NJIT HIGHLANDERS MEN’S BASKETBALL

GAME 1: NJIT (1-0, 0-0) at UTAH STATE AGGIES (1-0, 0-0)

Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 • 6:00 PM (CT) • Dee Glen Spectrum • Logan, UT • TV: none

2016-17 Schedule

Nov (1-0)

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Feb (0-0)

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11 at Jacksonville* 7 pm

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March (0-0)

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Broadcast Information:

Video: Mountain West Network
Audio: www.njithighlanders.com

Highlights:

• This is NJIT’s first meeting with Utah State and its first time facing a Mountain West foe.

• This is NJIT’s first road game of the season. Last year, the Highlanders set a program record for road wins (8) eclipsing their prior mark of six from 2014-14 and 2015.

• With a win tonight, NJIT will start 2-0 for the first time since its season opener vs. D-I in 2006-07.

• NJIT won its opener against Sarah Lawrence College (D-III), 100-38. The Highlanders are now 25-0 all-time vs. non-D-I foes with an average margin of victory of 37.75.

• The 100-38 win marked NJIT’s second largest victory -- two points shy of a 110-46 win vs. Wheelock College (D-III) on Feb. 6, 2016. It also marked the fourth time NJIT reached triple-digits and first since the Wheelock win (highest total in a 113-61 win vs. PSU Abington in 2011).

• The win also was NJIT’s first in a season-opener since its first game as a D-I -- a 56-55 win at Manhattan on Nov. 11, 2006. Last season, they opened with an 87-57 loss at No. 2 Kentucky.

• The victory was the first in the head coaching career of Brian Kennedy, who was hired to coach the team on April 15 after four seasons as the top assistant and five as an assistant at DePaul.

• With 14 points Friday, Damon Lynn (1,734), became NJIT’s D-I all-time scoring leader, passing Chris Flores (1,724). He now is 295 from the all-time record (2,028; Clarence Pierce ’96).

• Last season, NJIT finished 20-15 -- marking back-to-back, 20-win seasons (prior, its highest win total was 16 from 2012-13). The Highlanders have also made back-to-back appearances in the semifinals of the CollegeInsider.com National Postseason Tournament (CIT).

Probable Starters

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<td>2014-15: Avg’d 7.0 ppg (.468 FG%); led USA w/ 6.7 rpg (7th in SBC)</td>
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<td>Has 1,065 career pts (6th in D-I era); 551 career rebounds (2nd)</td>
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<td>2015-16 ASUN Ranks: 22nd in avg (1.8), 30th in rpg (3.4), 31st in fga (127)</td>
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<td>2015-16: Last 5 G, avg’d 11.0 ppg (55), 4.0 rpg (20) on 22-38 FG (.579)</td>
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Records

Overall 1-0

Home 1-0

Away 0-0

ASUN 0-0

Non-Conference 1-0

Home 0-0

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Non-Division I 117-192

Division I 92-192

Non Division I 25-0

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| 1. Smith, Terrence-NJIT | 28 | 94 | 163 | 57.7 | 108 | 34.1 | .510 | 20.0 | 7.0 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 27.0 | 104.0 |
| 2. Peggs, Brian-Stet | 34 | 185 | 211 | 57.7 | 83 | 27.8 | .510 | 21.0 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 28.0 | 106.0 |
| 3. Buchanan, Michael-UPST | 35 | 153 | 269 | 56.7 | 83 | 27.0 | .510 | 21.0 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 28.0 | 106.0 |
| 4. Mori, Eddy-FGCU | 35 | 120 | 207 | 58.5 | 77 | 23.5 | .510 | 21.0 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 28.0 | 106.0 |
| 5. Corbin, Alphonso-KSU | 31 | 77 | 196 | 51.3 | 47 | 14.9 | .510 | 21.0 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 28.0 | 106.0 |

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**INDIVIDUAL HONORS:**

- **Preseason All-Conference Team:**
  - Position: Name, School
  - G: Marc-Eddy Norfolk, FGCU
  - F: Kamalle, Stet
  - D: Ross, UNF
  - G: A-SUN Defensive Player of the Year
  - G: A-SUN Offensive Player of the Year

**Conference Award Honors:**

- **Preseason Media Poll:**
  - 1st-Place Votes: Total Pts
- **Preseason Coaches Poll:**
  - 1st-Place Votes: Total Pts

**Conference Standings:**

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- G: Derick Newton Stet
- G: Josh Williams Lips
- F: Chris Davenport UNF
- G: Damon Lynn NJIT
- F: Marc-Eddy Norelia FGCU

**Atlantic Sun conference notes:**

“One of the deepest mid-major conferences in the country” – Mid-Major Madness
MORE HIGHLIGHTS:

・ Last season, NJIT set a program season record with 19 wins against D-I opponents.

FAB FOUR:
NJIT had its highest recruiting class on paper this season with freshmen Ron Alston, Shyquan Gibbs, Taj Price and Anthony Tarke -- and they didn’t disappoint in their career debuts. The four combined for 34 of NJIT’s 100 (34%) points as well as 25 of its 62 (40%) of its rebounds.
・ Tarke became the first Highlander ever to record a double-double in his NCAA debut (13 pts, 10 reb). He also became just the fifth freshman to record the feat; first since Tim Coleman, Feb. 12, 2014.
・ Alston and Price both finished with nine points and seven rebounds, apiece.

HOME GROWN:
Entering the season, NJIT has the most localized roster in all of college basketball, as researched by Jake Sharpless of Rukkus. The average player comes from just 39 miles from hometown to school.
NJIT’s roster features nine New Jersey natives, including three from here in Newark (Abdul Lewis, James McMillion, Taj Price), three from Hillside (Shyquan Gibbs, Chris Jenkins, Damon Lynn) one from East Brunswick (Ron Alston) one from Jersey City (Mohamed Bendary) and one from Union (Tim Coleman). Last season, NJIT received 64% of its scoring from New Jersey natives. In fact, 97% of NJIT returning points in 2016-17 are from products of the Garden State.
Interestingly, the second-most localized roster for 2016-17 belongs to reigning national champ Villanova (128 miles) and the least localized is Hawaii (4,031).
Here are the ranks for the other ASUN programs: Lipscomb (#7, 162 mi), North Florida (#114, 590 mi), Jacksonville (#130, 663 mi), Florida Gulf Coast (#138, 689 mi), Stetson (#236, 1113 mi), Kennesaw (#292, 1945) and USC Upstate (#329, 1948 mi).

Y’ALL COME BACK NOW, HEAR?:
The Highlanders return eight players from last season’s 20-win team -- and that doesn’t include F Abdul Lewis, who sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules (South Alabama). Even though NJIT lost four key players (PG Ky Howard, G Winfield Willis, F Emmanuel Tselentakis, F Terrence Smith) from their 2016 CIT semifinalist squad, the Highlanders still return:
・ 67% of their scoring (including 83% of their three-point field goals made) from last season
・ 54% of their rebounding from last season
・ 60% of their minutes played from last season

THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION:
After four seasons as a top assistant at NJIT, head coach Brian Kennedy begins his first season at the helm of the program. The 47-year-old was introduced as the 11th head coach in program history on October 31, 2016.
Kennedy has two first-year assistants this season: Jeff Rafferty, who spent the past nine seasons as an assistant at University of Delaware; and Kevin Driscoll, who was an assistant the past three seasons at Holy Cross. Rafferty and Driscoll join second-year coaches Kim Waiters and Andrew McGlynn.

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A talented recruiter, Kennedy was extremely instrumental in luring some of the Highlanders most talented all-time performers -- such as Tim Coleman, Damon Lynn and Rob Ukawuba -- to Newark. That reputation has continued with the new 2020 class, which -- on paper -- is the highest rated recruiting class in program history with Ron Alston, Shyquan Gibbs, Taj Price and Anthony Tarke.

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LYNN-SANITY:
In the opener, senior guard Damon Lynn scored 14 points and became the program’s all-time scoring record with 1,734 points — shattering the mark held by Chris Flores ’13 (1,724). The co-captain entered the season as the NCAA active D-I leader in three-point field goals made (349) while ranking fourth in points (1,720) and ninth in scoring average (17.7 ppg).

Last season, Lynn set the NJIT single-season scoring record with 642 points — shattering his own mark of 578 set in 2014-15. His average of 18.3 ppg also represented a new program season-high and ranked fifth in the nation’s highest scoring conference. The Hillside, N.J., native also led the ASUN and placed fifth in D-I in three-point field goals made (116) while ranking second in the conference and 34th in the nation in total points (642).

Prior to Lynn, no Highlander had ever registered back-to-back, 500-point seasons -- a scoring plateau he has now reached in all three of his campaigns (500, 578, 642). Going back to 2014-15, he has scored in double figures for 10 games during his career, while playing an amazing 90% of all possible minutes (3,529 of 3,922).

In addition to a unanimous preseason All-ASUN pick, the 2015-16 ASUN First-Team selection has been nominated for ASUN Defensive Player of the Year. Along the way, the native of Union, N.J., also became the sixth member of NJIT’s D-I leader in blocks per game (1.5). He ranked ninth in the ASUN in three-point FG percentage (412) and 11th in points per game (412). In D-I, ranks, Coleman placed 54th in the nation in defensive rebounds per game (3.3).

Coleman is now 67 rebounds away from becoming NJIT’s D-I all-time rebounding leader.

NO KY, NO PROBLEM:
All-time NJIT assist leader Ky Howard graduated in May, leaving NJIT without a point guard who also finished as one of three Highlanders with at least 1000 points (1139) and 500 rebounds (533). Senior Damon Lynn, who ranked ninth in the ASUN with 3.3 assist per game, figures to handle the point a significant amount this season.

But this role is not all unfamiliar to Lynn. During NJIT’s 21-win campaign in 2014-15, the Hillside, N.J., native handled a bulk of the point guard responsibilities for 10 games after Howard went down with an ankle injury in January. During that time, NJIT went 8-2 and Lynn averaged 18.2 ppg and 5.3 apg. In fact, after a two-game adjustment period, he averaged 22.0 ppg and 5.8 apg over the final eight contests of the span.
Update: October 26, 2016

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2015-16

PRESEASON

ASUN Conference (official)

Preseason All-Atlantic Sun

Damon Lynn

Winfield Willis

CollegeSportsMadness.com

Preseason All-ASUN

Damon Lynn (1st Team)

Tim Coleman (2nd Team)

SB Nation's Mid-Major Madness

Preseason All-American

Damon Lynn (Honorable Mention)

POSTSEASON

ASUN Conference (official)

First-Team All-Conference

Damon Lynn

2016-17

PRESEASON

ASUN Conference (official)

Preseason All-Atlantic Sun

Damon Lynn

Tim Coleman

WEEKLY

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POSTSEASON

ASUN Conference (official)


NOTE: The Mid-Major Poll, now in its 18th season of existence, is made up of teams from the following conferences: America East, Atlantic Sun, Big Sky, Big South, Big West, Colonial, Horizon, Independents, Ivy, Metro Atlantic, Mid-American, Mid-Eastern, Missouri Valley, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Patriot, Southern, Southland, Southwestern, Summit, Sun Belt, West Coast, Western Athletic.

RANKINGS BOX

SOURCE: 15-16 16-17 SLC

NCAA RPI: 183 n/a n/a
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Pomeroy Rating: 203 207 n/a
RealTime Power Rk: 158 168 n/a
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ALL-TIME RECORDS BY D-I CONFERENCES

America East (11-20)

Atlantic 10 (1-5)

MAC (0-1)

Atlantic Sun (8-7)

MEAC (7-7)

Big 10 (1-1)

Big East (1-21)

Big Sky (0-1)

Big South (0-1)

Patriot (10-20)

Big East (2-0)

SEC (0-1)

CAA (1-0)

Conference USA (0-3)

Indians (7-15)

Great West (27-41)

Horizon (1-0)

ALL-TIME NATION P.S. TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2015 CIT

Round 1 (3/16)

W, 78-73

vs. New Hampshire

W, 83-72

vs. Army

Round 2 (3/23)

W, 80-77

vs. Cleveland State

W, 83-72

vs. Boston

Quarterfinals (3/28)

W, 84-77

vs. Canisius

W, 83-72

vs. UT Arlington

Semifinals (3/31)

W, 84-77

@ Northern Arizona

W, 84-72

@ Columbia

2016 CIT

Round 1 (3/16)

W, 83-72

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W, 79-65

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Round 2 (3/21)

W, 83-72

vs. Boston

W, 83-72

vs. Cleveland State

Quarterfinals (3/24)

W, 78-73

vs. Canisius

W, 63-60

vs. UT Arlington

Semifinals (3/31)

W, 78-73

@ Northern Arizona

W, 63-60

@ Columbia

2016-17 ROSTER FACTS

BY STATE:

Maryland (1):

Anthony Tarke

New Jersey (9):

Mohamed Bendary

Tim Coleman

Shyquan Gibbs

Chris Jenkins

Abdul Lewis

Damon Lynn

James McMillon

Taj Price

Rob Ukawuba

New York (2):

Osa Izebuwa

Reilly Walsh

Texas (1):

Donovan Greer

Virginia (1):

Ron Alston

BY CLASS:

Seniors (4):

Tim Coleman

Osa Izebuwa

Damon Lynn

Rob Ukawuba

Juniors (2):

Chris Jenkins

James McMillon

Sophomores (3):

Mohamed Bendary

Donovan Greer

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Freshmen (4):

Ron Alston

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Taj Price

Anthony Tarke
Jenkins, referred to by his coach as a “high-major shooter,” came on strong in December. In his first season at NJIT, the Hillside, N.J., finished the year ranked eighth in the ASUN in three-point FG percentage (.399) and ninth in three-point FG per game (2.0).

FRONTCOURT
The Highlanders frontcourt figures to be the strongest it’s ever been. And it all starts with preseason ASUN All-Conference selection, Tim Coleman.

Last year, the senior co-captain enjoyed an historical campaign in which he set NJIT’s single-season record for rebounds (262) and was nominated for ASUN Defensive Player of the Year. Along the way, the native of Union, N.J., became just the third Highlander all-time to reach both 1,000 career points and 500 career rebounds.

One of the most versatile players in the conference, Coleman finished 2015-16 ranked third in the ASUN in steals per game (1.5), fourth in rebounds per game (7.5), fifth in points per game (9.9) and three-point FG percentage (.412) and 11th in points per game (13.8).

“I was a great offseason,” Kennedy said. “The game is slowing down for him a lot. He’s seeing how he can be a mismatch nightmare for opponents. Now he’s learning to let the game come to him and seeing where he can take advantage of things.”

With Coleman sliding from the ‘4’ to the ‘3’, this season, senior co-captain Rob Ukawuba figures to move into the starting lineup.

A player Lynn referred to as a “freak of nature and very athletic,” the undersized power forward (6’4”) has used his height and motor to become a reliable “sixth man” over the past two seasons. Last year, Ukawuba finished with the fourth-highest scoring average (8.2 ppg) in the ASUN among reserves (players with fewer than 10 starts).

“It’s very exciting to think that I’m still getting better. I’ve added dimension to score in the low post,” said Kennedy about Lewis, who logged nine points and 10 rebounds against NJIT on Jan. 25, 2015, in Mobile. “He’s really been locked in this preseason and he’s working diligently preparing for the upcoming year.”

Kennedy also expects significant contributions from sophomore Mohamed Bendary. As a freshman last season, the 6’9” product of St. Anthony’s led the Highlanders in blocks in seven games, in rebounds three times and in scoring twice.

Newcomers
Gibbs is not the only freshman who figures to play a significant role this season. NJIT has two impressive prospects in Ron Anthony (6’6”), Ta’Ir Price (6’7”) and Anthony Tarke (6’6”). On paper, it’s the highest ranked recruiting class NJIT has ever had.

Tarke, a 2015 graduate of Gaithersburg (MD) H.S. who attended Coastal Academy US (NJ) for the 2015-16 season, has a chance to see significant minutes early in the season.

Anthony is a tremendous athlete who should have an immediate impact in the ASUN,” Kennedy said. “His versatility on the court should prove invaluable as the season progresses and he becomes adjusted to the college game.”

OUTLOOK
The Highlanders are optimistic about their chances to continue the amazing upward progress of the program – which sports a 36-18 (.667) record since Dec. 30, 2014. During that time, NJIT has earned its first win against a Top-25 team (Michigan) and a BIG EAST rival (St. John’s); has posted its first 20-win seasons and reached its first two national postseason tournaments; has joined an automatic qualifying (AQ) conference and has a new arena under construction for the 2017-18 season.

NJIT will indeed have its challenges this season, starting with its grueling non-conference schedule. Then, in the Sun Belt Conference, the Highlanders will have to be up night-in, night-out to battle against teams that comprised the highest scoring conference in the nation last season. And with the ASUN being solid from top to bottom, there are no easy outs.

Of course, there’s arguably no program in the nation more adept at overcoming obstacles than NJIT.

“This year has a lot of potential to be very special,” Ukawuba said. “Everybody wants to play in the NCAA Tournament. Coming here as a freshman, we weren’t even in a conference – seeing that we were working hard and didn’t get a chance to make it to the tournament. Now it’s in our hands and it’s really on us. We try to preach that in the locker room. This is an opportunity that doesn’t always come and we have a good enough team to make it there.”

If all goes well, perhaps the literary inspiration for the 2016-17 season recap will come from Karen Kingsbury – author of the New York Times Best Seller, A Time to Dance.
TONIGHT'S OPPONENT: UTAH STATE

NIJT (1-0) will look for their first 2-0 start since 2006-07 when they head west to battle the Utah State Aggies (1-0) on Monday night. Tip-off from the Dee Glen Spectrum is set for 6 p.m. (8 p.m. EST).

The Highlanders are coming off a 100-38 win over Sarah Lawrence College (NY) on Friday at Fleisher Athletic Center, while Utah State picked up a 72-56 road win in its opener at UC Irvine.

During the afore-mentioned 2-0 start, NIJT began their Division I tenure in 2006-07 with back-to-back wins over Manhattan and Rider.

Matt Provence, the voice of the Highlanders, will be on the call beginning with the pregame show at 5:45 p.m. EST. The broadcast can be accessed for free at www.njithighlanders.com.

ALL-TIME SERIES

Monday marks the first ever meeting with Utah State and the first game against an opponent from the Mountain West Conference (MWC). However, NIJT is 2-8 all-time in the state of Utah -- all at the UCCU Center in Orem, home of former Great West Conference rival Utah Valley. That said, the Highlanders emerged victorious in their last game in the state -- a 57-52 over the Wolverines on Jan. 5, 2013.

ONE FOR THE AGGIES

Junior Jalen Moore, widely considered an NBA prospect, scored 22 points helped lift the Aggies to the 72-56 victory over UC Irvine on Friday while three other players also scored in double figures.

In that contest, head coach Tim Duryea's squad held the Anteaters to just 29.5% shooting from the floor.

Utah State finished 16-15 (7-11 MWC) in 2015-16 and was packed to finish sixth in the Mountain West preseason poll. Moore was named to the All-Mountain West preseason team and freshman Koby McEwen was selected as the Co-MWC Freshman of the year.

McEwen had 11 points and five rebounds in his college debut.

Moore's father and brother, Jimmy and Grayson, also played basketball for the Aggies. Jimmy is a member of the USU Athletic Hall of Fame and currently serves as the Assistant Athletics Director for Special Projects.

Duryea is in his second season at the helm of the Aggies after serving for 14 seasons as an assistant under former head coach Stew Morrill. Morrill retired at the end of the 2014-15 season with a record of 384-143 (.729) and is the winningest coach in school history. In his 15 seasons at Utah State, Duryea has been part of an Aggie program that has averaged 23.1 wins per season, advanced to the NCAA Tournament six times (2003, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011), and won five conference championships in the Big West (2003) and Western Athletic Conferences (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011), while winning four conference tournament titles in the Big West (2003, 2005) and WAC (2009, 2011).

There is an international flavor on the Utah State roster, which features players from four different countries: Diogo Brito (Portugal), Alexis Dargenton (France), Norbert Janicek (Slovakia) and McEwen (Canada).

Utah State joined the MWC in 2013 after participating in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) from 2005-12. As of Fall 2015, there were 28,622 total students enrolled in the university. With nearly 18,000 students living on or near campus, USU is the largest public residential campus in Utah.

NIJT OUTLOOK

In the 100-38 win over Sarah Lawrence on Friday, all 13 players that saw action scored at least two points and senior guard Damon Lynn set the school’s Division I scoring record.

Lynn scored a game-high 14 points and hit 4-of-7 from beyond the arc while dishing out a team-high six assists. Fellow seniors Tim Coleman and Rob Ukawuba chipped in with 12 points and eight points, respectively as part of the balanced offensive effort.

Head Coach Brian Kennedy’s freshman class made major contributions in the season opener as the quartet of Ron Alston, Shyquan Gibbs, Taj Price and Anthony Tarke combined to register 34 points and 10 rebounds.

In fact, Tarke became the first Highlander ever to record a double-double in his NCAA debut (13 points, 10 rebounds). The Gaithersburg, Md., native is the fifth freshman ever to accomplish the feat and the first since Coleman on Feb. 22, 2014.

The Highlanders’ stifling defense held Sarah Lawrence to 22.7% shooting from the field and forced 23 turnovers.

One of the feel good moments of the night came in the final minute of the game as junior James McMillon scored his first career points to put an exclamation point on the victory.

Write-up courtesy of Joe Fitzhenry
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In fact, the four freshmen on the roster combined 34 points and 25 rebounds in an impressive collective debut.

"The freshmen, they’re great -- their enthusiasm, their energy," Lynn said. "This is a first for them. So them coming in and giving us our edge back and make us excited to play the game and help us extremely in our chances to win a conference championship."

All 13 players that saw the floor for Brian Kennedy’s squad scored at least two points and the Highlanders shot 48.2% from the field. Junior James McMillon hit a layup in the final minute to notch his first career points.

Junior Chris Jenkins and freshmen Ron Alston, Taj Price had nine points apiece for NJIT while sophomore Abdul Lewis contributed with six points and a team-high 12 rebounds. Alston, Price and Lewis were all making their debuts for the team.

As a team, the Highlanders collected 62 rebounds and outrebounded the visiting Gryphons, 62-37.

NJIT held the Gryphons to just 22.7% shooting from the floor as Mat Gerak (10 points) and Parker Hagmaier (7 points) led the way offensively for the visitors.

The Highlanders closed the game on a 10-0 run and held Sarah Lawrence without a point over the final 3:50 of the game.

NJIT will be back in action on Monday night when they head west to take on the Utah State Aggies of the Mountain West Conference. Opening tip from Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah is set for 8:00 p.m. eastern time.

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In fact, the four freshmen on the roster combined 34 points and 25 rebounds in an impressive collective debut.

"The freshmen, they’re great -- their enthusiasm, their energy," Lynn said. "This is a first for them. So them coming in and giving us our edge back and make us excited to play the game and help us extremely in our chances to win a conference championship."

All 13 players that saw the floor for Brian Kennedy’s squad scored at least two points and the Highlanders shot 48.2% from the field. Junior James McMillon hit a layup in the final minute to notch his first career points.

Junior Chris Jenkins and freshmen Ron Alston, Taj Price had nine points apiece for NJIT while sophomore Abdul Lewis contributed with six points and a team-high 12 rebounds. Alston, Price and Lewis were all making their debuts for the team.

As a team, the Highlanders collected 62 rebounds and outrebounded the visiting Gryphons, 62-37.

NJIT held the Gryphons to just 22.7% shooting from the floor as Mat Gerak (10 points) and Parker Hagmaier (7 points) led the way offensively for the visitors.

The Highlanders closed the game on a 10-0 run and held Sarah Lawrence without a point over the final 3:50 of the game.

NJIT will be back in action on Monday night when they head west to take on the Utah State Aggies of the Mountain West Conference. Opening tip from Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah is set for 8:00 p.m. eastern time.

Write-up courtesy of Joe Fitzhenny
2016-17 NJIT TEAM HIGHS/LOWS

HIGHS

| POINTS | 38 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FGM | 15 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FGA | 66 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FG PCT | .227 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16; 15-66) |
| 3FGM | 3 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| 3FGA | 19 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| 3 PT FG PCT | .158 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16; 3-19) |
| FTM | 5 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FTA | 12 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FT PCT | .417 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16; 5-12) |
| REBOUNDS | 37 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| ASSISTS | 7 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| STEALS | 3 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| TO (COMMITTED) | 12 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FOULS | 15 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |

LOWS

| POINTS | 100 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FGM | 41 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FGA | 85 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FG PCT | .482 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16; 41-85) |
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| REBOUNDS | 62 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| ASSISTS | 19 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| STEALS | 14 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| BLOCKS | 4 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| TO (COMMITTED) | 12 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FOULS | 16 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |

2016-17 OPPOSING TEAM HIGHS/LOWS

HIGHS

| POINTS | 38 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
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| REBOUNDS | 37 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| ASSISTS | 7 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| STEALS | 3 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| TO (COMMITTED) | 38 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |
| FOULS | 15 | SARAH LAWRENCE (11/11/16) |

LOWS

| POINTS | 10 | Gerak, Mat vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| FGM | 4 | Gerak, Mat vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| FGA | 12 | Hagmaier, Parker vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| FG PCT | .364 | Gerak, Mat vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16; 4-11) |
| 3FGM | 2 | Kleeman, Joseph vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| 3FGA | 5 | Kleeman, Joseph vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| 3 PT FG PCT | .400 | Kleeman, Joseph vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16; 2-5) |
| FTM | 2 | 2x: Gerak, Jordan vs SLC (11/11/16) |
| FTA | 4 | Hagmaier, Parker vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| FT PCT (min 3) | .250 | Hagmaier, Parker vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16; 1-4) |
| REBOUNDS | 8 | Hagmaier, Parker vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| ASSISTS | 2 | 2x: Eng, Hagmaier vs SLC (11/11/16) |
| STEALS | 1 | 3x: Eng, Hagmaier, Radoslavjevic vs SLC (11/11/16) |
| BLOCKS | 0 | |
| TO (COMMITTED) | 6 | Gerak, Mat vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| FOULS | 4 | Gilleran, Graham vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
| MINUTES | 29 | Hagmaier, Parker vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |

2016-17 INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

| POINTS | 10 | Gerak, Mat vs Sarah Lawrence (11/11/16) |
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Brian Kennedy (Monmouth ’90), first season

### Assistant Coaches:
- Jeff Rafferty (Springfield ’97), first season
- Kevin Driscoll (Misericordia ’04), first season
- Kim Waiters (Robert Morris ’11), second season

### Dir., Basketball Operations:
Andrew McGlynn (Towson ’12), second season

### Basketball Manager:
Aditya Patel (NJIT ’19)

### Head Athletic Trainer:
Matt Koscs

### PRONUNCIATIONS:
- Shyquan Gibbs: SHY-qwan
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**HEAD COACH BRIAN KENNEDY**

**Monmouth ’90 | 1st Season as Head Coach (0-0) | 5th Season at NJIT**

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**KENNEDY’S CAREER**

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**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 2015-16: Top Assistant for semifinal run to 2016 CollegeInsider.com Tournament
- 2014-15: Top Assistant for semifinal run to 2015 CollegeInsider.com Tournament
- 2012-13: Assistant for Great West Conference regular season championship
- 1999-00: Assistant for DePaul’s first NCAA Tournament berth in eight seasons
- 1999-00: Assistant for DePaul, which made earned a Top-25 ranking
- 1998-99: Assistant for DePaul which reached the quarterfinals of the 1999 NIT
- 1989-90: Assistant for DePaul for the Number 1 Recruiting Class

**PLAYER SUCCESS:**

- Recruited/coached two AP All-America honorable mention honorees at NJIT: Chris Flores (’12-13) and Damon Lynn (’14-15)
- Recruited/coached future NBA players while at DePaul: Andre Brown, Steven Hunter, Paul McPherson, Quentin Richardson and Bobby Simmons.

The story is not yet fully written, but that first recruiting class (Class of 2017) and subsequent incoming players have been vital to Highlander men’s basketball reaching unprecedented success.

The extremely inexperienced 2013-14 team finished 13-16, but the two teams since have won a combined 41 games (21 in 2014-15 and 20 in 2015-16), while advancing to the semifinals of the national postseason CollegeInsider.com Tournament after both seasons.

In addition, the Highlanders won their first-ever game over a ranked opponent when they upset #17/#16 Michigan in December 2014 and they scored their first-ever win over a team from the Big East Conference when they topped St. John’s in December 2015.

Two members of that first recruiting class have already put their names all over the NJIT record books. Damon Lynn, picked second-team all-state (all groups) by the Star-Ledger as a senior at Union Catholic High School, came on board and has started every game the Highlanders have played in his three seasons. Lynn has amassed 1,720 points in three seasons, including a school-record 349 career 3-point baskets.

Tim Coleman came in the same class, entering NJIT after graduating from St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, NJ, where he played for Nasmith Memorial Hall of Fame coach Bob Hurley. At St. Anthony, Coleman was a contributor on teams that won New Jersey state Tournament of Champions crowns following his sophomore and junior seasons. In all, the Friars were 93-2 in Coleman’s last 95 career games.

Coleman has grown as a college player, compiling 1,053 points and 548 rebounds through his first three seasons with NJIT.

Rob Ukawuba, a third-team all-state (all groups) pick in the same class, has been a vital contributor as the team’s sixth man the last two seasons, posting an 8.2 points per game scoring average this season.

Brian Kennedy is the proud father of four children: daughters Taylor, Tatum, and Kelly; and son Brian, Jr.
Jeff Rafferty joined the NJIT staff after serving nine years at the University of Delaware -- where he earned the title of Associate Head Coach for the 2013-14 season. The 1997 graduate of Springfield College enjoyed one of his highlight seasons in 2013-14, when the Blue Hens finished 25-10, tying for the second-most wins in program history, and made the 2014 NCAA Tournament as the #13 seed in the East Regional. Rafferty’s work in helping to build the UD program was recognized by FOXSports.com as one of the Top 10 Mid-Major Assistant Coaches in the country in 2008 and by RecruitDirt.com as the top assistant coach in the CAA in 2012... Prior, he was an assistant coach at the University of New Hampshire and for four years as the top assistant at UMass Lowell (then Division II). In his time at UML, the River Hawks were a combined 94-30 and made back-to-back trips to the D-II national Elite Eight in 2003 and 2004... He coached in NCAA Division III at Union College (2000-01) and at his alma mater, Springfield, which was a combined 40-17 and reached the Division III Sweet Sixteen in his second season on staff. He began his coaching career with an internship with the NBA’s Boston Celtics and coached in 1997-98 at one-time NJIT opponent Texas Pan American.

Kim Waiters enters his second season in his first full-time college coaching position after joining NJIT as an assistant in July 2015... In his two seasons in Newark, the Highlanders have gone 41-27 with back-to-back appearances in the semifinals of the CIT... Waiters got involved with coaching when he was an undergraduate at Robert Morris (PA) University, working as a student assistant... After graduating in 2011 with a bachelor’s of Business Management, Waiters became the Director of Skills Camps at the Pocono Invitational, a prestigious overnight camp that began operation in 1963... From the Pocono Invitational, Waiters headed to The Hoop Group, the largest basketball instruction organization in the world. He directed 10 Premier Grassroots AAU team tournaments and 16 high school events featuring premier teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Maryland. “Kim is an outstanding person who has the potential to be one of the top young basketball coaches in the country,” said former NJIT Head Coach Jim Engles. “He is a tremendous addition to our coaching staff, a tireless recruiter, terrific relationship builder and someone who believes in the values that align with both the NJIT community and our men’s basketball program.”

Andrew McGlynn enters his second season on the NJIT staff after working as a Video Coordinator at La Salle University in 2014-15... In his two seasons in Newark, the Highlanders have gone 41-27 with back-to-back appearances in the semifinals of the CIT... McGlynn entered college coaching as a graduate assistant for the University of Detroit Mercy men’s basketball program, managing video operations and assisting with opponent scouting. In 2013, Detroit Mercy clinched an NIT berth, McGlynn’s first season on staff... He was head student manager for the Towson men’s basketball program for four seasons and graduated in 2012 with a bachelor’s in Sport Management and received his MBA in Business Administration from Detroit Mercy in 2014... Beginning in June 2011, when he was an intern, McGlynn worked for The Hoop Group, the largest basketball instruction organization in the world. “We are extremely excited to have Andrew join our staff,” said former NJIT head coach Jim Engles, who hired McGlynn. “He brings a wealth of experience from working on the staffs of Detroit and La Salle. He is a true professional in every sense of the word and will definitely help us elevate our program as we make the jump to the Atlantic Sun Conference.”

Jeff Rafferty
SPRINGFIELD ’97 | 1ST SEASON AT NJIT

Kevin Driscoll
MISERICORDIA ’04 | 1ST SEASON AT NJIT

Kim Waiters
ROBERT MORRIS ’11 | 2ND SEASON AT NJIT

Andrew McGlynn
TOWSON ’12 | 2ND SEASON AT NJIT

NJIT hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, for the Wellness and Events Center (WEC), a sleek new building that has the promise to become the social centerpiece of a revamped campus.

The Wellness and Events Center, already nick-named WEC, is a $102M building that will be constructed on the site of the current Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium athletic field. WEC will extend across the length of the field, which will later be rebuilt on the north side of the building. The construction of WEC, to begin after the groundbreaking, will be finished in the Fall of 2017.

As the name implies, WEC is a multi-purpose building. The 200,000-square-foot building will be in equal parts a fitness center, a study space, a gathering spot and a sports arena that will double as a conference and events center. WEC will offer students a place to relax and stay fit; athletes a place to practice and play games; and the university a place to host on-campus events and conferences.

WEC’s amenities include: (1) an arena with a 3,500 capacity, (2) a 25-meter pool with diving area, (3) a fitness center with cardio equipment and weights, (4) lounges, study areas and multipurpose rooms, (5) an indoor 10,000 square feet turf space, (6) two practice courts for intramural and intercollegiate sports, (7) a running track that will encircle the concourse of the first-floor arena. WEC is a major part of a $300 million building plan to overhaul the campus. Other parts of the plan include the Central King Building, whose classrooms and labs are state of the art; the Life Sciences and Engineering Building; a new parking deck, located behind NJIT’s Enterprise Development Center on Warren Street; and the renovation of classrooms and labs all over campus. The renovation plan reflects the university’s evolution from a commuter school to a nationally-ranked research university. Indeed, NJIT’s growing reputation has prompted a surge in enrollment that totals more than 11,000 students.
ABDUL LEWIS

GAME 2: AT UTAH STATE

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Transferred from University of South Alabama (Sun Belt Conference) in Mobile following the 2014-15 season

2016-17:
- 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started NJIT career with 6 points and a game-high 12 rebounds; added 1 ast & 1 stl

2015-16:
- Will not be able to compete under NCAA transfer rules

2014-15 (SOUTH ALABAMA):
- As a freshman, appeared in all 33 games (started 27) for the Jaguars
- Averaged a team-leading 6.7 rpg -- which ranked seventh in the Sun Belt
- Ranked fifth on USA at 7.0 ppg; posted a .468 FG% (88-for-188)
- Reached double-figure scoring totals in eight games
- Posted a career-high 17 points on two occasions: 12/6 vs. Middle Tennessee & 2/21 @ Georgia Southern
- Registered nine double-figure rebounding games, with a high of 13 on 2/21 @ Georgia Southern
- Had two double-doubles: 12/6 vs. Middle Tennessee (17 pts, 12 reb) & 2/21 @ Georgia Southern (17, 13)
- 1/25 vs. NJIT: Fell one point shy of a double-double against hometown college team (9 points, 10 rebounds)

HIGH SCHOOL:
Abdul Lewis was a standout for two New Jersey state champion teams at Newark's East Side High School... Born in Newark, Lewis was All-State Group 3, All-Essex County, All-Newark, and All-Super Essex Conference following a senior season that saw East Side claim a second consecutive state crown and post a 30-2 record for a team ranked second in the state. He averaged 11.2 points and 10.5 rebounds. Abdul was second-team All-Newark and Essex County All-Junior after his team capped his junior year with a Group 3 state title...

PERSONAL:
Abdul-Wai Lewis... son of Terri Pettaway and Wayne Lewis... undecided major... born 12/27/95 in Newark, NJ.

LEWIS' CAREER STATISTICS (SOUTH ALABAMA 2014-15)

**MIN TOTAL 3-PTS F-THROWS REBOUNDS SCORING**

| YEAR  | GP | GS | TOT  | AVG | FG | FG%  | FG | FG%  | PCT | FT  | FT%  | PCT | FT  | FT%  | OFF | DEF | TOT  | AVG | PF | FO | A | TO | BLK | STL | PTS | AVG |
|-------|----|----|------|-----|----|------|----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 2014-15| 33 | 27 | 910  | 27.6| 168| .468 | 6  | .375 | .450| 54 | .296 | 63  | 164 | 227 | 6.9 | 91  | 3   | 22  | 72 | 18 | 9  | 232 | 7.0 |
| 2015-16|     |    |      |     |    |      |    |      |     |    |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| 2016-17| 1  | 1  | 18   | 18.0| 2   | .333 | 0  | 2    | .000| 2  | 1    | 10  | 12  | 12.0 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 6   | 6.0 |
| 2017-18|     |    |      |     |    |      |    |      |     |    |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| 2018-19|     |    |      |     |    |      |    |      |     |    |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| CAREER| 34 | 28 | 928  | 27.3| 90 | .464 | 1  | 6    | .167| 57 | .533 | 65  | 174 | 239 | 7.0 | 91  | 3   | 22  | 73 | 20 | 10 | 238 | 7.0 |
COACH KENNEDY ON PRICE:
“Taj is a Newark product who played his HS basketball under Coaches Tavares, Garvin and Hawkins at East Side. He is a tireless worker who has a very high basketball ceiling and I believe he is just scratching the surface with his abilities. Taj will be called upon to give us immediate support “up front” as he improves his perimeter skills. His Post Grad year playing for the famed Roadrunners AAU team run by Coach Sandy Pyonin and at The Phelps School under Coach Brian Shanahan really helped to prepare him for the rigors he will face this year.”

2016-17:
• 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started season with 9 points (4-10, 1-6) and 1 rebound in 17 minutes off bench

HIGH SCHOOL:
A forward from Newark’s East Side High School, Taj Price, joins sophomore transfer Abdul Lewis on the Highlander squad after the pair guided East Side to the 2014 NJSIAA North 2 Group 3 State title, defeating Summit, 54-25. East Side, ranked second in the state in 2014, posted a 30-2 overall record. Price averaged 9.4ppg and 4.9rpg during his senior campaign and attended The Phelps School, a prep school, in Pennsylvania, during the 2015-16 season...

PERSONAL:
Taj Awan-Ali Price... intends to major in engineering at NJIT
**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Has 1,065 career points, which ranks sixth in the D-I era and 27th all-time (17 points from passing Ahmad Rasool ’03)
- Became the sixth member of NJIT’s D-1,000-point club vs. Army on 3/16/16 and 28th all-time
- Has 551 career rebounds, which ranks second in the D-I era behind 616 (Isaiah Wilkerson ’12)
- Become the third member of NJIT’s D-1,000-rebound club vs. Stetson on 3/1/16
- Has recorded 10 career double-doubles, two shy of NJIT’s D-I all-time record (12, Nesho Milosevíc & Isaiah Wilkerson)
- Became the first player in NJIT history to reach 30 blocks (42) and 30 steals (37) in 3 G (2014-15) …and he repeated with 32 blocks and 51 steals in 2015-16
- Only player in NJIT history to average better than 1.0 block and 1.0 steal per game for a season… and he accomplished the feat in his first two seasons (had 29 blocks, 30 steals in 24 games in 2013-14)

**HONORS/AWARDS:**

- 2016-17 (SR): Selected to preseason ASUN All-Conference Team
- 2015-16 (JR): Nominated for ASUN Defensive Player of the Year
- 2015-16 (JR): Named to CollegSportsInsiders.com “My5” (Mid-Major P-O-W) from 11/16-22, avg. 13.3 ppg, 7.7 rpg in 3 G
- 2015-16 (JR): Preseason ASUN Second-Team selection by College Sports Madness
- 2014-15 (SO): Named to the CIT All-Tournament Team by CollegSportsInsiders.com (15.0 ppg and 7.3 rpg in four games)
- 2014-15 (SO): Honored with ECAC Division I Play of the Week (1/5) with thunderous dunk vs. Saint Francis (12/30)

**CAREER HIGHS**

- Points: 23, NJIT @ Monmouth (12/28/16)
- Rebounds: 11, NJIT @ Monmouth (12/28/16)
- Assists: 7, vs. Colgate (1/30/16)
- Steals: 7, vs. Colgate (1/30/16)
- Blocks: 2, vs. Colgate (1/30/16)

**PERSONAL:**

Timothy James Coleman... son of Genene Ware and Erwin Coleman... science, technology & society major... born 1/4/95 in Newark, NJ...
Chris Jenkins
JR | G/F | 6-4 | 215 | Hillside, NJ | Gill St. Bernard's (Hofstra)

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Transferred from Hofstra University (CAA) in Hempstead, NY, following the 2013-14 season

HONORS/AWARDS:
- 2015-16 (SO): A-Sun Co-Newcomer of the Week, Dec. 14-20... Scored a career-high 19 points at St. John’s (12/20)
- 2016-17:
  - 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started season with 9 points (4-10, 1-6) and 1 rebound in 17 minutes off bench

2015-16:
- A-Sun Ranks: 8th in 3FG% (.399), 9th in 3FG/G (2.0), T-13th in 3FGM (57) and 37th in ppg (7.0)
- Last 13 G: Averaged 7.9 ppg (103) on .403 3FG (31-for-77)
- Since Willis Injury (12/10): 8.0 ppg (191), 55-136 3FG (.404) in 24 G...
- Prior: 1.5 ppg in 5.8 mpg in 4 G (5 DNP)
- 3/16 vs. Army: Did not play due to illness
- 2/25 vs. Stony Brook: Scored 9 points in a then season-high 27 min, again tying career-high with 5 3FGM
- 2/19 at USF: Scored 15 points in a then season-high 27 min, again tying career-high with 5 3FGM
- 1/14 at #2 Kentucky: Played three minutes and logged a steal

2014-15:
- Was not able to compete under NCAA transfer rules

2013-14 (HOFSTRA):
- Played in 28 out of Hofstra’s 33 contests, averaging 5.4 ppg
- Ranked third on the team with 42 three-point baskets made
- Scored a career-high 17 points (5-12, 1-2) in opener (11/8 vs. Monmouth); hit a career-high, five 3-pointers
- Hit four 3-pointers on two occasions (12/30 vs. NJIT; 1/19 @ SMU)
- 12/30: Scored 12 points in game vs. NJIT (4-8, 4-7), added a rebound, assist, steal and block in 30 minutes

HIGH SCHOOL:
Attended Gill St. Bernard’s High School in Gladstone, NJ, for his senior season (2012-13), where he helped guide the Knights to a 19-8 record and a No. 17 state ranking by the Newark Star Ledger...earned third-team all-Somerset county honors and ranked 29th-best player in the state by ESPN...one of the state’s top three-point shooters, sinking 59 for an average of (3.3 ppg), including seven in the NJISIAA/ShopRite South Jersey, Non-Public B semifinal against the Patrick School. ...averaged 12.9 points and 4.1 rebounds in 2012-13, while scoring a season-high 29 points (on nine 3-pointers) against St. Joseph in the NSIAA Tournament on February 27, 2013...he averaged 17 ppg for Morristown-Beard as a junior before transferring to Gill St. Bernard’s...
• Became NJIT’s all-time D-I scoring leader, passing mark of 1,724 points held by Chris Flores ’13; now up to 1,734
• Is 295 points away from becoming the NJIT all-time scoring leader, a mark of 2,028 set by Clearance Pierce ’96 (D-III)
• First NJIT player to score 500+ points in 3 straight seasons (no other Highlander has ever recorded two in row)
• NCAA Active Career Ranks: 1st in 3FG (353), 1st in 3FG/G (3.60), 4th in scoring (1,734) and 9th in ppg (17.7)
• Iron Man: Has started all of NJIT’s 98 games during his career, playing 99% of possible minutes (3,529 of 3,940)
• Has scored in double figures in 88 of 98 career games...+20 points in 41 of 98 G...+30 points in 5 of 98 G
• From 10/12/13-1/21/16, drained a 3-pointer in 72 consecutive games; Has at least one in 95 of 98 career contests
• Currently, ranks 5th all-time at NJIT with 1,734 points (*1st in D-I era)...Ranks 1st all-time with 353 3FG
• First player in NJIT program history to reach 1,000 career points as a sophomore (1,078); fourth to 1,000 overall
• 2013-14: Set an NJIT single-season record with 578 points (previously 517, Isaiah Wilkerson 2011-12)
• 2014-15: Set an NJIT single-season record with 123 assists (previously 105, Ky Howard 2013-14)
• 2014-15: Finished second in the nation in both 3FG (126, EWU’s Tyler Harvey 128) and 3FG/G (3.8, Harvey 4.0)
• 2013-14: Set then NJIT record 107 3FG, fourth-highest for a freshman in NCAA history (122, Steph Curry 06-07)
• 2013-14: Set NJIT single-game records for both scoring (34) and 3FG (9) at North Carolina A&T, 1/18/14

HONORS/AWARDS:
• 2016-17 (SR): Selected to the preseason A-Sun All-Conference Team
• 2015-16 (JR): Lou Henson All-America selection & finalist for the Lou Henson Player of the Year Award (CollegeInsider.com)
• 2015-16 (JR): Selected to the All-District 3 First Team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)
• 2015-16 (JR): Received postseason A-Sun First-Team All-Conference honors
• 2015-16 (JR): A-Sun Player of the Week, Dec. 14-20...Scored season-high 32 points w/ 6 reb at St. John’s (Dec. 20)
• 2015-16 (JR): Selected to the preseason A-Sun All-Conference Team
• 2015-16 (JR): Preseason All-Atlantic Sun First-Team selection by College Sports Madness
• 2015-16 (JR): Received Preseason All-American honorable mention by SB Nation’s Mid-Major Madness
• 2015-16 (JR): With Jim Engels, selected as the 11th-best player-coach duos in men's basketball by Bleacher Report
• 2014-15 (SO): Selected to the All-District 3 First Team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)
• 2014-15 (SO): Named Honorable Mention All-America by the Associated Press
• 2014-15 (SO): Selected to Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I Men’s Basketball All-Star 3rd team
• 2014-15 (SO): Selected to All-Met Men’s Division I 2nd team by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association

2016-17:
• 11/11 vs. SLC: Set D-I career scoring record, passing Chris Flores’13 (1,724); game-highs in pts (14), ast (6) & stl (3)

2015-16:
• A-Sun Ranks: 1st in 3FGM (116) & 3FGM/G (3.3), 2nd in spg (1.6) & FT% (.832), 5th in ppg (18.3), 8th in agp (3.3)
• NCAA Ranks: 6th in 3FGM, 7th mpg (17.48), 11th in 3FGM/G, 36th in pts (624), 67th in stl (56), 74th in ppg, 87th in FG% (.471)
• Set NJIT single-season record for both scoring (1,734) and 3FG (353) this season, shattering his own mark of 578 set in 2014-15
• Scored 20+ points in 15 G (tied for 2nd in A-Sun behind Dallas Moore, 18 G)...30+ points in 3 games (3rd, 1st A-Sun lead)
• Led team in scoring 23 times in 39 games (60.5% of total), including 30+ in 19 games, assists in 11 times and steals in 17 times
• Last 21 G: 19.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg & 3.4 apg (403, 69, 72)
• 3/21 vs. Boston U (CIT): Scored a game-high 11 points (inc. NJIT’s first 11 W/ 7 reb (3rd, 30-point G this season)
• 2/11 vs. Stetson: Scored a game-high 30 points to lead NJIT comeback from a 14-point deficit; added 3 reb, ast, stl (1)
• 1/16 at Stetson: Recorded 1st career double-double with 15 points and a career-high 10 rebounds, added 3 assists
• 1/2 vs. UMBC: Scored a team-high 20 pts w/ 5 reb and 7 asts while tying his career-high & program record 6 steals
• 12/20 @ St. John’s: Scored game-high 32 pts (9-15, 6-9, 5-9) w/ 6 reb, 3 asts and 3 stl (*tied 2nd all-time total)
• 11/27 @ UAlbany: Had a game-high 23 points (8-18, 7-14, 0-0); His 7 three-pointers were two shy of his NJIT record
• 11/16 at Florida: Scored a game-high 27 points (9-20, 5-12, 4-5), including the GW three-pointer w/ 0:48 left
• 11/14 at #2 Kentucky: Scored a team-high 19 points (6-15, 4-9, 4-4) with a rebound

2014-15:
• Led NJIT in scoring at 17.5 ppg, breaking his own program record; ranked 55th in D-I (eighth among underclassmen)
• Set a new program single-season record with 126 3FG, breaking his own mark of 107 as a freshman
• Also led team in assists with program record 123 and steals with 58
• Led team in scoring 23 times (with 15, 20+ efforts), in assists 13 times, in steals 16 times and in rebounding twice
• GT Tournament: Averaged 19.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg in the four games, playing 158 of a possible 160 minutes (98.8%)
• 3/10 vs. New Hampshire (CIT): Scored a game-high 25 points (8-18, 6-12, 5-9) in first-round victory

2013-14:
• Led NJIT in scoring at 17.2 ppg (highest avg in school’s D-I era; began in 2006-07)
• His 500+ points set a freshman record while then ranking second all-time overall (517, Isaiah Wilkerson 2011-12)
• 3/18 at North Carolina A&T: Set NJIT record with 34 points (10-20, 9-18, 5-7); his nine 3FG all set NJIT record

HIGH SCHOOL:
Named in March 2013 by The Star-Ledger as one of the state’s Top 10...As a senior, avg’d 24.4 ppg, 3.3 apg while leading Union Catholic to an 18-6 record...Finished with 1,344 career points and 198 3FG (90 as a SR)...
SHYQUAN GIBBS
FR | G | 6-1 | 150 | Hillside, NJ | St. Anthony’s

COACH KENNEDY ON GIBBS:
“Shyquan is a coach’s dream. He is a Valedictorian in the classroom and a State Champion on the court. His apprenticeship under his father Shelton (former St. Peter’s college great and current Snyder HS Head Coach) and Hall of Fame Coach Bob Hurley have Shy more than prepared for great success as a Highlander.”

2016-17:
• 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started NCAA career with 3 points, 1 rebound and 2 assists in 19 min

HIGH SCHOOL:
Shyquan Gibbs a graduate of St. Anthony’s High School in Jersey City, where he was coached by Bob Hurley, a 2010 inductee into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, will be the third St. Anthony alumnus on the Highlander roster, which features senior Tim Coleman and sophomore Mohamed Bendary. ...Gibbs, ranked among the top 25 New Jersey players in the Class of 2016 by NJHoops.com, led the Friars (26-0) to be ranked No.1 Boys High School basketball team in New Jersey and fourth-best in the nation, according to USA Today. ...as a junior, Gibbs helped the Friars to a 28-2 record and sixth consecutive NJSIAA Non-Public, North B Championship. ...Gibbs played for the Jersey City Boys Club on the AAU circuit.

PERSONAL:
Shyquan Wanya Gibbs. ...son of Shelton and Elyse Gibbs. ...Gibbs, who intends to major in business at NJIT, was named St. Anthony High School Valedictorian, News12 co-Scholar-Athlete of the Week (November 15, 2015) and recipient of the Investors Bank Academic Excellence Award.

GIBBS’ GAME-BY-GAME

GIBBS’ CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

SEASON

Points
Season: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Rebounds
Season: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Assists
Season: 2 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 2 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Blocks
Season: Career:

Steals
Season: Career:

3-Pointers
Season: Career:

Minutes
Season: 19 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 19 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

*set NJIT D-I Record; ^tied NJIT D-I Record

MIN TOTAL 3-PTS FT-THROWS REBOUNDS

YEAR GP GS TOT AVG FG FGA PCT FG FGA PCT FT FT%A TO BLK STL PTS AVG

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2017-18

2018-19

2019-20

CAREER
COACH KENNEDY ON TARKE:

"Anthony is a tremendous athlete who should have an immediate impact in the ASUN. His versatility on the court should prove invaluable as the season progresses and he becomes adjusted to the college game. The experience he gained playing for Coach Ian Turnbull at Coastal Academy combined with his experience under the tutelage of Arty Jones are invaluable as he begins his career in Brick City."

HIGHLIGHTS:

• Became 1st Highlander w/ double-double in NCAA debut vs. SLC, 11/11 (13 pts, 10 reb); just 5th FR to record feat

2016-17:

• 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started NCAA career with double-double (13 pts, 10 reb); added 2 ast and 1 blk

HIGH SCHOOL:

Anthony Tarke, a 2015 graduate of Gaithersburg High School, helped Gaithersburg to an 18-7 overall record and attended Coastal Academy US in Neptune, New Jersey for the 2015-16 season.

PERSONAL:

Anthony Shey Tarke. ... son of Elizabeth Tarke. ...intends to major in business.
HIGHLIGHTS:
• Won the Warren Jaques Award in 2014-15, presented annually to the top high school player on Staten Island

2016-17:
• 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Scored the first 6 points of his NCAA career; career-highs in reb (5), ast (1), stl (3)

2015-16:
• DNP in the last 10 games
• 2/6 vs. Kennesaw State: Logged a season-high six minutes and recorded his first NCAA rebound
• 12/30 at St. John’s: Made his collegiate debut with four minutes off the bench in NJIT’s 83-74 victory

HIGH SCHOOL:
Playing at St. Peter’s, Walsh averaged 25 points per game as a senior, making 109 3-point baskets in the process. He topped 30 points in a game nine times and topped 40 twice, including a season-best 43 points, including 10 threes, against Susan Wagner High. ...Walsh finished his high school career with 1,388 points, fourth on the all-time list at St. Peter’s and 17th all-time for the entire borough of Staten Island. He scored 751 of his points as a senior playing for coach Charles Driscoll. ...Walsh was a two-time Staten Island Advance all-star and also a two-time all-Staten Island pick by the New York Daily News. He played in the New York City Mayors Cup All-Star game and was a New York Sportswriters Association Class AA all-state pick. He was also Most Valuable Player of the Staten Island division of the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association (CHSAA), the governing body of Catholic scholastic sports in New York City. ...Walsh was a two-time Staten Island Advance all-star and also a two-time all-Staten Island pick by the New York Daily News. He played in the New York City Mayors Cup All-Star game and was a New York Sportswriters Association Class AA all-state pick. He was also Most Valuable Player of the Staten Island division of the Catholic High Schools Athletic Association (CHSAA), the governing body of Catholic scholastic sports in New York City.

PERSONAL:
Reilly Walsh... son of John and Christine Walsh... John was the starting point guard on the 1983 St. Peter’s team that is the only Staten Island team ever to capture the New York City CHSAA AA City championship...

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS
Points  Season: 6 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 6 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Rebounds  Season: 5 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 5 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Assists  Season: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Blocks  Season: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Steals  Season: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

3-Pointers  Season: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

Minutes  Season: 15 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 15 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16

WALSH’S CAREER STATISTICS

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HIGHLIGHTS:

• Was a team manager in 2014-15 before being receiving an invitation to walk on in 2015-16

2016-17:

• 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Scored the first points of his NCAA career. 1-1 FG in 2 minutes played

2015-16:

• DNP in the last 15 games
• 1/21 vs. Jacksonville: Logged first time in an A-Sun Conference game, logging two minutes and a rebound
• 11/29 vs. UMFK: Recorded his first NCAA rebound and assist in two minutes of play
• 11/21 vs. Lafayette: Logged first career NCAA minute in an 80-66 win

HIGH SCHOOL:

Attended Science Park High School in Newark.

PERSONAL:

James Denzel McMillon... son of James and Mildres McMillon... electrical engineering major... born 9/4/95 in Livingston, NJ.

McMILLON'S CAREER STATISTICS
COACH KENNEDY ON ALSTON:
“Ron has grown 2/3 inches since HS and enters NJIT as a 6’7” Guard. He can play multiple positions and will give us great flexibility in his first year. Ron is a ferocious competitor and one of the better passers I have seen in quite some time. He played in one of the top Prep School leagues in the country under Coach Danny Manuel at the Miller School in Charlottesville, VA and with Coach Ron Gadson and the VA Elite program.”

2016-17:
• 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started NCAA career with 9 points (4-9 FG), 7 rebounds and a game-high 3 steals

HIGH SCHOOL:
Ron Alston, a forward from Virginia, was selected first-team all-Virginia Independent Conference (VIC) Division I as a senior at Miller School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Alston ranked #42 in the state of Virginia in the Class of 2016, finishing his senior campaign with 10.8ppg, 7.1rpg and 4.0apg. ...he earned VIC Division I second-team honors in 2014-15, averaging 12.9ppg, 5.7rpg and 2.6apg. Alston, who played for the Virginia Elite AAU team.

PERSONAL:
Ronald Carlton Alston... son of Lisa Barnes... intends to major in business at NJIT.
### Highlights:

- Transferred from Williston State Junior College in Williston, ND, following the 2013-14 season

#### 2016-17:

- 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: First career D-I start; finished with 4 points and a career-high tying 5 rebounds

#### 2015-16:

- Last 8 G: Averaging 3.3 ppg (26) on 9-21 FG (.429), 2-3 FG (.667) after 0 points on previous 4 G
- From 12/28-1/6: Averaged 4.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg (19, 10) over a four-game span
- 3/16 vs. Army (CH): Tied his season-high with 8 points (3-6 FG, 2-3 3FG) with 2 rebounds in 17 minutes
- 2/20 at Jacksonville: Scored a season-high 8 points (3-6, 2-5) w/ 4 rebounds and a steal in a season-high 22 M
- 2/18 at UNF: Scored 6 points in 17 minutes... after totaling a combined 6 pts in prior 11 G (0.5 ppg in 6.1 mpg)
- 1/2 vs. UMBC: Grabbed a season-high 5 rebounds in just 9 minutes, added 4 points (1-2, 0-1, 2-2)
- 12/30 at Saint Francis U: Tallied then season-high 7 points (3-5, 1-3) with an assist & 2 steals in 17 M off bench
- 12/28 vs. Stony Brook: Tied then season-high with 5 points (1-2, 0-0, 3-4); added 3 rebounds, an assist & steal
- 12/7/15 vs. Kent State: Scored a then season-high 5 points (2-4, 1-2) in just 7 minutes off the bench
- 11/21 vs. Lafayette: Scored the first four of his points this season (2-3 FG) in 10 minutes off the bench
- 11/14 at #2 Kentucky: Played 10 minutes off the bench and registered one assist

#### 2013-14 (WILLISTON STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE):

- Played in 32 games with all his action coming off the bench
- Last 11 games: Averaged 6.4 ppg (70), including 14 points (5-9, 4-7) vs. NAIA Fisher College, 2/7
- 2/28 vs. Sarah Lawrence (DIII): Scored an NJIT career-high 15 pts (6-11, 1-3, 2-2) w/ 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
- 12/23 at #7 Villanova: Scored then career-high 11 points (4-7, 3-5)
- 11/22 vs. UM Mass Lowell: Netted 10 points (4-5 FG) in just 17 minutes

### High School:

Attended McKee/Staten Island Technical School in Staten Island, where the Warriors became the first Island PSAL school and sixth all-time to reach the semifinals of the leagues playoff New York State Sportswriters Association. ...McKee/Staten Island went 21-0 against Island competition, capturing the SIHSL Championship for the second straight year... Izevbuwa led the Island averaging 25.5 points (766 points in 30 games) and became the 10th in Island history to score two 40-point games... he finished with 1,653 career points at McKee/Staten Island Tech, second best in SIHSL history and fourth best among Staten Island scoring leaders... all-State Class A New York State Sportswriters Association New York State Sportswriters Association... played for the Staten Island Stingrays.

### Personal:

Osa Joshua Izevbuwa... son of Shareece Slayton... business major... born 2/24/94 in Staten Island.

### Izevbuwa's Career Statistics (WILLISTON ST. NJCAA Stats Not Included in Career Totals)

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| 2015-16 | 34  | 0   | 349 | 10.3 | 27  | 82  | .329 | 11  | 47  | .234 | 9   | 15  | .600 | 16  | 31  | 47  | 1.4 | 26  | 0  | 18  | 15  | 0  | 10  | 74  | 2.2 |
| 2016-17 | 34  | 0   | 349 | 10.3 | 27  | 82  | .329 | 11  | 47  | .234 | 9   | 15  | .600 | 16  | 31  | 47  | 1.4 | 26  | 0  | 18  | 15  | 0  | 10  | 74  | 2.2 |

**Career:**

- 67 games, 795 points, 11.9
- Totals include 213 3-pointers
- Averaged 11.9 ppg, 77.0 FG%, 86.8 FT%, 43.1 3-point FG%
- 2.2 steals per game
- 3.2 blocks per game

### Season/Career Highs

- **Points:**
  - Season: 4 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) – 11/11/16
  - Career: 15 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) – 2/28/15
- **Rebounds:**
  - Season: 5 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) – 11/11/16
  - Career: 5 (4x); last: vs. Sarah Lawrence – 11/11/16
- **Assists:**
  - Season: 3 at UMBC – 1/2/15
  - Career: 3 at Lafayette – 12/28/14
- **Steals:**
  - Season: 2 (3); last: at Saint Francis U – 12/30/15
- **3-Pointers:**
  - Season: 4 vs. Fisher (NAIA) – 2/7/14
  - Career: 27 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-3) – 2/28/15

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2016-17:
- 11/11 vs. Sarah Lawrence: Started season with 8 points (4-6 FG) with 2 dunks – 1 on an alley-oop from Lynn

2015-16:
- A-Sun Ranks: 22nd in apg (1.8), 30th in rpg (3.4), 31st in ppg (8.2)
- Finished with the highest-scoring season (8.2) in the A-Sun amongst reserves* (fewer than 10 starts)
- Reached career-high in points in last 4 of his last 5 games and in 8 of his last 13 affairs
- Last 5 G: Averaging 11.0 ppg (55), 4.0 rpg (20) on 22-38 FG (.579) after missing 3 G with a shoulder injury
- Last 13 G: Averaging 10.2 ppg (132), 3.5 rpg (45) on 49-of-88 FG (.557)...
- Last 28 G: 8.9 ppg (249)
- 3/21 vs. Boston U (Cty): Scored 14 points (6-6, 1-2) with 4 rebounds, 3 assists and a career-high 3 blocks
- 3/1 vs. Stetson: Returned after missing 3 G (shoulder); scored 11 points (5-8 FG) w/ 2 rebounds and 2 assists
- 1/27 vs. Lipscomb: Made first start of career; Scored 13 pts (4-10, 1-3, 4-4) w/ 5 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal
- 12/30 at Saint Francis U: Scored team-high 17 points off bench (6-11, 3-7, 2-2); added 5 rebounds & 4 assists
- 12/10 vs. St. Francis: Helped seal 92-86 win with 5 of his 15 points in overtime; added 4 rebounds in 29 min
- 12/7 vs. Kent State: Came off the bench for 14 minutes (5-6, 1-2, 3-4) with 4 rebounds and 1 assist in 21 minutes
- 11/24 at Providence: Scored a career-high 20 points (6-8, 4-6, 4-5) along with four rebounds and one assist
- 11/19 vs. Boston: Recorded a team-high and career-high tying 9 rebounds; also had four points & four assists
- 11/14 at #2 Kentucky: Scored six points (2-6, 0-0, 2-2) with two rebounds and an assist in 22 minutes

2014-15:
- Last 10 games: Averaged 9.8 ppg, including a then-career-high 18 vs. NAIA Fisher College, 2/7
- Last 7 games: 8.0 ppg, 59% FG% (47-79)... Last 25 games: 570 FG% (62-107) after starting 2-15 in first 3 games
- Returned for CIT semifinal game at No. Arizona, 3/31 after missing 5 games (concussion): Scored 7 points
- 2/7 vs. Fisher College (NAIA): Scored career-high 18 pts (5-9, 3-5, 7-7) and tied career-high with nine rebounds
- 2/2 vs. Hampton: Dished out a career-high six assists while recording 10 points and three rebounds
- From 1/14-1/19: Matched or set career scoring high in three straight games (12, 12, 14)
- 1/19 at Maine: Set a D-I career high with 14 pts (5-7 FG), added a rebound and two steals
- 1/14 vs. St. Joe’s Brooklyn (DIII): Set career-highs in rebounds (9) w/ 12 points and a then career-high 4 assists
- 11/22 vs. UMass Lowell: Scored five points, including highlight dunk over the rim

2013-14:
- Did not play in the first 17 games, but came off the bench in 10 of the last 12 contests
- Finally missed a shot in fourth college game (1/27) after making first four tries in three games...
- 2/5 vs. Wheelock (DIII): Registered freshman year-season-high 9 points (4-7, 1-1) with 3 rebounds and a steal
- 11/1 at NCCU: Played last 7 minutes; hit two corner 3-pointers for 6 points
- 11/22 vs. UMass Lowell: Scored first bucket just :36 a

VERSATILE SWINGMAN WAS ONE OF NEW JERSEY’S TOP PLAYERS AS A SENIOR AT EAST BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL AND IS KNOWN FOR HIS TOUGHNESS AND ATHLETICISM. UKAWUBA AVERAGED 16.6 POINTS, 6.8 REBOUNDS, AND 2.9 STEALS A GAME FOR EAST BRUNSWICK, THE STAR-LEDGER ALSO NAMED HIM FIRST TEAM. IN HI

PERSONAL:
Robert Ukawuba... son of Charity and Hyacinth Ukawuba... business & information systems major... born 12/2/94 in New Brunswick, NJ.

CO-CAPTAIN IN 2016-17

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Graduated East Brunswick High School as the program’s all-time leading scorer with 1,311 career points
- Reached career-high in points in last 4 of his last 5 games and in 8 of his last 13 affairs

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UKAWUBA’S CAREER STATISTICS

UKAWUBA’S GAME-BY-GAME

SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

SEASON: 8 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 20 at Providence -- 11/24/15

REBOUNDS: Season: 3 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 9 (3); last: vs. Boston U. -- 11/19/15

ASSISTS: Season: 2 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/1/16
Career: 6 vs. Hampton -- 2/2/15

TOTAL: Season: 3 vs. Boston U. -- 3/21/16

STEALS: Season: 1 vs. Sarah Lawrence (D-III) -- 11/11/16
Career: 3 [4]; last: at Lipscomb -- 2/1/16

3-POINTERS: Season: 4 at Providence -- 11/24/15

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Transferred from San Jacinto College-Central (NJCAA) in Pasadena, TX, following the 2015-16 season
- Cousin (Jabari) played for the New Orleans Saints from 2004-13; cousin (Rashaun) played WR for Colorado St.

2016-17:

- Missed the first game with an ankle injury; remains day-to-day

2015-16 (SAN JACINTO COLLEGE-CENTRAL):

- Starting guard as a freshman for a team that posted a 20-10 overall record and was a Region XIV runner-up
- Averaged 8.8 ppg and 2.5 rpg; 11 double-digit games, inc. season-high 20 pts vs. Coastal Bend College on 1/30
- Ranked 16th in Region XIV in 3FGM (58)

HIGH SCHOOL:

Two-time first-team all-District selection... averaged 18 ppg as a senior.

PERSONAL:

Donovan Jacob Greer... son of Hope and Jacob Greer... business management major.
BENDARY'S GAME-BY-GAME

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