

**2006-07 OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
MEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS**

LOCATION: Norfolk, Va. 23529

NICKNAME: Monarchs

FOUNDED: 1930 (as the Norfolk Division of The College of William & Mary)

ENROLLMENT: 21,200

SCHOOL COLORS: Slate Blue (PMS 540), Silver (PMS 877),
& Light Blue (PMS 283)

HOME COURT: Ted Constant Convocation Center (8,650)

SURFACE: Wood

CONFERENCE: Colonial Athletic Association

PRESIDENT: Dr. Roseann Runte (SUNY New Paltz >68)

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ATHLETIC TRAINER: Scott Johnson

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COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Blaine Taylor (Montana >81)

RECORD AT ODU: 94-59, sixth year

CAREER RECORD: 236-124 (12 yrs)

ASSISTANTS: Jim Corrigan (Duke >80), Rob Wilkes (Stetson >93)

& Travis DeCuire (Montana >94)

DIR. OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: John Richardson (Elizabeth City St.'95)

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BASKETBALL SECRETARY: Annette Manley

2005-06 RECORD: 24-10

2005-06 CAA RECORD: 13-5, 4th place

POST SEASON: NIT Semi Finals.

79-61 W at Colorado; 70-66 W vs. Manhattan, 61-51 W at Hofstra; 43-66 L Michigan.

2006 RPI Ratings

NCAA: 52

RPI Ratings.com: 52

CollegeRPI.com: 69

Sagarin: 53

HISTORY

FIRST YEAR OF BASKETBALL: 1930-31

OVERALL ALL-TIME RECORD: 1097-792 (76 years) .574

FIRST YEAR OF DIV. I. BASKETBALL: 1976-77

DIVISION I ALL-TIME RECORD: 540-365 (30 yrs) .583

NO. YRS IN NCAA TRN/LAST: 8/ 2005, lost to #5 seed Michigan St., 89-81

NO. YRS IN NIT TRN/LAST: 10/ 2006 semi-finals, lost to Michigan, 66-43

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 9

LETTERMEN LOST: Two

Isaiah Hunter 6-3 Sr, G 14.3 ppg./3.3 rpg. Graduated

Alex Loughton 6-9 Sr. F 13.5 ppg/7.7 rpg. Graduated

Janko Mrksic 6-10 Sr. C 0.3 ppg/ 0.3 rpg Graduated

STARTERS RETURNING: (three)

Arnaud Dahi 6-7 Sr F 11.9 ppg 4.8 rpg

Drew Williamson 6-0 Sr. G 7.3 ppg 4.8 apg

Brian Henderson 6-5 Jr. G/F 6.0 ppg 2.7 rpg

Valdas Vasylius 6-7 Sr. F 8.8 ppg/ 4.5 rpg *

* Started eight games.

RETURNING LETTERMEN (6)

Brandon Johnson 6-1 Jr. G 3.5 ppg 2.4 rpg

Abdi Lidonde 6-2 Jr. G 3.0 ppg 1.9 rpg

Jonathan Adams 6-6 So. F 1.2 ppg 2.5 rpg

John Morris 6-2 Sr. G 1.6 ppg 1.0 rpg

Sam Harris 7-3 Jr. C 1.1 ppg 1.0 rpg

NEWCOMERS (3)

Keyon Carter 6-8 Fr. F Palm Beach County, FL/ Dwyer HS
15.1 ppg/ 12.2 rpg. 1st team All-County

Frank Hassell 6-7 Fr. F Chesapeake, VA./ Indian River HS
17.1 ppg/ 12.2 rpg All-District & All Region.

Gerald Lee 6-9 Fr. F Korihait, Finland
18.1 ppg/ 8.3 rpg Finnish under-20 team

Marsharee Neely 6-2 Fr. G Greensboro, NC./ Page HS
20.1 ppg/ 8.2 rpg Metro 4A Player of the Year.

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2005-06 HONORS

All-CAA

Alex Loughton (2nd team)

Isaiah Hunter (3rd team)

CAA All-Academic

Alex Loughton

NABC District IV:

Alex Loughton (2nd team)

All-State:

Alex Loughton (2nd team)

National All-Academic

Alex Loughton
(NACDA 1-AAA)

ESPN The Magazine/COSIDA Academic: Alex Loughton (3rd team)

CAA Player of the Week: Isaiah Hunter (12-19-05)
Arnaud Dahi (11-28-05)

NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS

55th in scoring defense (63.8)

59th in scoring margin (6.2)

64th in field goal pct. Defense (41.3)

71st in assists (15.2)

44th in winning percentage (70.6)

50th in fewest turnovers per game (12.5)

NCAA INDIVIDUAL

61st Drew Williamson in assists per game (4.8)

CAA MONARCH RANKINGS TEAM RANKINGS

TEAM

Scoring	3rd	70.0
Scoring defense	5th	63.8
Scoring Margin	3rd	+6.2
Free Throw Pct.	3rd	.716
Field Goal PCT.	7th	.428
Field Goal PCT Def.	5th	.413
3PT FG PCT	6th	.343
3PT FG Def.	5th	.318
Rebounding	2nd	37.1
Rebound Def.	6th	34.2
Rebound Margin	2nd	+ 2.9
Blocked Shots	7th	3.3
Assists	4th	15.2
Steals	3rd	7.5
Asst./To Ratio	1st	1.1
Def. Rebounds	3rd	24.5
Off.Rebounds	4th	12.5

INDIVIDUALS

Scoring	Hunter	8 th	14.3
	Loughton	11 th	13.5
	Dahi	17 th	11.9
Rebounding	Loughton	6 th	7.7
Field Goal PCT:	Loughton	8 th	.485
	Dahi	10 th	.474
Assists	Williamson	4 th	4.76
Free Throw PCT:	Dahi	4 th	.781
	Hunter	10 th	.754
	Loughton	15 th	.747
Steals:	Williamson	5 th	1.65
Blocked Shots:	Dahi	9 th	1.0
Assist/TO Ratio	Williamson	1 st	2.89
Offensive Rebs:	Loughton	8 th	2.50
	Dahi	12 th	2.24
Defensive Rebs:	Loughton	4 th	5.21

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER
(7-15-06)**

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	P	CL	HT	WT	Hometown/ High School
34	Jonathan Adams	F	So.	6-6	215	Ringold, GA./Baylor HS (TN)
33	Keyon Carter	F	Fr.	6-8	210	Palm Beach Gardens, FL./Dwyer HS
31	Arnaud Dahi	F	Sr.	6-7	230	Ivory Coast, Africa /Life Center Academy (NJ).
21	Frank Hassell	F	Fr.	6-7	235	Chesapeake, VA./Indian River HS
30	Sam Harris	C	Jr.	7-3	260	Newnham, Tasmania Australia/ Lake Ginninderra College.
20	Brian Henderson	G	Jr.	6-4	195	Richmond, VA./Varina HS
4	Brandon Johnson	G	Jr.	6-1	180	Orlando, FL./Edgewater HS
12	Gerald Lee	F	Fr.	6-9	220	Korihait, Finland/ Korihait
11	Abdi Lidonde	G	Jr.	6-2	190	Sutton, MA./ St. Andrews HS
3	John Morris	G	Sr.	6-2	180	Camp Hill, PA./Trinity HS
23	Marsharee Neely	G	Fr.	6-2	180	Greensboro, NC./Page HS
42	Valdas Vasylius	F	Sr.	6-7	210	Klaipeda, Lithuania/Norfolk Collegiate HS
10	Drew Williamson	G	Sr.	6-0	185	Burlington, NC/ Cummings HS

HEAD COACH: Blaine Taylor (Montana '81) 6th Season
 ASSISTANTS: Jim Corrigan (Duke '80) 13th season
 Rob Wilkes 5th season (Stetson '93) & Travis DeCuire (Montana '94) 4th season
 DIR. OF Basketball Operations: John Richardson (Elizabeth City St. '95) 2nd season.
 ATHLETIC TRAINER: Scott Johnson

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

The Old Dominion Monarchs, winners of a school record 52 games the past two seasons return three starters, and nine lettermen which include the CAA leader in assists/turnover ratio and one of the leagues top field goal percentage shooters.

The Monarchs lost its top two scorers in All-CAA performers Alex Loughton and Isaiah Hunter. Loughton completed his career with 1,646 points and 952 rebounds. The two-time NABC All-District performer also earned academic honors as well with a third team ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-American selection and NACDA All-American scholar. Hunter, a two-time All-CAA selection finished his career with 1,425 career points.

Heading ODU's returnees are starters Drew Williamson, Arnaud Dahi, Brian Henderson along with sixth man Valdas Vasylius, who started eight games last year.

Williamson led the CAA in assist/turnover ratio each of the past two seasons. In the 2005 CAA tournament he didn't commit a turnover in the three CAA tournament games, which helped earn him All-Tournament accolades. Last year, Williamson again showed composure in crucial situations and hit big shots for the Monarchs which include the game winning buzzer beater against CAA rival and NCAA Final Four participant George Mason.

Dahi led the CAA in field goal percentage in 2005 and ranked in the top ten of the league in that same category in '06. The 6-7 Dahi also ranks in the league's top ten in free throw percentage and blocked shots. He scored 25 against Wisconsin, 20 against Hofstra and performed the double-double in ODU's NIT win at Colorado and against Northeastern. Dahi joined the 1,000 career point club last year in ODU's NIT win at Hofstra and will enter his final season with 1,019 points.

Brian Henderson came into his own last season with a career high 20 against Marist in the ESPN Bracket Busters game, and 17 against CAA champion UNC Wilmington. He led ODU with a .395 three-point field goal percentage.

Valdas Vasylius has been a part-time starter for the Monarchs since his freshman Year. He scored in double figures 14 times last year, including 19 in the win over Georgia, 18 against UAB and 21 against William and Mary. Vasylius played for his Lithuanian national team this summer.

The Monarchs will be counting heavily on returnees Sam Harris, Abdi Lidonde, Jonathan Adams, Brandon Johnson and John Morris for added depth. The 7-3 Sam Harris, a member of the Australian under-21 team had solid outings for the Monarchs during their NIT tournament run. Lidonde was a big sparkplug for ODU off the bench which included 12 points against James Madison and 11 against William and Mary. Johnson has been a key to the Monarchs pressure defense the past two seasons. He scored 12 against Hofstra and dished out ten assists against Towson, and averaged over a steal per game. Morris stepped in and made some big plays for the Monarchs as did Jonathan Adams who started three games and played solid defense as a freshman.

The Monarchs added another outstanding recruiting class in 6-2 guard Marsharee Neely from Greensboro, NC, The North Carolina 4A Player of the Year; 6-8 forward Keyon Carter from Palm Gardens, FL, the Palm Beach County rebound champion; 6-9 forward Gerald Lee from Korihait, Finland, a member of the Finnish under-20 national squad; and 6-7 forward Frank Hassell from nearby Chesapeake, VA. An All-District and

All-region selection.

ODU will have another ambitious schedule opening the season hosting the Cox Communications Classic which include Clemson, coached by former ODU All-American and coach Oliver Purnell, Monmouth who competed in the NCAA's last year from the Northeast Conference and Arkansas State from the Sun Belt.

The CAA enjoyed its most successful post season ever and ranked eighth nationally among the 31 conferences. UNCW and George Mason advanced to the NCAA's with Mason reaching the national semi-finals. ODU and Hofstra met in the quarterfinals of the NIT with ODU advancing the semi-finals. The Monarchs will again play an 18-game CAA schedule which will include home-and-home games with VCU, Hofstra and George Mason and a road game with UNCW. The CAA tournament will again be in the Richmond (VA.) Coliseum, March 2-5.