan State), Jed Miller (Montana State), Jalen Reed (LSU), Oziyah Sellers (St. John's/Stanford/USC) and Jaylen Thompson (Stanford), among other Division I players.
- Notable Port Arthur Memorial High School alumni include pro basketball players J'Covan Brown and Kenny Lofton Jr., as well former NFL All-Pro running back Jamaal Charles, former NFL tight end Kevin Everett and NFL linebacker Elandon Roberts.

PERSONAL

- Born May 22, 2004, in Port Arthur, Texas, as Amaree Dejean Abram, but goes by "Mo," his nickname since his birth.
- Parents are Fletcher Abram, who works at a medical center, and Jamie Lott, who works at a food bank.
- Has two younger sisters, Kalaya and Omni, and a younger brother, Zy'Aire.
- Second-cousin, J'Covan Brown, scored 1,376 points playing for Rick Barnes for three years at Texas from 2009-12 before beginning a successful professional career overseas.
- After his freshman year at Ole Miss, tabbed one of 35 individuals—just 10 were already collegians—invited to the Team USA U19 National Team Training Camp, held in June 2023 in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Enjoys playing video games and spending time with friends.
- Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan because he is a role model in how he plays the game.
- Best sports memory is scoring 17 points against Kentucky as a freshman while at Ole Miss.
- Takes a shower before every game as a superstition.
- After donning No. 1 as a freshman, No. 24 as a sophomore and No. 1 as a junior, he wears No. 77 because he wanted to do something different.
- Committed to Tennessee over Maryland, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.
- Chose Tennessee because he felt at home on his visit and because of the culture already in place.
- Follows eight prior Tennessee letter winners from Texas, including two-time team captain Brandon Crump (2001-05).
- Has a max trap bar deadlift of 2.6 times his weight (520 pounds), a plus-6.75 wingspan (6-9.75) and an 8-0 standing reach.
- Recipient of the Bryan Blalock Athletic Scholarship Endowment.

3 BISHOP BOSWELL

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SEASON HIGHS

Points:	13 (2x) // last at Georgia, 1/28/26
Rebounds:	11 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Assists:	6 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Steals:	3 (5x) // last at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Blocks:	1 (2x) // last vs. Houston, 11/25/25
Field Goals:	4 // vs. Houston, 11/25/25
3-Pointers:	2 (2x) // last at Georgia, 1/28/26
Free Throws:	8 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Minutes:	42:30 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	13 (2x) // last at Georgia, 1/28/26
Rebounds:	11 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Assists:	6 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Steals:	3 (5x) // at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Blocks:	1 (2x) // last vs. Houston, 11/25/25
Field Goals:	4 // vs. Houston, 11/25/25
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SEC HIGHS

Points:	13 (2x) // last at Georgia, 1/28/26
Rebounds:	11 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Assists:	5 // vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26
Steals:	3 (2x) // last at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	3 (3x) // last vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
3-Pointers:	2 // at Georgia, 1/28/26
Free Throws:	8 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Minutes:	42:30 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26	Career
Scored 5+ Points	15	15
Scored 10+ Points	5	5
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	3	3
Had 5+ Rebounds	12	12
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	11	12
Had 3+ Assists	12	14
Led the Vols in Assists	4	4
Had Multiple Steals	8	8
Led the Vols in Steals	7	7
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	11	17

AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2025-26

- Compiled 10 points, eight rebounds, three assists and a career-high-tying three steals at Kentucky (2/7/26), plus went 6-of-6 at the line for his most collegiate makes without a miss.
- Amassed 10 points, eight rebounds, an SEC-best five assists and a co-career-high three steals in the win against Ole Miss (2/3/26), leading all players in the latter two categories.
- Filled the stat sheet with seven points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals in the win against Auburn (1/31/26) and made his lone 3-point attempt.
- Compiled his second double-double with a co-career-high 13 points and 10 rebounds in the overtime victory at Georgia (1/28/26), shooting 2-of-3 from deep and 5-of-6 at the line in 42 minutes.
- Totaled eight points on 3-of-4 shooting, five rebounds and one steal in the victory at No. 17 Alabama (1/24/26).
- Set career highs in points (13), rebounds (11), made free throws (eight), free-throw attempts (12) and minutes (43) in the double-overtime win versus Texas A&M (1/13/26), plus tallied three assists and hit the game-tying free throw with 12.2 seconds left in regulation.
- Set a career high with six assists in just 19 minutes against South Carolina State (12/31/25), adding five points and five rebounds.
- Totaled seven points and a co-team-high seven rebounds versus No. 14/15 Illinois (12/6/25) in Music City Madness.
- Logged seven points, four assists and a career-high-tying three steals versus Kansas (11/26/25) in the Players Era Men's Championship third-place matchup.
- Scored a then-career-high 10 points on a perfect 4-of-4 field-goal clip, doubling his career best in makes, in the win over No. 3/2 Houston (11/25/25) in the Players Era Men's Championship, adding four rebounds, three assists, a career-high-tying three steals and one block.
- Returned to action with career highs in both assists (five) and steals (three) in the Players Era Men's Championship opener versus Rutgers (11/24/25), leading all competitors in each category.
- Did not play versus Rice (11/17/25) and Tennessee State (11/20/25) due to a left leg injury sustained in practice.
- Did not play against North Florida (11/13/25) due to a right foot injury sustained in the prior contest.
- Scored a career-high six points, making multiple 3-pointers and/or multiple made field goals for the first time, in a career-best 22 minutes versus Northern Kentucky (11/8/25), adding two assists and no turnovers.
- In his first collegiate start against Mercer (11/3/25) to begin the year, set then-career highs in points (five), rebounds (eight) and minutes (17), as well as notched his first made 3-pointer and first block.

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2024-25

- Played in 28 games, missing two due to injury, and totaled 106 minutes of court time on the season.
- Accumulated 16 rebounds (six offensive), 14 assists, seven points, five steals and three made field goals in his first year on Rocky Top.
- Grabbed multiple rebounds in four outings and dished out multiple assists in three contests, logging one steal on five occasions.
- Tied for fourth on the team with three "One Fly, We All Fly" pregame dunks, including two in the NCAA Tournament.
- Scored two points, making his lone field-goal attempt, and grabbed one rebound in the NCAA Tournament Round of 64 win against Wofford (3/20/25).
- Tied a season best mark with three assists in the victory over No. 5/6 Florida (2/1/25), adding one steal in 10:53 of action, 19 seconds shy of his top mark.
- Did not play against Middle Tennessee State (12/23/24) due to a right shoulder injury sustained in the prior game.
- Grabbed a season-best three rebounds and played strong defense off the bench in the win at Illinois (12/14/24).
- Dished out three assists in four minutes of action against Austin Peay (11/17/24).
- Made his college debut in the victory at Louisville (11/9/24) and connected on his lone field-goal attempt.
- Did not play in the season opener versus Gardner-Webb (11/6/24) while in concussion protocol.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Unanimously considered a four-star recruit and a top-eight prospect in the state of North Carolina.
- Placed No. 72 overall in the 247Sports Composite and No. 75 in the On3 Consensus rankings.
- Tabbed the No. 61 player in the country by ESPN and the No. 69 recruit nationally by Rivals.
- Three-time HighSchoolOT.com All-State designee, earning first-team status as a senior, second-team honors as a junior and third-team plaudits as a sophomore.
- Won back-to-back conference regular season and tournament titles his final two years.
- Averaged 11.5 points, 5.9 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game as a senior, earning NCBCA First Team All-District 9 and *Charlotte Observer* Second Team All-Area plaudits.
- Helped his team to a 27-3 record, 23 straight wins, a John Wall Holiday Invitational title and a state quarterfinal berth.
- Put up 12.0 points, 5.3 assists, 4.3 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game his junior year and led Myers Park to a 4A state title, collecting MVP honors in the championship game.
- Also aided his team to a 28-4 record, an Arby's Classic championship and an appearance in the City of Palms Classic.
- Spent his first two prep years at South Mecklenburg High School, where he turned in a dominant sophomore campaign, averaging 20.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 5.4 assists per game, garnering NCBCA Third Team All-District 9 and *Charlotte Observer* All-Area Honorable Mention recognition.
- Two-year letter winner in football, competing as a wide receiver as a freshman and sophomore, collecting all-conference honors the latter season.
- Played with multiple eventual Power Five players in high school, including Sir Mohammed (Notre Dame), Elijah Strong (South Carolina) and Sadiq White (Syracuse).
- Competed for the Team CP3 on the AAU circuit, including in the Nike EYBL.
- Among the notable Myers Park alumni are NFL quarterback Drake Maye, Charlotte head baseball coach Robert Woodard and former NBA player/NBA referee Haywoode Workman.

PERSONAL

- Born Sept. 15, 2005, in Charlotte, N.C., as Bishop Rae Boswell.
- Mother, Brittany Boswell, is a massage therapist.
- Does not have any brothers or sisters.
- Interests outside of basketball include anime, fashion, football and music.
- Favorite athlete is Russell Westbrook because of the passion he plays with.
- Best sports memory is winning the 4A state championship as a junior.
- Committed to Tennessee over Georgia, Missouri, South Carolina, Wake Forest and Xavier.
- Chose Tennessee because of the coaching staff and the fans.
- Hails from the same hometown as six former Tennessee players, including one-and-done first-round pick Jaden Springer (2020-21), SEC Player of the Year honoree Tony White (1983-87) and two-time SEC Player of the Year designee Grant Williams (2016-19).
- Owns a reverse band back squat of 510 pounds, two-and-a-half times his body weight and a 30-pound improvement from his freshman season.
- Added 1.96 inches to his standing vertical jump in advance of his sophomore year after increasing his mark by 2.1 inches in the offseason before his freshman season, when he also put on 10.3 pounds.
- Recipient of the Bertelkamp Basketball Scholarship Endowment Fund.

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2024-25	28-0	106	3.8	3-11	.273	0-5	.000	1-2	.500	6-10-16	0.6	10-0	14	13	0	5	7	0.3
2025-26	20-19	519	25.9	40-74	.541	18-34	.529	40-60	.667	32-72-104	5.2	54-0	52	33	2	32	138	6.9
TOTAL	48-19	624	13.0	43-85	.506	18-39	.462	41-62	.661	38-82-120	2.5	64-0	66	46	2	37	145	3.0

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SEASON HIGHS

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Rebounds:	14 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Assists:	4 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Steals:	2 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Blocks:	3 // at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Field Goals:	5 (2x) // last at Florida, 1/10/26
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	7 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Minutes:	33:12 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	13 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Rebounds:	14 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Assists:	4 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Steals:	2 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Blocks:	3 // at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Field Goals:	5 (2x) // last at Florida, 1/10/26
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	7 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Minutes:	33:12 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26

SEC HIGHS

Points:	10 (3x) // last vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Rebounds:	12 // at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Assists:	4 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Steals:	2 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Blocks:	3 // at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Field Goals:	5 (2x) // last at Florida, 1/10/26
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	4 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Minutes:	33:12 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26
Scored 5+ Points	12
Scored 10+ Points	4
Had 5+ Rebounds	6
Had 10+ Rebounds	2
Led the Vols in Rebounding	2
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	10
Had a Double-Double	--
Had Multiple Blocks	2
Led the Vols in Blocks	4
Had Multiple Steals	1

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2025-26	21-10	338	16.1	46-77	.597	0-0	.000	21-33	.636	38-50-88	4.2	35-0	22	18	10	5	113	5.4
TOTAL	21-10	338	16.1	46-77	.597	0-0	.000	21-33	.636	38-50-88	4.2	35-0	22	18	10	5	113	5.4

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AS A FRESHMAN IN 2025-26

- Grabbed a game-best 12 rebounds at Kentucky (2/7/26), becoming the fifth Tennessee freshman—the others are Grant Williams (3/1/17), Jarnell Stokes (3/3/12), Tobias Harris (1/29/11) and Wayne Chism (2/10/07)—in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to hit that mark in SEC play, plus led all players with a career-high three blocks.
- Started in the victory over Auburn (1/31/26) and finished with 10 points, seven rebounds, a career-high four assists, a career-best two steals and one block in a career-high 33 minutes.
- Notched seven points on 3-of-4 shooting against Kentucky (1/17/26) and recorded multiple blocks for the first time as a collegian.
- Compiled a second straight double-digit scoring performance with 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting at Florida (1/10/26), adding four rebounds.
- Scored 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting in the win over Texas (1/6/25) and pulled down four rebounds.
- Scored seven points and made both his field-goal attempts versus South Carolina State (12/31/25).
- Against Gardner-Webb (12/21/25), totaled six points on 3-of-4 shooting and grabbed a game-best 14 rebounds to set a career best, match the highest total by a Tennessee freshman—fourth to do so—in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) and tie for the fifth-most rebounds by any Volunteer in Rick Barnes' tenure (2015-26).
- Earned his first collegiate start in the victory over No. 11 Louisville (12/16/25) and grabbed five rebounds in 16 minutes of action.
- Totaled four points, five rebounds, a career-high three assists and one steal at Syracuse (12/2/25) in his first collegiate road action.
- Scored double-digits for the first time with 13 points versus Tennessee State (11/20/25), going 7-of-8 at the line.
- Began his college career with six points, five rebounds and two assists in the season opener versus Mercer (11/3/25), shooting 3-of-3 from the floor.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Consensus four-star, top-105 recruit nationally and the near-unanimous top prospect in the state of Alabama.
- Ranked as high as No. 71 overall, including No. 12 among centers and first in his home state, by ESPN.
- Placed No. 86 in the 247Sports Composite, good for No. 11 at the center spot, and No. 96 in the country in the On3 Consensus, including ninth among centers, with both tabbing him first in Alabama.
- Among 35 players—just 15 came from the class of 2025—invited to the USA Basketball U17 Training Camp in June 2024 in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- McDonald's All-American Game nominee, three-time AHSAA 7A state champion, three-time ASWA 7A First Team All-State designee and three-time *Birmingham News* Region Player of the Year, winning the latter three in each of his last three seasons.
- Also a two-time ASWA 7A Player of the Year, two-time ASWA Super All-State First Team choice, two-time Starnes Media First Team All-South Metro selection and two-time AHSAA state tournament MVP, garnering all of those awards as both a junior and senior.
- Went 117-17 as a high schooler, including notching 96-7 ledger over his final three campaigns, while totaling over 1,800 points, 1,100 rebounds and 300 blocks.
- Capped his career with 45 straight victories, good for the co-third-longest of any school in the country at the conclusion of the 2024-25 campaign, and with 43 straight home wins.
- MVP of the 2025 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic after putting up 27 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks in a 91-85 victory, as well as one of 18 competitors in the 2025 Ballislife All-American Game in Long Beach, Calif.
- Averaged 15.0 points, 10.5 rebounds, 2.9 blocks, 2.3 assists and 1.4 steals per game as a senior, shooting 68.9 percent from the floor, and was a MaxPreps All-America Honorable Mention.
- Named the Gatorade Alabama State Player of the Year, Alabama Mr. Basketball and the MaxPreps Alabama State Player of the Year, the first basketball player from his school to win those awards, as well as the Starnes Media All-South Metro Co-Player of the Year.
- Led his team to a 35-0 record and a third straight 7A state title, becoming the first undefeated 7A state champion in Alabama history and the fourth back-to-back-to-back champion ever in the state's largest classification (second since 1934).
- Team placed No. 6 in the year-end MaxPreps national rankings, including third among public schools and—for the third year in a row—first in the state, as well as finished as the lone undefeated team in the top 20.
- Produced 14 points, 16 rebounds and five blocks in a 66-56 state final win over Florence, earning Star of the Game status, after totaling 27 points, 15 rebounds, four assists and four blocks in a 94-67 triumph against Central-Phenix City in the semifinals.
- Averaged 15.5 points, 9.5 rebounds, 2.6 blocks, 2.0 assists and 1.2 steals per game as a junior, plus shot 71.0 percent from the floor, earning MaxPreps Junior All-America Honorable Mention accolades.
- Aided his team to a 30-3 record, an AHSAA 7A state trophy and a No. 35 final MaxPreps national ranking, as well as the first of back-to-back area regular season and tournament titles.
- Posted 14.0 ppg and 10.0 rpg as a sophomore, notching Starnes Media Second Team All-South Metro plaudits.
- Helped his school finish 31-4, win its first of three consecutive AHSAA 7A state crowns and place No. 64 in the year-end MaxPreps national rankings.
- Tabbed a Starnes Media All-South Metro Honorable Mention as a freshman after helping his team go 21-10.
- Played AAU ball on the Nike EYBL circuit with the Florida Rebels.
- Member of the Spanish National Honor Society, graduated with a 3.64 GPA and served as a peer mentor.
- Notable Hoover alumni include former Division I basketball coach Murry Bartow, former MLB pitcher Jeff Brantley, "The Bachelor" Season 23 finalist Hannah Godwin, 2006 "American Idol" winner Taylor Hicks, NBA player Trey Jemison, former NFL linebacker Mike Kolen, NFL wide receiver George Pickens, NFL placekicker Will Reichard, former WNBA player Sidney Spencer (UT alumna) and 1995 *Miss America* winner Heather Whitestone.

PERSONAL

- Born Feb. 13, 2007, in Birmingham, Ala., as DeWayne Cortez Brown II and his nickname is Tez.
- Mother is April Dickerson, is the director of family life at a Ronald McDonald House Charities of Alabama.
- Has an older sister, Madison.
- Majoring in psychology with the goal of becoming a therapist after the conclusion of his basketball career.
- Enjoys playing video games.
- Favorite athlete is LeBron James because he considers him the greatest basketball player ever and he wears No. 6 because of him.
- Best sports memory is winning a third consecutive state championship as a senior.
- Has volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Alabama and as a youth basketball coach.
- Committed to Tennessee over Alabama, Mississippi State and Ole Miss.
- Chose Tennessee because of the program culture.
- Follows nine prior Tennessee letter winners from Alabama, including teammate Cade Phillips and 1,000-point scorer Lamonte' Turner (2016-20).
- Possesses a max bench press of 325 pounds and a standing reach of 9-0.5, along with the top wingspan differential on the team (plus-7) and the team's co-longest wingspan (7-3).
- Recipient of the Estep Athletic Scholarship.

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SEASON HIGHS

Points:	11 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Rebounds:	4 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Assists:	5 // vs. Mercer, 11/3/25
Steals:	1 (3x) // last at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Blocks:	1 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Field Goals:	3 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
3-Pointers:	3 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Free Throws:	4 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Minutes:	24:07 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	11 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Rebounds:	4 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Assists:	5 // vs. Mercer, 11/3/25
Steals:	1 (3x) // last at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Blocks:	1 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Field Goals:	3 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
3-Pointers:	3 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25
Free Throws:	4 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Minutes:	24:07 // vs. Rice, 11/17/25

SEC HIGHS

Points:	-- // --
Rebounds:	-- // --
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	1 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	-- // --
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	5:29 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26
Scored 10+ Points	1
Scored 15+ Points	--
Led the Vols in Scoring	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	--
Had 3+ Assists	4
Had 5+ Assists	1
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	2
Had Multiple Steals	--
Led the Vols in Steals	--
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	7



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AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2025-26

- Notched 11 points, four rebounds and three assists against Rice (11/17/25), shooting 3-of-5 from beyond the 3-point line.
- Notched two points, three assists and two rebounds versus North Florida (11/12/25) in his first collegiate start.
- Totaled eight points and three assists versus Northern Kentucky (11/8/25), connecting on both his 3-point attempts.
- Dished out five assists against Mercer (11/3/25) in the season opener to begin his collegiate career.

BEFORE TENNESSEE

- The youngest member of Israel's roster at FIBA EuroBasket 2025, helping the team go 3-2 in pool play in Katowice, Poland, in Aug.-Sept. 2025 to reach the Round of 16 for the first time in 10 years.
- Appeared in four of Israel's six games at the tournament, including posting five points and two rebounds in 11 minutes during a historic victory over France.
- Made his senior national team debut during the 2025 FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers in Riga, Latvia, appearing in wins over Portugal and Slovenia in Feb. 2025.
- Represented Israel at the 2022 FIBA U20 European Championship in Podgorica, Montenegro, in July 2022, aiding the team to a fourth-place finish.
- Averaged 6.6 points, 1.7 rebounds and 1.3 steals in 18.7 minutes per game across seven appearances in the event, scoring 11-plus points on three occasions, including in a quarterfinal win over Turkey.
- Spent two seasons, 2023-25, playing for Bnei Herzliya Basket in the Israeli Basketball Super League (ISBL), tallying 11.0 points, 2.9 rebounds and 3.1 assists in 24.4 minutes per contest over 54 games, shooting 42.9 percent from the field, 32.8 percent beyond the arc and 75.7 percent at the stripe.
- Averaged 11.1 points, 2.7 rebounds and 3.4 assists in 23.3 minutes per game across 24 appearances in 2024-25, shooting 44.7 percent overall, 37.6 percent from deep and 80.0 percent at the line to help the team finish in fourth place.
- Named an ISBL All-Star, as well as the ISBL Player of the Month in Nov. 2024, plus finished No. 28 in the league in 3-point percentage.
- Scored in double figures 14 times, with 15-plus in seven outings, as well as made a 3-pointer in 21 contests, with multiple makes in 11 and three long-range baskets in six.
- Averaged 11.0 points, 3.1 rebounds, 2.9 assists in 30 games, including six playoff contests, during the 2023-24 campaign.
- Finished second in ISBL Rookie of the Year voting behind Ben Saraf, a 2025 NBA Draft first-rounder, and won ISBL Player of the Month in Feb. 2024.
- Scored double-digit points 17 times, with 15-plus in eight appearances and 20-plus thrice, including notching a career-high 23 on 9-of-14 shooting in a Feb. 2024 victory against Hapoel Be'er Sheva B.C.
- Spent two seasons, 2021-23, playing for Elitzur Ironi Netanya in the Israeli second division, the National League.
- Averaged 18.5 points per game and won league MVP in 2022-23, after putting up 14.0 points per game and earning Sixth Man of the Year honors in 2021-22.
- Competed alongside Saraf in 2022-23 with Elitzur Ironi Netanya, finishing just above him for MVP honors, as well as played with NBA standout Deni Avdija and NBA draftee Yam Madar at FIBA EuroBasket 2025.

PERSONAL

- Born Sept. 4, 2002, in Ramat Gan, Israel, as Ethan Butler Burg and his nickname is "E."
- Parents are Eddie Butler, a singer, and Orly Burg, a cosmetic professional.
- Has a younger sister, Hili, and a younger brother, Imri.
- Intends to major in communication studies.
- Enjoys spending time with friends and family, going out to restaurants and playing PS5.
- Favorite athlete is Cristiano Ronaldo, whom he considers the greatest athlete of all-time.
- Best sports memory is helping Israel defeat France in FIBA EuroBasket 2025 competition in Katowice, Poland, in Aug. 2025.
- Wears No. 35 because of Kevin Durant, whom Rick Barnes coached at Texas.
- Committed to Tennessee over interest from schools such as Auburn, Duke, Louisville, Minnesota and Xavier,
- Chose Tennessee to become the best version of himself, as both a player and a person.
- First Tennessee player not only from Israel, but also from the Middle East and/or Asia.
- Gained 8.8 pounds in under six weeks after arriving at Tennessee on Sept. 8, 2025, four days after his 23rd birthday.
- Recipient of the M. Dale McCulloch Athletic Scholarship Endowment.

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2025-26	17-1	162	9.5	12-30	.400	8-18	.444	8-8	1.000	1-12-13	0.8	11-0	23	16	1	3	40	2.4
TOTAL	17-1	162	9.5	12-30	.400	8-18	.444	8-8	1.000	1-12-13	0.8	11-0	23	16	1	3	40	2.4

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SEASON HIGHS

Points:	22 // at Syracuse, 12/2/25
Rebounds:	10 (3x) // last vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Assists:	4 (2x) // vs. Kansas, 11/26/25
Steals:	2 (2x) // last vs. Louisville, 12/16/25
Blocks:	1 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Field Goals:	10 // at Syracuse, 12/2/25
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	6 // at Florida, 1/10/26
Minutes:	27:03 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	22 // at Syracuse, 12/2/25
Rebounds:	14 // vs. Texas, 2/8/25
Assists:	4 (3x) // last vs. Kansas, 11/26/25
Steals:	2 (8x) // last vs. Louisville, 12/16/25
Blocks:	2 (4x) // last vs. Tenn. Tech, 11/29/24
Field Goals:	10 // at Syracuse, 12/2/25
3-Pointers:	2 (2x) // last vs. Kentucky, 1/25/25
Free Throws:	7 // at Tennessee, 2/15/25
Minutes:	28:58 // vs. Auburn, 2/11/25

SEC HIGHS

Points:	18 (2x) // last at Tennessee, 2/15/25
Rebounds:	14 // vs. Texas, 2/8/25
Assists:	3 (2x) // last vs. Kentucky, 1/17/26
Steals:	2 (2x) // last vs. Auburn, 2/11/25
Blocks:	1 (13x) // last vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Field Goals:	8 // vs. Texas, 2/8/25
3-Pointers:	2 // vs. Kentucky, 1/25/25
Free Throws:	7 // at Tennessee, 2/15/25
Minutes:	28:58 // vs. Auburn, 2/11/25

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26	Career
Scored 10+ Points	10	29
Scored 15+ Points	1	5
Led the Vols in Scoring	1	1
Had 5+ Rebounds	14	50
Had 10+ Rebounds	4	10
Led the Vols in Rebounding	9	9
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	17	49
Had 4+ Offensive Rebounds	7	18
Had a Double-Double	3	7
Had Multiple Blocks	--	4

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2023-24*	36-0	535	14.9	105-157	.669	6-20	.300	36-70	.514	54-99-153	4.3	60-0	27	22	11	24	252	7.0
2024-25^	33-1	667	20.2	105-215	.488	9-39	.231	46-81	.568	75-114-189	5.7	81-2	26	47	21	19	265	8.0
2025-26	23-2	426	18.5	74-150	.493	0-5	.000	38-71	.535	65-74-139	6.0	34-1	31	26	1	8	186	8.1
TOTAL	92-3	1628	17.7	284-522	.544	15-64	.234	120-222	.541	194-287-481	5.2	175-3	84	95	33	51	703	7.6

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AS A JUNIOR IN 2025-26

- Registered 13 points and a co-game-best eight rebounds in the win versus Auburn (1/31/26), shooting 5-of-9 from the floor and 3-of-4 at the line in a season-high 27 minutes.
- Amassed 10 points and nine rebounds in the double-overtime victory against Texas A&M (1/13/26), including what proved to be the game-winning basket with 1:14 left in the final session and the game-sealing defensive rebound in the closing seconds.
- Recorded 12 points at Florida (1/10/26) and went 6-of-9 from the line to set a season high in makes.
- Amassed 10 points and four rebounds in win against Texas (1/6/25) to open the SEC home slate.
- Tallied a double-double with 13 points and a co-game-high 10 boards versus South Carolina State (12/31/25), adding two assists.
- Recorded 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting and grabbed six rebounds versus Gardner-Webb (12/21/25).
- Compiled his sixth collegiate double-double with 12 points and a game-best 10 rebounds in the triumph over No. 11 Louisville (12/16/25), adding two steals and a career-high 10 free-throw attempts.
- Scored a career-high 22 points on 10-of-16 shooting, also setting a career best in made field goals, in the road opener at Syracuse (12/2/25) and co-lead all players with nine rebounds.
- Tallied his first double-double of the season with 11 points and a game-best 10 rebounds, adding a career-high-tying four assists to co-lead all players, against Kansas (11/26/25) in the Players Era Men's Championship third-place contest.
- Tallied a season-best 13 points on 6-of-11 shooting and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds in the victory against No. 3/2 Houston (11/25/25) in the Players Era Men's Championship.
- Produced nine points on 4-of-5 shooting to go along with five rebounds and two assists versus Rice (11/17/25).
- Started against Mercer (11/3/25) to begin the year in his first action as a Volunteer, amassing eight points and a game-best 10 rebounds, half on the offense end.

AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2024-25 AT VANDERBILT

- One of six to play in all 33 games, making one start, and aided the team to its first NCAA Tournament bid in eight years.
- Averaged 8.0 points, 5.7 rebounds and 0.8 assists in 20.2 minutes per game, finishing with a 48.8 percent field-goal clip.
- Ranked second on the team in total rebounding, offensive rebounding (2.3) and defensive rebounding (3.5), as well as third in field-goal percentage (min. 10 FGA) and total blocks (21).
- Placed fourth on the roster in free throws made (46) and attempted (81), as well as fifth in scoring and made field goals (105).
- Accumulated three double-doubles, second-most on the team.
- In SEC-only action, led the league in total offensive rebounds (57), as well as ranked second in offensive rebounding average (3.2) and No. 16 in total rebounding average (6.2).
- Scored in double figures 11 times, had 14-plus points five times, reaching 18 twice, all fifth-most on the team.
- Pulled down five-plus rebounds 20 times, with eight-plus 10 times, double digits five times (four in SEC play) and 14 once, all second-most on the roster.
- Grabbed at least five offensive boards five times, with six-plus in a team-leading three contests and nine once.
- Dished out multiple assists on six occasions, with three-plus thrice, with multiple blocks twice and multiple steals twice.
- Posted the second-highest single-game offensive rebound total (nine) on the team, as well as the co-second-highest single-game overall rebounding mark (14).
- In SEC-only play, recorded 9.5 points and 6.2 rebounds in 21.9 minutes per game, with eight of his 11 double-digit point totals, all five of his showings with 14-plus points, four of his five double-figure rebounding outings and two of his three double-doubles.

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2023-24 AT JAMES MADISON

- Appeared in all 36 games, each as a reserve, during the best season in program history.
- Averaged 7.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 0.8 assists and 0.7 steals in just 14.9 minutes per game, plus shot 66.9 percent from the floor.
- Led the team in field-goal percentage and placed second in offensive rebounding (1.5).
- Finished co-fourth on the roster in both defensive rebounding (2.8) and total blocks (11), as well as fifth in total rebounding, made field goals (105) and free-throw attempts (70).
- One of 18 players—just two were freshmen—in Division I to shoot at least 65.0 percent from the field on 150-plus attempts, finishing No. 11 among that group.
- Among just six Division I freshmen in the last five seasons (2019-24) to shoot at least 65.0 percent from the floor with 150-plus tries, alongside Juslin Bodo Bodo (2023-24), Adem Bona (2022-23), Donovan Clingan (2022-23), Jalen Hampton (2022-23) and Micah Handlogten (2022-23).
- Shot 72.3 percent (99-of-137) on 2-point attempts, one of 12 Division I players—just two were freshmen—to eclipse 70.0 percent on 130-plus attempts, placing fifth among that group.
- One of only 11 Division I freshmen in the past 20 years (2004-2024) to shoot 70.0 percent inside the arc on 130-plus tries, joining Braden Huff (2023-24), Micah Handlogten (2022-23), Chet Holmgren (2021-22), Zion Williamson (2018-19), Jaxson Hayes (2018-19), K.J. Williams (2018-19), Lonzo Ball (2016-17), Thomas Bryant (2015-16), Tacko Fall (2015-16) and Mamadou Ndiaye (2013-14).
- Registered one double-double.
- Scored in double figures nine times, five of which came in SEC play, reaching 12-plus on six occasions and 14-plus twice.
- Had at least five rebounds in 14 games, placing third on the team with seven-plus seven times and hitting double figures once.
- Tallied multiple assists six times, twice logging three, plus had multiple steals in four games and multiple blocks twice.
- Had the second-most single-game made field goals without a miss (six) by any player on the team.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Labeled a three-star prospect by both ESPN and Rivals, with the former ranking him No. 22 in the state of Florida.
- Averaged 15.5 points and 10.2 rebounds per game as a senior, garnering Miami Herald 2A-4A First Team All-County recognition.
- Led his team to a 21-8 record, a district title and an appearance in the regional championship game.
- Produced 19.0 points, 13.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 3.0 blocks per game as a junior, earning FABC 3A Third Team All-State and Miami Herald 2A-4A Second Team All-County plaudits.
- Aided the team to a 22-7 mark and a regional title game appearance.
- Received Miami Herald 2A-4A All-County Honorable Mention designation as a sophomore after putting up 12.0 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, helping his team make the regional quarterfinals.
- Attended NSU University School as a freshman, averaging 6.0 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.
- Played on the AAU circuit with Nightrydas Elite and was tabbed a 2022 All-Nike EYBL Peach Jam Second Team and All-Defensive Team honoree after averaging 15.2 ppg, 10.0 rpg, 3.5 apg, 1.8 bpg and 1.0 spg in the elite tournament.
- Notable Westminster Academy alumni include current MLB outfielder Michael A. Taylor, former NFL quarterback Danny Kanell and former MLB players Kevin Chapman and Matt den Dekker.

PERSONAL

- Born July 20, 2005, in Davie, Fla., as Jaylen Isaiah Carey.
- Parents are Vernon Carey Sr., and LaTavia Carey, a substitute teacher.
- Father was a national champion (2001) and All-American (2003) offensive lineman at Miami before going No. 19 in the 2004 NFL Draft to the Miami Dolphins, for whom he started 107 games over an eight-year NFL career (2004-11).
- Has an older brother, Vernon Jr., and a twin sister, Taelynn, and a younger sister, Dynver.
- Brother, a 2019-20 All-American and the consensus national freshman of the year at Duke, went No. 32 in the 2020 NBA Draft by the Charlotte Hornets and he competed in 37 NBA games over three seasons (2020-23) before playing overseas.
- His late maternal grandfather, Vincent Banks, played basketball at Oral Roberts (1973-75).
- Enjoys bowling, fishing and spending time with his teammates.
- Favorite athlete is LeBron James because he feels he does things the right way.
- Best sports memory is winning the Sun Belt Tournament title as a freshman at James Madison.
- After donning No. 15 as a freshman and No. 22 as a sophomore, now wears No. 23 because he added a number to the latter.
- Committed to Tennessee over numerous SEC schools, as well as Cincinnati, Florida State, Seton Hall and USC.
- Chose Tennessee because of Rick Barnes' history of success and the program's culture.
- First Volunteer from Florida since Derek Reese (2015-16) and follows eight total Sunshine State letter winners, including three-time All-SEC honoree Dyron Nix (1985-89) and All-America selection Austin "Red" Robbins (1964-66).
- Has a max reverse band back squat of 510 pounds, a plus-5.25 wingspan (7-1.25) and an 8-9.25 standing reach.
- Recipient of the Bob & Judy Buchanan Family Athletics Scholarship.

1 AMARI EVANS

FR. Guard | 6-5 | 220 | Recreation & Sport Management
Pittsburgh, Pa. | Overtime Elite (Ga.)

SEASON HIGHS

Points:	16 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Rebounds:	8 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Assists:	2 (4x) // last at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Steals:	3 (4x) // last at Florida, 1/10/26
Blocks:	1 (3x) // last vs. Kentucky, 1/17/16
Field Goals:	7 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26
3-Pointers:	2 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Free Throws:	2 (5x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26
Minutes:	23:34 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	16 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Rebounds:	8 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Assists:	2 (4x) // last at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Steals:	3 (4x) // last at Florida, 1/10/26
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Free Throws:	2 (5x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26
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SEC HIGHS

Points:	16 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26
Rebounds:	8 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26
Assists:	2 (2x) // last at Kentucky, 2/7/26
Steals:	3 (3x) // last at Florida, 1/10/26
Blocks:	1 (2x) // last vs. Kentucky, 1/17/26
Field Goals:	7 // at Arkansas, 1/3/26
3-Pointers:	1 (3x) // last at Georgia, 1/28/26
Free Throws:	2 (2x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26
Minutes:	23:34 // vs. Auburn, 1/31/26

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26
Scored 5+ Points	7
Scored 10+ Points	2
Had 5+ Rebounds	4
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	3
Had 3+ Assists	--
Led the Vols in Assists	--
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	1
Had Multiple Steals	7
Led the Vols in Steals	6
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	6

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2025-26	21-0	251	12.0	29-63	.460	6-26	.231	15-23	.652	15-45-60	2.9	26-1	17	12	4	22	79	3.8
TOTAL	21-0	251	12.0	29-63	.460	6-26	.231	15-23	.652	15-45-60	2.9	26-1	17	12	4	22	79	3.8

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AS A FRESHMAN 2025-26

- Stuffed the stat sheet with six points, a career-best eight rebounds, two steals and one assist in the triumph over Auburn (1/31/26), earning a career-high 24 minutes of court time.
- Scored eight points on 3-of-5 shooting versus Kentucky (1/17/26), adding three rebounds and a block.
- Led the team with a career-best 16 points on 7-of-7 shooting at No. 18 Arkansas (1/3/26), becoming just the 16th Division I freshman in the last 20 seasons (2006-26) to make seven-plus field goals without a miss on the road against a Power Five foe, including the first since Creighton's Frederick King (12/16/22) and only the second—the other is Florida's Andrew Nembhard (2/16/19)—from the SEC.
- Set career highs in points (14), rebounds (five), made field goals (five), made 3-pointers (two), blocks (one) and minutes (13) versus South Carolina State (12/31/25), plus tied his top mark in assists (two) and missed just one field-goal attempt.
- Produced six points, three rebounds and a co-team-high three steals, the latter mark a new top total, against Gardner-Webb (12/21/25).
- Scored seven points on a perfect 3-of-3 field-goal clip, including knocking down his first collegiate 3-pointer, in the win versus No. 11 Louisville (12/16/25).
- Grabbed four rebounds in just six minutes of action at Syracuse (12/2/25) in his first road game as a collegian.
- Pulled down four rebounds in 12 minutes of action in the win over Rutgers (11/24/25) in the Players Era Men's Championship opener.
- Logged one assist and one rebound in his college debut against Mercer (11/3/25) to open the season.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A consensus four-star, top-80 recruit unanimously considered a top-10 prospect in the state of Georgia.
- Ranked as high as No. 50 nationally by 247Sports, which placed him No. 11 among small forwards and fourth in Georgia.
- Finished No. 67 in the 247Sports Composite rankings and No. 69 on the On3 Consensus list, with both listing him as the seventh-best recruit in Georgia.
- McDonald's All-American Game nominee who took part in the 2025 Nike Hoop Summit with the Portland Generals, a team of high schoolers there for practices and scrimmages.
- Two-time Overtime Elite Defensive Player of the Year who set the Overtime Elite career record for steals (118).
- Averaged 15.8 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 2.5 steals per game for City Reapers at Atlanta-based Overtime Elite during the regular season of his senior campaign.
- Scored 17-plus in 10 of 20 regular season outings, with 20-plus in four and a high of 29, and amassed seven double-doubles, twice logging at least 13 rebounds.
- Earned First Team All-Overtime Elite distinction after helping his team make a second straight championship appearance.
- Averaged 10.6 points, 6.1 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.2 steals per game as a junior during the Overtime Elite regular season, the latter mark second-best in the league.
- Upped his marks to 11.8 points and 2.9 steals per game in the playoffs, scoring 17-plus in three of eight contests, to help City Reapers win the Overtime Elite championship.
- Went to Our Saviour Lutheran School—the alma mater of VFL Zakai Zeigler—in Bronx, N.Y., as a sophomore.
- Attended Bishop Canevin High School in his hometown as a freshman, entered the starting lineup in the second game and aided the team to a 25-4 record.
- Helped Bishop Canevin win its first-ever PIAA state title in any boys' sport with a 64-47 victory over Neumann Regional Academy in the 1A final and to a WPIAL conference crown with a 58-45 triumph over Union Area High School, scoring 10 points in each outing.
- Competed with New Heights Lightning on the Nike EYBL circuit and made the Peach Jam quarterfinals three years in a row.
- Earned academic high honors throughout his prep career, never missing that mark.
- City Reapers teammates across his two years at Overtime Elite included players such as Tyler Jackson (Eastern Kentucky), Jahki Howard (Utah), Jahzare Jackson (Georgia football), Cole Kirouac (Georgia Tech), Jaeden Mustaf (Georgia Tech), Efeosa Oliogu-Elabor (Butler), Meleek Thomas (Arkansas), Bryson Tiller (Kansas) and Micah Tucker (Georgia State).
- Rob Dillingham, Alex Sarr, Amen Thompson and Ausar Thompson are among the notable Overtime Elite alumni, as are several current SEC players such as Tee Bartlett (Mississippi State), Kanon Catchings (Georgia), Somto Cyril (Georgia), Eli Ellis (South Carolina), Karter Knox (Arkansas) and Meleek Thomas (Arkansas).

PERSONAL

- Born July 24, 2006, in Pittsburgh as Amari Landon Evans and his nickname is Mari.
- Mother, Brittney, is a financial clerk.
- Has an older brother, Antaun, and two younger sisters, Kennedi and Bailey.
- Enjoys bowling, playing video games and collecting basketball sneakers.
- Favorite athlete is LeBron James because he considers him the greatest basketball player ever.
- Best sports memory is winning the Overtime Elite championship as a junior.
- Takes a nap before every game.
- Wears No. 1 because he has done so since playing football, which he played from age six to 13, competing as a wide receiver and cornerback.
- Committed to Tennessee over Pittsburgh and Xavier, as well as held offers from schools such as Georgetown, Penn State, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Texas A&M and Villanova, among others.
- Chose Tennessee because he got a family vibe from the start.
- Follows three prior Tennessee letter winners from Pennsylvania, all of whom played from 1939-71.
- Owns the third-largest wingspan differential on the team at plus-5.75 (6-10.75), as well as possesses a plus-2.1 standing reach (8-6).
- Recipient of the W. B. Nowling Athletic Scholarship and the Randall Keith Nutt Athletic Scholarship Endowment.

24 TROY HENDERSON

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SEASON HIGHS

Points:	9 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Rebounds:	5 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
Assists:	6 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Steals:	2 (4x) // last vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	3 (2x) // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
3-Pointers:	3 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	21:41 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	9 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Rebounds:	5 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
Assists:	6 // vs. S.C. State, 12/30/25
Steals:	2 (4x) // last vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	3 (2x) // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
3-Pointers:	3 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	21:41 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26

SEC HIGHS

Points:	8 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Rebounds:	1 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Assists:	1 (3x) // last vs. Ole Miss, 2/3/26
Steals:	2 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	3 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
3-Pointers:	2 (2x) // last vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	21:41 // vs. Texas A&M, 1/13/26

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26
Scored 5+ Points	4
Scored 10+ Points	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	1
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	--
Had 3+ Assists	3
Led the Vols in Assists	1
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	4
Had Multiple Steals	4
Led the Vols in Steals	1
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	8

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2025-26

- Did not play at No. 17 Alabama (1/24/26) or at Georgia (1/28/26) due to a left shoulder injury sustained in practice.
- Notched eight points and two steals in a career-high 22 minutes in the double-overtime win over Texas A&M (1/13/26), plus hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:25 left in regulation.
- Set a new career high with six assists in just nine minutes of action versus South Carolina State (12/31/25).
- Scored nine points on 3-of-5 long-range shooting against Gardner-Webb (12/21/25) to set new highs in points, made field goals and made 3-pointers.
- Dished out five assists against Northern Kentucky (11/8/25), becoming the first Tennessee freshman to reach that mark with no turnovers since Kennedy Chandler on 3/13/22 in the SEC Tournament title game, plus added two steals.
- Made his collegiate debut in the season opener versus Mercer (11/3/25), finishing with six points, two assists and a 2-of-3 long-range clip.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Labeled a three-star recruit by both 247Sports and On3, the former of which tabbed him the No. 26 point guard in the class and the No. 12 player in Virginia.
- Considered the No. 255 prospect in the On3 Consensus rankings, good for No. 35 among point guards and No. 13 in Virginia.
- McDonald's All-American game nominee and four-team VHSL First Team All-State selection.
- Three-time team captain compiled a 104-6 record and three VHSL state championships across his four-year varsity career, amassing over 2,200 points and 600 assists.
- Averaged 13.7 points, 6.0 assists, 3.8 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game as a senior in his lone year at John Marshall, plus shot 40.0 percent from 3-point range, en route to VHSL Class 2 First Team All-State designation.
- Aided his team to a 25-2 record, a VHSL Class 2 state title and a ninth-place finish in the MaxPreps national rankings (first in Virginia).
- Notched 20 points, eight assists and three steals in the 107-81 state final triumph over Graham High School, in which his team set a VHSL state championship scoring record.
- Spent his first three prep years at Lancaster High School and registered over 1,800 points to shatter the program record of 1,452 that stood for 25 years.
- Named the Northern Neck District Player of the Year, the Region A Player of the Year and a VHSLA Class 1 First Team All-State pick in all three years at Lancaster, plus claimed VHSL Class 1 Player of the Year as both a sophomore and junior.
- Finished as the third-leading scorer in Virginia as a junior at 25.9 points per game, adding 5.1 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 3.1 steals per contest.
- Led his team to become the first in Northern Neck District to win back-to-back state titles, ending the year 26-2.
- Posted a game-best 30 points, seven rebounds and five steals in a 65-59 win over Auburn High School in the VHSL Class 1 state final, shooting 11-of-23 from the floor and 5-of-5 at the line, and converting the go-ahead three-point play with 1:12 left.
- Averaged 23.8 points, 4.5 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game during his sophomore campaign, connecting on 71 3-pointers.
- Helped his team complete a perfect 29-0 season by defeating George Wythe High School in the VHSL Class 1 state final, logging a game-high 30 points on 11-of-16 shooting to go along with a game-best six rebounds.
- Aided his team to a 24-2 record and a state semifinal appearance during his freshman campaign.
- Graduated with a 3.50 GPA after being an honor roll student and a member of National Honor Society.
- Competed for Team Loaded VA, alongside fellow Tennessee freshman Nate Ament, at the AAU level and aided the team to a 19-1 record and semifinal run on the 2024 adidas 3SSB circuit.
- Among the notable John Marshall basketball alumni are Milton Bell, Fred Gantt, Dennis Parker Jr., Ed Sherod and Isaiah Todd.

PERSONAL

- Born Oct. 3, 2005, in Richmond, Va., as Troy Isaiah Henderson and his nickname is "T-Roy."
- Parents are Donte Henderson, a retired United States Army veteran, and Melissa Henderson, a senior manager at Verizon.
- Both parents played basketball at Christopher Newport University, a Division III school in Virginia.
- Has two older brothers, Tyler and Tyson, and a younger sister, Taylor.
- Tyler played basketball at Anderson University, a Division II school in South Carolina, before transferring to Christopher Newport, where he won the national title in 2022-23.
- Tyson currently plays at Christopher Newport, with the two overlapping as teammates in 2023-24.
- Favorite athlete is Steph Curry because of his ability to make shots.
- Best sports memory is winning a second straight VHSL Class 1 state championship during his junior year at Lancaster High School.
- Listens to music and talks to his family before every game.
- Wears No. 24 because his father and Kobe Bryant both did so.
- Committed to Tennessee over Fordham, Seton Hall and VCU.
- Chose Tennessee because of the staff, specifically the family culture they have built and their energy.
- Follows nine prior Tennessee letter winners from Virginia, just three of whom played this century.
- Has a max bench press of 275 pounds, good for nearly 1.5 times his body weight.
- Recipient of the Inman Family Men's Athletic Endowment Scholarship.

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2025-26	18-0	167	9.3	14-43	.326	13-40	.325	0-1	.000	3-6-9	0.5	19-0	26	5	0	10	41	2.3
TOTAL	18-0	167	9.3	14-43	.326	13-40	.325	0-1	.000	3-6-9	0.5	19-0	26	5	0	10	41	2.3

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SEASON HIGHS

Points:	-- // --
Rebounds:	-- // --
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	-- // --
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	-- // --
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	1:36 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25

CAREER HIGHS (includes one season at UT Martin)

Points:	9 // at Belmont, 1/29/22
Rebounds:	4 // vs. Carver College, 11/24/21
Assists:	4 (2x) // last vs. SE Missouri, 2/3/22
Steals:	2 (3x) // last at Belmont, 1/29/22
Blocks:	1 // at Murray State, 1/22/22
Field Goals:	4 // at Belmont, 1/29/22
3-Pointers:	1 (2x) // last at Belmont, 1/29/22
Free Throws:	1 (2x) // last at Tenn. Tech, 2/26/22
Minutes:	23:07 // vs. Carver College, 11/24/21

SEC HIGHS

Points:	-- // --
Rebounds:	1 // vs. Vanderbilt, 2/17/24
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	1 // vs. Vanderbilt, 2/17/24
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	-- // --
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	2:02 // vs. Vanderbilt, 2/17/24

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2024-25	Career
Scored 5+ Points	--	2
Scored 10+ Points	--	--
Made a 3-Pointer	--	2
Had 3+ Rebounds	--	3
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	--	2
Had 3+ Assists	--	3
Had Multiple Steals	--	3
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	--	7

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2021-22*	23-0	230	10.0	8-30	.267	2-14	.143	2-7	.286	8-14-22	1.0	14-0	16	12	1	10	20	0.9
2022-23*																		
2023-24	4-0	5	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0.3	1-0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
2024-25	9-0	11	1.2	4-9	.444	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0.1	2-0	1	1	0	1	8	0.9
2025-26	1-0	2	1.6	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0-0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	36-0	248	6.9	12-39	.308	2-17	.118	2-7	.286	8-16-24	0.7	17-0	17	15	1	11	28	0.8
TENN.	14-0	18	1.3	4-11	.364	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	0-2-2	0.1	3-0	1	3	0	1	8	0.6
MARTIN	37-0	249	6.7	12-41	.293	2-19	.105	2-8	.250	8-16-24	0.6	17-0	17	15	1	11	28	0.8

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HONORS

- 2024-25: NABC Honors Court
- 2023-24: NABC Honors Court

AS A REDSHIRT SENIOR IN 2025-26

- Earned his first action of the season in the victory over Gardner-Webb (12/21/25).
- Earned a scholarship in advance of his final collegiate season.

AS A REDSHIRT JUNIOR IN 2024-25

- Competed in nine games, the most of any walk-on, and served as an important member of the scout team.
- Scored eight points on 4-of-9 shooting from the field on the season.
- Recorded his first assist as a Volunteer in the triumph against Western Carolina (12/17/24).
- Made two field goals for the first time as a Vol in the win versus Syracuse (12/3/24), finishing with four points.
- Facing his former school, UT Martin (11/27/24), scored two points and connected on his lone field-goal attempt.
- Received two minutes of playing time versus Austin Peay (11/17/24) and tallied his first made field goal as a Vol.
- Made his season debut in the victory over Montana (11/13/24), playing the final 64 seconds of the contest.

AS A REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE IN 2023-24

- Played in four contests during his first year on Rocky Top, plus provided valuable assistance on the scout team.
- Made his NCAA Tournament debut in the Round of 64 victory over Saint Peter's (3/21/24).
- Grabbed his first rebound as a Volunteer in the win versus Vanderbilt (2/17/24).
- Made his official Tennessee debut in UT's 80-42 season-opening victory over Tennessee Tech (11/6/23).

AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2022-23 AT UT MARTIN

- Did not compete and took a redshirt to retain eligibility.

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2021-22 AT UT MARTIN

- Appeared in 23 of 30 games, averaging 10.0 minutes per outing as the backup point guard.
- Compiled 22 rebounds, 20 points, 16 assists, 10 steals and one block in 230 total minutes of playing time.
- Dished out multiple assists four times, with four twice, as well as pulled down multiple rebounds in seven outings, notched multiple steals thrice and scored five-plus points twice.
- Notched 11 assists and just four turnovers, a 2.75 ratio, in 135 minutes of OVC play, across 13 appearances.
- Tied a season high with four assists in 22 minutes of court time against Southeast Missouri State (2/3/22).
- Scored a season-best nine points on 4-of-5 shooting at Belmont (1/29/22), adding two rebounds and a co-season-high two steals.
- Set or tied season highs in assists (four), steals (two) and minutes (23), as well as scored five points, versus Carver College.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Four-year letter winner at Cleveland High School helped his team to a 106-19 (.848) record during his career, including three Region 3-AAA championships and two state tournament appearances.
- Three-time all-region designee, including twice winning region MVP, and three-time all-district selection, who totaled 1,469 points to finish his career fifth in school history.
- Averaged 18.7 points, 6.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists per game as a senior and collected TSWA All-State accolades, en route to an appearance in the BCAT Tennessee All-Star Game.
- Scored 30-plus in his final two games, including posting 32 points and eight rebounds against Collierville in the TSSAA Class AAA state quarterfinals, and received All-State Tournament Team distinction.
- Hit two 3-pointers in the final minute of the TSSAA Class AAA section to lead his team to a 46-43 comeback win over Blackman.
- As a junior, aided his team to 29 straight wins, a No. 1 state ranking and a 33-1 final record, before the COVID-19 pandemic canceled the state tournament.
- Posted a 35-point triple-double against McMinn County during his sophomore campaign, during which the team went 23-4, earned a ranking of third in the state and, aided by his game-winning buzzer-beater, claimed the district title.
- Graduated from the same school as former NBA and Tennessee guard Vincent Yarbrough, a three-time All-SEC performer during his 1998-2002 career with the Volunteers.

PERSONAL

- Born June 28, 2002, in Knoxville, Tenn., as Grant Matthew Hurst.
- Parents are Matt Hurst, a banker, and Wendy Hurst, a teacher.
- Father scored 1,113 collegiate points, good for 10.5 per game, as an all-conference guard from 1993-96 at DII Mars Hill, at which he set single-game records that still stand for free throws made (23) and attempted (24) on 12/4/95 against Newberry.
- Mother, then Wendy Haneline, also earned all-conference accolades as a basketball player at Mars Hill.
- Has two younger sisters, Addison, a libero/defensive specialist on the South Alabama volleyball team, and Lauren, a member of the Tennessee women's basketball team.
- Joins Lauren to form the second brother/sister combination in Tennessee basketball history, alongside Nicky (2004-08) and E.J. (2020-21) Anosike, including the first to play at the same time.
- Three direct relatives—uncle Brett Hurst, aunt Jamie Hurst and cousin Mallory Hurst—attended Tennessee.
- Graduated from Tennessee in May 2025 with a degree in recreation & sport management.
- Enrolled in the agricultural leadership, education & communication master's program at Tennessee.
- Interests outside of basketball include camping, fishing, hiking, hunting and going to the lake.
- Favorite athlete is LeBron James because he considers him the most dominant player of this generation.
- Chose Tennessee because he is a lifelong fan and it was an amazing opportunity to represent his home state.
- Wore No. 23 during his first two seasons at Tennessee after donning No. 11 while at UT Martin.
- Improved his max bench press by 38 pounds during the offseason in advance of his redshirt junior season.
- Recipient of the Dane Bradshaw Endowed Athletic Scholarship and the Robert Bingham Edwards Memorial Endowment.

4 CLARENCE MASSAMBA

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Last name pronounced: muh-SAHM-buh
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AS A FRESHMAN IN 2025-26

- Set a new top mark in minutes by playing 14 in the triumph over Gardner-Webb (12/21/25), notching one rebound and one assist.
- Connected on a corner 3-pointer versus Northern Kentucky (11/8/25) for the first points of his career.
- Earned his first collegiate action in the season opener against Mercer (11/3/25).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Tabbed a three-star recruit by both ESPN and On3, the former of which slotted him at No. 53 among small forwards in his class.
- Placed No. 256 in the 247Sports Composite rankings, good for a three-star listing and for the No. 66 spot at the shooting guard position.
- Spent his senior year of high school taking classes through Edmentum.
- Appeared in 29 games for AS Monaco Basket's U21 team in the LNB Espoirs league during the 2024-25 campaign, notching 21 starts.
- Averaged 11.7 points, 3.1 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.4 steals in 24.7 minutes per game, while shooting 46.3 percent from the floor, 34.1 percent beyond the arc and 78.3 percent at the line.
- Helped his team take second place in the regular season at 22-8, as well as finish as the runner-up in the playoffs.
- Scored in double figures 17 times, reaching 15-plus in nine contests and 20-plus in five.
- Tallied a season-high 25 points in a Feb. 2025 victory over Espoirs Chalon-Saone in which he shot 10-of-19 from the floor, including 5-of-7 on 3-pointers.
- Also made three appearances with AS Monaco Basket's senior team in the LNB Élite league, all in Oct. 2024, and amassed five points in five total minutes of action.
- Went to The Rock School in Gainesville, Fla., during his junior and sophomore prep campaigns.
- Led his team to a 25-8 record and a Sunshine Independent Athletic Association (SIAA) title as a junior, posting a 58-47 victory over DME Academy to seal the crown.
- Averaged 13.0 points, a team-best 5.0 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game, plus shot 53.0 percent from the field and 42.0 percent beyond the arc.
- Garnered SIAA Second Team All-State status, as well as his team's Most Improved Player award.
- Tabbed a 2023 Chick-Fil-A Classic All-Tournament Team pick after averaging 19.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game across three outings in Lexington, S.C., shooting 22-of-35 (62.9 percent) from the field and 9-of-15 (60.0 percent) from deep.
- Finished second in the prestigious tournament in made field goals, co-second in made 3-pointers, fourth in scoring, fourth in made 3-pointers (min. four 3PA) and sixth in field-goal percentage (min. 10 FGA).
- Attended Lycée General Charles de Gaulle in Caen, France, to begin his high school career.
- Joshua Hayes (Appalachian State), Ryan Jones Jr. (Liberty/Virginia Tech) and Sammie Yeanay (Cal/Grand Canyon) were among his teammates at The Rock.
- Among the notable basketball players to graduate from The Rock are 2022-23 NBA MVP Joel Embiid and 2013-14 SEC Player of the Year Scottie Wilbekin.

PERSONAL

- Born Dec. 14, 2005, in Paris as Clarence Nelson Fondeur-Massamba.
- Parents are Florent Fondeur, an RATP safety agent, and Julia Massamba.
- Has two older brothers, Cameron and Sidney, as well as one younger brother, Mylson-Davis, and two younger sisters, Charlie and Orphée.
- Enjoys playing various sports in addition to basketball, especially soccer.
- Favorite athlete is Kobe Bryant because he feels pushed to go harder by the mental component of his game.
- Best sports memory is winning the state title as a junior at The Rock School.
- Wears No. 4 because he has kept it ever since he first got it during his sophomore year of high school.
- Committed to Tennessee over interest from schools such as Arkansas, Duke, Kansas, Ohio State, North Carolina, Southern Cal, Virginia Tech and Xavier.
- Chose Tennessee because of his good connection with the coaches and how they made him feel like it was the right place for him.
- Follows one prior Tennessee letter winner from France in Yves Pons, a Fuveau native who played from 2017-21 and was the 2020 SEC Defensive Player of the Year.
- Owner of an 8-5 standing reach, he put on 15.5 pounds and increased his standing vertical jump by 2.49 inches over his first two months—arrived Aug. 17, 2025—at Tennessee.
- Recipient of the Holland Family Athletic Scholarship.

SEASON HIGHS

Points:	3 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
Rebounds:	1 (2x) // last vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Assists:	2 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
Steals:	1 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	1 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
3-Pointers:	1 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
Free Throws:	1 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Minutes:	14:11 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	3 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
Rebounds:	1 (2x) // last vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25
Assists:	2 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
Steals:	1 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	1 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
3-Pointers:	1 // vs. Northern Ky., 11/8/25
Free Throws:	1 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25
Minutes:	14:11 // vs. Gardner-Webb, 12/21/25

SEC HIGHS

Points:	-- // --
Rebounds:	-- // --
Assists:	-- // --
Steals:	-- // --
Blocks:	-- // --
Field Goals:	-- // --
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	-- // --
Minutes:	-- // --

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2025-26
Scored 5+ Points	--
Scored 10+ Points	--
Had 5+ Rebounds	--
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	--
Had 3+ Assists	--
Led the Vols in Assists	--
Made Multiple 3-Pointers	--
Had Multiple Steals	--
Led the Vols in Steals	--
Had a Positive Assist/TO Ratio	2

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2025-26	9-0	39	4.3	1-7	.143	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	0-2-2	0.2	6-0	3	1	0	1	4	0.4
TOTAL	9-0	39	4.3	1-7	.143	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	0-2-2	0.2	6-0	3	1	0	1	4	0.4

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HONORS

- 2025-26: 2026 Allstate NACDA Good Works Winter Team Nominee

AS A JUNIOR IN 2025-26

- Announced on 12/8/25 as out for the remainder of the season due to surgery on a recurring left shoulder injury.
- Put up nine points and a career-high-tying nine rebounds, along with two blocks and an assist, versus North Florida (11/12/25).
- Earned the first start of his career versus Northern Kentucky (11/8/25) and scored the game's opening points just 14 seconds after tipoff.

AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2024-25

- One of five players on the roster to see action in all 38 games and set a program single-season record, competing in a reserve role in each of them.
- Averaged 4.6 points, 3.5 rebounds, 0.9 blocks and 0.6 assists in 15.0 minutes per game, while shooting 63.0 percent (68-of-108) from the floor.
- Led the team in field-goal percentage (min. 10 FGA), plus ranked second in blocks and dunks (37), third in offensive rebounding (1.7) and fifth in rebounding.
- Placed No. 57 nationally in offensive rebounding percentage (14.3) among players with at least 300 total minutes of action and No. 41 among those with 500-plus minutes.
- First—alone or with a teammate—Volunteer off the bench in 25 contests, second-most on the team.
- Led or co-led the team in blocks nine times, second-most on the roster, and in rebounds twice.
- Scored seven-plus points nine times, reaching double figures in six appearances and 15 once.
- Grabbed at least five rebounds in 12 outings, with nine of them in non-conference play (including three of four NCAA Tournament games), and had seven-plus twice.
- Blocked multiple shots on seven occasions, including four times in SEC play, with three-plus thrice and five once, plus had multiple assists six times, with three twice.
- Made at least five field goals four times, with six twice, and twice hit at least five free throws.
- Logged the highest single-game block total (five) by a Volunteer, tying for the third-best mark in the SEC, plus tied for the top single-game dunk mark (five) on the team.

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2023-24

- Played in 13 contests, including nine of the first 13, and finished with 18 rebounds in 78 minutes on the floor.
- Shot 8-of-9 (88.9 percent) from the free-throw line and went 2-of-3 (66.7 percent) from the field, with both makes on dunks.
- Pulled down multiple rebounds in five appearances and blocked a shot in four.
- Placed third on the team with four "One Fly, We All Fly" pregame dunks.
- Finished with two points, a then-career-high-tying three rebounds and a then-career-best two assists in 10 minutes of action against Vanderbilt (2/17/24).
- Scored four points on a perfect 4-of-4 free-throw tally in the win over George Mason (12/5/23).
- Made his official Tennessee debut in the season-opening victory against Tennessee Tech (11/6/23).

HIGH SCHOOL

- Tabbed as four-star recruit by ESPN, as well as a four-star prospect by 247Sports, On3 and Rivals.
- Finished No. 144 in the 247Sports Composite rankings, as well as No. 148 on the On3 Consensus list, the latter good for first among Alabamians and No. 20 at the center position.
- Spent the final year of his prep career at Link Academy, where he played alongside eventual Tennessee teammates Cameron Carr and Ben Linnemeyer.
- Averaged 10.0 points and 7.0 rebounds per game, helping the team go 27-1, win the GEICO Nationals championship and finish No. 1 in both the ESPN and MaxPreps national rankings.
- Attended Jacksonville High School during his junior campaign, averaging 13.3 points, 8.2 rebounds and 4.5 blocks per game, while shooting 57.0 percent from the floor.
- Totaled 109 blocked shots in 24 games as a junior, including 11 in the regional final, en route to ASWA 4A All-State recognition.
- Previously attended Westbrook Christian School in Rainbow City, Ala., where he played varsity basketball from eighth grade through his sophomore year, averaging 19.0 ppg and 9.0 rpg during his last year there.
- Played football his first two years of high school, earning all-state honorable mention as a linebacker during his sophomore campaign and collecting multiple scholarship offers.
- Competed with The Skills Factory on the Nike AAU circuit.
- In addition to Carr and Linnemeyer, played with Elliot Cadeau (Michigan/North Carolina), Corey Chest (Ole Miss/LSU), Ryan Forrest (North Carolina A&T/Northwestern State), Jacob Cole (McNeese State/Oklahoma), Tyler McKinley (Cincinnati) and Ja'Kobe Walter (Toronto Raptors/Baylor), among others, at Link.
- Country music artist Riley Green and 1996 Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg also went to Jacksonville High School.

PERSONAL

- Born Aug. 16, 2004, in Birmingham, Ala., as John Caden Phillips, but goes by Cade
- Parents are John David Phillips, who works in the steel industry, and Reagan Phillips, who has a psychology clinic.
- Father played quarterback and defensive back at Alabama, appearing in 17 games from 1996-98, with Tennessee finishing second in his recruitment.
- Mother, then Reagan Croyle, played basketball from 1996-99 at Alabama, where she was the homecoming queen.
- Has two younger brothers, Will and Gibbs, the former of whom is a class of 2026 football signee at Old Dominion.
- Grew up on Big Oak Ranch, a large Christian home for children run by members of his family, in both Springville, Ala., and Southside, Ala.
- Grandfather, John Croyle, was an All-American defensive lineman under Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama.
- Uncle, Brodie Croyle, played quarterback at Alabama and was a 2006 NFL Draft third-round pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, for whom he competed with for five years.
- Interests outside of basketball include camping with teammates and adventure activities such as cliff jumping and rock climbing.
- Favorite athlete is his father.
- Best sports memory is winning the GEICO Nationals title during his senior year of high school.
- Committed to Tennessee over Alabama, Auburn, Clemson and Georgia.
- Chose UT because he loved the people, in particular Rick Barnes, Gregg Polinsky and team chaplain Chris Walker.
- Added 12.5 pounds and upped his standing vertical jump by 2.63 inches between arriving on campus and starting his freshman season and has added nine more pounds in the two years since.
- Owns a max trap bar deadlift of 2.56 times his body weight (565 pounds), a plus-5 wingspan differential (7-2) and an 8-11.25 standing reach, plus generates 1,565 pounds of vertical force in his isometric belt test.
- Recipient of the Richard & Melba Jackson Athletic Scholarship Endowment.

SEASON HIGHS

Points:	9 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
Rebounds:	9 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
Assists:	1 (4x) // last at Syracuse, 12/2/25
Steals:	1 (2x) // vs. Kansas, 11/26/25
Blocks:	2 (3x) // last vs. Illinois, 12/6/25
Field Goals:	4 // vs. North Fla., 11/12/25
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	1 (4x) // last vs. Rutgers, 11/24/25
Minutes:	22:08 // vs. Tenn. State, 11/20/25

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	15 // vs. South Carolina, 3/8/25
Rebounds:	9 (2x) // last vs. North Fla. 11/12/25
Assists:	3 (2x) // last vs. Georgia, 1/15/25
Steals:	1 (11x) // last vs. Kansas, 11/26/25
Blocks:	5 // vs. Norfolk State, 12/31/24
Field Goals:	6 (2x) // last vs. South Carolina, 3/8/25
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	6 // vs. Wofford, 3/20/25
Minutes:	28:06 // vs. Florida, 2/1/25

SEC HIGHS

Points:	15 // vs. South Carolina, 3/8/25
Rebounds:	6 (2x) // last at Oklahoma, 2/8/25
Assists:	3 // vs. Georgia, 1/15/25
Steals:	1 (4x) // last at Texas A&M, 2/22/25
Blocks:	3 (2x) // last vs. South Carolina, 3/8/25
Field Goals:	6 // vs. South Carolina, 3/8/25
3-Pointers:	-- // --
Free Throws:	3 (2x) // last vs. South Carolina, 3/8/25
Minutes:	28:06 // vs. Florida, 2/1/25

PRODUCTION TRACKER

	2024-25	Career
Scored 5+ Points	4	17
Scored 10+ Points	--	6
Had 5+ Rebounds	4	15
Had 10+ Rebounds	--	--
Led the Vols in Rebounding	--	2
Had Multiple Offensive Rebounds	5	22
Had a Double-Double	--	--
Had Multiple Blocks	3	9
Led the Vols in Blocks	5	12
Had Multiple Steals	--	--

CAREER STATS

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2023-24	13-0	78	6.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	9-9-18	1.4	11-0	5	3	4	1	12	0.9
2024-25	38-0	570	15.0	68-108	.630	0-1	.000	40-74	.541	66-68-134	3.5	70-0	23	17	33	8	176	4.6
2025-26	10-9	169	16.9	17-26	.654	0-0	.000	4-13	.308	18-22-40	4.0	17-0	4	7	11	2	38	3.8
TOTAL	61-9	817	13.4	87-137	.635	0-1	.000	52-96	.542	93-99-192	3.1	98-0	32	27	48	11	226	3.7



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AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2025-26

- Made his season debut against Gardner-Webb (12/21/25) and pulled down one rebound.

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2024-25

- Played in six contests on the year, plus served as a vital member of the scout team.
- Threw down the pregame "One Fly, We All Fly" dunk twice on the year, at Texas (1/11/25) in a return to his hometown and at Oklahoma (2/8/25).
- Made his first NCAA Tournament appearance in the Round of 64 triumph over Wofford (3/20/25).
- Competed in an SEC contest for the first time in the regular season finale, a win against South Carolina (3/8/25).
- Scored the first two points of his career on a basket in the final minute versus Western Carolina (12/17/24).

- Made his collegiate debut versus Austin Peay (11/17/24), playing the final 2:01 of the contest.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Averaged 18.0 ppg and 9.0 prg as a senior, earning First Team All-District 26 6A and *Austin American-Statesman* All-Central Texas Honorable Mention accolades.
- Made the THSCA Academic All-State Elite Team after posting a 4.65 GPA as a senior and graduated with a 4.48 mark.
- Posted 14.0 ppg and 7.0 rpg his junior season, collecting Second Team All-District 26 6A distinction.
- Helped team to a 14-0 league record, area title and regional quarterfinal trip in both his freshman and sophomore years.
- National Honor Society member and three-year golf letter winner, helping his team to a state title as a sophomore.
- Among the notable Anderson alumni are seven-time NFL All-Pro Dick "Night Train" Lane and former NBA guard Kris Clack, who played for Rick Barnes at Texas.

PERSONAL

- Born Oct. 16, 2005, in Austin, Texas, as Campbell James Duncan, his nickname is "Dunc."
- Lists Patrick Mahomes as his favorite athlete and he enjoys fishing and golfing.
- Parents are Clayton Duncan, a senior VP at a healthcare company, and Stephanie Duncan, who works in network security sales, plus has a younger sister, Parker.
- Sister is a freshman on the Arkansas volleyball team, mother played volleyball at Texas and grandfather, Bob Spurck, played basketball at Tulane.
- Best sports memories are a game-winner against Del Valle High School in a district game as a junior and making the third round of the state playoffs as a sophomore.
- Owner of a 6-9.5 wingspan, he increased his standing vertical jump by 1.84 inches and added 12.7 pounds during his first offseason at Tennessee.

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2024-25	6-0	6	1.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
2025-26	1-0	2	1.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	7-0	8	1.1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0.1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3



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AS A SOPHOMORE IN 2025-26

- Saw his first playing time of the year in the win over Gardner-Webb (12/21/25).

AS A FRESHMAN IN 2024-25

- Appeared in six contests on the season, as well as played a key role on the scout team.
- Made his NCAA Tournament debut in the Round of 64 victory against Wofford (3/20/25).
- Earned his first action in SEC play in the regular season finale versus South Carolina (3/8/25).
- Pulled down a rebound during his 1:25 of action in the victory over UT Martin (11/27/24).
- Debuted as a collegian against Austin Peay (11/17/24), taking the court for the final 2:01 and grabbing one rebound.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Four-year letter winner helped his team go 127-17 (.882) with a 56-4 (.933) district record and four district titles, plus was in National Honor Society and math club.
- Two-time UIL First Team All-District 26-6A selection, claiming the honor as both a junior and senior.
- Averaged 15.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg and 4.0 apg as a senior captain, earning UIL District 26-6A Offensive Player of the Year.
- Posted 12.0 ppg, 3.0 apg and 2.0 rpg per game as a junior, collecting all-area and team offensive player of the year.
- Aided team to a 38-2 tally and state semifinal berth as a sophomore after a 30-2 mark and state final bid as a freshman.
- Brad Buckman and Chris Mihm, the latter of whom spent nine years in the NBA, also attended Westlake before competing under Rick Barnes during his Texas tenure.

PERSONAL

- Born Aug. 9, 2005, in Austin, Texas, as Gavin Putney Paull.
- Parents are Jason Paull, the chief strategy office of an applied science company, and Kristin Paull, who works in hospitality.
- Has two older brothers, Nathan and Jackson.
- Interests outside of basketball include other sports, spending time with friends, TV and video games.
- Favorite athlete is Steph Curry because he is fun to watch and best sports memory is hitting a game-winning shot in the bi-district 6A playoffs as a junior.
- Wore No. 24 during his freshman campaign at Tennessee.
- Owner of a max reverse band back squat of 475 pounds, he increased his standing vertical leap by 2.36 inches and his weight by 8.3 pounds during his first offseason at Tennessee, prior to his freshman season.

	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-A	Pct	3FG-A	Pct	FT-A	Pct	Off-Def-Rebs	Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2024-25	6-0	6	1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0.3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2025-26	1-0	2	1.6	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	7-0	8	1.1	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2-2	0.3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

RECORD, RESULTS & GAME HIGHS

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	OT	vs. T25	vs. T10
All Games	16-7	12-1	2-4	2-2	2-0	3-2	1-0
Conference	6-4	4-1	2-3	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-0
Non-Conference	10-3	8-0	0-1	2-2	0-0	2-1	1-0

Date	Time	TV	Opponent	Result	Attend.	High Pts.	High Reb.	High Ast.	High Stl.	High Blk.	High Min.
11/4	7 p.m.	SECN+	Mercer	W, 76-61	18,559	Ament (18)	Carey (10)	Gillespie (6)	Burg (1) Estrella (1)	Boswell (1) Okpara (1) Phillips (1)	Ament (29:11)
11/8	3 p.m.	SECN+	Northern Kentucky	W, 95-56	18,661	Ament (23)	Estrella (11) Okpara (11)	Ament (5) Henderson (5)	Ament (2) Carey (2) Henderson (2)	Okpara (1) Phillips (1)	Gillespie(26:50)
11/12	7 p.m.	SECN+	North Florida	W, 99-66	17,614	Estrella (23)	Estrella (10)	Gillespie (7)	Abram (3)	Okpara (4)	Ament (33:01)
11/17	8:30 p.m.	SECN	Rice	W, 91-66	17,283	Okpara (20)	Ament (10)	Gillespie (8)	Ament (3)	Gillespie (1) Phillips (1)	Gillespie(33:26)
11/20	7 p.m.	SECN	Tennessee State	W, 89-60	17,313	Gillespie (17)	Okpara (8)	Gillespie (5)	Ament (4)	Phillips (2)	Gillespie (30:33)
11/24	1 p.m.	TNT	vs. Rutgers^	W, 85-60	4,628	Gillespie (32)	Okpara (7) Phillips (7)	Boswell (5)	Boswell (3)	Okpara (3)	Gillespie(28:53)
11/25	6 p.m.	TNT	vs. #3/2 Houston^	W, 76-73	5,110	Gillespie (22)	Carey (7)	Ament (4) Gillespie (4)	Boswell (3)	Boswell (1) Okpara (1) Phillips (1)	Gillespie(38:18)
11/26	7 p.m.	TNT	vs. RV/RV Kansas^	L, 76-81	3,947	Ament (20)	Carey (10)	Boswell (4) Carey (4) Gillespie (4)	Boswell (3)	Okpara (3)	Ament(36:04)
12/2	7 p.m.	ESPN2	at Syracuse+	L, 60-62	19,657	Carey (22)	Carey (9)	Gillespie (7)	Boswell (2) Gillespie (2)	Gillespie (1) Okpara (1)	Gillespie (32:24)
12/6	8 p.m.	ESPN	vs. #14/15 Illinois%	L, 62-75	16,157	Gillespie (15)	Boswell (7) Carey (7)	Gillespie (5)	Abram (2)	Okpara (2) Phillips (2)	Gillespie (34:59)
12/16	7 p.m.	ESPN	#11/11 Louisville	W, 83-62	21,678	Gillespie (23)	Carey (10)	Gillespie (5)	Okpara (3)	Okpara (3)	Gillespie (33:46)
12/21	3 p.m.	SECN+	Gardner-Webb	W, 94-52	19,059	Abram (15) Gillespie (15)	Brown (14)	Gillespie (9)	Abram (3) Evans (3)	Ament (1) Estrella (1)	Gillespie (24:08)
12/30	8 p.m.	SECN	South Carolina State	W, 105-54	18,279	Gillespie (21)	Carey (10) Estrella (10)	Gillespie (8)	Abram (2) Okpara (2)	Okpara (4)	Gillespie (27:55)
1/3	3 p.m.	ESPN2	at #18/18 Arkansas*	L, 75-86	19,200	Evans (16)	Okpara (7)	Gillespie (4)	Evans (3)	Okpara (2)	Gillespie (34:31)
1/6	9 p.m.	ESPN2	RV/-- Texas*	W, 85-71	17,402	Gillespie (34)	Estrella (6)	Gillespie (5)	Ament (4)	Ament (2)	Gillespie (37:36)
1/10	12 p.m.	ESPN	at RV/RVFlorida*	L, 67-91	10,182	Ament (17)	Boswell (5) Evans (5)	Gillespie (3)	Evans (3)	Okpara (2)	Gillespie (37:08)
1/13	7 p.m.	SECN	RV/RV Texas A&M*	W, 87-82 (20T)	17,808	Ament (23)	Okpara (12)	Gillespie (5)	Gillespie (6)	Ament (2)	Gillespie (48:14)
1/17	12 p.m.	ESPN	Kentucky*	L, 78-80	21,678	Gillespie (23)	Carey (7)	Gillespie (8)	Ament (2) Gillespie (2)	Brown (2)	Ament(35:28)
1/24	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	at #17/17 Alabama*	W, 79-73	13,474	Ament (29)	Okpara (8)	Gillespie (4)	Evans (2) Gillespie (2)	Okpara (2)	Ament(37:52)
1/28	7 p.m.	SECN	at RV/RV Georgia*	W, 86-85 (OT)	9,854	Gillespie (21)	Okpara (11)	Gillespie (6)	Evans (2)	Evans (1)	Boswell (42:26)
1/31	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	RV/-- Auburn*	W, 77-69	21,678	Ament (22)	Ament (8) Boswell (8) Carey (8) Evans (8)	Gillespie (5)	Boswell (2) Brown (2) Evans (2)	Ament (1) Brown (1)	Ament(36:31)
2/3	7 p.m.	ESPN2	Ole Miss*	W, 84-66	18,882	Ament (28)	Estrella (9)	Boswell (5)	Boswell (3)	Brown (1)	Estrella (34:38)
2/7	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	at RV/RV Kentucky*	L, 71-74	20,123	Ament (29)	Brown (12)	Gillespie (4)	Boswell (3)	Brown (3)	Gillespie (36:17)
2/11	9 p.m.	ESPN2	at Mississippi State*								
2/14	6 p.m.	SECN	LSU*								
2/18	7 p.m.	TBD	Oklahoma*								
2/21	TBD	ESPN/2	at Vanderbilt*								
2/24	9 p.m.	SECN	at Missouri*								
2/28	TBD	ESPN/2	Alabama*								
3/3	6 p.m.	SECN	at South Carolina*								
3/7	2 p.m.	TBD	Vanderbilt*								
TBD	TBD	TBD	vs. TBD=								

* - SEC game

^ - Players Era Men's Championship (Las Vegas, Nev.)

+ - SEC/ACC Challenge (Syracuse, N.Y.)

% - Music City Madness (Nashville, Tenn.)

= - SEC Tournament (Nashville, Tenn.)

A breakdown of how many times each player has led Tennessee in each category can be found on Page 13

HIGHS & LOWS

Individual Category	Tennessee	Opponent
Points	34 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas (1/6/26)	29 by Darius Acuff Jr., at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Points in a Half	26 (2H) by Nate Ament vs. Ole Miss (2/3/26)	19 (1H) by Nate Kingz at Syracuse (12/2/25) 19 (2H) by Darius Acuff Jr., at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Field Goals Made	12 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas (1/6/26)	10 by Kingston Flemings vs. Houston in Las Vegas (11/25/25) 10 by Otega Oweh at Kentucky (2/7/26)
Field Goals Made in a Half	8 (1H) by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Rutgers in Las Vegas (11/24/25) 8 (1H) by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas (1/6/26) 8 (2H) by Nate Ament vs. Ole Miss (2/3/26)	7 (2H) by Denzel Aberdeen vs. Kentucky (1/17/26)
Field Goals Attempted	20 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Rutgers in Las Vegas (11/24/25) 20 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Illinois in Nashville (12/6/25) 20 by Nate Ament at Alabama (1/24/26) 20 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie at Alabama (1/24/26)	20 by Labaron Philon Jr., at Alabama (1/24/26)
Field-Goal Percentage (min. 5 made)	100.0 (7-7) by Amari Evans at Arkansas (1/3/26)	80.0 (8-10) by Marcus Millender at Georgia (1/28/26)
3-Pointers Made	6 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Rutgers in Las Vegas (11/24/25)	4 (10x); last by Kanon Catchings at Georgia (1/28/26)
3-Pointers Attempted	11 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26) 11 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie at Georgia (1/28/26) 11 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie at Kentucky (2/7/26)	13 by Ryan Conwell vs. Louisville (12/16/25)
3-Point Percentage (min. 2 made)	100.0 (2-2) by Ethan Burg vs. Northern Kentucky (11/8/25)	100.0 (2-2) by Zvonimir Ivisic vs. Illinois in Nashville (12/6/25)
Free Throws Made	12 by Nate Ament vs. Auburn (1/31/26)	10 by Labaron Philon Jr., at Alabama (1/24/26)
Free Throws Attempted	15 by Nate Ament vs. Auburn (1/31/26)	11 by Labaron Philon Jr., at Alabama (1/24/26)
Free-Throw Percentage (min. 5 made)	100.0 (10-10) by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Louisville (12/16/25) 100.0 (9-9) by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Houston in Las Vegas (11/25/25) 100.0 (8-8) by Nate Ament vs. Kansas in Las Vegas (11/26/25) 100.0 (6-6) by Bishop Boswell at Kentucky (2/7/26) 100.0 (5-5) by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas (1/6/26)	100.0 (8-8) by Baraka Okojie vs. Mercer (11/3/25) 100.0 (8-8) by Malique Ewin at Arkansas (1/3/26) 100.0 (8-8) by Thomas Haugh at Florida (1/10/26) 100.0 (7-7) by Elmarko Jackson vs. Kansas in Las Vegas (11/26/25) 100.0 (6-6) by Tre White vs. Kansas in Las Vegas (11/26/25) 100.0 (5-5) by Antoine Loric III vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25)
Total Rebounds	14 by DeWayne Brown II vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)	16 by Rueben Chinyelu at Florida (1/10/26)
Offensive Rebounds	7 by J.P. Estrella vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25) 7 by J.P. Estrella at Georgia (1/28/26) 7 by Felix Okpara at Georgia (1/28/26)	5 by David Mirkovic vs. Illinois in Nashville (12/6/25) 5 by Filip Jovic vs. Auburn (1/31/26)
Defensive Rebounds	9 by DeWayne Brown II vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25) 9 by Felix Okpara vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	12 by Rueben Chinyelu at Florida (1/10/26)
Assists	9 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)	9 by Jacari Lane vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)
Blocks	4 by Felix Okpara vs. North Florida (11/12/25) 4 by Felix Okpara vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	6 by William Kyle III at Syracuse (12/2/25)
Steals	6 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	6 by Brady Shoulders vs. Mercer (11/3/25)
Turnovers	7 by Nate Ament at Syracuse (12/2/25)	7 by Dailyn Swain vs. Texas (1/6/26)
Minutes Played	48:14 by Ja'Kobi Gillespie vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	41:22 by Jacari Lane vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)
Dunks	4 by J.P. Estrella vs. North Florida (11/12/25) 4 by Felix Okpara vs. Rice (11/17/25)	4 by Charles Bediako at Alabama (1/24/26)
Team Category	Tennessee	Opponent
Points	105 vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	91 at Florida (1/10/26)
Low	60 at Syracuse (12/2/25)	52 vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)
Points in a Half	64 (2H) vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	50 (2H) at Florida (1/10/26)
Low	24 (2H) at Kentucky (2/7/26)	19 (1H) vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)
Field Goals Made	39 vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	31 x2; at Florida (1/10/26) & at Georgia (1/28/26)
Low	21 at Florida (1/10/26)	18 vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25)
Field Goals Made in a Half	26 (2H) vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	18 (2H) vs. Kentucky (1/17/26)
Low	6 (2H) at Kentucky (2/7/26)	6 (1H) vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25)
Field Goals Attempted	71 x3; last at Georgia (1/28/26)	67 vs. Mercer (11/3/25)
Low	49 at Florida (1/10/26)	51 at Syracuse (12/2/25)
Field-Goal Percentage	60.9 (39-64) vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	50.8 (31-61) at Georgia (1/28/26)
Low	36.9 (24-65) vs. Illinois in Nashville (12/6/25)	29.9 (20-67) vs. Mercer (11/3/25)
3-Pointers Made	12 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/8/25)	13 vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)
Low	4 x2; at Syracuse (12/2/25) & vs. Auburn (1/31/26)	5 x3; last at Kentucky (2/7/26)
3-Pointers Attempted	31 vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)	43 vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)
Low	13 x3; last vs. Auburn (1/31/26)	17 vs. Kansas in Las Vegas (11/26/25)
3-Point Percentage	50.0 (11-22) vs. Rutgers in Las Vegas (11/24/25)	45.8 (11-24) vs. Kentucky (1/17/26)
Low	25.0 (6-24) vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	18.5 (5-27) vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25)
Free Throws Made	31 x2; vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25) & vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	29 at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Low	8 x3; last vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)	5 x2; vs. Northern Kentucky (11/8/25) & vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)
Free Throws Attempted	42 vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	33 at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Low	12 vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)	9 vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)
Free-Throw Percentage	88.6 (31-35) vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25)	87.9 (29-33) at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Low	44.4 (8-18) vs. Illinois in Nashville (12/6/25)	38.5 (5-13) vs. Northern Kentucky (11/8/25)
Total Rebounds	60 vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	36 at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Low	30 at Florida (1/10/26)	16 vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)
Offensive Rebounds	26 at Georgia (1/28/26)	15 x2; vs. Houston in Las Vegas (11/25/25) & vs. Texas (1/6/26)
Low	6 at Florida (1/10/26)	6 x2; vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25) & vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)
Defensive Rebounds	38 vs. Mercer (11/3/25)	29 at Florida (1/10/26)
Low	19 vs. Houston in Las Vegas (11/25/25)	10 vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)
Assists	30 vs. South Carolina State (12/30/25)	16 vs. Houston in Las Vegas (11/25/25)
Low	8 at Florida (1/10/26)	6 vs. Rutgers in Las Vegas (11/24/25)
Blocks	9 vs. North Florida (11/12/25)	10 at Arkansas (1/3/26)
Low	1 x2; at Georgia (1/28/26) & vs. Ole Miss (2/3/26)	1 x6; last vs. vs. Auburn (1/31/26)
Steals	12 x2; vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25) & vs. Texas (1/6/26)	15 vs. Mercer (11/3/25)
Low	2 vs. Mercer (11/3/25)	3 vs. Kansas in Las Vegas (11/26/25)
Turnovers	19 x2; vs. Mercer (11/3/25) & vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)	22 vs. Tennessee State (11/20/25)
Low	7 vs. Kansas in Las Vegas (11/26/25)	5 vs. Mercer (11/3/25)
Fouls	23 x3; last at Alabama (1/24/26)	30 vs. Texas A&M (1/13/26)
Low	7 vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)	12 vs. Gardner-Webb (12/21/25)
Dunks	10 vs. North Florida (11/12/25)	5 at Alabama (1/24/26)
Low	0 x3; last vs. Ole Miss (2/3/26)	0 x4; last vs. Ole Miss (2/3/26)



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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	6-4	4-1	2-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-4	4-1	2-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Tennessee	362	399	28	789
Opponents	338	417	22	777

Team Box Score

No. Player					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
10	AMENT, Nate	10-10	339:54	34.0	62-133	.466	15-37	.405	66-87	.759	17	42	59	5.9	23	0	24	25	6	9	205	20.5
0	GILLESPIE, Ja'Kobi	10-10	367:39	36.8	59-148	.399	31-84	.369	44-58	.759	3	25	28	2.8	28	1	47	22	1	22	193	19.3
3	BOSWELL, Bishop	10-10	294:14	29.4	20-43	.465	9-18	.500	30-45	.667	24	43	67	6.7	30	0	27	22	0	15	79	7.9
13	ESTRELLA, J.P.	10-5	190:12	19.0	31-63	.492	1-3	.333	15-25	.600	27	21	48	4.8	28	0	7	11	1	5	78	7.8
23	CAREY, Jaylen	10-1	192:15	19.2	23-61	.377	0-2	.000	19-32	.594	23	26	49	4.9	15	0	10	12	1	1	65	6.5
6	BROWN II, DeWayne	10-7	180:26	18.0	25-47	.532	0-0	.000	6-13	.462	21	21	42	4.2	18	0	12	8	8	4	56	5.6
34	OKPARA, Felix	8-7	218:37	27.3	14-24	.583	0-1	.000	10-17	.588	17	35	52	6.5	25	0	4	9	7	0	38	4.8
1	EVANS, Amari	10-0	168:38	16.9	17-38	.447	3-16	.188	10-14	.714	9	25	34	3.4	14	0	9	9	3	16	47	4.7
24	HENDERSON, Troy	7-0	54:12	7.7	6-16	.375	5-15	.333	0-1	.000	0	1	1	0.1	8	0	3	0	0	2	17	2.4
77	ABRAM, Amaree	8-0	55:07	6.9	4-13	.308	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	3	5	8	1.0	12	0	1	2	0	3	11	1.4
35	BURG, Ethan	5-0	12:23	2.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0.0
4	MASSAMBA, Clarence	1-0	01:21	1.4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											21	13	34				10					
Total		10	2075		261-588	.444	67-185	.362	200-292	.685	165	257	422	42.2	204	1	144	134	27	78	789	78.9
Opponents		10	2075		260-595	.437	87-278	.313	170-238	.714	107	209	316	31.6	221	7	121	103	47	84	777	77.7

Team Statistics

	UT	OPP
Scoring	789	777
Points per game	78.9	77.7
Scoring margin	+1.2	-
Field goals-att	261-588	260-595
Field goal pct	.444	.437
3 point fg-att	67-185	87-278
3-point FG pct	.362	.313
3-pt FG made per game	6.7	8.7
Free throws-att	200-292	170-238
Free throw pct	.685	.714
F-Throws made per game	20.0	17.0
Rebounds	422	316
Rebounds per game	42.2	31.6
Rebounding margin	+10.6	-
Assists	144	121
Assists per game	14.4	12.1
Turnovers	134	103
Turnovers per game	13.4	10.3
Turnover margin	-3.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.2
Steals	78	84
Steals per game	7.8	8.4
Blocks	27	47
Blocks per game	2.7	4.7
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	2	-
Attendance	97448	72833
Home games-Avg/Game	5-19490	5-14567
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
01/03/2026	at Arkansas	L	75-86	19200
01/06/2026	Texas	W	85-71	17402
01/10/2026	at Florida	L	67-91	10182
01/13/2026	Texas A&M	Wot2	87-82	17808
01/17/2026	Kentucky	L	78-80	21678
01/24/2026	at Alabama	W	79-73	13474
01/28/2026	at Georgia	Wot	86-85	9854
01/31/2026	Auburn	W	77-69	21678
02/03/2026	Ole Miss	W	84-66	18882
02/07/2026	at Kentucky	L	71-74	20123



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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	16-7	12-1	2-4	2-2
CONFERENCE	6-4	4-1	2-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-3	8-0	0-1	2-2

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Tennessee	899	953	28	1880
Opponents	705	878	22	1605

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
0	GILLESPIE, Ja'Kobi	23-23	774:03	33.7	139-334	.416	67-187	.358	80-99	.808	10	54	64	2.8	60	1	123	55	5	38	425	18.5
10	AMENT, Nate	23-23	689:14	30.0	122-285	.428	32-96	.333	129-168	.768	38	111	149	6.5	48	0	58	59	8	26	405	17.6
13	ESTRELLA, J.P.	21-5	343:33	16.4	83-137	.606	3-8	.375	25-41	.610	55	48	103	4.9	45	0	16	20	5	6	194	9.2
23	CAREY, Jaylen	23-2	426:11	18.5	74-150	.493	0-5	.000	38-71	.535	65	74	139	6.0	34	1	31	26	1	8	186	8.1
3	BOSWELL, Bishop	20-19	518:38	25.9	40-74	.541	18-34	.529	40-60	.667	32	72	104	5.2	54	0	52	33	2	32	138	6.9
34	OKPARA, Felix	21-20	541:09	25.8	53-98	.541	4-9	.444	28-45	.622	41	79	120	5.7	43	0	10	22	31	8	138	6.6
6	BROWN II, DeWayne	21-10	337:35	16.1	46-77	.597	0-0	.000	21-33	.636	38	50	88	4.2	35	0	22	18	10	5	113	5.4
12	PHILLIPS, Cade	10-9	168:40	16.9	17-26	.654	0-0	.000	4-13	.308	18	22	40	4.0	17	0	4	7	11	2	38	3.8
77	ABRAM, Amaree	21-3	252:12	12.0	26-65	.400	14-38	.368	13-16	.813	8	25	33	1.6	26	0	17	8	0	16	79	3.8
1	EVANS, Amari	21-0	251:19	12.0	29-63	.460	6-26	.231	15-23	.652	15	45	60	2.9	26	1	17	12	4	22	79	3.8
35	BURG, Ethan	17-1	162:09	9.5	12-30	.400	8-18	.444	8-8	1.000	1	12	13	0.8	11	0	23	16	1	3	40	2.4
24	HENDERSON, Troy	18-0	166:54	9.3	14-43	.326	13-40	.325	0-1	.000	3	6	9	0.5	19	0	26	5	0	10	41	2.3
4	MASSAMBA, Clarence	9-0	38:35	4.3	1-7	.143	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	0	2	2	0.2	6	0	3	1	0	1	4	0.4
7	HURST, Grant	1-0	01:36	1.6	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
21	DUNCAN, Campbell	1-0	01:36	1.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	PAULL, Gavin	1-0	01:36	1.6	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											42	25	67				14					
Total		23	4675		656-1393	.471	166-471	.352	402-581	.692	366	626	992	43.1	424	3	402	296	78	177	1880	81.7
Opponents		23	4675		546-1351	.404	183-618	.296	330-482	.685	248	443	691	30.0	456	13	251	266	93	183	1605	69.8

Team Statistics

	UT	OPP
Scoring	1880	1605
Points per game	81.7	69.8
Scoring margin	+12.0	-
Field goals-att	656-1393	546-1351
Field goal pct	.471	.404
3 point fg-att	166-471	183-618
3-point FG pct	.352	.296
3-pt FG made per game	7.2	8.0
Free throws-att	402-581	330-482
Free throw pct	.692	.685
F-Throws made per game	17.5	14.3
Rebounds	992	691
Rebounds per game	43.1	30.0
Rebounding margin	+13.1	-
Assists	402	251
Assists per game	17.5	10.9
Turnovers	296	266
Turnovers per game	12.9	11.6
Turnover margin	-1.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.9
Steals	177	183
Steals per game	7.7	8.0
Blocks	78	93
Blocks per game	3.4	4.0
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	2	-
Attendance	245894	92490
Home games-Avg/Game	13-18915	6-15415
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-7461

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/03/2025	Mercer	W	76-61	18559
11/08/2025	Northern Ky.	W	95-56	18661
11/12/2025	North Florida	W	99-66	17614
11/17/2025	Rice	W	91-66	17283
11/20/2025	Tennessee St.	W	89-60	17313
11/24/2025	vs Rutgers	W	85-60	4628
11/25/2025	vs Houston	W	76-73	5110
11/26/2025	vs Kansas	L	76-81	3947
12/02/2025	at Syracuse	L	60-62	19657
12/06/2025	vs Illinois	L	62-75	16157
12/16/2025	Louisville	W	83-62	21678
12/21/2025	Gardner-Webb	W	94-52	19059
12/30/2025	South Carolina St.	W	105-54	18279
01/03/2026	at Arkansas	L	75-86	19200
01/06/2026	Texas	W	85-71	17402
01/10/2026	at Florida	L	67-91	10182
01/13/2026	Texas A&M	Wot2	87-82	17808
01/17/2026	Kentucky	L	78-80	21678
01/24/2026	at Alabama	W	79-73	13474
01/28/2026	at Georgia	Wot	86-85	9854
01/31/2026	Auburn	W	77-69	21678
02/03/2026	Ole Miss	W	84-66	18882
02/07/2026	at Kentucky	L	71-74	20123

