



PLAYERS TO WATCH



JONATHAN BOYD

Sr. | G
6-3 | 175
9.3 ppg
2.4 rpg

Without Troy Jackson, the SWAC's leading scorer last season, the Alcorn backcourt will be built around Boyd...the 6-3 senior averaged 9.3 points a game during the 2008-09 season, tops among returning Braves...he was also ranked third in the SWAC in three-point shooting at .403.



TIM AMBROSE

Jr. | G
6-0 | 220
14.3 ppg
5.1 rpg

Tri-Captain...named to the 2009 All-America East Conference third team...member of 2008 America East Conference All-Rookie Team...a player with eye-catching athleticism...thickly built and an explosive leaper...was ninth among the America East scoring leaders at 14.1 ppg last season...his 443 points last year ranks 30th among UAlbany's top single-season marks...had 22 games in double figures, including 21 points and eight rebounds against UMBC in conference semifinals - the ninth time he had 20 or more points in his career.

2K SPORTS CLASSIC

BENEFITING COACHES VS. CANCER

ALBANY, N.Y. SUBREGIONAL - SEFCU ARENA
ALCORN STATE VS. ALBANY - NOVEMBER 20

ALCORN STATE BRAVES

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-----|---|
| 0 | Jonathan Boyd | G | 6-3 | 175 | Sr. | Durant, Miss. (Holmes C.C.) |
| 1 | Keith Searcy | G | 6-4 | 158 | Fr. | Oxford, Miss. (Oxford) |
| 3 | Alex Savannah | G | 5-10 | 160 | So. | Hollandale, Miss. (Hollandale Simmons) |
| 5 | Corey Anthony | F | 6-3 | 190 | So. | Woodville, Miss. (Wilkinson County) |
| 7 | Derrick Blackwell | G | 5-8 | 190 | Jr. | Natchez, Miss. (Natchez) |
| 11 | Shaunvanta Ingram | G | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | Bruce, Miss. (Bruce) |
| 13 | JaMarkus Holt | F/C | 6-8 | 240 | Jr. | Vero Beach, Fla. (Indian River C.C.) |
| 23 | Brandon Rogers | G | 6-1 | 195 | Sr. | St. Rose, La. (New Mexico Military Institute) |
| 24 | Ian Francis | F | 6-8 | 189 | Fr. | Mission Hills, Calif. (Impact Acad.) |
| 30 | Tony Eackles | G | 6-2 | 200 | Fr. | Las Vegas, Nev. (Las Vegas) |
| 32 | Gifford Blakely | C | 6-7 | 210 | Sr. | Atlanta, Ga. (South Cobb) |
| 33 | Michael Martin | F | 6-8 | 185 | Fr. | West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield) |
| 44 | Michael Starks | F | 6-8 | 205 | Fr. | Belzoni, Miss. (Humphreys Co.) |
| 45 | Jamar Ragland | F | 6-4 | 177 | Fr. | Detroit, Mich. (Detroit Loyola) |

HEAD COACH - Larry Smith (second season)

ASSISTANT COACHES - Dwight Alexander, Brian Adams

ABOUT ALCORN STATE - The Braves return to the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer for the second time, last appearing in 2006...the team is led by head coach Larry Smith, a former Alcornite and NBA standout...Alcorn State has captured 11 SWAC titles and made six NCAA Tournament appearances.

ALBANY GREAT DANES

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|-----|----------------|------|------|-----|-------|---|
| 0 | Jacob Iati | G | 5-10 | 170 | So. | York, Pa. (York Catholic) |
| 1 | Gavin Glanton | F | 6-7 | 215 | Fr. | Forrest City, Ark. (Forrest City) |
| 2 | Logan Aronhalt | G/F | 6-3 | 210 | R-Fr. | Zanesville, Ohio (Zanesville) |
| 3 | Will Harris | F | 6-5 | 230 | Sr. | Corona, N.Y. (Brewster Academy) |
| 4 | Fran Urli | F | 6-8 | 225 | Jr. | Zagreb, Croatia (Sportska Gymnasium) |
| 5 | Derrek Tartt | G | 6-3 | 175 | Fr. | Chicago, Ill. (Oak Park Fenwick) |
| 10 | Mike Black | G | 6-0 | 175 | Fr. | Chicago, Ill. (Oak Park Fenwick) |
| 11 | Mike Johnson | G | 6-1 | 190 | Sr. | Brooklyn, N.Y. (Sheepshead Bay) |
| 12 | Scotty McRae | F | 6-8 | 220 | Sr. | Rosedale, N.Y. (Benjamin Cardozo) |
| 21 | Blake Metcalf | C | 6-9 | 250 | Fr. | Camby, Ind. (Plainfield) |
| 22 | Ralph Watts | G/F | 6-5 | 195 | Fr. | Peekskill, N.Y. (Peekskill) |
| 23 | Tim Ambrose | G | 6-0 | 220 | Jr. | Brentwood, N.Y. (Our Savior New American) |
| 24 | Jake Lindfors | F | 6-10 | 235 | R-Fr. | Elk Grove Village, Ill. (Driscoll Catholic) |
| 32 | Louis Barraza | G | 6-5 | 210 | Jr. | Phoenix, Ariz. (Trevor Browne) |
| 33 | Billy Allen | F | 6-6 | 210 | So. | Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton) |
| 44 | John Puk | C | 6-10 | 225 | Fr. | Waterloo, Iowa (Waterloo West) |
| 54 | Brett Gifford | C | 6-11 | 265 | Sr. | Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge) |

HEAD COACH - Will Brown (ninth season)

ASSISTANT COACHES - Pat Filien, Jeremy Friel, Chad O'Donnell

ABOUT ALBANY - The Great Danes are coming off their fourth straight season of 15 or more wins...head coach Will Brown, who has been instrumental in helping move the program into the America East's upper echelon, returns his top two players in Tim Ambrose and Will Harris, each who whom earned All-America East third-team honors.