



2K SPORTS CLASSIC

BENEFITING COACHES VS. CANCER

ALBANY, N.Y. SUBREGIONAL - SEFCU ARENA

ROBERT MORRIS VS. ALCORN STATE - NOVEMBER 21

PLAYERS TO WATCH



ROB ROBINSON

Sr. | F
6-8 | 215
11.2 ppg
5.6 rpg

Averaged 11.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game in 2008-09... established a Robert Morris single-season record for blocks with 35 last year...named to the All-NEC second-team in 2008-09... earned a spot on the 2009 All-NEC Tournament Team after averaging 8.7 points and 8.3 rebounds in three games...owns two career double-doubles, including 10 points and 10 rebounds in a 48-46 win over Mount St. Mary's (3/11/09) in the 2009 NEC Tournament championship game.



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.

ROBERT MORRIS COLONIALS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Rob Robinson	F	6-8	215	Sr.	Waldorf, Md. (Globe Inst. of Technology)
2	Mezie Nwigwe	G	6-4	195	Sr.	Hyattsville, Md. (High Point)
3	Velton Jones	G	6-0	170	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Northeast Catholic)
4	Karon Abraham	G	5-9	150	Fr.	Paterson, N.J. (Harp Academy)
5	Coron Williams	G	6-2	170	Fr.	Midlothian, Va. (Christchurch School)
12	Jimmy Langhurst	G	5-11	185	Sr.	Willard, Ohio (Willard)
14	Gary Wallace	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Montclair, N.J. (Seton Hall Prep)
15	Khalif Foster	G	6-3	210	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Academy of the New Church)
24	Dallas Green	F	6-8	190	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Northwest)
25	Brad Piehl	F/C	6-8	215	Fr.	New Knoxville, Ohio (New Knoxville)
34	Russell Johnson	F	6-6	180	So.	Chester, Pa. (Chester)
35	Lijah Thompson	F	6-7	200	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Monsignor Bonner)
44	Josiah Whitehead	F	6-6	225	Sr.	Portsmouth, Va. (Cecil C.C.)

HEAD COACH – Mike Rice (third season)

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH – Andrew Toole

ASSISTANT COACH – Jimmy Martelli

ABOUT ROBERT MORRIS – The Colonials went 24-11 last season in winning the Northeast Conference regular season and tournament titles before dropping a hard-fought decision to Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament...three starters and four others return for RMU, including senior Jimmy Langhurst, who enters his final season with 697 points.

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.