

XAVIER

Men's Basketball

Crosstown Classic
 Xavier Gold Rush (7-12, 3-1 GCAC)
 vs. Dillard Bleu Devils (14-5, 5-0 GCAC)
 Saturday, January 28, 2017, 5 p.m.
 Convocation Center, New Orleans, La.

Notable:

- XULA has won four of its last five. Dillard, ranked 14th in NAIA Division I, has won six straight and 11 of its last 13 games.
- All-time in the Convocation Center (fifth season), XULA is 63-21 overall, 23-6 in Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular-season games. XULA's current home streak is four in a row and six of its last seven.
- XULA's Hakeem Simon made 16 of his last 18 field-goal attempts. That run started with his final attempt November 29 at LSU-Alexandria.
- Elex Carter is ninth at XULA with 55 career blocked shots. Next for Carter to catch is Rahssan Thornton (1992-96) with 58.
- Innocent Kukulu's 28 made 3-pointers are the most by a XULA freshman since Drienne Major's 34 in 2003-04.

■ **Series:** XULA leads 84-51, but Dillard won 2-of-3 last season, including the final two. When Dillard beat XULA in the 2016 GCAC Tournament championship game, it was the Bleu Devils' first victory in nine tries against XULA at XULA. The Gold Rush have not dropped back-to-back games to Dillard at XULA since 1990. Here's a recap of last season's three meetings:

| Date | Site | Winner | XULA High Scorer | Dillard High Scorer |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Feb. 6, 2016 (Sat.) | Convocation Center | XULA, 69-61 | 20 Morris Wright | 19 Demetric Austin |
| Feb. 27, 2016 (Sat.) | Dent Hall | Dillard, 67-63/ot | 18 Morris Wright | 24 Demetric Austin |
| March 6, 2016 (Sun.) | Convocation Center | Dillard, 84-71 | 24 Gary Smith | 22 Demetric Austin |

■ **Most Recently:** XULA lost 74-56 Monday at Philander Smith in a GCAC game . . . Dillard won 98-73 at home Thursday vs. Crowley's Ridge.

■ **The Opponent:** Demetric Austin (20.8 points per game), second-semester transfer James Morris (13.6), Dennis Hightower (13.2), Montrey Thomas (12.9), Quinton Jackson (11.1) and Jalen McGaughy (11.1) lead Dillard in scoring . . . Austin was second-team NAIA All-America last season . . . McGaughy is No. 2 nationally in 3-point accuracy (53.1 percent).

■ **Next:** GCAC road games for both at 7:30 p.m. Monday — XULA at Talladega (Talladega, Ala.) and Dillard at Edward Waters (Jacksonville, Fla.)

2016-17 XULA Statistics

| # | Player | GP | GS | MIN | AVG | FG | FGA | PCT | 3FG | 3FGA | PCT | FT | FTA | PCT | OFF | DEF | TOT | R/G | PF | A | TO | BLK | ST | PTS | PIG | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|--|--|--|
| 12 | Jalen David | 19 | 9 | 417 | 21.9 | 77 | 155 | .497 | 8 | 37 | .216 | 48 | 78 | .615 | 15 | 44 | 59 | 3.1 | 31 | 28 | 46 | 6 | 23 | 210 | 11.1 | | | |
| 23 | Mike Williams | 18 | 5 | 378 | 21.0 | 61 | 150 | .407 | 20 | 65 | .308 | 27 | 46 | .587 | 6 | 33 | 39 | 2.2 | 19 | 28 | 39 | 0 | 12 | 169 | 9.4 | | | |
| 2 | Seth Jackson | 19 | 12 | 407 | 21.4 | 57 | 134 | .425 | 14 | 42 | .333 | 48 | 61 | .787 | 7 | 38 | 45 | 2.4 | 43 | 27 | 53 | 2 | 18 | 176 | 9.3 | | | |
| 25 | Donovan Armstrong | 19 | 17 | 510 | 26.9 | 47 | 103 | .456 | 5 | 19 | .263 | 45 | 65 | .692 | 14 | 23 | 37 | 1.9 | 35 | 59 | 28 | 4 | 23 | 144 | 7.6 | | | |
| 3 | Leland Alexander | 19 | 14 | 493 | 25.9 | 57 | 107 | .533 | 2 | 6 | .333 | 21 | 58 | .362 | 41 | 71 | 112 | 5.9 | 37 | 25 | 33 | 3 | 15 | 137 | 7.2 | | | |
| 21 | Innocent Kukulu | 19 | 3 | 305 | 16.0 | 41 | 102 | .402 | 28 | 77 | .364 | 12 | 14 | .857 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 1.4 | 29 | 29 | 21 | 3 | 17 | 122 | 6.4 | | | |
| 10 | Wesley Pluviose-Philip | 11 | 10 | 186 | 16.9 | 19 | 34 | .559 | 0 | 0 | — | 28 | 39 | .718 | 15 | 28 | 43 | 3.9 | 23 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 66 | 6.0 | | | |
| 24 | Elex Carter | 11 | 8 | 230 | 20.9 | 24 | 37 | .649 | 2 | 5 | .400 | 11 | 21 | .524 | 13 | 35 | 48 | 4.4 | 42 | 20 | 31 | 14 | 13 | 61 | 5.5 | | | |
| 0 | Chris Ward | 10 | 2 | 160 | 16.0 | 23 | 46 | .500 | 0 | 0 | — | 4 | 13 | .308 | 11 | 26 | 37 | 3.7 | 22 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 50 | 5.0 | | | |
| 30 | Hakeem Simon | 18 | 7 | 211 | 11.7 | 25 | 46 | .543 | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 18 | 31 | .581 | 23 | 36 | 59 | 3.3 | 36 | 6 | 21 | 13 | 2 | 69 | 3.8 | | | |
| 11 | Lucas Martin-Julien | 5 | 3 | 215 | 21.5 | 14 | 39 | .359 | 3 | 10 | .300 | 6 | 11 | .545 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 2.8 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 2 | 11 | 37 | 3.7 | | | |
| 13 | # Monte Lambert | 5 | 1 | 60 | 12.1 | 7 | 23 | .304 | 2 | 6 | .333 | 0 | 4 | .000 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 2.2 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 3.2 | | | |
| 33 | Jerry Gibson | 16 | 2 | 216 | 13.5 | 12 | 33 | .364 | 5 | 11 | .455 | 3 | 4 | .750 | 16 | 32 | 48 | 3.0 | 27 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 2.0 | | | |
| 14 | * Evan Howard | 2 | 2 | 25 | 12.3 | 1 | 8 | .125 | 0 | 0 | — | 1 | 2 | .500 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2.5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1.5 | | | |
| 4 | # Khalil McCoy | 2 | 0 | 13 | 6.6 | 0 | 6 | .000 | 0 | 5 | .000 | 1 | 2 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | | | |
| TEAM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 230 | 32 | 62 | | | | | | | | | | |
| XULA | | 19 | | 3825 | | 465 | 1023 | .455 | 90 | 284 | .317 | 273 | 449 | .608 | 216 | 444 | 660 | 34.7 | 378 | 262 | 350 | 60 | 147 | 1293 | 68.1 | | | |
| Opponents | | 19 | | 3825 | | 469 | 1037 | .452 | 145 | 368 | .394 | 286 | 403 | .710 | 187 | 426 | 613 | 32.3 | 386 | 312 | 325 | 59 | 142 | 1369 | 72.1 | | | |

Double-Figure Scoring Games: Jalen David 10, Leland Alexander 8, Seth Jackson 8, Donovan Armstrong 6, Mike Williams 6, Innocent Kukulu 3, Wesley Pluviose-Philip 2, Hakeem Simon 2, Chris Ward 2
20-Point Games: Jalen David 1, Seth Jackson 1, Innocent Kukulu 1, Mike Williams 1
30-Point Games: none
Double-Figure Rebounding Games: Leland Alexander 4, Jalen David 1, Hakeem Simon 1, Chris Ward 1
Double-Figure Assist Games: none
Double-Doubles: Leland Alexander 3, Jalen David 1, Hakeem Simon 1
Triple-Doubles: none * no longer on team # sitting out remainder of season

2016-17 XULA Schedule

| Date | Day | Opponent | Site | Time |
|-------------|-----------|---|---------|-------------|
| Oct. 25 | Tue. | CARVER | HOME | W, 66-44 |
| Nov. 4 | Fri. | WAYLAND BAPTIST | DH HOME | L, 68-83 |
| Nov. 9 | Wed. | #5 LSU-ALEXANDRIA | HOME | L, 70-87 |
| Nov. 11 | Fri. | Jackson State (1) | Away | 54-66 |
| Nov. 12 | Sat. | #10 William Carey | Away | L, 67-96 |
| Nov. 15 | Tue. | LOYOLA (N.O.) | DH HOME | L, 76-78 |
| Nov. 19 | Sat. | LeMOYNE-OWEN (2) | HOME | W, 77-74 |
| Nov. 21 | Mon. | Southeastern Louisiana (1) | Away | 72-89 |
| Nov. 29 | Tue. | #5 LSU-Alexandria | Away | L, 62-77 |
| Dec. 1 | Thu. | PAUL QUINN | HOME | W, 92-73 |
| Dec. 16 | Fri. | #22 Loyola (N.O.) | Away | L, 53-72 |
| Dec. 19 | Mon. | #6 CARROLL (MONT.) | HOME | L, 60-76 |
| Dec. 29 | Thu. | Paul Quinn | Away | L, 47-50 |
| Dec. 31 | Sat. | #10/12 Barry | Away | L, 68-96 |
| Jan. 2 | Mon. | Concordia (Canada) (3) | Neutral | L, 62-64 |
| Jan. 3 | Tue. | #23 Keiser (3) | Away | L, 65-81 |
| Jan. 7 | Sat. | TOUGALOO | DH HOME | W, 74-69 ot |
| Jan. 13 | Fri. | RUST | HOME | W, 97-53 |
| Jan. 16 | Mon. | SUNO | DH HOME | W, 61-53 |
| Jan. 21 | Sat. | EDWARD WATERS | DH HOME | W, 72-69 |
| Jan. 23 | Mon. | Philander Smith | DH Away | L, 56-74 |
| Jan. 28 | Sat. | #14 DILLARD (4) | DH HOME | 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 30 | Mon. | #15 Talladega | DH Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 1 | Wed. | #24 WILLIAM CAREY | DH HOME | Canceled |
| Feb. 4 | Sat. | Edward Waters | DH Away | 5 p.m. EST |
| Feb. 6 | Mon. | PHILANDER SMITH | DH HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 | Thu. | #3 CONCORDIA (ALA.) | HOME | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 13 | Mon. | SUNO | DH Away | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | Wed. | STILLMAN | DH HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | Sat. | #14 Dillard | DH Away | 5 p.m. |
| Feb. 20 | Mon. | #15 TALLADEGA | DH HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 25 | Sat. | Tougaloo | DH Away | 5 p.m. |
| March 3-5 | | GCAC Tournament at New Orleans | | |
| | Fri.-Sun. | (all March 4-5 tournament games at Xavier) | | |
| March 15-21 | | Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I | | |
| | Wed.-Tue. | National Championship at Kansas City, Mo. | | |
| | | • Gulf Coast Athletic Conference game | | |
| | | DH doubleheader with XU women | | |
| | | (1) exhibition | | |
| | | (2) Homecoming | | |
| | | (3) Chuck Daly Classic, West Palm Beach, Fla. | | |
| | | (4) Crosstown Classic | | |
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Xavier Gold Rush

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | Hometown |
|-----|------------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------|
| 0 | Chris Ward | F | 6-7 | Jr. | Horn Lake, Miss. |
| 2 | Seth Jackson | G | 6-1 | Sr. | Baton Rouge, La. |
| 3 | Leland Alexander | G/F | 6-5 | So. | Houma, La. |
| 10 | Wesley Pluviose-Philip | F | 6-7 | Sr. | Albany, N.Y. |
| 12 | Jalen David | G/F | 6-4 | Jr. | Mount Vernon, N.Y. |
| 21 | Innocent Kukulu | G | 6-0 | Fr. | Staten Island, N.Y. |
| 23 | Mike Williams | G | 6-3 | Fr. | Houston, Texas |
| 24 | Elex Carter | F | 6-7 | Jr. | LaPlace, La. |
| 25 | Donovan Armstrong | G | 5-9 | Fr. | Round Rock, Texas |
| 30 | Hakeem Simon | C | 6-10 | Jr. | St. Patrick, Grenada |
| 33 | Jerry Gibson | F | 6-5 | Fr. | Alexandria, La. |

HEAD COACH: Alfred Williams (Xavier 2008) . . . seventh season at Xavier, first season as head coach . . . 7-12 at Xavier, 21-29 overall (two seasons)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Tyrone Mitchell (Northwestern State 2006), second season; Ryan DeRousselle (Xavier 2011), fourth season; Devin Andrew (Xavier 2011), third season

GRADUATE ASSISTANT: Olivier Siewe (Xavier 2015)

STUDENT ASSISTANTS: RJ Daniels, Gary Smith, Morris Wright

Dillard Bleu Devils

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Yr. | Hometown |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|----------------------|
| 2 | Dennis Hightower | G | 6-0 | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. |
| 3 | Jessie Ward | G | 6-3 | So. | Maringouin, La. |
| 4 | Quinton Jackson | F | 6-2 | Jr. | Cambridge, Md. |
| 5 | Kristian Clark | G/F | 6-6 | Sr. | Ocean Springs, Miss. |
| 11 | Montrey Thomas | G | 5-10 | So. | Shreveport, La. |
| 12 | James Morris | G | 6-1 | Jr. | Peoria, Ill. |
| 14 | Patrick Thompson | F | 6-4 | Jr. | Geismar, La. |
| 22 | Jalen McGaughy | C | 6-10 | Jr. | Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| 23 | Demetric Austin | F | 6-7 | Sr. | Washington, D.C. |
| 30 | Marques Mondy | F | 6-6 | Jr. | Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| 34 | Sean Burrell | F/C | 6-7 | Sr. | New Orleans, La. |

HEAD COACH: Mike Newell (Sam Houston State 1973), 31-21 in second season at Dillard, 350-286 in 22 seasons overall

ASSISTANT COACH: Edward Newton, second season

GRADUATE ASSISTANT: Will Gonzalez, first season

This Date in Gold Rush History

January 28, 1978

Evan Robinson had 33 points and 11 rebounds, and Byron Williams had 26 points and 14 rebounds to lead XULA to a 102-97 victory at Dillard. The Bleu Devils led 65-54 with 15 minutes remaining, but XULA rallied with runs of 12-2 and 12-0. Two weeks later, the Gold Rush completed a season sweep of Dillard.

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