

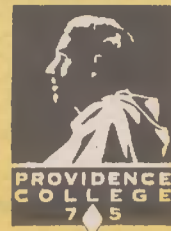


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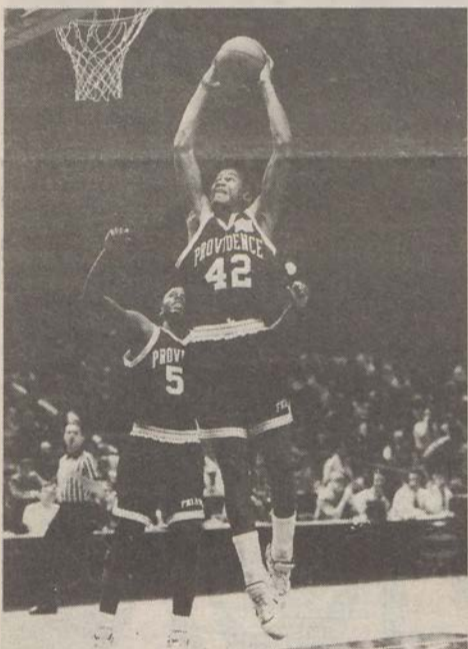
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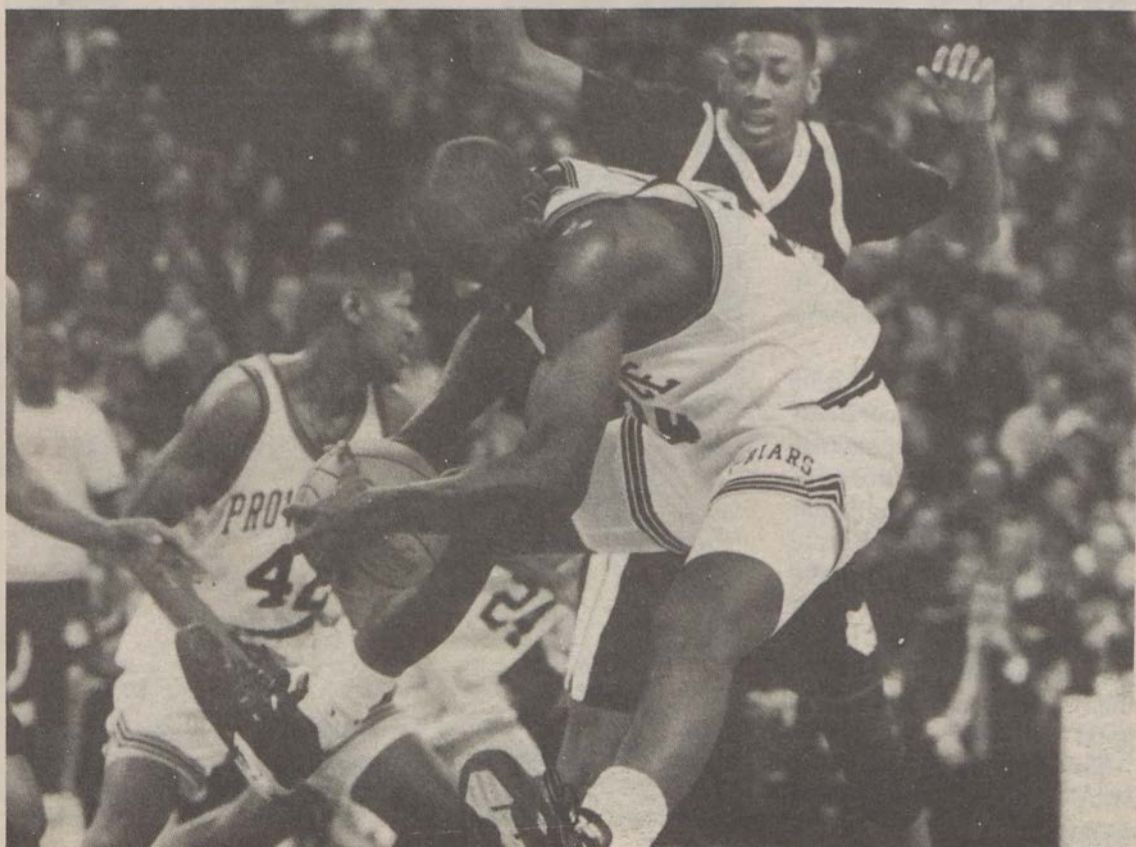
Rick Barnes and the Friars Set To Re-Establish PC As A Perennial NCAA Tournament Team



The Council of Trent: Trent Forbes



Simply The Best: Dicky Simpkins The Brooklyn Bomber: Rob Phelps



The Chairman of the Boards: Michael Smith

Four of five starters return for the Friars. Yet the welfare of this team has been placed on the shoulders of Rhode Islander, Abdul Abdullah...

Strong Point

John Raposo
Sports Editor

Abdul Abdullah was among the many who could never picture himself in a PC uniform.

The public had their reasons: he had never completed his requirements at CCRI; he had "escaped" to California (Compton Community College) to distance himself from the negative publicity which had become his dark cloud; he could never fit into the lily-white, conservative setting of the Dominican college.

Abdullah had reasons of his own. "I always watched and rooted for PC when I was growing up," said the junior point guard. "But I never pictured myself ever playing here. My favorite players were always from other schools, guys like Pearl Washington. So, I always dreamed of playing for other schools."

"It really is amazing that I did get here."

It's Amazing Grace that here got he for most Friar watchers. The Friars were mired all season long by inconsistent play from the lead guard position. With 550 turnovers to 443 assists, it is not difficult to figure out why

PC suffered through such a dismal season. The men Rick Barnes was forced to use at the point were not pure point guards. Trent Forbes, with his ability to shoot off the dribble and spot up for the three, is more suited to the off guard position. Coming right out of high school, Matt Alosa was too green to be expected to handle the point. Ira Bowman, a small forward by trade, was a man out of position, trying to handle quarterbacking duties.

But the point is moot no more. A pure point guard, steady and sure, Abdullah is not concerned with scoring points (though he did average 17 points per game at CCRI). He has the perfect point guard mentality: pass, pass, pass. "The best part of my game is passing," explained Abdullah, who has been a Rhode Island resident (via Brooklyn) for the past 10 years. "I just have to worry about getting everybody the rock, and they can worry about scoring."

He is listed on the roster as 5-11, 180 pounds. His rock-solid build is

Abdul:

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Sports

New Names, New Faces at Madness

Brown and Zielinski Await Their First Midnight Madness

by Matt Mlodzinski
Sports Writer

Most of us hoop fans at Providence College know all about the veterans on the men's basketball team. From the simple fan who just knows that Troy Brown is from Lynn, Massachusetts to the Friar fanatic who knows Tony Turner's shoe size, we all know something about our returning hoopsters. So let's get to know something about our new faces: Mike Brown, Maciek Zielinski, and Abdul Abdullah. How do they feel about the upcoming season and Midnight Madness? Let's find out!

Mike Brown comes to Providence College right out from under the nose of one of our Big East rivals: Syracuse. The native of North Syracuse, NY is a well-built and athletic recruit, who strangely enough, never really considered going to Syracuse. "Since I grew up in the area, I went to a lot of camps at Syracuse," said Brown, "but I was always positive that I wanted to go away to school, so the coaches never recruited me." Among Brown's other college choices were Villanova, Seton Hall, UNC-Greensborough, Duquesne, and Iona. But, luck-

ily for us, Brown chose to bring his talents to Rick Barnes' Friars.

Brown knows that he has his work cut out for him as he enters his first Big East season. Brown also noted, "I know the players are tough in the Big East, especially after working out with our own guys so far this year. Playing in high school will be nothing compared to playing in the Big East. The guys are bigger, stronger, and faster (than high schoolers)." Brown knows that he will just have to go out and work hard and improve on his weaknesses to make a contribution to the team.

As far as Midnight Madness is concerned, Brown said he is very excited about it, especially since he has never been to it before. "I missed the chance to see it last year, so I'm really excited about Midnight Madness this year," said Brown. Brown also said that some of his teammates have gotten him pretty pumped up about the events this Saturday night.

The mystery man of the team this year is definitely Zielinski. The 6'7" native of Poland didn't arrive with the fanfare of our other players, so most fans don't know of him. "It was always a dream of mine to play in the United States,

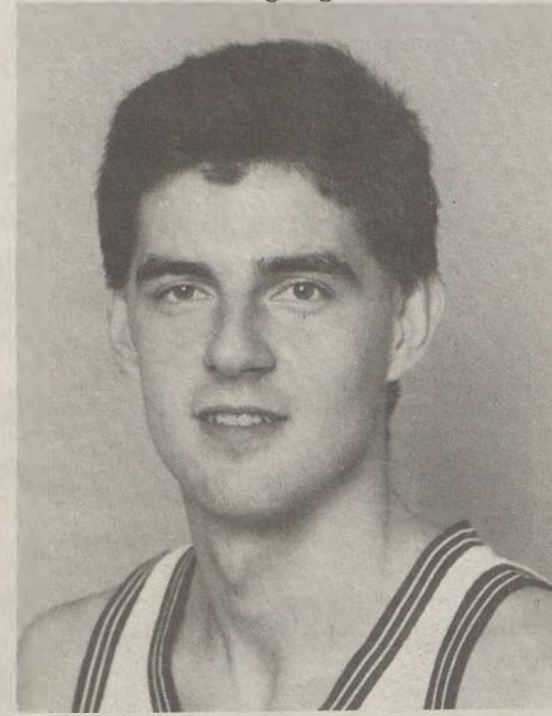
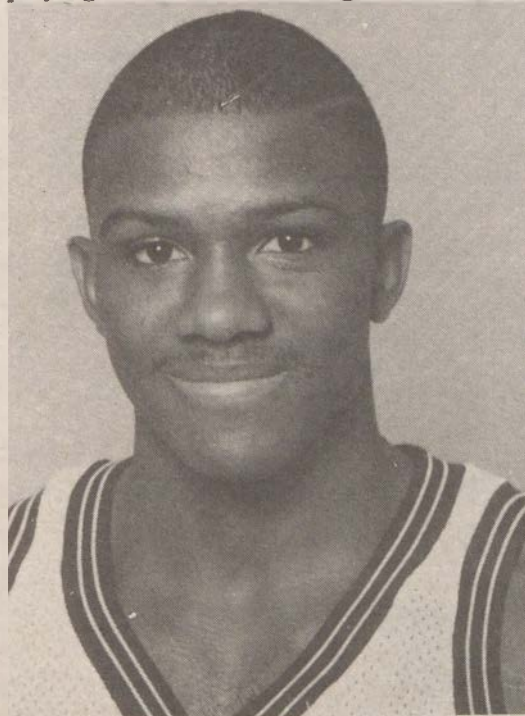
but I never seriously considered it until Jacek Duda (member of PC's 1987 Final Four team) told me about PC," said Zielinski. Coach Barnes saw him playing for the Polish National Team in a tournament in Greece, and talked to the team's coach about Zielinski. With plans working out, Zielinski's dream of playing in the US is coming

true.

Zielinski is an open-court player, but he knows that he'll have to be more physical. Zielinski observed, "American basketball is much faster and more physical than European hoops" so he'll have to make some changes in his game to help him adjust. He is very juiced about playing in the Big East, where he will be

pitted against some of the best players and teams around.

Much like Mike Brown, Zielinski is a newcomer to Midnight Madness. "It's a complete mystery to me," he said, "so I'm really curious to see what this is all about." He went on to say that there is nothing like this in Europe, which is making it all the more intriguing to him.



Michael Brown (L) and Maciek Zielinski will get first hand experience of the festivities surrounding Midnight Madness.

Abdul

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of a 180 pounder, but he is closer to 5-9. He hasn't played competitively since 1991, his final year with CCRI. The previous year at CCRI, he teamed with Kenny McDonald to lead CCRI to the junior college Final 8. He averaged 17 points and 14 assists per game, this despite constant double teaming. He describes his shooting as suspect, yet streaky, a Vinny Johnson type. His hernia (recently operated on) is about 70%, but he will be at 100% once the season begins. His up-tempo style will allow Barnes to return to the non-stop, press up-and-down the court style which had become a PC trademark.

So why are we touting an injured, under-sized, suspect shooter, who never played a minute of Division 1 ball, as our savior?

Consider:

•His Point Guard Mentality: "One of favorite players to watch now is Tim Hardaway of the Warriors. Pearl Washington started the cross-over dribble, but Hardaway is the best now. The cross-over is my favorite move—it's deadly."

•His Toughness: "Since the age of 16, I've been on my own. I lived with my

brother, but I had to raise myself for the past five years. Coming to college, I didn't have to adjust to living on my

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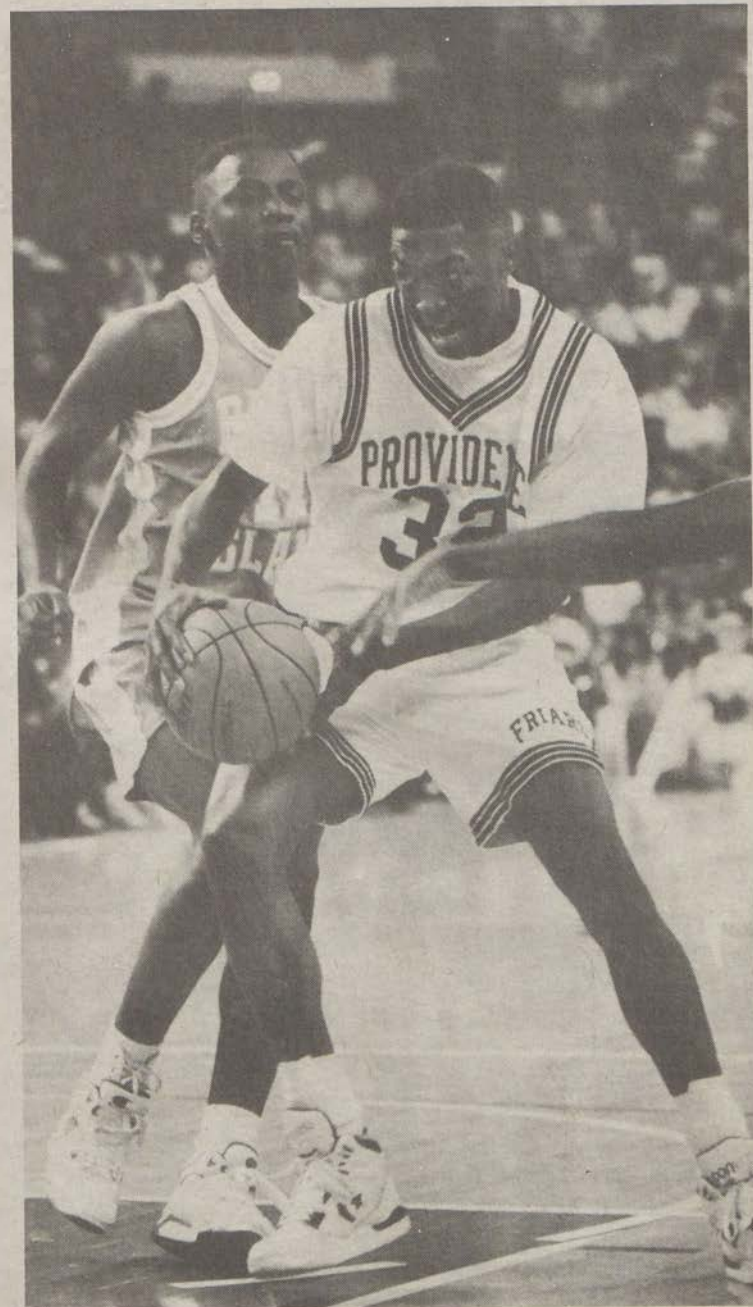
own. If anything, it's easy now, because everything is so structured for me. I bring that maturity to the court."

•His Height: "My height may be a disadvantage on the defensive end. The bigger point guards will post up on me. But on the offensive end, they will have trouble keeping up to me. Anyway, it's not a one-on-one game anyway."

•His Fear: "I'm nervous about playing in the league. Playing in this league is kind of scary. I don't want to be embarrassed in front of a crowd of 15,000 people. But I believe that I can compete at this level. I will make some noise."

•His Fire: "A lot of people will come up to me and pat me on the back, saying, 'We knew you could do it.' Nobody, nobody thought that I could ever make it. People figured that I would have failed out by now. I've always been questioned. It's a great feeling to have proved them wrong. It just feels so good."

Now, just a couple of weeks away from the opening of the season, those who could never envision Abdullah in a Friar uniform are wondering how they ever did without him.



Scenes like this, Tony Turner trapped with no place to go, should lessen with the quarterbacking ability of Abdullah.

Sports

A Growing Madness

Since 1985, Midnight is the time when hoop season comes alive

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

"After Midnight, were gonna let it all hang out"
- Eric Clapton

It's 1985. At the stroke of midnight, Providence College coach Rick Pitino and 300 faithful backers raised their glasses of non-alcoholic champagne and toasted the Friars. The first ever Midnight Madness had begun.

This event was the brainchild of Pitino and John Marinatto, PC's Athletic Director. Although the Madness has grown in attendance, and changed in format over the years, its basic purpose has remained unaltered.

"I have always thought that this was an event for the students," says Gregg Burke, Assistant Athletic Director.

In the years that followed that first memorable night in Alumni Hall, Midnight Madness has been like a snowball racing down a mountain. In 1986, the number present still hovered around 300, but 1987 witnessed our magical march to New Orleans and Midnight Madness was thrown into fifth gear, so to speak. A quartet of highly vocal and inspirational

speakers brought this event to a new level.

That's right, baby. Dick Vitale hosted the show in 1988, followed by Al McGuire in 1989. Bill Raftery took the reins the following year and last October, former North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano was in charge of the affairs.

"Alright listen up," said Jimmy V, while tossing the ball to a player who stood at the foul line. "It's the finals between Kentucky and Providence, tie game. If he makes it, the Friars win their first ever National Championship!"

It took a few tries, but our imagination was captured. For

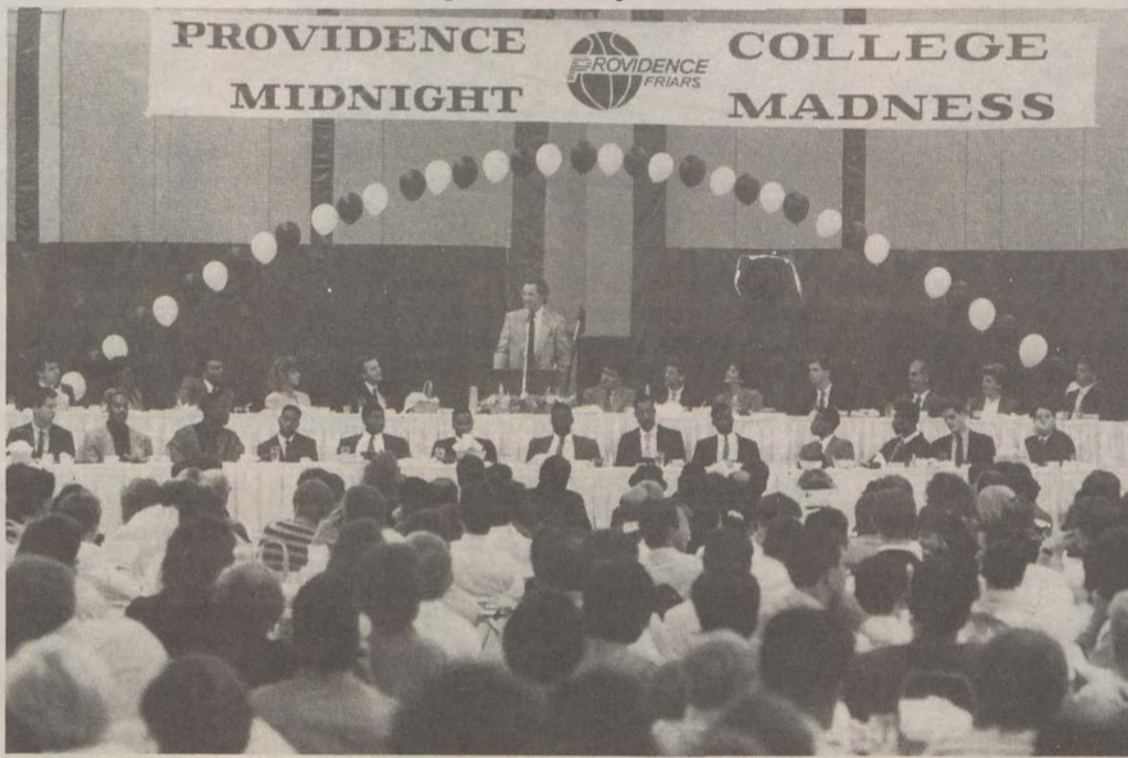
even a second, you could really see it. The men in black and white aren't the only ones finding the bottom of the net.

With Vitale came student participation in a slam dunk contest, the hot shot shootout, and three on three competition. The banner contest was initiated. Cheerleaders and

bandmembers were welcomed to exhibit their talents. During this period of stupendous change, PC's Director of Sports Services, Pat Nero, should be credited for most of its success. It has also been the people behind the scenes who have helped make Midnight Madness a tradition of true excellence. Student Congress has been counted on and provided the communication needed to publicize this night of nights. President Craig Frick has been behind the most recent efforts. Steve Crowley has maintained the Intramural Athletic Board's long lasting contributions. It's people like Billy DeSa, the ticket manager, who takes on more responsibility than asked of him, who make that stroke of midnight a stroke of genius.

It's 1992. Thousands of Friar fanatics are crammed into Alumni Hall. The noise level reaches a deafening pitch as the lights dim. 5...4...3...

"The players work very hard and this is a chance to give them public support," explains Burke. "I can't imagine any better way than with 3500 people behind the team. Basketball is a big part of this school. Midnight Madness is a celebration of the start of basketball season."



Television personality and legendary Marquette coach, Al Maguire, hosted Midnight Madness in 1989, the last season PC made the NCAA's.

Murdock, Croshere Set To Join Friar Family

Friars Receive Two Nonverbal Commitments

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

Go ahead and peak around the corner. Granted, the present Friars squad is still over fifteen days away from their traditional Mal Brown Scrimmage. A recent edition of *Inside Sports* has PC with the potential to finish as high as third this year in the Big East. This season of promise is barely upon us, but look up the road a bit. The name of the college game is recruiting and two honorable mention high school All-Americans (according to *Street and Smith Magazine*) are headed for the Civic Center next year.

It will be Murdock time again. Jason Murdock, cousin of former collegian All-American, now Milwaukee Buck, Eric, has verbally committed to Providence for the fall of '93. The 6-3 guard from New Jersey had narrowed his choices down to Wisconsin, Seton Hall, and Providence. His recruiting experience was one of several factors that persuaded him to don the black and white.

"It was great. PC showed

more interest. Everything from the coach visiting me to the phone calls was really good. Seton Hall was kind of dragging it out which I didn't like."

The Pirates were the ones who got robbed this time

"Seton Hall was kind of dragging it out which I didn't like."

around. The Friars may have hit the jackpot with this youngster who eyes his college experience as both an athletic and academic endeavor.

"PC's style fits me great.

You know the passing and the fast pace. For awhile I was going to go the Seton Hall but I knew PC would be better for me because of their graduation rate. The coach won't settle for anything less than a degree."

Jason's final high school campaign is about to begin and he says the team is young but can be competitive if they work hard. Sound familiar? Is next year's freshman going to the Madness this Saturday night? He answered without the slightest hesitation.

"Yeah, I'm leaving right after school tomorrow!"

Once a Murdock always a Friar. The elder, and for now more famous Eric, assured Jason of his decision.

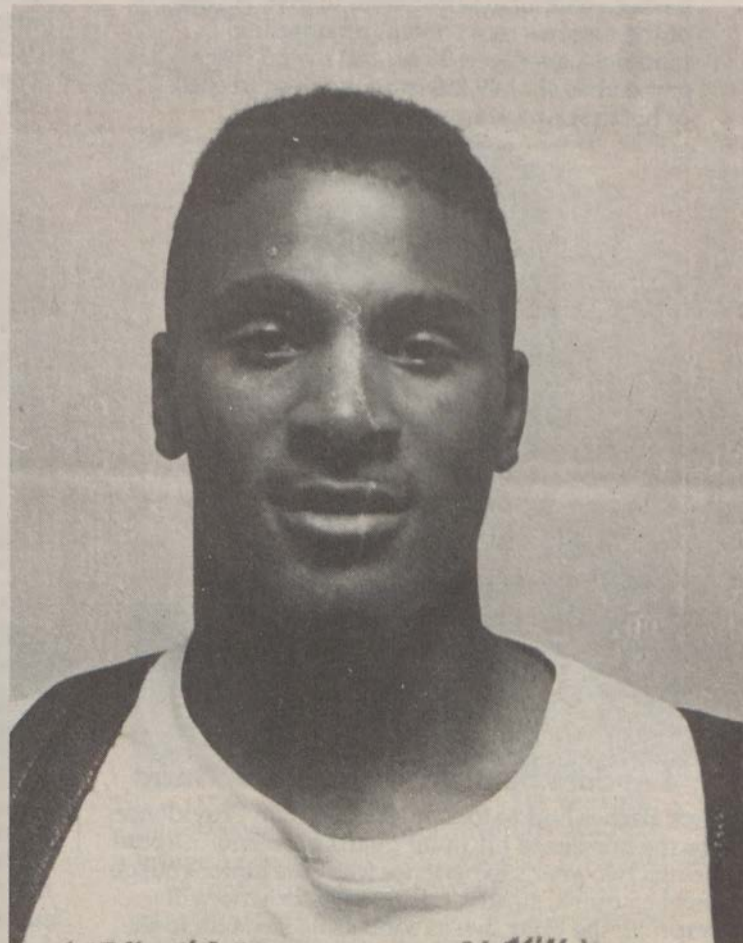
"He would have supported me either way," explained Jason. "Afterwards he told me that I had made the right choice. He just didn't want to tell me before."

Providence's other early commitment hails from the Golden State. Austin Croshere is a 6-9 forward from Santa Monica, California who wanted to play his college ball on the other coast. Both future

Friars can formally choose Providence as their new home for hoops when the early sign-

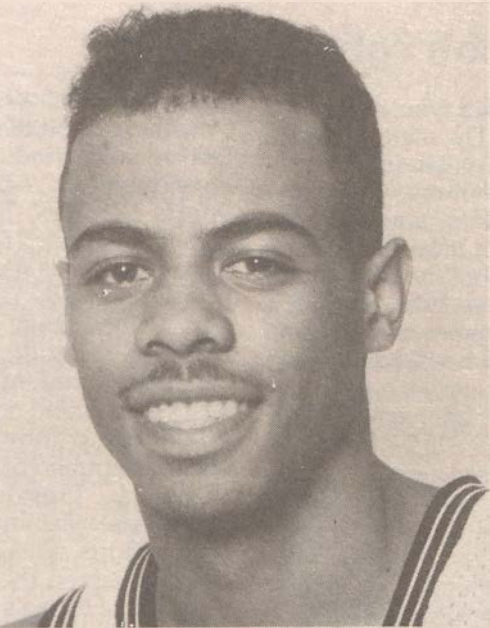
ing period begins Nov. 11.

A formidable duo is on their way.

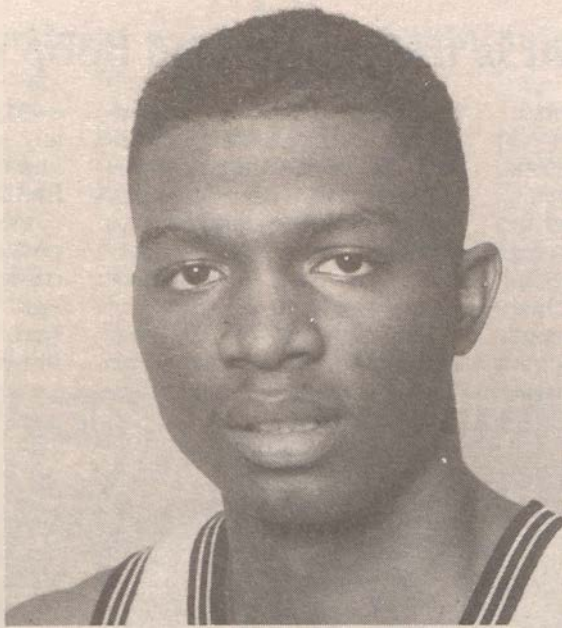


Friar fans can only hope that Jason Murdock brings some of the scoring touch of his cousin, Eric.

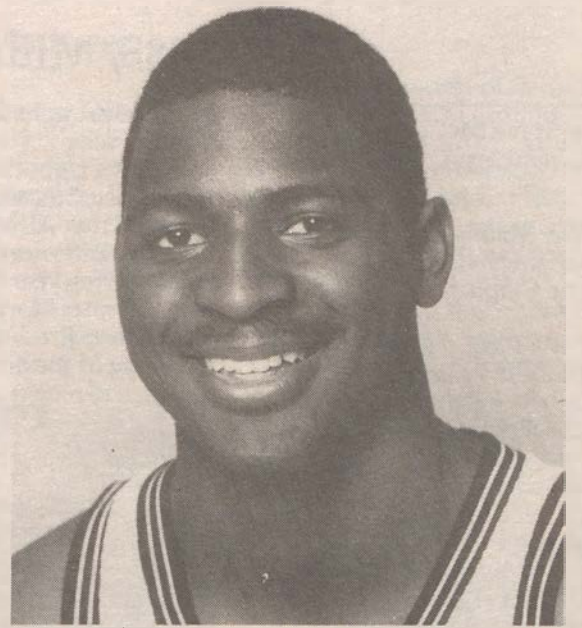
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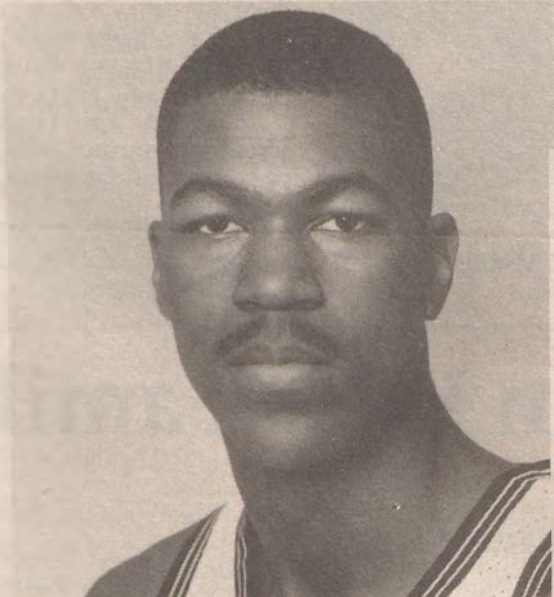
20 Trent Forbes 6-1, 159 SR Guard
Will man the off-guard position... adept at creating his own offense...career game at G'Town with 20 pts. and 6 assists ...assist:turnover ratio 43:24 over last 10 games...led the team in FT shooting with 81.3%...established career highs in every category except 3FG%...his speed and shooting ability should be the perfect complement for backcourt mate Abdul Abdullah



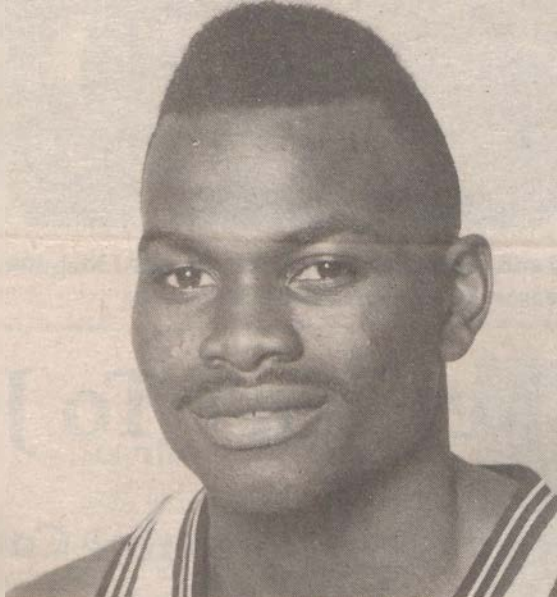
32 Tony Turner 6-8, 195 SR Forward
Solid performer who seldom makes mistakes ...his contributions usually can not be measured by the stat sheet...shot 40.6% from the 3-point line in leagueplay...started the first 4 games of the season, averaging 6 points...will be counted on for his outside shooting...career high for points was a 16 point effort vs. Miami in his freshman year...must work to break through logjam in front court



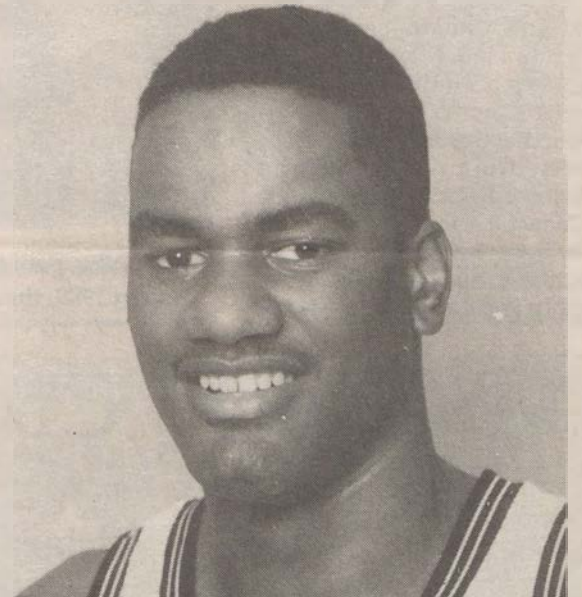
34 Michael Smith 6-8, 235 JR Forward
PC's Chairman of the Boards...a relentless rebounder who is one of the league's best performers...3rd Team All-BE...BE All-Rookie Team...led BE in rebounding in his first season...his 22 rebounds vs. UCONN was the 2nd highest in BE history...his 4 Rookie of the Week Awards was the most ever by a Friar...just 4th Friar to grab over 315 rbs. (319) in a season...preseason All-America candidate



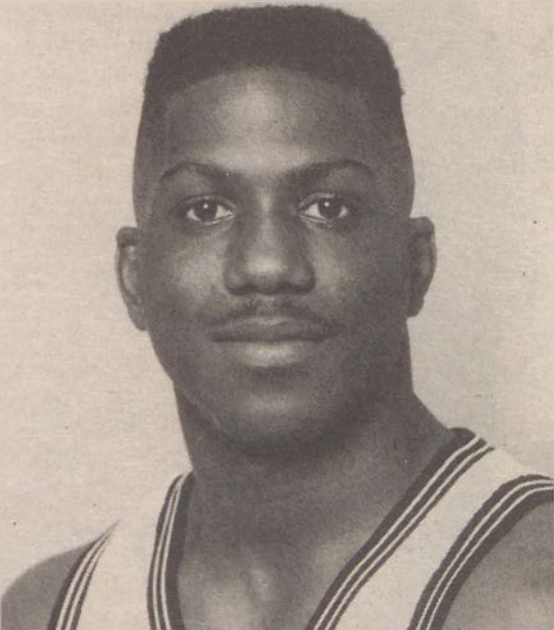
42 Dickey Simpkins 6-9, 230 JR Center
Emerged from a relatively slow start to have a monster end of the season...his tremendous versatility allows him to play away from the basket...will team with Smith to give PC one of the nation's most potent rebounding tandems...averaged 9 pts. and over 5 rbs. a game...has shot 49.2% from the floor in each of his first two seasons



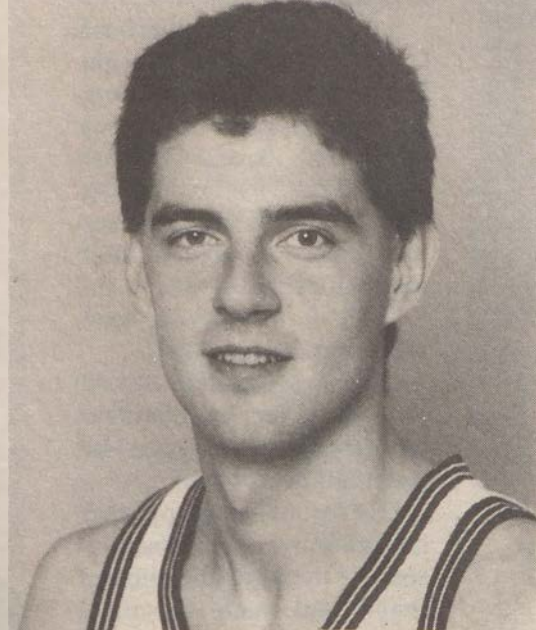
22 Robert Phelps 6-5, 198 JR G/F
Could be PC's offensive star if he regains shooting touch...a natural scorer who is deadly from all over the court...scored 20 pts. or more in 3 of his first 6 games but none after...despite shooting woes still averaged 10.7 pts...Friars need his scoring to compete...one of the quickest first steps in the Big East



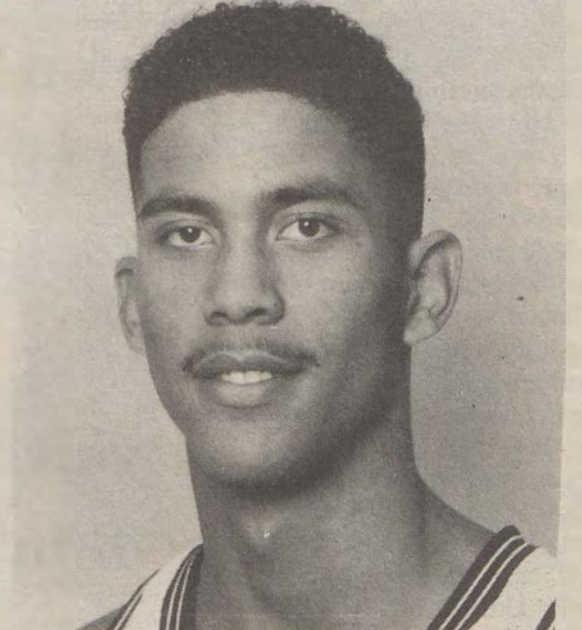
34 Troy Brown 6-8, 220 JR Forward
Has body of NBA power forward...has yet to show the mean streak of one...athletically speaking, few in the league can challenge him...must come to play every night to realize his potential...had career game vs. Villanova (13 pts., 4 rbs.)...will be first forward off the bench if PC employs 3-guard offense... averaged 3.9 pts. on 47.5% shooting



4 Abdul Abdullah 5-11, 180 JR P. Guard
Rick Barnes had to look no further than Providence for the answer to his point guard problems ...Abdul brings two year's experience from the junior college level...a quick, steady, creative passer who will improve the Friar five as soon as he steps on to the floor...his addition will allow Forbes to move to the off guard...should be one of the league's top quarterbacks...has outside range and can take it to the hole with authority...Welcome home!!!

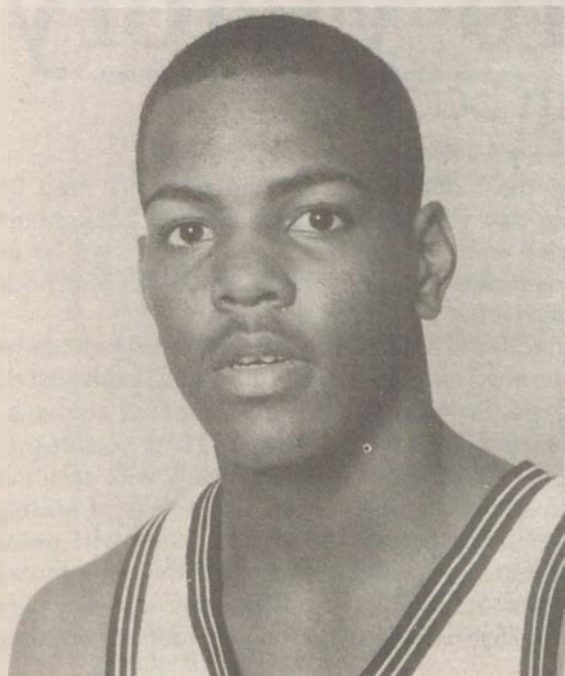


24 Maciej Zielinski 6-7, 205 SO F
This newcomer is essentially a veteran... a member of the Polish national Team since his late teens...possesses a good outside shot and like most European players, has an excellent sense of the game...should be a steady performer in the Big East once he becomes acclimated to the "American style" of basketball...the 21-year-old from Wrockow, Poland is married

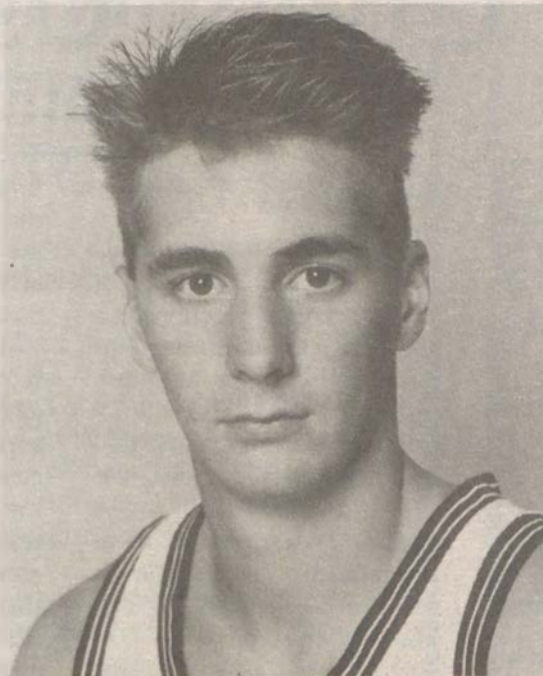


23 Franklin Western 6-7, 184 SO G/F
Returns to the fold after being red-shirted a year ago...played in 18 games as a freshman, scoring 43 points...had career high 10 pts. vs. Lafayette...was named 2nd Team BE All-Rookie in preseason...a prolific scorer in high school who earned All-New York City in his senior year...will provide depth at the small forward position

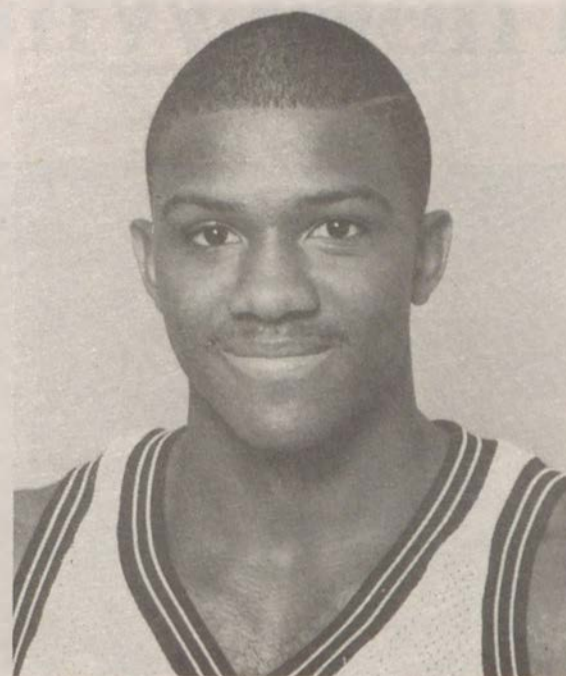
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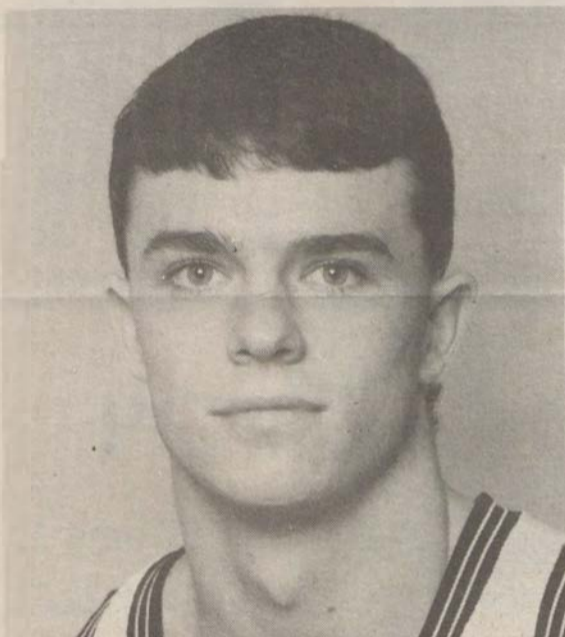
13 Ira Bowman 6-4, 190 SO Forward
A tireless defender....playing time dwindled at the end of the year...a natural small forward, Bowman filled in at pt. guard early in the season...one of Friars' smartest players... averaged 4.5 pts. on 48.8% shooting...career high of 15 pts. vs. Holy Cross



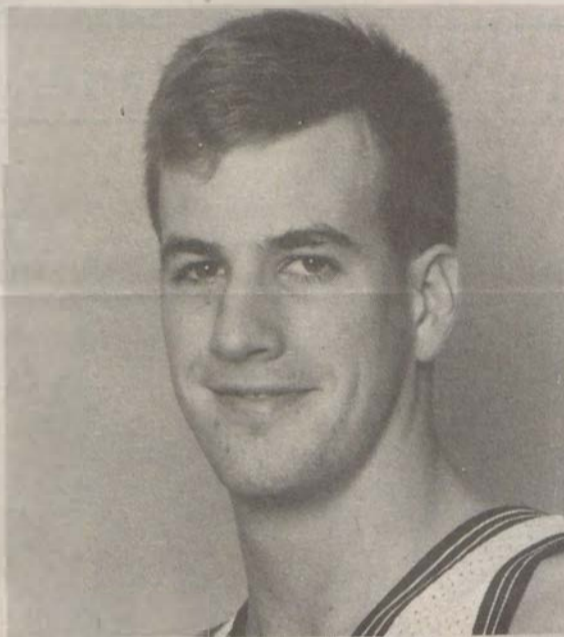
10 Matt Alosa 6-2, 185 SO P. Guard
Playing time fluctuated throughout season ...showed flashes of greatness...outstanding game off the bench vs. UCONN(3 3FG's, 12 pts.)...an accurate shooter who nailed 48.4% of his 3FG's...will develop into a solid pt. guard ...at this point, he figures to back up Abdullah



30 Michael Brown 6-1, 180 FR Guard
A tremendous athlete who has point guard and off-guard capabilities...same type of player as Bowman: gritty and determined...a highly recruited player out of Cicero North HS in Syracuse...with his athletic ability, should develop into one of the Friars' best defenders



31 Duffy McNulty 6-2, 180 JR Guard
A third-year walk on...one of the team's hardest workers...good range...will see back up duty at the off-guard position...saw playing time in four games lat year...league MVP as a senior...averaged 23.3 pts. per game...holds Acton-Boxboro school scoring record



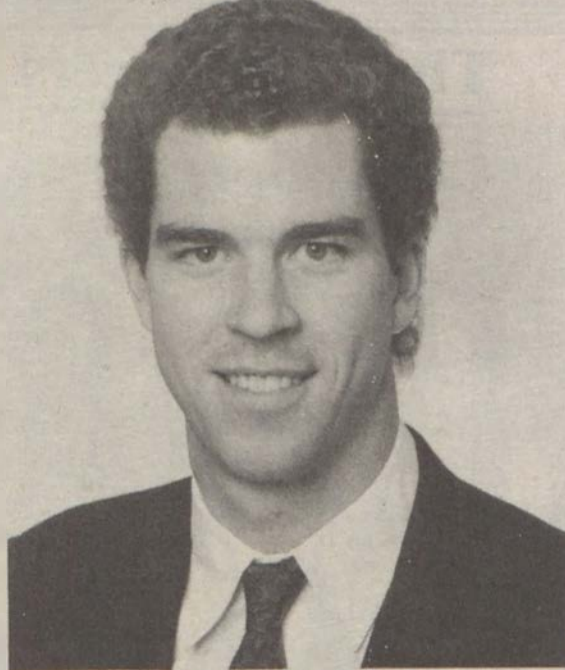
21 Tom Hall 6-8, 200 JR Center
A third-year walk on...gives the Friars depth at the center/power forward position...saw action in 4 games last season, scoring 6 points...averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds in his senior season in Massapequa, NY...team MVP as a senior



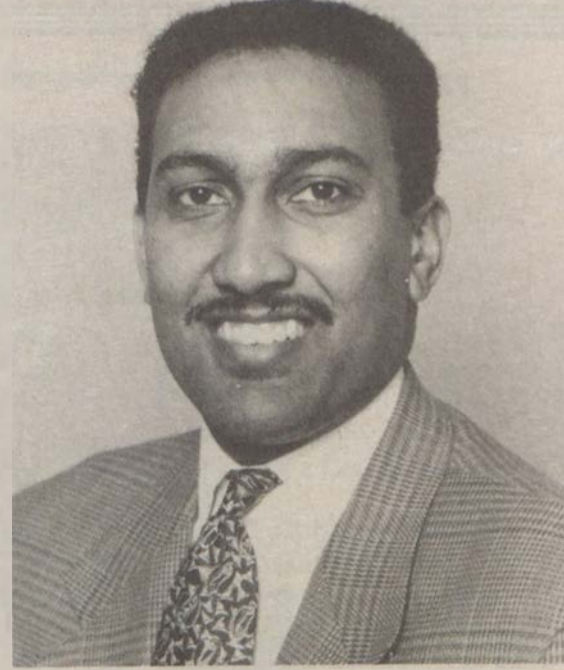
Rick Barnes Head Coach 5th Season
Returns after first sub-.500 season...owns 10 upsets of Top 25 teams...only PC coach to earn NCAA bid in first year...career 68-53 in 4 years...leads all PC coaches with 28 BE wins...head man at George Mason before joining the Friars...named NABC District 1 Coach of the Year in 1987-88...Lenoir-Rhyne '77



Larry Shyatt Coach 4th Season
A highly respected bench coach and recruiter... came to PC after a 6-year stay at the University of New Mexico...was once the head tennis coach at Akron...sits on the National Association of Basketball Coaches Board of Directors...named one of the country's top 10 recruiters by *Sport...* a graduate of The College of Wooster



Dan Gavitt Coach 3rd Season
Gavitt returns for his third season on the Friars' bench...graduated from Dartmouth in 1988 with a history degree...before coming to PC, led Hanover High freshmen team to an 11-2 record... in college, worked as an intern for Sen. Bill Bradley...son of former Friar coaching legend and current executive VP of the Celtics



Dennis Felton Coach 1st season
The 29-year-old Howard University graduate brings his recruiting skills to the PC coaching staff ...the former Academic All-Star served as an assistant coach at Delaware (86-90), Tulane (90-91) and St. Joseph's (91-92)...was born in Tokyo ... graduated cum laude with a Radio, Television and Film Production degree

Sports

Those Who Cheer Us To Victory 6th Man Society



The 6th Man Society, led by Jeremy Duffy, Billy McCabe, Brian Krull and Vinny Colonna, hopes to someday be spoken in the same breath as the cheering section at Duke.

Mike Randolph
Sports Writer

When you think of great student cheering sections, the one at Providence College automatically comes to mind, right? If it doesn't, it will not be long before you think that way. For four PC seniors, their dream of establishing a legendary cheering section at Providence is fast becoming a reality in the shape of The Sixth Man Society.

As good as any college hoops coach may be, he or she has to admit that strong student support can often be the deciding catalyst in a close game. Any athlete will tell you that there is nothing more

inspiring on the battlefield than knowing that you have the support of your friends and peers, regardless of the outcome of the contest.

Last year, four PC juniors recognized the need for an organized cheering section to support the Friars at home and combat the problem of "Having a legitimate basketball team without a legitimate cheering section to accompany them." This effort resulted in the founding of The Sixth Man Society.

Now that they're seniors, Jeremy Duffy, Billy McCabe, Brian Krull and Vinnie Colonna have renewed and strengthened their efforts into improving on last year's per-

formance, which had both highs and lows throughout the season. There will be only highs for the 6th Man Society this year.

These four students have organized and motivated close to four hundred students already and membership grows dramatically with each meeting. On the eve of Midnight Madness, they will unleash their overwhelming force for the first time, and they plan to blow the roof off of Alumni Hall.

The administration has been supportive of their efforts but the Society has the

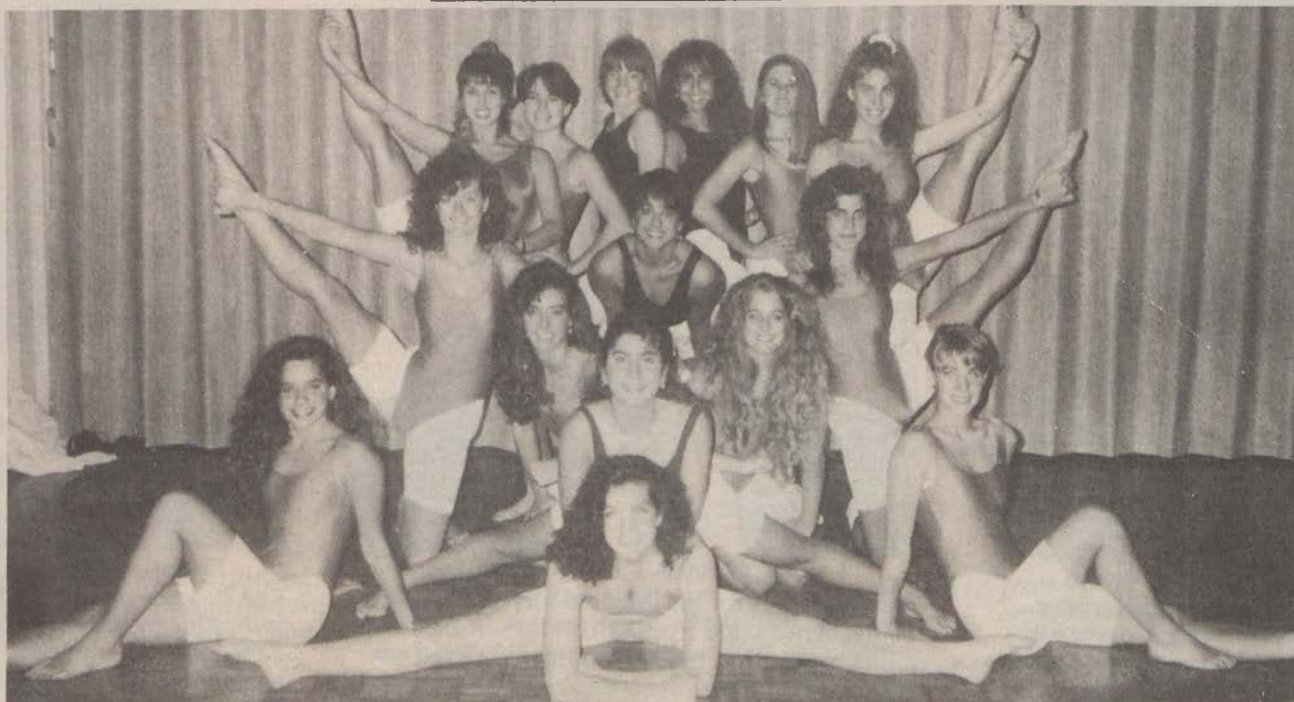
6th Man:
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The PC Cheerleaders



Front Row (L-R): Melanie Johnson, Katie Silvia, April Avila, Jennifer Plumpton, Paige Coyle, Kristin White, Julie Hanson Middle Row (L-R): Christina Rodrigues, Michelle Truppa, Michelle Manosh, Theresa Chillianis, Rhonda Mitchell, Katelyn Draper, Christine Sullivan Back Row (L-R): Ted Loya, Paul Groeschel, Jeff Wilk, Paul Ryan, Todd Spencer, Brent Burke

The PC Dancers



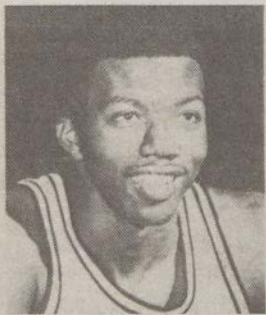
Back Row (L-R): Kerra Gazerro, Jeanette Ferrara, Kim Douglas, Carmita Alonso, Kristie Lipka, Julie Phillips Middle Row (L-R): Kathy Hall, Shani Gerathy, Liz Hauman, Debra Savastano, Mariann Leckey Front Row (L-R): Stephanie Weschler, Melissa Alba, Kim D'Eramo Front (Alone): Suzanne Crouch

Sports

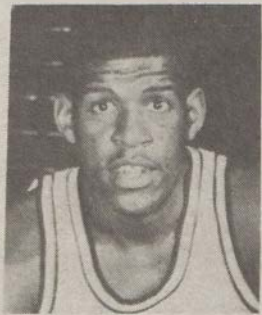
PC Hoop Trivia

1. Who was the last Friar to score 50 pts. in a game?
2. Who was the last team PC defeated in an NCAA Tournament game, and what year was it?
3. What Friar is the active NBA leader in consecutive games played?
4. Name the two Friar alumni who are head coaches in the NCAA.
5. Who was PC's first All-American?
6. Four coaches who have ties to PC basketball have coached in the Olympics. Who were they?
7. Who was the tallest Friar in history? Who was the shortest?
8. Who was the only Friar to lead the nation in scoring?
9. What was the highest the Friars were ever ranked in a final national ranking?
10. Name the three Friars who have been drafted No. 1, 2, and 3 in the NBA draft.
11. Who was the only #1 ranked team that the Friars ever defeated?
12. Only one Friar ever led his team in scoring for four consecutive seasons. Who was he?
13. Where did Rick Barnes coach prior to assuming control of PC?
14. Who holds the record for most career turnovers?
15. Who were the three Friars named to First Team All-Big East?

(ANSWERS BELOW)



Marvin Barnes



Jimmy Walker



Billy Donovan

PC's Greatest Team

It was 20 years ago today that Coach Gavitt taught his boys to play...

The 1973 Final Four Team



The 1972-1973 Friars (L-R): Dave Modest, Mark McAndrew, Nehru King, Charles Crawford, Marvin Barnes, Francis Costello, Al Baker, Rich Dunphy, Kevin Stacom, Ernie DiGregorio, Gary Bello

Friar Fact



Rick Barnes

Friar coach Rick Barnes is the first PC coach in Big East history to coach a group of seniors that he recruited.

Top 10 Things That Must Happen For The Friars To Reach The Final Four

by Brian Cappello
Features Editor

10. Chris Watts will return to stick the Big 3.
9. The team must shoot above 10% from the free throw line.
8. Mullahy must come up with some big time saves. (Oops, that's the hockey team.)
7. The 6th Man Society must hang tough throught the whole year.
6. Tim Parker, he of the 35 pt. per game ave.,

5. The Phantom Friar returns to action.
4. Eric Murdock comes back with another year of eligibility.
3. Michigan, Duke, Seton Hall and Kansas programs get slapped with suspensions.
2. The cheerleaders must cheer really, really loud.
1. Tom Hall must stay injury-free.

Answers

1. Marvin Barnes (vs. Austin Peay, 52 points, 12-15-73)
2. Georgetown, 1987
3. Otis Thorpe
4. John Thompson (George town) and Jim Larranaga (Bowling Green)
5. Edward Wineapple (1929)
6. Dave Gavitt (coach - 1980); John Thompson (coach - 1988); Bill Stein (assistant coach - 1988); Lenny Wilkens (assistant coach - 1992)
7. Don Henderson (6-11, 240); Leo Labossiere (5-7, 139)
8. Jimmy Walker, 1967, 30.4 pts. per game
9. Fourth (1965, AP & UPI); (1973, AP)
10. Jimmy Walker (1967, Detroit Pistons, #1) Marvin Barnes (1974, Philadelphia 76ers, #2) Ernie DiGregorio (1973, Buffalo Braves, #3)
11. Michigan (82-81, 2OT, 12-29-76)
12. Allen Bracken '34
13. George Mason University
14. Eric Murdock (330)
15. Otis Thorpe (1984), Billy Donovan (1987) & Eric Murdock (1991)

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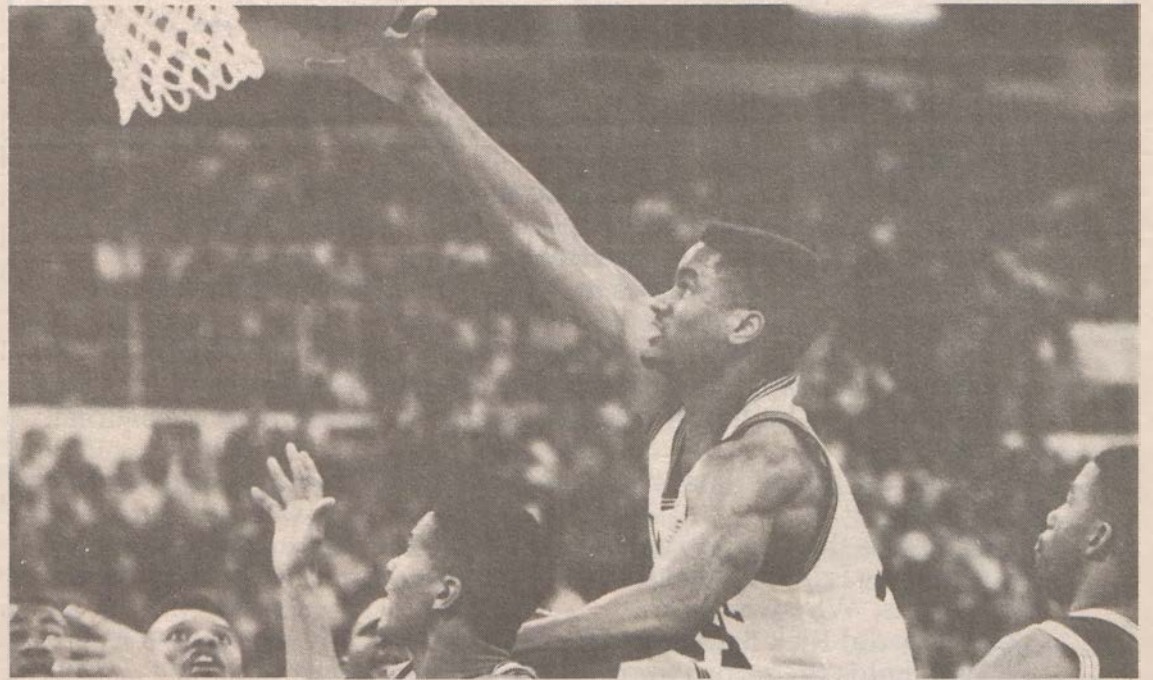
The 6th Man Society in mid-chant and full gear.

something to prove to them as well. To gain further support from higher-ups, they have to show that they are an organization that has the stamina to last throughout the season. Step one will be their showing at Midnight Madness. Step two will be the first few games of the regular season, at which there is usually low student attendance. Vinnie Colonna would like to encourage "anyone who cares about the future of the 6th Man to come out and support the Friars in that critical period. Brian Kroll felt "Confident that they will make an impressive showing at each and every home game this year." Jeremy Duffy and Billy McCabe summed up their objective for the season by saying "We want to make the Civic Center the most feared arena in the Big East because of the 6th Man. No other team's cheering section will even be a factor when the Friars play at home."

The roots for their eminent success were planted at the Big East ACC challenge last year when some two hundred 6th Man members marched into the place in single file, clapping in unison. It was such an impressive sight that it made headlines in sports sections in RI, MA, and CT newspapers.

Lastly, the four founding members of the 6th Man want to stress the unity felt by all who belong to the club this year. While they are responsible for heading the organization this year, they are not going to leave the cheering duties up to the other members. You will be able to see these four students right up front in the student section leading each cheer, and the Friars, towards VICTORY. Any team playing the Friars at home this season will be outnumbered about 505 to 5 on the court.

Scenes From The Past



Troy Brown literally muscled his way to the hole



Friar fans developed a high regard for the all-out style of Michael Smith

1991-92 Team Records

Game Records Set

- 34 Three Pointer attempts - UCONN 1/22
- 219 Points (Ties) Chaminade - 111 PC 108 11/25
- 32 Turnovers (Civic Center) - UNH 11/22

Team Season Records Set

- 550 Turnovers
- 949 Free Throw Attempts
- 10,780 People per game (Season record)

Individual Game Records Set

- 22 Rebounds - Michael Smith vs. UCONN 1/22
- All-time record for PC forward
- PC record in Big East games

Opponent Game Records set

- 16 Free Throws - Jose Powell, UNH 11/22
- 12 Blocks - UCONN (PCC record) 1/22

Opponent Season Records Set

- 168 Three Point Goals
- 467 Three Point Goal Attempts

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