



2023-24

Men's Basketball Game Notes

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2023-24 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 1	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods#	W 82-71
Nov. 6	Trinity Christian ESPN+	W 100-61
Nov. 10	IUPUI ESPN+	L 66-56
Nov. 14	Green Bay ESPN+	W 64-59
Nov. 17	at No. 23 Illinois& BIG+	L 87-54
Nov. 21	Western Illinois& ESPN+	W 73-66
Nov. 25	Southern& ESPN+	3 p.m.
Nov. 29	Drake* The Valley on ESPN+ Exclusive	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Belmont* ESPN+	1 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Central Michigan ESPN3/+	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Virginia Tech The CW	11 a.m.
Dec. 16	Chicago State ESPN+	3 p.m.
Dec. 19	Samford ESPN+	1 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Elon	1 p.m.
Jan. 3	Bradley* The Valley on ESPN+ Exclusive	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	at UIC* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	Southern Illinois* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Illinois State* TV TBD	TBD
Jan. 17	at Evansville* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	UIC* ESPN+	3 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Southern Illinois* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	Missouri State* TV TBD	TBD
Jan. 31	at Drake* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Evansville* TV TBD	TBD
Feb. 7	at Indiana State* ESPN+	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Belmont* TV TBD	TBD
Feb. 14	UNI* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Missouri State* MVC TV Network	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	Indiana State* ESPN+	7 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Murray State* TV TBD	TBD
Feb. 27	at UNI* ESPN+	7 p.m.
March 3	Illinois State* TV TBD	TBD
March 7-10	MVC Tournament%	TBD

All times Central.

Home games in bold and played at
Athletics-Recreation Center.

- exhibition game

% - 2024 MVC Tournament (St. Louis)

* - indicates Missouri Valley Conference game

& - indicates multi-team event

Southern (1-4, 0-0 SWAC) at Valparaiso (3-2, 0-0 MVC)

Game No. 6 – Saturday, Nov. 25, 3 p.m. CT
Athletics-Recreation Center (5,000) – Valparaiso, Ind.

Next Up in Valpo Basketball: The Valparaiso University men's basketball team will play its third and final game of a multi-team event featuring Illinois, Western Illinois and Southern as the Jaguars come to town for a post-Thanksgiving faceoff on Saturday afternoon. This will mark the final nonconference contest prior to the Missouri Valley Conference opener next Wednesday, Nov. 29 vs. Drake. This also continues a home-heavy stretch where six of the team's first seven games are taking place at the Athletics-Recreation Center.

Last Time Out: A bench boost that featured three underclassmen reserves combining for 41 points propelled Valpo to a 73-66 win over Western Illinois on Tuesday night at the ARC. Ola Ajiboye poured in a career-high 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting while grabbing eight rebounds to lead the team in both categories. He was joined in double figures by Jahari Williamson (13), Cooper Schwieger (13) and Darius DeAveiro (11). Valpo overcame slow starts to both halves with big scoring runs in the middle of each stanza.

Following the Beacons: Streaming – ESPN+ – Todd Ickow (play-by-play) and Jamie Stangel (analyst)
Radio – 95.1 FM, WVUR, ValpoAthletics.com, TuneIn Radio App – Brian Jennings (play-by-play)
Twitter updates - @ValpoBasketball
Links for video, audio and live stats will be available at ValpoAthletics.com.

Head Coach Roger Powell Jr.: Roger Powell Jr. (3-2) is in his first season as the head coach of the Valpo men's basketball program. After helping guide Gonzaga to a 121-13 record during his four seasons as an assistant coach, Powell returned to Valpo, where he was part of head coach Bryce Drew's staff from 2011-2016 and led the team to 124 wins in five seasons, including a program-record 30 victories and a National Invitation Tournament (NIT) title game appearance in 2015-16. He was part of head coach Mark Few's Gonzaga staff as the Bulldogs reached the 2021 national championship game after winning their first 31 games of the season. During Powell's first season on staff in 2019-20, Gonzaga was 31-2 at the time the NCAA college basketball season was halted due to COVID-19. The Bulldogs reached the Sweet Sixteen in each of his final three seasons on staff, including two Elite Eight appearances and the aforementioned trip to the 2021 national title game. Prior to his arrival at Gonzaga, Powell served as the associate head coach at Vanderbilt University

Referencing Valpo

In August 2021, Valparaiso University announced that it has adopted Beacons as the University nickname. Acceptable references for our athletic teams, athletic department and University are Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Valpo or Beacons. For more information on the new nickname, visit bit.ly/ValpoBeacons.

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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School [Prev. School]
0	Jaxon Edwards	G	6-5	195	So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral [Murray State]
1	Jerome Palm	F	6-10	230	Sr.*	Almere, Netherlands/Echnaton [Hillsborough CC]
2	Connor Barrett	G/F	6-6	210	Sr.*	Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy
3	Anthony Sciarroni	G/F	6-0	195	R-Sr.	Columbus, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales [Findlay]
4	Sherman Weatherspoon IV	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Bowie, Md./Bethesda-Chevy Chase [Golden State Prep]
5	Ola Ajiboye	F	6-7	200	So.	Chicago, Ill./Evanston Twp. [Central Mich./Bosco Institute]
6	Darius DeAveiro	G	6-0	170	Jr.	Kanata, Ottawa, Canada/Orangeville Prep
7	Jahari Williamson	G	6-1	165	Fr.	Pickering, Ontario, Canada/Royal Crown Academy
10	Lucas Scroggins	F	6-9	190	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va./Hylton [Bosco Institute]
13	Cooper Schwieger	F	6-9	210	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley Southwest [Link Year]
19	Isaiah Stafford	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Crispus Attucks [John A. Logan/USI]
20	Joe Vick	G	6-2	195	So.	Kouts, Ind./Kouts
21	Kaspar Sepp	F	6-7	220	Fr.	Tartu, Estonia/Fairmont Academy
34	Lual Manyang	C	6-10	210	R-Fr.	Twic, South Sudan /Blair Academy [Hofstra]
35	Luke Carroll	G/F	6-6	235	So.	Westfield, Ind./Hamilton Heights [Lake Land]

*- additional year of eligibility available due to COVID-19.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Roger Powell Jr. (Illinois, 2005) – 1st season
 Assistant Coaches: Pat Baldwin (Northwestern, 1994) – 1st season,
 Matt Gordon (Illinois State, 2006) and A.J. Moya (Indiana, 2004) – 1st season
 Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Quintin Garrison (Illinois, 2005) – 1st season
 Video Coordinator/Director of Basketball Operations: Sean Taylor (Marquette, 2021) – 1st season
 Director of Recruiting & Player Development: Lubos Barton (Valparaiso, 2002) – 1st season

Valpo vs. Southern

All-time series: 0-0
First Meeting

val-puh-RAY-zo Pronunciation Guide

Ola Ajiboye: ol-ah aj-ih-BOY-aye
 Darius DeAveiro – dee-uh-VAIR-oh (second-to-last syllable rhymes with hair)
 Lual Manyang: Lou-all Man-yang
 Cooper Schwieger – SCHWEE-gurr
 Lucas Scroggins: SCRAH-gins
 Anthony Sciarroni: shuh-RONE-ee
 Kaspar Sepp: cass-PAR
 Jahari Williamson: juh-har-ee

Among the MVC Leaders

Entering 11/22

Individual Leaders (Overall Stats)

Player	Category	Rank	Value
Isaiah Stafford	Points/G	3rd	17.6
Jerome Palm	Rebounds/G	3rd	7.6
Jaxon Edwards	Rebounds/G	T-7th	7.0
Darius DeAveiro	Assists/G	6th	4.6
Isaiah Stafford	FT%	T-7th	.833
Jaxon Edwards	Blocks/G	2nd	2.40
Cooper Schwieger	Blocks/G	t-8th	1.60
Ola Ajiboye	Blocks/G	t-8th	1.60
Darius DeAveiro	Assist/TO Ratio	4th	2.88
Jaxon Edwards	Offensive Rebounds/G	5th	2.60
Cooper Schwieger	Offensive Rebounds/G	8th	2.20



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under Bryce Drew from 2016-2019. During his stint as an assistant at Valpo, he was part of four Horizon League regular-season championships in a five-year period while also leading the 2012-13 and 2014-15 squads to Horizon League tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. A product of Joliet West High School and a native of Joliet, Ill., Powell capped a prolific collegiate playing career at Illinois with a national title game appearance in 2005 before going on to a successful professional playing career.

Series Notes: This matchup will mark an exception from the season norm of rekindling old memories. Valpo has matched up with former conference foes IUPUI, Green Bay and Western Illinois, however, this will mark the first ever showdown between Valpo and Southern, so this collision does not come with the built-in storylines that have accompanied each of the team's last three home games. Valpo has played many schools that include the word Southern, including Texas Southern, Southern Utah, Southern Illinois, Southern Colorado, Mississippi Southern, Georgia Southern and Florida Southern, but has never played Southern.

Bench Boost

- In the Nov. 21 win over Western Illinois, Valpo held the upper hand in bench points, 41-8. Three players – all underclassmen – combined for the 41 bench points as Ola Ajiboye (21), Jahari Williamson (13) and Sherman Weatherspoon IV (seven) all made key contributions.
- Ajiboye's career-high 21 points came on 8-of-10 shooting to go along with eight rebounds, two blocks, one steal and one assist.
- Ajiboye over doubled his previous career high of 10 points, which came on Nov. 6 of this season vs. Trinity Christian.
- He became the first Valpo player to shoot 80 percent or better at the ARC (with a minimum of 10 attempts) in a game against a Division-I opponent since Alec Peters on March 4, 2014 vs. UIC. He became just the 10th Valpo player in the last decade to shoot at an 80 percent clip or better with at least 10 shots.
- Ajiboye became the first Valpo player to come off the bench and score 20 points or more against a Division-I opponent since Sheldon Edwards on Feb. 16, 2022 vs. Loyola.
- This marked quite the turnaround for Ajiboye as he played but did not score in the previous game on Nov. 17 at No. 23 Illinois.
- Ajiboye became just the fourth Valpo player in the last decade to come off the bench and score 20+ points while pulling down 8+ rebounds. He joined Sheldon Edwards (Dec. 9, 2020 vs. SIUE), Darien Walker (Nov. 14, 2014 vs. East Tennessee State) and Bobby Capobianco (Nov. 29, 2013 vs. Mercer).
- Williamson hit three 3s en route to his 13 points while also swiping three steals. He became the first Valpo freshman to achieve that combo since Connor Barrett on Jan. 9, 2021 vs. Missouri State.

Scoring Surge

- Junior Darius DeAveiro tallied a career-high 11 points in Valpo's victory over Western Illinois on Nov. 21. His previous personal best in the scoring department was eight, achieved twice – Jan. 15, 2022 vs. Missouri State and Nov. 13, 2022 vs. Western Michigan.
- DeAveiro busted out of a shooting slump as he entered the game against the Leathernecks having gone 0-for-10 from the field over his previous three games and 2-for-17 shooting for the season. He altered that narrative by drilling four of his five shots including a three-point make.
- Valpo's starting point guard also thrived in the assist department in the win over Western Illinois, handing out a season-high seven helpers.
- DeAveiro became just the third Valpo player in the last decade to shoot 80 percent or better from the field (minimum five attempts) while handing out at least seven assists. He was the first to do it since Max Joseph on Jan. 10, 2018 vs. Drake. Before that, the most recent was Erik Buggs on March 2, 2013 against Green Bay.

Team Trends

- Valpo has held its opponents to 33 percent or lower from 3-point range in all five games this season.
- The Beacons have had 15 or more free-throw attempts in each of their five games.
- Valpo ranks second in the conference in turnovers per game (10.0) and third in turnovers forced per game (14.8).
- Valpo has turned it over 10 times or fewer in each of the last three games and has won the turnover battle in four of the team's five games this season.
- The Beacons have blocked four shots or more in every game and rank second in the MVC and 13th nationally with 6.4 blocks per contest.

Other Notes Wrapping Up Nov. 21: Valpo 73, Western Illinois 66

- The Leathernecks were limited to 26.3 percent from 3-point territory, missing 14 of their 19 attempts.
- Valpo prevailed despite being outrebounded by 13 (40-27) as Western Illinois owned a 14-6 advantage on the offensive glass. This was Valpo's first win when being outrebounded by such a wide clip since Jan. 2, 2022 vs. Illinois State.
- Valpo improved to 15-1 in its last 16 matchups with Western Illinois and extended its home head-to-head winning streak to eight.

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2023-24 MVC Standings

Team	Entering 11/22		Overall	
	MVC W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Bradley	0-0	---	4-0	1.000
Evansville	0-0	---	4-0	1.000
Drake	0-0	---	4-1	.800
Missouri State	0-0	---	4-1	.800
Indiana State	0-0	---	3-1	.750
Southern Illinois	0-0	---	3-1	.750
UIC	0-0	---	3-1	.750
Illinois State	0-0	---	3-2	.600
Valpo	0-0	---	3-2	.600
Belmont	0-0	---	2-2	.500
Murray State	0-0	---	2-3	.400
UNI	0-0	---	1-3	.250

MVC Schedule

Monday, Nov. 20

Stephen F. Austin 92, Drake 68
UNC Wilmington 83, Murray State 81
Illinois State 61, Long Beach State 52
Missouri State 87, Abilene Christian 69
Bradley 80, Tulane 77

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Valpo 73, Western Illinois 66
High Point 74, Illinois State 72
Drake 79, Akron 59
No. 22 James Madison 82, Southern Illinois 76
Indiana State 103, Rice 88

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Illinois State at Fort Myers, Fla.
UNI vs. North Carolina (Bahamas)
Murray State vs. App State (Fort Myers, Fla.)
Southern Illinois at Cancun, Mexico
Indiana State vs. Pepperdine (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Bradley at San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Thursday, Nov. 23

UNI at Bahamas

Friday, Nov. 24

Evansville at Chattanooga, 1 p.m.
Indiana State at Toledo, 1 p.m.
Belmont at Monmouth, 1 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at UIC, 4:30 p.m.

Scouting the Jaguars

- Will seek their first win of this multi-team event after falling 88-80 in overtime at Western Illinois on Nov. 17 and 88-60 to Illinois on Nov. 19.
- Also fell at No. 3 Arizona (97-59) and at TCU (108-75) but own a win at UNLV (85-71).
- Under the direction of first-year head coach Kevin Johnson, who has coached against Valpo numerous times, most recently on Nov. 24, 2021, when he was an assistant coach at Tulane as the Green Wave beat Valpo 68-64 in the Bahamas. He also opposed Valpo as a head coach when he held the top post at Centenary (1999-2005). The two teams shared Mid-Continent Conference affiliation at the end of his head coaching tenure.
- This marks their sixth straight road game in a stretch of eight straight away from home to start the season.
- Picked fifth of 12 in the SWAC Preseason Poll.

"I" Stands for Isaiah

- As Paul Oren of "The Victory Bell" put it, the "I" on the center of the court in Champaign stood for Isaiah – as in Valpo's Isaiah Stafford – rather than Illinois on Nov. 17 as the Beacons clashed with the No. 23 Fighting Illini.
- Stafford scored 30 points on 11-of-23 shooting, 3-of-8 from 3 and 5-of-7 at the free-throw line. He finished one point shy of a career high that was set on Feb. 26, 2022 while playing for Southern Indiana vs. Lindenwood.
- This was the most points scored by a Beacon since Ben Krikke tallied 34 at UIC on Feb. 19 of last season.
- Stafford joined Krikke (3x), Javon Freeman-Liberty (twice), Bakari Evelyn, Alec Peters (10x) and Lavone Dority (twice) as the only Valpo players in the last decade with a 30-point performance.
- Stafford had the most points scored by a non-power conference opponent against Illinois since Ohio's Jason Preston in 2020.
- The bulk of Stafford's damage came before the break as he had 23 first-half points. This marked the highest scoring half by a Beacon since Javon Freeman-Liberty had 23 on March 7, 2020 vs. Missouri State in the MVC semifinals. However, that included points scored in overtime so Freeman-Liberty's total came in 25 minutes rather than 20.
- The last time a Valpo player scored more than 23 in a half was Alec Peters on Dec. 22, 2016, but that included double overtime.

Media Relations Information

Requests to cover home men's basketball games should be made through Brandon Vickrey, Associate Athletic Director of Strategic Communications, by contacting 219.464.5396 or Brandon.Vickrey@valpo.edu. Credentials and media seating are available at the ARC for working media only. Updated statistics and notes from both schools will be distributed via email.

During the week, all player and coach interview requests should be directed to Brandon Vickrey. Broadcasters planning to attend practice should email/text/call Brandon ahead to confirm practice time. Coach Powell and requested players will be available following the game for a press conference.

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Season/Career Totals		
	2023-24	Career Total/Valpo
10+ Points		
Isaiah Stafford	4	13/4
Jaxon Edwards	3	3
Cooper Schwieger	4	4
Jerome Palm	2	3
Ola Ajiboye	2	2
Jahari Williamson	1	1
Darius DeAveiro	1	1
Connor Barrett	0	8
20+ Points		
Isaiah Stafford	2	4/2
Ola Ajiboye	1	1
10+ Rebounds		
Jerome Palm	2	3
Jaxon Edwards	1	1
Ola Ajiboye	0	1/0
5+ Assists		
Darius DeAveiro	3	8
Isaiah Stafford	1	1
3+ 3-Pointers		
Isaiah Stafford	2	3/2
Jahari Williamson	2	2
Connor Barrett	0	7
3+ Steals		
Isaiah Stafford	1	3/1
Jahari Williamson	1	1
Darius DeAveiro	0	2
Connor Barrett	0	2
Ola Ajiboye	0	2/0

- Stafford had Valpo's biggest first half and biggest half that did not include OT by a Valpo player since Peters scored 23 in the opening half on Dec. 17, 2016 vs. Indiana State.

Hats Off for Half 1

- Valpo led for the entirety of a brilliant first half and held a 45-38 advantage at No. 23 Illinois at the break after owning a cushion as big as 10.

- The program was hoping to record its fifth all-time victory against a nationally-ranked opponent and its first true road win against an AP Top-25 foe. The Brown & Gold fell to 0-44 all-time on the road against nationally-ranked opponents, with three of the program's four ranked wins coming at home and one on a neutral floor.

- Each of the last two road games against Top-25 teams and three of the last six have seen Valpo own the halftime lead. In addition to the Nov. 17 game at No. 23 Illinois, Valpo led No. 22 Loyola 29-26 at the break on Feb. 17, 2021 and held a 35-33 edge at No. 25 Oregon midway through the Nov. 22, 2015 matchup.

- Valpo was also seeking its first power-conference win since 2016 vs. Alabama and was hoping to snap a 15-game skid against Big Ten Conference competition that dates back to Dec. 28, 2004 vs. Penn State.

Notes Wrapping Up Nov. 17: No. 23 Illinois 87, Valpo 64

- Jaxon Edwards pulled down 15 rebounds, the most by a Valpo player since Ben Krikke on Jan. 24, 2021 at Illinois State. Edwards tied with Krikke and Javon Freeman-Liberty for the most rebounds by a Valpo player since Alec Peters had 16 on Jan. 16, 2017.

- Jerome Palm posted a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds, establishing a new personal best in the scoring column. His previous career high was 11 set last season at Belmont and matched this year vs. Trinity Christian. This was Valpo's first double-double since Krikke at UIC on Feb. 19 of last season.

- Valpo shot a respectable 42.9 percent including 5-of-11 (45.5 percent) from 3 in the first half, but cooled off to 20 percent (9-of-45) and 0-of-8 from 3 after halftime.

- Valpo had 80 field-goal attempts in the game, becoming just the fifth Division-I team with 80 or more shots in a game against a Division-I opponent this season. The 80 field goal attempts were the most in a single game by Valpo since at least 2010 and the most against Illinois since Rutgers had 85 on Feb. 3, 2016, a game that went to triple overtime. It was the most shot attempts against the Illini since at least 2010.

"The Rev" in the Community

- Since head coach Roger Powell Jr. was hired to lead Valpo's program, he has made numerous community engagement appearances including IBCA State Wide Clinic, Popcorn Fest, Valpo Kiwanis, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Big Shoulders NWI, the Valpo Athletics Coaches Tour and many more.

- An engaging speaker with an active social media presence, Powell

Season/Career Totals		
	2023-24	Career
Team Leader in Points		
Isaiah Stafford	3	3
Jaxon Edwards	2	2
Cooper Schwieger	1	1
Ola Ajiboye	1	1
Team Leader in Rebounds		
Ola Ajiboye	2	2
Jerome Palm	1	8
Cooper Schwieger	1	1
Jaxon Edwards	1	1
Darius DeAveiro	0	1
Connor Barrett	0	2
Team Leader in Assists		
Darius DeAveiro	4	18
Jahari Williamson	1	1
Connor Barrett	0	1
Starts		
		Total/Valpo
Jerome Palm	5	14
Darius DeAveiro	5	10
Isaiah Stafford	5	18/5
Jaxon Edwards	5	5
Cooper Schieger	5	5
Connor Barrett	0	15
Ola Ajiboye	0	14/0

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has launched a video series featuring local restaurants called "Powell Party of Six," showcasing the Powell family meals in the community. Episode 1 featuring Burgerhaus was released prior to the season with more editions to come.

- Nicknamed "The Rev" because of his strong faith and calling as a preacher, Powell's hire as Valpo head coach made an immediate media splash. The news was featured prominently in the Chicago Sun-Times, on CBS 2 Chicago's 4 p.m. news and WGN-TV's GN Sports. He appeared on the Mully & Haugh morning show on 670 The Score in Chicago and Indiana Sports Talk with Bob Lovell out of Indianapolis.

What They're Saying About Coach Powell

- **Bryce Drew, Valpo Legend, Former Valpo Head Coach, GCU Head Coach:** "I am very excited for Roger to be a head coach. He is more than ready to lead his own program, so this is perfect timing for him. I will be cheering for Roger and the Beacons!"

- **Homer Drew, Legendary Valpo Head Coach:** "We're really happy and thrilled to see Roger return to Valparaiso University. His love for the University and the community of Valparaiso makes him a great fit. Roger is an excellent teacher; he has tremendous knowledge of the game of basketball. He has been part of the Drew family since he arrived on campus and was an assistant coach for Bryce. He is a dedicated and hard recruiter, and being from the Chicago area, he has a lot of friends and contacts in that area."

- **Mark Few, Gonzaga Head Coach:** "Roger has been a very instrumental part of our program these past four years. He is the total package as a coach, and one of the best human beings I have ever been around. He will

Superlatives

Double-Digit Scoring:

Valpo - 21 (Individuals - Stafford 4, Edwards 3, Schwieger 3, Palm 2, Ajiboye 2, Williamson 2, DeAveiro 1)
Opponents - 12

Double-Digit Rebounding:

Valpo - 3 (Individuals - Palm 2, Edwards 1)
Opponents - 3

Double-Digit Assists:

Valpo - 0 (Individuals -)
Opponents - 0

Double Doubles:

Valpo - 1 (Individuals - Palm 1)
Opponents - 2

Dunks:

Valpo - 5 (Individuals - Edwards 2, Schwieger 1, Palm 1, Ajiboye 1)
Opponents - 10

Valpo When...

	2023-24	Under Powell		2023-24	Under Powell
Playing at home	3-1	3-1	Outrebounding opponents	1-0	1-0
Playing on the road	0-1	0-1	Outrebounded by opponents	2-1	2-1
Playing at a neutral site	0-0	0-0	Tied in Rebounds	0-1	0-1
Playing at night (5 p.m. or later local)	3-2	3-2	Better FG% than opponents	2-0	2-0
Playing during the day (noon-4:59 p.m.)	0-0	0-0	Worse FG% than opponents	1-2	1-2
Playing during the morning (before noon)	0-0	0-0	Better FT% than opponents	1-2	1-2
Leading at halftime	2-2	2-2	Worse FT% than opponents	2-0	2-0
Tied at halftime	0-0	0-0	Fewer turnovers than opponents	3-1	3-1
Trailing at halftime	1-0	1-0	More turnovers than opponents	0-1	0-1
Playing overtime	0-0	0-0	Scoring 80 or more points	1-0	1-0
Playing in November	3-2	3-2	Scoring 70-79 points	1-0	1-0
Playing in December	0-0	0-0	Scoring 60-69 points	1-0	1-0
Playing in January	0-0	0-0	Scoring fewer than 60 points	0-1	0-1
Playing in February	0-0	0-0	Opponents score 80 or more points	0-0	0-0
Playing in March	0-0	0-0	Opponents score 70-79 points	0-0	0-0
Playing on Sunday	1-0	1-0	Opponents score 60-69 points	1-3	1-3
Playing on Monday	0-0	0-0	Opponents score fewer than 60 points	1-0	1-0
Playing on Tuesday	2-0	2-0	Game decided by 5 points or fewer	1-0	1-0
Playing on Wednesday	0-0	0-0	Game decided by 6-10 points	0-2	0-2
Playing on Thursday	0-0	0-0	Game decided by 11-15 points	0-0	0-0
Playing on Friday	0-2	0-2	Game decided by more than 15 points	1-1	1-1
Playing on Saturday	0-0	0-0			



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not only be a great addition to the University, but a positive force in the surrounding community. We look forward to watching his teams grow not only on the floor, but also in their life away from basketball.”

- **Chris Standiford, Gonzaga Athletic Director:** “I am happy for Roger and his family. His positive energy and winning attitude will serve him well as a head coach. Valpo is getting a great coach, and more importantly, a terrific person.”

- **Scott Drew, Baylor Head Coach:** “Roger is not only an outstanding basketball coach, but an even better person and representative of Valparaiso University. The community will welcome him as they already know him and his family. He will do a tremendous job.”

- **Tommy Lloyd, Arizona Head Coach:** “Roger Powell is a first-class individual. He is well liked by the players he coaches and his colleagues in the business. I have no doubt that Roger’s passion, energy and fire will help bring back the glory days of Valpo Basketball!”

- **Alec Peters, Valpo’s All-Time Leading Scorer:** “The amount of love and passion that Coach Powell is going to put into the program is going to be unmatched. His energy, competitiveness and character are going to show up every day and everyone will feel it.”

The Game’s Biggest Stage

- Valpo head coach Roger Powell Jr. owns the unique distinction of having played and coached in the national championship game.

- Just 12 coaches in the last 25 years have coached in the national title game after previously playing in the national title game, and two others have coached in the national championship game after being a rostered player but not seeing action in the national title game as a student-athlete.

- In the last quarter of a century, only two coaches have coached in the national title game after previously playing in the national title game at a different school – Roger Powell Jr. and Kenny Payne.

Name	Year, Team as Player	Year, Team as Coach
Sean May	2005, UNC	2022, UNC
Roger Powell Jr.	2005, Illinois	2021, Gonzaga
Jeff Capel	1994, Duke	2015, Duke
Nate James	1999 & 2001, Duke	2015, Duke
Jon Scheyer	2010, Duke	2015, Duke
Ricky Moore	1999, UConn	2014, UConn
Kenny Payne	1986, Louisville	2014, Kentucky
Danny Manning	1988, Kansas	2008 & 2012, Kansas
Chris Collins	1994, Duke	2010, Duke
Jim Thomas	1981, Indiana	2002, Indiana
Johnny Dawkins	1986, Duke	2001, Duke
David Henderson	1986, Duke	1999, Duke
<i>Quin Snyder</i>	<i>1986, Duke</i>	<i>1999, Duke - DNP</i>
<i>Jeremy Case</i>	<i>2008, Kansas</i>	<i>2022, Kansas - DNP</i>

Inside the Assistants

- Valpo’s staff features two coaches who have played in the national title game – Powell and A.J. Moye. Powell has also coached in the national title game.

- Powell, Moye and Matt Gordon have all either coached or played in the Final Four.

- Powell, Moye, Gordon, Pat Baldwin and Lubos Barton have all either coached or played in the NCAA Tournament.

- Assistant coach **Pat Baldwin** brings head coaching experience to the staff as he spent five seasons at the helm at Milwaukee before serving as an assistant coach under Patrick Ewing at Georgetown during the 2022-23 season. He also worked under Chris Collins as an assistant during a successful run at Northwestern, so he has recent stops in the Big Ten and Big East to go along with head coaching experience.

- Assistant coach **Matt Gordon** spent the last two years in the Big 12 Conference at Oklahoma as Director of Recruiting and Special Assistant to head coach Porter Moser. He joined Moser in Norman, Okla. after they previously worked together for a decade at Loyola. Gordon knows what it takes to win in the Missouri Valley Conference as he played a key role in a turnaround that saw the Ramblers post a 156-80 (.661) record during his seven seasons as an assistant coach. He helped the team to two Sweet Sixteen appearances in a four-year period including a historic run to the Final Four.

- Assistant coach **A.J. Moye** was a standout during his playing days at Indiana, where he took the Hoosiers to the 2002 national title game before beginning a professional playing career. He trained professional and collegiate players from 2011-2023 as part of Rising Talent Development (Mamba Sports Academy), serving as the Master Basketball Trainer for Kobe Bryant’s academy. Moye played against Powell in the Big Ten and they later finished out their playing careers as teammates with Skyliners Frankfurt in Germany in 2010-11.

- Director of Recruiting & Player Development **Lubos Barton** returns to Valpo over two decades after wrapping up his storied career donning the brown and gold. After retiring from his professional playing career, Barton stayed in the game of basketball by beginning his coaching career overseas in 2016. A member of the Valpo Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2017, Barton was a standout on the court from 1998-2002, leading the team to three Mid-Continent Conference regular-season titles, three conference tournament championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

- Special Assistant to the Head Coach **Quintin Garrison** served as the associate head coach at Trinity International University from 2018-2023.

- Video coordinator / Director of Basketball Operations **Sean Taylor** served as SIUE’s graduate assistant/video coordinator from



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August 2021 to May 2023.

- Associate Director of Sports Performance **Vijay Blackmon** is in his second season as the strength & conditioning coach for Valpo men's basketball. He previously worked with strength & conditioning as part of Bryce Drew's Grand Canyon program.

Inside the Roster

- The 2023-24 roster features four returning letterwinners and 11 newcomers. The team lost 11 letterwinners from last season including all five starters.

- This marks the first time since the 2013-14 season that Valpo has no starters returning from the previous season. The 2012-13 NCAA Tournament team started all seniors – Ryan Broekhoff, Kevin Van Wijk, Erik Buggs, Will Bogan and Ben Boggs. The 2013-14 season featured a five-member freshmen class led by Alec Peters.

- Prior to this season, Valpo had at least two returning starters in nine consecutive years.

- The 12 scholarship players on the roster include three returners, five true freshmen and four transfers. Valpo also has three walk-ons – one returner, one former Valpo football player and one transfer.

- The 12 scholarship players are comprised of two seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and six freshmen (five true; one redshirt).

- The half dozen freshmen represent the team's most since 2008-09, when the team also had six on the roster – De'Andre Haskins, Cameron Witt, Nick Shelton, Andrew Ferry, Erik Buggs and Logan Jones.

- This year's roster features players from five different countries – The Netherlands, Canada, Estonia, South Sudan and the United States. In addition, six states are represented – Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia and Kansas.

Returnee Rundown

- Junior guard **Darius DeAveiro** ranked 14th in the Missouri Valley Conference in assists per game last season. He ranked fifth in the league in assist to turnover ratio at 1.89. During his rookie year in 2021-22, he finished the season as one of two freshmen nationally with 50 or more assists and fewer than 25 turnovers. He was named a captain by head coach Roger Powell Jr. prior to the season.

- Senior guard/forward **Connor Barrett** is the team's leading returning scorer and the longest-tenured member of the program. Now in his fourth season at Valpo, Barrett saw action in 31 of the team's 32 games a year ago and scored a season-high 13 points including three made 3s on Dec. 18 vs. Elon.

- Senior forward **Jerome Palm** was named a captain by head coach Roger Powell Jr. prior to the season. He joined Valpo last year after a pair of junior college seasons. He had a season-high 11 points to go along with nine rebounds on Dec. 1 at Belmont.

Newcomer Notes

- Sophomore guard **Jaxon Edwards** has experience in the Missouri Valley Conference after playing in 11 games during the 2022-23 season as a freshman at Murray State. He led Cathedral to the 2021-22 Indiana 4A state championship in high school.

- Freshman guard **Sherman Weatherspoon IV** played at Golden State Prep in Napa Valley, Calif. in 2022-23, averaging 25 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

- Sophomore forward **Ola Ajiobye** played in 30 of 31 games with 14 starts at Central Michigan as a true freshman in 2022-23.

- Freshman guard **Jahari Williamson** played for Canada's U19 World Cup Team in Summer 2023 after participating in the U18 2022 Canada Games for Team Ontario.

- Freshman forward **Lucas Scroggins** spent the 2022-23 season at Bosco Institute in Crown Point.

- Freshman forward **Cooper Schwieger** averaged 11.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists at Link Year Prep in Branson, Mo. last season.

- Junior guard **Isaiah Stafford** averaged 12.5 points per game to help John A. Logan to the junior college national title and a 33-2 mark in 2022-23 after spending his freshman season at Southern Indiana in 2021-22.

- Freshman forward **Kaspar Sepp** played for the Estonian national team during the 2023 summer after helping Estonia beat Finland to earn a promotion to the "A" division during the 2022 summer.

- Redshirt freshman **Lual Manyang** received a medical redshirt in 2022-23 due to a preseason injury at Hofstra.

The Dot Farewell Tour

- Longtime Valpo men's basketball official scorekeeper **Dot Nuechterlein** has announced that she will retire from her duties at the scorer's table following the 2023-24 season.

- Nuechterlein, age 86, began as the official scorer at Valpo in 1984. Her four-decade long tenure as the holder of an official scorebook featured two seasons doing so at Columbia while she lived in New York City during a brief hiatus from Valpo.

- According to Nuechterlein, she was the first female to serve as full-time official scorer for a Division-I men's college basketball team when she took over the post at Valpo in 1984.

Beacon Bits

Random facts on each Valpo player:

- #0 Jaxon Edwards – Played football up until high school but stopped after eighth grade when he injured his hand.

- #1 Jerome Palm – Started playing basketball at age 15.

- #2 Connor Barrett – Is an avid golfer.

- #3 Anthony Sciarroni – Spent three years on the Valpo



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football team before joining the men's basketball program as a walk-on.

- #4 Sherman Weatherspoon IV – Father Sherman Weatherspoon III is a Northwest Indiana native and Gary Roosevelt product... Enjoys clothes, going on walks, nature and hiking.
- #5 Ola Ajiboye – Enjoys meeting new people, playing table tennis, swimming and being around people.
- #6 Darius DeAveiro – Played soccer until his freshman year of high school, when he gave up the sport to focus on basketball. Played on the state team for soccer at age 13 and traveled significantly for the sport, including a trip to England.
- #7 Jahari Williamson – Owns numerous golf medals.
- #10 Lucas Scroggins – Loves to draw and hopes to pursue an art-related career.
- #13 Cooper Schwieger – Twin brother Carson plays at Wright State. A lot of people think they are identical, but they are fraternal twins.
- #19 Isaiah Stafford – Enjoys spending time with family as well as playing board games, card games and video games.
- #20 Joe Vick – Walk-on whose favorite sports memory is playing in Bankers Life Fieldhouse (now Gainbridge Fieldhouse).
- #21 Kaspar Sepp – His national team coach is former teammates with Valpo assistant coach A.J. Moye and his prep coach is Moye's former roommate.
- #34 Lual Manyang – Favorite TV show is Shark Tank and his favorite athletes are Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kobe Bryant.
- #35 Luke Carroll – Walk-on who enjoys golfing and fishing in his spare time.

Tradition of Excellence

- Valpo has 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four NIT berths in the program's proud history, with the team's postseason success highlighted by a Sweet Sixteen run in 1998.
- The program has produced nine All-Americans, won 15 regular season conference championships and 10 conference tournament crowns.
- Valpo also boasts eight NBA players, 10 conference players of the year and 20 20-win seasons.
- Nine of the team's NCAA appearances have come since 1996.
- Valpo has developed a myriad of professional basketball players over the last quarter century, most notably a pair of recent NBA players. Ryan Broekhoff (class of 2013) signed a contract with the Dallas Mavericks in the summer of 2018 after spending five seasons playing internationally in Russia and Turkey. Alec Peters (class of 2017) was the 54th pick in the 2017 NBA Draft by the Phoenix Suns. Peters appeared in 20 games for the Suns in 2017-18, highlighted by a 36-point performance in the season finale against Dallas – a new single-game high by a Valpo alum in the NBA. He has gone on to a successful career overseas with CSKA Moscow (2018-2019), Anadolu Efes (2019-2020) and Kirolbet Baskonia (2020-2022) and Olympiacos (2022-present).
- Valpo has produced over 50 professional players in the last three decades.



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Last Time When...

Won in OT..... Nov. 27, 2022 vs. James Madison (in Savannah, Ga.) W 81-79
Lost in OT..... Feb. 26, 2023 at Murray State L 77-76
Played 2OT..... Feb. 4, 2023 vs. Drake L 85-82 (2OT)
Played 3OT..... Nov. 29, 2013 vs. Mercer L 117-108

Beat a Ranked Opponent..... Feb. 7, 2021 vs. #25/25 Drake W 74-57

Valpo Scored 100 Points..... Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian W 100-61
Valpo Scored 100 vs. D1..... Nov. 29, 2013 vs. Mercer L 117-108 (3ot)
An Opponent Scored 100 Points..... Nov. 29, 2013 vs. Mercer L 117-108 (3ot)

Valpo Scored 90 Points..... Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian W 100-61
Valpo Scored 90 Points vs. D1..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley W 91-85(2ot)
An Opponent Scored 90 Points..... Dec. 10, 2022 at Ole Miss (L 98-51)

Valpo Scored Fewer Than 50 Points..... Nov. 23, 2022 vs. Samford (L 79-49)
An Opponent Scored Fewer Than 50 Points..... Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Judson W 85-45

Valpo Scored Fewer Than 40 Points..... Jan. 20, 2021 vs. Loyola L 75-39
An Opponent Scored Fewer Than 40 Points..... Feb. 12, 2020 vs. Southern Illinois W 55-38

Valpo Shot at Least 60 Percent..... Feb. 19, 2022 at Evansville (27-45, 60.0%)
An Opponent Shot at Least 60 Percent..... Jan. 31, 2021 at Evansville (29-48, 60.4%)

Valpo Shot Less Than 30 Percent..... Jan. 1, 2023 vs. Indiana State (18-61, 29.5%)
An Opponent Shot Less Than 30%..... Feb. 12, 2020 vs. Southern Illinois (13-55, 23.6)

Valpo Made 15+ 3-Pointers..... Feb. 22, 2020 vs. Bradley (18)
An Opponent Made 15+ 3-Pointers..... Feb. 8, 2023 at Indiana State (17)

Valpo Failed to Make a 3-Pointer..... March 5, 2020 vs. Evansville (St. Louis)
An Opponent Failed to Make a 3-Pointer..... Feb. 7, 2009 at Detroit

Valpo Attempted 30+ 3-Pointers..... Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian (33)
An Opponent Attempted 30+ 3-Pointers..... Feb. 8, 2023 at Indiana State (40)

Valpo Made 30 Free Throws..... Jan. 14, 2017 at Cleveland State (32)
An Opponent Made 30 Free Throws..... Nov. 27, 2022 vs. James Madison in Savannah, Ga. (30)

Valpo Attempted 50+ Free Throws..... March 3, 1997 (Moline, Ill.) vs. Northeastern Illinois (51)
An Opponent Attempted 50+ Free Throws..... March 7, 2016 (Detroit) vs. Green Bay (52)
Valpo Attempted 40+ Free Throws..... Feb. 13, 2019 vs. Indiana State (40)
An Opponent Attempted 40+ Free Throws..... Nov. 27, 2022 vs. James Madison in Savannah, Ga. (42)

Valpo Had 50+ Rebounds..... Nov. 17, 2023 at No. 23 Illinois (51)
An Opponent Had 50+ Rebounds..... Nov. 17, 2023 at No. 23 Illinois (60)

Valpo Had 30+ Assists..... Nov. 28, 2005 vs. IU South Bend (36)
Valpo Had 20+ Assists..... Dec. 22, 2021 vs. William & Mary (23)

Valpo Blocked 10+ Shots..... March 15, 2016 vs. Texas Southern (10)
An Opponent Blocked 10+ Shots..... Feb. 13, 2015 vs. Green Bay (11)

Valpo Had 15+ Steals..... Dec. 17, 2020 vs. Purdue Northwest (17)
An Opponent Had 15+ Steals..... March 29, 2016 (New York) vs. BYU (16)

Scoring Margin

+20..... Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian (+39)
+20 vs. D1..... Jan. 21, 2023 at Illinois State (+20)
-20..... Nov. 17, 2023 at No. 23 Illinois (-23)
+30..... Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian (+39)
+30 vs. D1..... Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Southeastern Louisiana (+33)
-30..... Dec. 10, 2022 at Ole Miss (-37)
+40..... Dec. 7, 2021 vs. East-West (+43)
+40 vs. D1..... Feb. 18, 1999 vs. Chicago State (+42)
-40..... March 3, 1992 at Green Bay (-44)



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Last Time When... (Cont.)

Comebacks

Valpo Erases 20-Point Deficit to Win..... Jan. 17, 2013 at Detroit (22)
Valpo Erases 15-Point Deficit to Win..... March 6, 2020 (St. Louis) vs. Loyola (18)
Valpo Erases 10-Point Deficit to Win..... Feb. 21, 2022 vs. Evansville (10)
Opponent Erases 20-Point Deficit to Win..... Jan. 28, 2006 vs. IUPUI (22)
Opponent Erases 15-Point Deficit to Win..... Feb. 9, 2022 at Illinois State (16)
Opponent Erases 10-Point Deficit to Win..... Nov. 17, 2023 at No. 23 Illinois (10)

Individual

Valpo Player Scored 30+ Points..... Isaiah Stafford on Nov. 17, 2023 at No. 23 Illinois (30)
Opponent Scored 30+ Points..... Tucker DeVries on Feb. 4, 2023 vs. Drake (32)

Valpo Player Scored 40+ Points..... Bruce Lindner on Feb. 24, 1970 at Evansville (50)
Opponent Scored 40+ Points..... Reggie Hamilton on Dec. 17, 2011 vs. Oakland (41)

Valpo Player Shot 100% (min. 8 FGA)..... Donovan Clay on Dec. 30, 2019 vs. Loyola (8-8)
Opponent Shot 100% (min. 8 FGA)..... Bennett Koch on Feb. 20, 2018 vs. UNI (8-8)

Valpo Player Made Five 3s..... Isaiah Stafford on Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian (5)
Opponent Made Five 3s..... Tucker DeVries on Feb. 4, 2023 vs. Drake (5)

Valpo Player 15+ Rebounds.....Jaxon Edwards on Nov. 17, 2023 vs. No. 23 Illinois (15)
Opponent 15+ Rebounds..... Elijah Jones on Nov. 14, 2023 vs. Green Bay (15)
Valpo Player 20+ Rebounds..... Bill Jenkins on Feb. 24, 1997 vs. Troy State (21)
Opponent 20+ Rebounds..... Scott VanderMeer on Jan. 24, 2008 vs. UIC (21)

Valpo Player 10+ Assists..... Nick Edwards on Dec. 21, 2022 vs. Stonehill (12)
Opponent 10+ Assists..... JaCobi Wood on March 2, 2023 vs. Murray State in St. Louis (10)

Valpo Player Blocked 5+ Shots..... Ben Krikke on Feb. 14, 2023 vs. SIU (5)
Opponent Blocked 5+ Shots..... Liam Robbins on Feb. 19, 2020 at Drake (5)

Valpo Player 5+ Steals..... Nick Edwards on Dec. 29, 2022 at Drake (5)
Opponent 5+ Steals..... Marreon Jackson on Nov. 5, 2019 vs. Toledo (5)

Five Valpo Players in Double Figures..... Nov. 6, 2023 vs. Trinity Christian
Five Opposing Players in Double Figures..... Jan. 25, 2023 at UNI
No Valpo Players in Double Figures..... March 4, 2017 vs. Milwaukee (Detroit)

Valpo Game-Winner in Final Five Seconds..... Nick Edwards on Nov. 27, 2022 vs. James Madison in Savannah, Ga. (W 81-79, OT)



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Roger Powell Jr.

Head Coach

1st Season * Illinois, 2005

3-2 Overall and at Valpo

Roger Powell Jr. was named the 23rd head coach of the Valparaiso University men's basketball program on April 7, 2023.

After helping guide Gonzaga University to a 121-13 record during his four seasons as an assistant coach, Powell returned to Valpo, where he was part of head coach Bryce Drew's staff from 2011-2016 and led the team to 124 wins in five seasons, including a program-record 30 victories and a National Invitation Tournament (NIT) title game appearance in 2015-16. Powell becomes the first Black head coach in the history of the Valpo men's basketball program.

Powell was part of head coach Mark Few's Gonzaga staff as the Bulldogs reached the 2021 national championship game after winning their first 31 games of the season. During Powell's first season on staff in 2019-20, Gonzaga was 31-2 at the time the NCAA college basketball season was halted due to COVID-19. The Bulldogs reached the Sweet Sixteen each of his final three seasons on staff, including two Elite Eight appearances and the aforementioned trip to the 2021 national title game. The 2020-21 team spent the entire season ranked No. 1 in the nation by the Associated Press. The Bulldogs were the No. 1 overall seed in back-to-back NCAA Tournaments in 2021 and 2022.

Prior to his arrival at Gonzaga, Powell served as the associate head coach at Vanderbilt University under Bryce Drew from 2016-2019. In his first season in Nashville, he helped lead the Commodores to an NCAA Tournament appearance. Vanderbilt notched five top-25 wins, six top-50 victories and 11 top-100 RPI wins while playing the toughest strength of schedule nationally.

During Powell's first stint on the Valpo bench, he was part of four Horizon League regular-season championships in a five-year period while also leading the 2012-13 and 2014-15 squads to Horizon League tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. Valpo reached postseason tournaments in each of his five seasons on staff, including the memorable run to the NIT title game in 2016 which featured wins over Florida State, Saint Mary's and BYU.

A product of Joliet West High School and a native of Joliet, Ill., Powell was a three-year starter for the University of Illinois during his playing days, earning Honorable Mention All-Big Ten recognition in each of his final two seasons after being named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team as a sophomore. His winning track record dates as far back as his days playing for the Illini, when he helped the team to three Big Ten regular-season titles, two Big Ten Tournament crowns and three Sweet Sixteen berths. During his senior year in 2004-05, Powell was part of an Illini team that finished 37-2, won 29 straight to open the season and reached the national title game.

Powell accumulated 1,178 points and 531 rebounds during his four-year career at Illinois. He finished his career ranked among the top 30 scorers in program history. Following his collegiate tenure, Powell began a professional career that included a stint in the NBA with the Utah Jazz during the 2006-2007 season. He also played for the Rockford Lightning (CBA, 2005-06), Arkansas Rimrockers (2006-07, D-League), Saviglia Wear Teramo (Italy, 2007-08), Murcia (Spain, 2009-10), JDA Dijon (France, 2010) and Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany, 2010-11).

Off the court, Powell founded RPJ Ministries Organization, which mentors and trains young leaders to be Godly examples on their sports team and school campuses. He also founded Integrity Sports Corporation, a company focused on building basketball skills and integrity of high school and junior high athletes. Powell is a 2005 graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in speech communications and received his master's degree in Sports Administration from Valpo in 2016.

Powell and his wife, Tara, have four children – Bria, Liam, Gabriel and Faith.

Coach Powell Playing Experience

2001-2005 - Illinois
2005-2006 - Rockford Lightning (CBA)
2006 - Utah Jazz (NBA)
2006-2007 - Arkansas Rimrockers (D-League)
2007-2008 - Saviglia Wear Teramo (Italy)
2008-2009 - Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel)
2009-2010 - Murcia (Spain)
2010 - JDA Dijon (France)
2010-2011 - Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany)

Coach Powell Coaching Experience

2011-2016 - Valparaiso Assistant Coach
2016-2019 - Vanderbilt Associate Head Coach
2019-2023 - Gonzaga Assistant Coach
2023-Present - Valparaiso Head Coach



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#0 Jaxon Edwards

Guard * 6-5 * Sophomore * Exploratory
Indianapolis, Ind. * Cathedral [Murray State]



2023-24: Scored 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting with three blocks in just 16 minutes in his Valpo debut on Nov. 6 vs. Trinity Christian... Tallied double figures with 12 points on Nov. 10 vs. IUPUI... Scored a team-high 19 points to go along with eight rebounds, two steals and four blocked shots in Valpo's Nov. 14 win over Green Bay, becoming just the third Valpo player in the last 15 years with a 19-point, four-block game... Had the most rebounds by a Valpo player since January 2021 with 15 boards on Nov. 17 at No. 23 Illinois.

2022-23 (Murray State): Played in 11 games during his freshman year at Murray State, totaling 29 minutes... Went 3-of-6 from the field and pulled down eight rebounds... Made his collegiate debut on Nov. 7 at Saint Louis... Scored his first collegiate points on Nov. 20 vs. Tulsa.

Prep: Was a McDonald's All-America nominee following his senior season... Led Cathedral to the 2021-22 Indiana 4A state championship... Averaged 10.9 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.7 assists while hitting 3s at a 40.8 percent clip during his senior season... Played for D1 Indiana on the Under Armour Circuit for head coach Brian Keeton... Earned a spot on the Indiana All-Star team and was twice named to the all-state squad... During his junior year of high school, averaged 10.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.6 assists while competing in one of the nation's top areas for high school basketball and was a finalist for Indiana Junior All-Star team that season... Excelled in big games, scoring 17 points in the Indianapolis City Championship against Crispus Attucks and 19 against the top team in Class 2A, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian.

Personal: Son of Jason and Nadina Edwards... Has a sister, Jordyn, and a brother, Jayden... Played football up until high school but stopped after eighth grade when he injured his hand... He lists his favorite basketball memories as winning state his senior year of high school and getting his first "poster" dunk in college.

CAREER HIGHS (*=while at Murray St)

Points	19, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Rebounds	15, at Illinois (11/17/23)
Assists	1, 3x (M.R. 11/14/23)
Steals	2, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Blocks	4, Green Bay (11/14/23)
FG Made	8, Green Bay (11/14/23)
3PT Made	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	2, 3x (M.R. 11/14/23)

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	19, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Rebounds	15, at Illinois (11/17/23)
Assists	1, twice (11/14/23)
Steals	2, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Blocks	4, Green Bay (11/14/23)
FG Made	8, Green Bay (11/14/23)
3PT Made	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	2, 3x (M.R. 11/14/23)



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#1 Jerome Palm

Forward * 6-10 * Senior * Finance

Almere, Netherlands * Echnaton [Hillsborough CC]



2023-24: Scored 11 points to match his season best from 2022-23 in the Nov. 6 season opener vs. Trinity Christian... Finished a point shy of a double-double on Nov. 10 vs. IUPUI, pulling down a career-high 12 rebounds... Grabbed eight rebounds on Nov. 14 vs. Green Bay... Posted a double-double of 10 rebounds and a career-high 12 points on Nov. 17 at No. 23 Illinois, becoming the first Valpo player to achieve a double-double this season.

2022-23: Scored 1.9 points per game and grabbed 4.0 rebounds per game while appearing in 23 contests and making nine starts... Scored a season-high 11 points while also grabbing nine rebounds on Dec. 1 at Belmont... Had a season peak on the boards with 10 caroms on Dec. 4 vs. Murray State.

Junior College (2020-21 & 2021-22): Averaged 9.2 points and 8.5 rebounds per game in 25 contests in 2021-22 while playing at Hillsborough... Began his collegiate career in 2020-21 at Daytona State... Competed for the championship-winning Netherlands national team in the 2021 3x3 national tournament.

Personal: Started playing basketball at age 15... Majoring in finance.

CAREER HIGHS

Points	12, at Illinois (11/17/23)
Rebounds	12, IUPUI (11/10/23)
Assists	2, Incarnate Word (11/19/22)
Steals	1, 4x (M.R. 11/17/23)
Blocks	3, Elon (12/18/22)
FG Made	5, twice (M.R. 11/17/23)
3PT Made	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	3, twice (M.R. 11/10/23)

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	12, at Illinois (11/17/23)
Rebounds	12, IUPUI (11/10/23)
Assists	1, IUPUI (11/10/23)
Steals	1, twice (M.R. 11/17/23)
Blocks	1, IUPUI (11/10/23)
FG Made	5, twice (M.R. 11/17/23)
3PT Made	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	3, IUPUI (11/10/23)



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#2 Connor Barrett

Guard / Forward * 6-6 * Senior * Finance
Chicago, Ill. * Loyola Academy



2023-24: Made his season debut in the Nov. 6 opener vs. Trinity Christian.

2022-23: Played in 31 of the team's 32 games while averaging 4.1 points per game and 1.7 rebounds per contest... Shot 35.4 percent (28-of-79) from 3-point territory and 43.4 percent (43-of-99) from the field while putting up a free-throw percentage of 77.8 (14-of-18)... Scored a season-high 13 points including three made 3s on Dec. 18 vs. Elon... Had his highest conference scoring output on Jan. 7 at Bradley with 10 points on 3-of-3 shooting... Made his lone start of the season in the Feb. 26 regular-season finale at Murray State.

2021-22: Played in 13 games and made one start, averaging 2.1 points per game... Made his lone start of the season on Nov. 17 at Stanford... Scored a season-high nine points and knocked down three 3s on Nov. 22 vs. Jacksonville State in Nassau, The Bahamas.

2020-21: Played in 18 games and made 13 starts as a rookie before missing time with an injury... Scored 6.5 points and pulled down 2.5 rebounds per game while shooting 77.8 percent from the foul line and ranked second on the team by shooting 39.7 percent from beyond the 3-point arc... Scored in double figures six times and made three or more 3-pointers on five occasions... One of three Valpo freshmen to make his collegiate debut on Nov. 27 at Vanderbilt... Accrued his first collegiate points (3), rebounds (3) and assists (2) on Dec. 1 at UIC. His 3-pointer marked Valpo's lone made triple of the contest... Knocked down five 3s in the home opener vs. Judson on Dec. 6, becoming the first freshman with five treys in a game since 2013-2014 and the first Valpo player to do so in the first four games of his freshman season since 2006-07... Scored 14 points on Dec. 12 at Central Michigan, his second double-figure scoring output in a three-game span. That effort was highlighted at the foul line, where he went 6-for-6... Had five steals on Jan. 9 vs. Missouri State, joining the short list of Valpo players with five or more steals in a game during the Era (fifth season): Javon Freeman-Liberty (3), Lexus Williams (3) and Tevonn Walker (2)... Finished with 12 points thanks to four made 3s on Jan. 23 at Illinois State, his fifth double-figure output as a freshman and his fourth game with three or more 3-pointers... Made his final appearance of the season on Feb. 6 vs. Drake before missing the remainder of the season with an ankle injury.

Before Valpo: Spent a postgraduate year at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire during the 2019-20 season... Averaged 11.9 points and 3.7 rebounds per game at Loyola Academy as a high school senior during the 2018-19 season while knocking down 64 3-pointers and shooting at a 37.9 percent clip... Led his high school team to back-to-back regional championships and sectional final appearances... Winning roots go back to his middle school days, when his team won three straight championships in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Says winning at a young age helped him mature for the next level... Garnered all-Catholic Blue honors, was a team captain and was a 3A/4A all-state special mention by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association as a senior in 2018-19... High school coach was Tom Livatino, who praises Barrett's shooting ability, work ethic, defensive ability and basketball IQ... Favorite high school memory was the sectional final versus Evanston. His team lost and he has watched the game back multiple times on film. "It's hard to watch, but you love the moment."

CAREER HIGHS

Points	17, Judson (12/6/20)
Rebounds	7, Evansville (1/28/23)
Assists	3, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Steals	5, Missouri State (1/9/21)
Blocks	1, twice (M.R. 12/18/22)
FG Made	5, Judson (12/6/20)
3PT Made	5, Judson (12/6/20)
FT Made	6, at Central Michigan (12/12/20)

Personal: Majoring in finance...
Is an avid golfer... Son of Colleen Cassell and Bob Barrett.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Rebounds	4, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Assists	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Steals	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)



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#3 Anthony Sciarroni

Guard * 6-0 * Sophomore * Sports Admin
Columbus, Ohio * St. Francis DeSales



2023-24: Joined the Valpo men's basketball program as a walk-on... Made his collegiate basketball debut on Nov. 6 vs. Trinity Christian, recording a rebound, assist and steal... Saw action on Nov. 17 at No. 23 Illinois.

2022 (Football): Earned the team's Koenig Award for outstanding sportsmanship and character... Saw action in all 12 games... Had 19 tackles (seven solos), an interception and two pass breakups... Had an interception to go along with a season-high six tackles on Oct. 29 at Dayton.

Fall 2021 (Football): Saw action in 10 games and totaled 31 tackles including 18 solos... Had one tackle for loss and one pass breakup... Posted a season-high nine tackles on Oct. 30 at San Diego.

Spring 2021 (Football): Appeared in four games... Had a season-high four tackles and an interception in his collegiate debut on March 13 at Butler... Totaled eight tackles including seven solos for the season.

Prep: Three-year varsity letter winner... Was a two-time first team all-district selection, two-time second team all-Ohio pick and helped his team to a record of 32-10 during his career... Also a four-year letter winner in basketball... Was a team captain as a senior in football and in each of his final two prep basketball seasons... Member of National Honor Society and honor roll.

Personal: Owns an undergraduate degree in exercise science and is pursuing a master's in sports administration... Son of Therese and Michael Sciarroni... Has one brother, Frank, and two sisters, Adele and Gemma... Father played football at Kent State, cousin Jimmy Hanley played basketball at Heidelberg University and cousin Dominic Lombardi played football at Baldwin Wallace University.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	
Rebounds	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Assists	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Steals	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	



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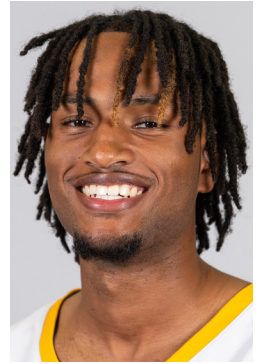
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#4 Sherman Weatherspoon IV

Guard * 6-2 * Freshman * Sport Management

Bowie, Md. * Bethesda-Chevy Chase [Golden State Prep]



2023-24: Made his collegiate debut in the Nov. 6 season opener vs. Trinity Christian... Had seven points on 3-of-4 shooting on Nov. 10 vs. IUPUI.

Prep: Played his senior year at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School after starting his high school career at DeMatha... Played at Golden State Prep in Napa Valley, Calif. in 2022-23... Played under Mike Jones at DeMatha, a high school program with “college-level” basketball... Missed his junior year of high school basketball due to an injury, before making a comeback for his senior year at BCC... Averaged 25 points, eight rebounds and four assists at Golden State Prep.

Personal: Son of Sherman Weatherspoon III, who is a Northwest Indiana native and Gary Roosevelt product... Normally visits his grandmother in Northwest Indiana once a year and now at Valpo has the opportunity to play in front of his father's friends and family all the time after playing close to his mother's family for most of his life... Lists his favorite basketball memory as a game on the AAU circuit in Atlanta when he was playing 15U when he single-handedly ran off 21 straight points... Studying sport management... Hopes to use his degree to stay around the game of basketball for a long time... Enjoys clothes, going on walks, nature and hiking.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	7, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
Rebounds	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Assists	2, 3x (M.R. 11/21/23)
Steals	1, 3x (M.R. 11/21/23)
Blocks	
FG Made	3, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
3PT Made	1, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
FT Made	2, at Illinois (11/17/23)



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#5 Ola Ajiboye

Forward * 6-7 * Sophomore

Chicago, Ill. * Evanston Township [Central Michigan / Bosco Institute]



2023-24: Scored 10 points including eight made free throws in his Valpo debut on Nov. 6 vs. Trinity Christian... Grabbed a team-high nine rebounds and rejected four shots on Nov. 14 vs. Green Bay... Led the team in point (21) and rebounds (8) while making eight of his 10 field-goal attempts on Nov. 21 vs. Western Illinois, notching Valpo's highest field-goal percentage (min. 10 attempts) in a game against a Division-I opponent at the ARC since 2014.

2022-23 (Central Michigan): As a true freshman, played in 30 of 31 games with 14 starts at power forward while averaging 19.3 minutes per game... Averaged 3.0 points, 3.4 rebounds and ranked second on the squad in blocked shots with 25... Converted 44.1 percent (30-68) of his field-goal attempts, grabbed 103 rebounds (47 offensive), dished out 18 assists and finished with 20 steals, good for third on the team... Scored five points and grabbed six rebounds vs. Toledo (2/28) ... Finished with five points, six rebounds and three blocked shots at Bowling Green (2/14) ... Scored a season-high eight points (3-6 FG) with seven rebounds in 29 minutes vs. Western Michigan (1/28)... Scored seven points with four rebounds vs. Bowling Green (1/24)... finished with seven points in a season-high 35 minutes at Ohio (1/21)... Finished with six points, four rebounds with a career-high four blocked shots at Eastern Michigan (1/7)... Grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds (six offensive) with six points in first career start vs. Alma (12/3)... Grabbed nine rebounds (four offensive) and scored six points vs. Purdue Northwest (11/29)... Saw first career game action in the season opener vs. Eastern Illinois (11/13).

Prep: Attended Bosco Institute in Crown Point, Ind... Played at Evanston High School and Von Steuben High School before attending Bosco... Competed in the Moneyball Pro-Am... Named a top-25 Chicago Area Elite player.

Personal: Holds the distinction of being the first signee of the Roger Powell Jr. head coaching era... Said being part of Central Michigan's 63-61 road upset of Michigan in Ann Arbor on Dec. 29, 2022 is one of his favorite basketball memories. His other highlight from his freshman season at CMU was beating Western Michigan 70-69 in front of a sold-out crowd in Mount Pleasant on Jan. 28... Away from the court, enjoys meeting new people, playing table tennis, swimming and being around people.

CAREER HIGHS (*=while at Central Michigan)

Points	21, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Rebounds	11*, Alma (12/3/22)
Assists	4*, Alma (12/3/22)
Steals	3*, twice (M.R. 1/3/23)
Blocks	4*, at Eastern Michigan (1/7/23)
FG Made	8, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
3PT Made	2*, Buffalo (1/14/23)
FT Made	8, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	21, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Rebounds	9, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Assists	1, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
Steals	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	4, Green Bay (11/14/23)
FG Made	8, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
3PT Made	
FT Made	8, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)



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#6 Darius DeAveiro

Guard * 6-0 * Junior * Sport Management
Kanata, Ottawa, Canada * Orangeville Prep



2023-24: Started and handed out six assists in the Nov. 6 season opener vs. Trinity Christian... Scored a career-high 11 points while giving out a season-high seven assists on Nov. 21 vs. Western Illinois, when he knocked down four of his five field-goal attempts.

2022-23: Played in 25 games and made two starts... Averaged 1.8 points, 1.6 rebounds and 2.7 assists per contest... Ranked 14th in the Missouri Valley Conference in assists per game... Ranked fifth in the league in assist to turnover ratio at 1.89... Had season highs in both points (eight) and assists (10) in the Nov. 13 home opener vs. Western Michigan... Started two games – Nov. 19 vs. Incarnate Word and Nov. 23 at Samford... Gave out seven assists on Dec. 10 at Ole Miss.

2021-22: Played in 29 games and made three starts during his freshman season... Averaged 1.8 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game... Dished out 50 assists against just 24 turnovers... Finished the season as one of two freshmen nationally (joining Youngstown State's Luke Chicone) with 50 or more assists and fewer than 25 turnovers and was the only player in the MVC to achieve that feat... Ranked second in the MVC in assist to turnover ratio at 2.1... Collected a season-high six rebounds on Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian... Distributed a season-high eight assists on Dec. 7 vs. East-West... Scored a season-high eight points on 3-of-5 shooting on Jan. 15 vs. Missouri State... Made his first collegiate start on Feb. 21 vs. Evansville and started the final three games of the regular season... Did not play in the MVC Tournament due to a thumb injury suffered in the Feb. 26 regular-season finale at Bradley.

Before Valpo: Helped his team to Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) championships in 2018, 2019 and 2020 and earned 2020 Academy Defensive Player of the Year... Received First Team All-State status at the 2019 Canadian National Championships while leading his team to a silver medal... Was a multi-year Team Ontario captain and earned a place in the 2019 U19 Junior National Team Camp... Led the OSBA in assists and steals in 2019... In 2018, earned a bronze medal at the Canadian National Championships after garnering a gold medal at the event in 2017... A 2018 Biosteel Future All-Canadian game selection... Member of the 2015-2016 Canada Basketball Junior Academy... Averaged 7.2 points and 5.4 assists while shooting 41.9 percent from the 3-point line for Orangeville Prep as a junior... Did not play games during his senior season as games were not held in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic... Served as a team captain during his senior season... Played for Team Canada during the U19 world cup in Canada during the 2021 summer.

Personal: Father David is the former head coach at McGill University in Montreal... Is an avid football fan... Also played soccer until his freshman year of high school, when he gave up the sport to focus on basketball... Played on the state team for soccer at age 13. He traveled significantly for the sport, including a trip to England... Enjoys golf, tennis and numerous

other sports.

CAREER HIGHS

Points	11, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Rebounds	6, Trinity Christian (11/27/21)
Assists	10, Western Michigan (11/13/22)
Steals	4, twice (M.R. 2/26/23)
Blocks	1, Bradley (1/26/22)
FG Made	4, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
3PT Made	1, 9x (M.R. 11/21/23)
FT Made	4, twice (M.R. 11/16/22)

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	11, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Rebounds	4, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Assists	7, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Steals	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	
FG Made	4, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
3PT Made	1, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
FT Made	2, Western Illinois (11/21/23)



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#7 Jahari Williamson

Guard * 6-1 * Freshman * Business

Pickering, Ontario, Canada * Royal Crown Academy



2023-24: Scored 16 points on 5-of-6 shooting in his Nov. 6 collegiate debut vs. Trinity Christian... Made three 3s and swiped three steals while tallying 13 points off the bench on Nov. 21 vs. Western Illinois.

Prep: Averaged 15 points and five assists per game as a junior at Royal Crown Academy... During the summer of 2022, was named to Team Ontario for the U18 2022 Canada Games, where he posted 16 points in the championship game to help his team top British Columbia 81-70... Owns numerous gold medals, won two championships as a junior in high school and beat several high-level teams at state his junior season... As a senior, led his team to an Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association championship... Earned a spot on Canada's U19 World Cup Team in Summer 2023, averaging 5.3 points per game and going 10-of-12 (83.3 percent) from the free-throw line for Team Canada.

Personal: Lists leadership, play-making ability, defense and shooting as strengths in his game... Majoring in business.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	16, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Rebounds	2, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Assists	3, Illinois (11/17/23)
Steals	3, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Blocks	
FG Made	5, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
3PT Made	4, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	3, Green Bay (11/14/23)



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#10 Lucas Scroggins

Forward * 6-9 * Freshman * Art
Woodbridge, Va. * Hylton [Bosco Institue]



Prep: Spent the 2022-23 season at Bosco Institute in Crown Point after graduating from Hylton High School in Virginia in 2022... Averaged 15.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game during his senior year of high school before averaging 12.6 points and 8.0 boards during his prep year at Bosco.

Personal: Loves to draw and hopes to pursue graphic design and art... Also plays video games in his free time... Lists his most memorable basketball moment as a game to go to districts in high school when he hit the game-winning free throw after being fouled on a putback attempt with the game tied in the fourth quarter.

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Points
Rebounds
Assists
Steals
Blocks
FG Made
3PT Made
FT Made



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#13 Cooper Schwieger

Forward * 6-9 * Freshman * Business

Overland Park, Kan. * Blue Valley Southwest [Link Year]

2023-24: Had nine points and eight boards in his Nov. 6 collegiate debut vs. Trinity Christian... Tallied double figures with 12 points on Nov. 10 vs. IUPUI... Tied a season high with 12 points while also notching seven rebounds on Nov. 17 at No. 23 Illinois... Had a season-high 13 points on Nov. 21 vs. Western Illinois.



Prep: Averaged 11.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists in 2022-23 at Link Year Prep in Branson, Mo. after graduating from Blue Valley Southwest.

Personal: Has a twin brother Carson, who is a similar height and plays at Wright State. He said many people think they are identical, but they are fraternal twins... Majoring in business... Valpo head coach Roger Powell Jr. said he has similarities to Alec Peters and Drew Timme.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	13, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Rebounds	8, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Assists	1, twice (M.R. 11/14/23)
Steals	2, Green Bay (11/14/23)
Blocks	2, 3x, (M.R. 11/21/23)
FG Made	5, twice (M.R. 11/21/23)
3PT Made	2, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
FT Made	2, Illinois (11/17/23)



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#19 Isaiah Stafford

Guard * 6-2 * Junior * Computer Science

Bolingbrook, Ill. * Crispus Attucks [John A. Logan / USI]



2023-24: Scored a game-high 20 points in his Nov. 6 Valpo debut vs. Trinity Christian... Went a perfect 7-for-7 at the free-throw line in a 12-point effort on Nov. 10 vs. IUPUI... Put up 18 points on Nov. 14 vs. Green Bay... Had Valpo's first 30-point game of the season and became just the sixth different Valpo player in the last decade to reach that mark by scoring exactly 30 including 23 in the first half - the most by a Valpo player before halftime since 2016 - on Nov. 17 at No. 23 Illinois... Picked up career highs in both rebounds (seven) and assists (five) on Nov. 21 vs. Western Illinois.

2022-23 (John A. Logan): Helped the Vols to the junior college national title and a 33-2 mark in his lone junior college season... Averaged 12.5 points per game and shot 50.6 percent from the floor including 45.7 percent from 3.

2021-22 (Southern Indiana): Played in 23 games, starting 13... Averaged 8.8 points, 2.9 rebounds and 1.3 assists per contest... Scored a season-high 31 points vs. Lindenwood... The 31 points was a Screaming Eagles Arena record.... Grabbed a season-high six rebounds twice... Helped his team to an 18-8 record.

Prep: Lettered in basketball at Crispus Attucks High School (Indianapolis, Ind.) and Bolingbrook High School (Bolingbrook, Ill.)... Was the Indianapolis City Player of the Year after posting 18.4 points, 4.5 assists and 4.2 rebounds per contest in 2020-21 at Crispus Attucks... Shot 51 percent from the field and 81 percent from the free-throw line in 2020-21... Played his first three high school seasons at Bolingbrook, prior to COVID-19... Was named Academic All-State twice during his prep career at BHS.

Personal: Son of Tyreese Stafford and Ericka Hawkins... Majoring in computer science... In his spare time, enjoys spending time with family as well as playing board games, card games and video games.

CAREER HIGHS *while at USI

Points	31*, Lindenwood (2/26/22)
Rebounds	7, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Assists	5, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Steals	4, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	1, 4x
FG Made	11, twice (M.R. 11/17/23)
3PT Made	5, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	7, twice (M.R. 11/10/23)

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	30, at Illinois (11/17/23)
Rebounds	7, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Assists	5, Western Illinois (11/21/23)
Steals	4, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	1, at Illinois (11/17/23)
FG Made	11, at Illinois (11/17/23)
3PT Made	5, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
FT Made	7, IUPUI (11/10/23)



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#20 Joe Vick

Guard * 6-2 * Sophomore * Sport Management
Kouts, Ind. * Kouts



2023-24: Saw four minutes of action in the Nov. 6 season opener vs. Trinity Christian and picked up an assist.

2022-23: Made his collegiate debut on Dec. 21 vs. Stonehill and tallied an assist.

Prep: Helped his team finish as the Class A state runners-up in 2021... Also played soccer... Member of National Honor Society... Earned Porter County Conference academic all-conference... 2022 Mental Attitude Award for Soccer & Basketball, 2022 Academic All-Conference for Soccer & Basketball and 2022 All-Conference for Basketball... Class of 2022 Academic Top 10.

Personal: Majoring in sport management... Son of Larry and Julie Vick... Has one brother, Cole... Mother Julie is the administrative assistant for the Valpo men's and women's basketball programs... Real name is Jordan... Favorite sports memory is playing in Bankers Life Fieldhouse (now Gainbridge Fieldhouse)... Enjoys watching sports and playing video games... Involved with his local church youth group.

CAREER HIGHS

Points	
Rebounds	
Assists	1, twice (M.R. 11/6/23)
Steals	
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	
Rebounds	
Assists	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Steals	
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	



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#21 Kaspar Sepp

Forward * 6-7 * Freshman * Bioengineering
Tartu, Estonia * Fairmont Academy



2023-24: Scored eight points on 3-of-4 shooting while making his collegiate debut in the Nov. 6 season opener vs. Trinity Christian.

Prep: Spent the 2022-23 season at Fairmont Academy... Played for the Estonian national team during the 2023 summer... Helped Estonia beat Finland to earn a promotion to the "A" Division during the 2022 summer.

Personal: His national team coach is former teammates with Valpo assistant coach A.J. Moyer and his prep coach is Moyer's former roommate... Began playing basketball at the young age of 8... Lists his strengths as his basketball IQ and view for the game.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points	8, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Rebounds	3, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Assists	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Steals	1, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
Blocks	1, twice (M.R. 11/10/23)
FG Made	3, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)
3PT Made	
FT Made	2, Trinity Christian (11/6/23)



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#34 Lual Manyang

Center * 6-10 * R-Freshman

Twic, South Sudan * Blair Academy [Hofstra]



2022-23 (Hofstra): Suffered a season-ending injury prior to the start of the season and received a medical redshirt.

Prep: Attended the Blair Academy in Blairstown Township, N.J.... Averaged nearly 10 points per game as a senior in 2021-22... Was listed by 247Sports as the 17th best center and the 142nd best overall player in the class of 2022... Was named a three-star recruit by ESPN100 in addition to being the eighth-best recruit in New Jersey and the 49th best center in the nation... Enjoys video games and exercising in his spare time... Mentioned rap music as his favorite type of music, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kobe Bryant as his favorite athletes and Shark Tank as his favorite television show... Started playing basketball at the age of 16... Another hobby is playing NBA 2K video game.

2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points
Rebounds
Assists
Steals
Blocks
FG Made
3PT Made
FT Made



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#35 Luke Carroll

Guard / Forward * 6-4 * Sophomore * Business
Westfield, Ind. * Hamilton Heights [Lake Land]

2022-23 (Lake Land): Played in the first 12 games of the season before suffering a season-ending torn ACL.

Prep: Averaged 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game as a senior while shooting 54 percent from the field... Earned Hamilton County First Team and first team all-conference honors.

Personal: Pursuing a degree in business... Enjoys golfing and fishing in his spare time.



2023-2024 SEASON HIGHS

Points
Rebounds
Assists
Steals
Blocks
FG Made
3PT Made
FT Made



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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	3-2	3-1	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-2	3-1	0-1	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Valparaiso	192	165	0	357
Opponents	140	199	0	339

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds													
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
19	STAFFORD, Isaiah	5-5	153:40	30.7	26-72	.361	11-30	.367	25-30	.833	2	18	20	4.0	9	0	12	2	1	8	88	17.6		
13	SCHWIEGER, Cooper	5-5	148:53	29.8	21-49	.429	4-13	.308	8-10	.800	11	15	26	5.2	11	1	2	6	8	4	54	10.8		
0	EDWARDS, Jaxon	5-5	131:40	26.3	19-48	.396	3-13	.231	6-7	.857	13	22	35	7.0	8	0	2	9	12	3	47	9.4		
7	WILLIAMSON, Jahari	5-0	83:00	16.6	14-34	.412	9-18	.500	5-6	.833	1	8	9	1.8	5	0	5	4	0	4	42	8.4		
5	AJIBOYE, Ola	5-0	91:24	18.3	11-21	.524	0-0	.000	15-26	.577	8	18	26	5.2	14	0	2	8	8	4	37	7.4		
1	PALM, Jerome	5-5	107:21	21.5	14-36	.389	1-5	.200	7-11	.636	9	29	38	7.6	9	0	1	6	1	2	36	7.2		
4	WEATHERSPOON, Sherman	5-0	90:16	18.1	10-30	.333	2-14	.143	3-6	.500	1	2	3	0.6	9	0	4	2	0	3	25	5.0		
6	DEAVEIRO, Darius	5-5	144:38	28.9	6-22	.273	2-5	.400	4-6	.667	1	10	11	2.2	7	0	23	8	0	5	18	3.6		
21	SEPP, Kaspar	3-0	25:10	8.4	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	1.7	4	0	1	2	2	1	8	2.7		
2	BARRETT, Connor	1-0	10:15	10.3	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	3	1	4	4.0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	2.0		
3	SCIARRONI, Anthony	2-0	09:55	5.0	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0		
20	VICK, Joe	1-0	03:48	3.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											11	13	24					2						
Total		5	1000		124-325	.382	32-105	.305	77-109	.706	61	141	202	40.4	78	1	55	50	32	36	357	71.4		
Opponents		5	1000		130-321	.405	27-104	.260	52-79	.658	65	156	221	44.2	93	2	62	74	18	32	339	67.8		

Team Statistics

	VALPO	OPP
Scoring		
Points per game	71.4	67.8
Scoring margin	+3.6	-
Field goals-att		
Field goal pct	.382	.405
3 point fg-att		
3-point FG pct	.305	.260
3-pt FG made per game	6.4	5.4
Free throws-att		
Free throw pct	.706	.658
F-Throws made per game	15.4	10.4
Rebounds		
Rebounds per game	40.4	44.2
Rebounding margin	-3.8	-
Assists		
Assists per game	11.0	12.4
Turnovers		
Turnovers per game	10.0	14.8
Turnover margin	+4.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.8
Steals		
Steals per game	7.2	6.4
Blocks		
Blocks per game	6.4	3.6
Winning streak		
Home win streak	2	-
Attendance		
Home games-Avg/Game	4-1543	1-14894
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/06/2023	Trinity Christian	W	100-61	1900
11/10/2023	IUPUI	L	56-66	1809
11/14/2023	Green Bay	W	64-59	1207
11/17/2023	at Illinois	L	64-87	14894
11/21/2023	Western Ill.	W	73-66	1257



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				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	Score		FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
Trinity Christian	11/06/2023	100-61	W	34-72	.472	14-33	.424	18-30	.600	15	30	45	45.0	16	17	14	6	15	100	100.0	
IUPUI	11/10/2023	56-66	L	19-60	.317	2-19	.105	16-19	.842	16	26	42	43.5	15	8	14	6	3	56	78.0	
Green Bay	11/14/2023	64-59	W	21-58	.362	4-18	.222	18-25	.720	9	28	37	41.3	13	10	5	9	6	64	73.3	
at Illinois	11/17/2023	64-87	L	24-80	.300	5-19	.263	11-15	.733	15	36	51	43.8	21	4	7	7	4	64	71.0	
Western Ill.	11/21/2023	73-66	W	26-55	.473	7-16	.438	14-20	.700	6	21	27	40.4	13	16	10	4	8	73	71.4	
Total		357		124-325	.382	32-105	.305	77-109	.706	61	141	202	40.4	78	55	50	32	36	357	71.4	
Opponents		339		130-321	.405	27-104	.260	52-79	.658	65	156	221	44.2	93	62	74	18	32	339	67.8	

Valparaiso Averages

Games Played	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
5	71.4	38.2	30.5	70.6	40.4	11.0	10.0	1.1	7.2	6.4



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				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	Score		FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
Trinity Christian	11/06/2023	100-61	W	21-61	.344	6-24	.250	13-16	.813	10	27	37	37.0	26	11	28	5	10	61	61.0	
IUPUI	11/10/2023	56-66	L	25-65	.385	5-15	.333	11-14	.786	16	26	42	39.5	18	12	11	5	9	66	63.5	
Green Bay	11/14/2023	64-59	W	26-61	.426	2-18	.111	5-11	.455	10	32	42	40.3	17	5	11	2	3	59	62.0	
at Illinois	11/17/2023	64-87	L	33-75	.440	9-28	.321	12-24	.500	15	45	60	45.3	16	16	9	4	4	87	68.3	
Western Ill.	11/21/2023	73-66	W	25-59	.424	5-19	.263	11-14	.786	14	26	40	44.2	16	18	15	2	6	66	67.8	
Total		339		130-321	.405	27-104	.260	52-79	.658	65	156	221	44.2	93	62	74	18	32	339	67.8	
Valparaiso		357		124-325	.382	32-105	.305	77-109	.706	61	141	202	40.4	78	55	50	32	36	357	71.4	

Opponents Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
5	67.8	40.5	26.0	65.8	44.2	12.4	14.8	0.8	6.4	3.6



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Opponent	Date	Score		0 EDWARDS,JA	1 PALM,JEROM	2 BARRETT,CO	3 SCIARRONI,	4 WEATHERSPO	5 AJIBOYE,OL	6 DEAVEIRO,D	7 WILLIAMSON	13 SCHWIEGER,	19 STAFFORD,I	20 VICK,JOE
Trinity Christian	11/06/2023	100-61	W	16-3-1	11-5-0	2-4-1	0-1-1	3-2-1	10-2-0	5-4-6	16-1-1	9-8-1	20-5-3	0-0-1
IUPUI	11/10/2023	56-66	L	12-5-0	9-12-1	DNP	DNP	7-1-0	1-2-0	1-3-4	2-1-0	12-7-0	12-2-3	DNP
Green Bay	11/14/2023	64-59	W	19-8-1	4-8-0	DNP	DNP	4-0-1	5-9-1	1-0-5	5-2-0	8-1-1	18-3-1	DNP
at Illinois	11/17/2023	64-87	L	0-15-0	12-10-0	DNP	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-5-0	0-3-1	6-4-3	12-7-0	30-3-0	DNP
Western Ill.	11/21/2023	73-66	W	0-4-0	0-3-0	DNP	DNP	7-0-2	21-8-1	11-1-7	13-1-1	13-3-0	8-7-5	DNP
Opponent	Date	Score		21 SEPP,KASPA										
Trinity Christian	11/06/2023	100-61	W	8-3-1										
IUPUI	11/10/2023	56-66	L	0-2-0										
Green Bay	11/14/2023	64-59	W	DNP										
at Illinois	11/17/2023	64-87	L	0-0-0										
Western Ill.	11/21/2023	73-66	W	DNP										



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AJIBOYE, Ola

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2022-23	CMU	30-14	575/19.2	30-68	.441	0-5	.000	29-47	.617	47	56	103	3.4	82-4	18	28	25	20	89	3.0	
2023-24	VALPO	5-0	91/18.3	11-21	.524	0-0	.000	15-26	.577	8	18	26	5.2	14-0	2	8	8	4	37	7.4	
TOTAL FOR VALPO		5-0	91/18.3	11-21	.524	0-0	.000	15-26	.577	8	18	26	5.2	14-0	2	8	8	4	37	7.4	
TOTAL		35-14	666/19.0	41-89	.461	0-5	.000	44-73	.603	55	74	129	3.7	96-4	20	36	33	24	126	3.6	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	21	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Rebounds	11	vs Alma 12/03/22
Assists	4	vs Alma 12/03/22
Steals	3	vs Alma 12/03/22, vs Miami (OH) 01/03/23
Blocks	4	at Eastern Mich. 01/07/23, vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FG Made	8	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Attempts	10	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
3FG Attempts	2	vs Buffalo 01/14/23
FT Made	8	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FT Attempts	12	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23

BARRETT, Connor

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2020-21	VALPO	18-13	398/22.1	36-89	.404	31-78	.397	14-18	.778	13	32	45	2.5	44-1	11	9	0	15	117	6.5	
2021-22	VALPO	13-1	109/8.4	9-33	.273	7-30	.233	2-2	1.000	3	7	10	0.8	11-0	2	1	1	2	27	2.1	
2022-23	VALPO	31-1	520/16.8	43-99	.434	28-79	.354	14-18	.778	6	47	53	1.7	61-1	12	14	2	15	128	4.1	
2023-24	VALPO	1-0	10/10.3	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	3	1	4	4.0	1-0	1	1	0	1	2	2.0	
TOTAL		63-15	1038/16.5	88-225	.391	66-190	.347	32-41	.780	25	87	112	1.8	117-2	26	25	3	33	274	4.3	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	17	vs Judson (IL) 12/06/20
Rebounds	7	vs Evansville 01/28/23
Assists	3	at Illinois St. 01/24/21, at Missouri St. 02/01/23
Steals	5	vs Missouri St. 01/09/21
Blocks	1	at Western Mich. 12/05/21, vs Elon 12/18/22, vs Murray St. 03/02/23
FG Made	5	vs Judson (IL) 12/06/20
FG Attempts	11	vs Bradley 01/28/21
3FG Made	5	vs Judson (IL) 12/06/20
3FG Attempts	10	vs Bradley 01/28/21
FT Made	6	at Central Mich. 12/12/20
FT Attempts	6	at Central Mich. 12/12/20



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DEAVEIRO, Darius

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2021-22	VALPO	29-3	485/16.7	21-58	.362	4-19	.211	7-16	.438	3	55	58	2.0	34-0	50	24	1	22	53	1.8
2022-23	VALPO	25-2	386/15.4	14-47	.298	3-16	.188	13-21	.619	4	35	39	1.6	24-0	68	36	0	27	44	1.8
2023-24	VALPO	5-5	145/28.9	6-22	.273	2-5	.400	4-6	.667	1	10	11	2.2	7-0	23	8	0	5	18	3.6
TOTAL		59-10	1016/17.2	41-127	.323	9-40	.225	24-43	.558	8	100	108	1.8	65-0	141	68	1	54	115	1.9

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	11	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Rebounds	6	vs Trinity Christian 11/27/21
Assists	10	vs Western Mich. 11/13/22
Steals	4	vs Drake 02/04/23, at Murray St. 02/26/23
Blocks	1	vs Bradley 01/26/22
FG Made	4	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Attempts	7	at Murray St. 02/26/23, vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Made	1	9 times
3FG Attempts	3	at Murray St. 02/26/23
FT Made	4	vs Western Mich. 11/13/22, at Chicago St. 11/16/22
FT Attempts	9	vs Western Mich. 11/13/22

EDWARDS, Jaxon

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring		
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	MUR	11-0	28/2.6	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	3	5	8	0.7	0-0	1	1	1	2	6	0.5
2023-24	VALPO	5-5	132/26.3	19-48	.396	3-13	.231	6-7	.857	13	22	35	7.0	8-0	2	9	12	3	47	9.4
TOTAL FOR VALPO		5-5	132/26.3	19-48	.396	3-13	.231	6-7	.857	13	22	35	7.0	8-0	2	9	12	3	47	9.4
TOTAL		16-5	160/10.0	22-54	.407	3-14	.214	6-8	.750	16	27	43	2.7	8-0	3	10	13	5	53	3.3

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	19	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
Rebounds	15	at Illinois 11/17/23
Assists	1	vs Lindsey Wilson 11/12/22, vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23, vs Green Bay 11/14/23
Steals	2	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
Blocks	4	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FG Made	8	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FG Attempts	15	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
3FG Made	2	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	4	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FT Made	2	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23, vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FT Attempts	3	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23



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PALM, Jerome

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	VALPO	23-9	310/13.5	18-43	.419	0-8	.000	8-16	.500	27	65	92	4.0	32-1	7	10	7	2	44	1.9
2023-24	VALPO	5-5	107/21.5	14-36	.389	1-5	.200	7-11	.636	9	29	38	7.6	9-0	1	6	1	2	36	7.2
TOTAL		28-14	417/14.9	32-79	.405	1-13	.077	15-27	.556	36	94	130	4.6	41-1	8	16	8	4	80	2.9

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	12	at Illinois 11/17/23
Rebounds	12	vs IUPUI 11/10/23
Assists	2	vs UIW 11/19/22
Steals	1	4 times
Blocks	3	vs Elon 12/18/22
FG Made	5	at Illinois 11/17/23, vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FG Attempts	15	at Illinois 11/17/23
3FG Made	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	2	vs Western Mich. 11/13/22, at Chicago St. 11/16/22, vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FT Made	3	at Belmont 12/01/22, vs IUPUI 11/10/23
FT Attempts	4	4 times

SCHWIEGER, Cooper

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	VALPO	5-5	149/29.8	21-49	.429	4-13	.308	8-10	.800	11	15	26	5.2	11-1	2	6	8	4	54	10.8
TOTAL		5-5	149/29.8	21-49	.429	4-13	.308	8-10	.800	11	15	26	5.2	11-1	2	6	8	4	54	10.8

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	13	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Rebounds	8	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Assists	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23, vs Green Bay 11/14/23
Steals	2	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
Blocks	2	at Illinois 11/17/23, vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Made	5	at Illinois 11/17/23, vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Attempts	15	vs IUPUI 11/10/23
3FG Made	2	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
3FG Attempts	4	vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FT Made	3	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FT Attempts	4	vs Green Bay 11/14/23



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SCIARRONI, Anthony

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	VALPO	2-0	10/5.0	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1-0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0
TOTAL		2-0	10/5.0	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1-0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Rebounds	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Assists	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Steals	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FG Attempts	4	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	4	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FT Attempts	2	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23

SEPP, Kaspar

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	VALPO	3-0	25/8.4	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	1.7	4-0	1	2	2	1	8	2.7
TOTAL		3-0	25/8.4	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	1.7	4-0	1	2	2	1	8	2.7

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	8	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Rebounds	3	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Assists	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Steals	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Blocks	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23, vs IUPUI 11/10/23
FG Made	3	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FG Attempts	4	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FT Made	2	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FT Attempts	2	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23



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STAFFORD, Isaiah

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2021-22	USI	23-13	504/21.9	80-195	.410	19-60	.317	24-39	.615	15	52	67	2.9	39-0	29	26	4	15	203	8.8	
2023-24	VALPO	5-5	154/30.7	26-72	.361	11-30	.367	25-30	.833	2	18	20	4.0	9-0	12	2	1	8	88	17.6	
TOTAL FOR VALPO		5-5	154/30.7	26-72	.361	11-30	.367	25-30	.833	2	18	20	4.0	9-0	12	2	1	8	88	17.6	
TOTAL		28-18	657/23.5	106-267	.397	30-90	.333	49-69	.710	17	70	87	3.1	48-0	41	28	5	23	291	10.4	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	31	vs Lindenwood 02/26/22
Rebounds	7	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Assists	5	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Steals	4	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Blocks	1	5 times
FG Made	11	vs Lindenwood 02/26/22, at Illinois 11/17/23
FG Attempts	24	vs Lindenwood 02/26/22
3FG Made	5	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	8	at Illinois 11/17/23, vs IUPUI 11/10/23
FT Made	7	vs Lindenwood 02/26/22, vs IUPUI 11/10/23
FT Attempts	8	vs Lindenwood 02/26/22

VICK, Joe

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2022-23	VALPO	1-0	1/1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	
2023-24	VALPO	1-0	4/3.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	
TOTAL		2-0	5/2.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Assists	1	vs Stonehill 12/21/22, vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23



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WEATHERSPOON, Sherman

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	VALPO	5-0	90/18.1	10-30	.333	2-14	.143	3-6	.500	1	2	3	0.6	9-0	4	2	0	3	25	5.0
TOTAL		5-0	90/18.1	10-30	.333	2-14	.143	3-6	.500	1	2	3	0.6	9-0	4	2	0	3	25	5.0

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	7	vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Rebounds	2	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Assists	2	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
Steals	1	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23, vs Green Bay 11/14/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Made	3	vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Attempts	9	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Made	1	vs IUPUI 11/10/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
3FG Attempts	6	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
FT Made	2	at Illinois 11/17/23
FT Attempts	4	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23

WILLIAMSON, Jahari

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	VALPO	5-0	83/16.6	14-34	.412	9-18	.500	5-6	.833	1	8	9	1.8	5-0	5	4	0	4	42	8.4
TOTAL		5-0	83/16.6	14-34	.412	9-18	.500	5-6	.833	1	8	9	1.8	5-0	5	4	0	4	42	8.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	16	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
Rebounds	4	at Illinois 11/17/23
Assists	3	at Illinois 11/17/23
Steals	3	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Made	5	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FG Attempts	10	at Illinois 11/17/23, vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
3FG Made	4	vs Trinity Christian 11/06/23
3FG Attempts	6	vs Western Ill. 11/21/23
FT Made	3	vs Green Bay 11/14/23
FT Attempts	4	vs Green Bay 11/14/23



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
Western Ill. at Valparaiso
11/21/23 Athletics-Recreation Center, Valparaiso
2023-24 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:00 PM
Game Duration: 1:48
Attendance: 1,257

Officials: Kelly Self, Gene Grimshaw, Ervin Wilson

Western Ill. - 66

Record: 2-3

NO.	Name		Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
4	Jesiah West	F	35:03	8-15	1-3	2-3	2	4	6	3	4	19	2	1	2	1	2	1
23	Drew Cisse	F	31:02	6-9	0-0	1-1	4	10	14	3	3	13	0	1	1	1	0	2
1	Quinlan Bennett	G	34:37	2-6	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	1	1	5	4	4	1	0	2	-5
2	Ryan Myers	G	23:17	2-6	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	6	4	1	1	0	0	-2
5	James Dent Jr.	G	39:01	4-12	2-7	5-6	1	5	6	2	4	15	7	2	1	0	0	-5
10	JJ Kalakon		02:00	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1
11	De'Meiko Anderson		06:17	0-1	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-4
24	Tay Knox		10:45	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	-13
0	Shay Davis		02:46	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
3	KJ Lee		07:21	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-2
13	Braden Lamar		07:51	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	-1
Team							3	1	4			0		3				
Totals				25-59	5-19	11-14	14	26	40	16	13	66	18	15	6	2	4	-7

Shooting By Period			
1 st FG%	10-32	31.3%	
3PT%	1-9	11.1%	
FT%	6-7	85.7%	
2 nd FG%	15-27	55.6%	
3PT%	4-10	40.0%	
FT%	5-7	71.4%	
GM FG%	25-59	42.4%	
3PT%	5-19	26.3%	
FT%	11-14	78.6%	

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 0

Technical Fouls::NONE

Valparaiso - 73

Record: 3-2

NO.	Name		Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
1	Jerome Palm	F	10:43	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-8
13	Cooper Schwieger	F	35:50	5-11	2-4	1-1	1	2	3	2	2	13	0	2	0	2	0	3
0	Jaxon Edwards	G	23:04	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	-3
6	Darius DeAveiro	G	31:19	4-5	1-1	2-2	0	1	1	2	3	11	7	2	1	0	1	-3
19	Isaiah Stafford	G	30:37	1-7	0-2	6-7	0	7	7	3	3	8	5	0	2	0	1	0
4	Sherman Weatherspoon		15:32	3-7	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	1	0	0	10
5	Ola Ajiboye		31:04	8-10	0-0	5-10	2	6	8	2	7	21	1	1	1	2	0	19
7	Jahari Williamson		21:51	5-10	3-6	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	13	1	0	3	0	0	17
Team							0	0	0			0		1				
Totals				26-55	7-16	14-20	6	21	27	13	16	73	16	10	8	4	2	7

Shooting By Period			
1 st FG%	14-32	43.8%	
3PT%	4-10	40.0%	
FT%	2-2	100%	
2 nd FG%	12-23	52.2%	
3PT%	3-6	50.0%	
FT%	12-18	66.7%	
GM FG%	26-55	47.3%	
3PT%	7-16	43.8%	
FT%	14-20	70.0%	

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

Technical Fouls::NONE

	WIU	VAL
Biggest lead	8 (1 st 14:06)	9 (1 st 3:00)
Best Scoring Run	7 (1 st 14:37)	10 (1 st 9:48)
Lead Changes	5	
Times Tied	5	
Time with Lead	11:59	25:09

Points from	WIU	VAL
Turnovers	8	21
Paint	34	24
Second Chance	4	2
Fast Breaks	2	11
Bench	8	41

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
WIU	27	39	66
VAL	34	39	73



Officials: Bret Smith, Steve McJunkins, John Floyd

Valparaiso - 64

Record: 2-2

NO.	Name		Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
1	Jerome Palm	F	29:25	5-15	0-1	2-3	2	8	10	2	3	12	0	1	1	0	1	-21
13	Cooper Schwieger	F	20:13	5-10	0-1	2-3	5	2	7	5	3	12	0	0	1	2	2	-5
0	Jaxon Edwards	G	31:53	0-12	0-3	0-0	4	11	15	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	-17
6	Darius DeAveiro	G	23:00	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	-7
19	Isaiah Stafford	G	32:50	11-23	3-8	5-7	1	2	3	3	4	30	0	0	2	1	0	-15
5	Ola Ajiboye		14:53	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	-3
7	Jahari Williamson		21:38	2-10	2-4	0-0	0	4	4	1	1	6	3	1	0	0	0	-21
4	Sherman Weatherspoon		23:07	1-5	0-2	2-2	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	-20
21	Kaspar Sepp		01:37	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
3	Anthony Sciarroni		01:24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
Team							2	2	4			0		0				
Totals				24-80	5-19	11-15	15	36	51	21	16	64	4	7	4	7	4	-23

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 st FG%	15-35	42.9%	
3PT%	5-11	45.5%	
FT%	10-12	83.3%	
2 nd FG%	9-45	20.0%	
3PT%	0-8	0.0%	
FT%	1-3	33.3%	
GM FG%	24-80	30.0%	
3PT%	5-19	26.3%	
FT%	11-15	73.3%	

Dead Ball Rebounds: 0, 0

Illinois - 87

Record: 3-1

NO.	Name		Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
3	Marcus Domask	F	27:04	2-9	1-4	2-3	2	4	6	0	2	7	3	3	0	0	2	6
13	Quincy Guerrier	F	15:24	1-7	0-5	0-0	0	5	5	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
42	Dain Dainja	F	21:27	8-10	0-0	0-6	2	5	7	2	6	16	0	0	0	2	0	19
0	Terrence Shannon Jr.	G	26:49	7-14	3-7	5-6	0	7	7	3	6	22	4	1	0	0	1	25
20	Ty Rodgers	G	19:42	4-6	0-0	2-2	1	6	7	3	1	10	2	2	2	0	1	16
4	Justin Harmon		19:44	3-8	1-2	0-0	3	6	9	1	0	7	2	1	0	0	0	21
2	Dra Gibbs-Lawhorn		15:33	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2
10	Luke Goode		25:52	4-10	4-9	1-3	2	5	7	2	3	13	1	0	1	1	1	17
35	Amani Hansberry		15:14	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
11	Niccolo Moretti		13:11	2-2	0-0	2-4	1	0	1	0	3	6	2	0	1	0	0	0
Team							2	2	4			0		0				
Totals				33-75	9-28	12-24	15	45	60	16	21	87	16	9	4	4	7	23

Technical Fouls:Dainja 1st17:14

	VAL	ILL
Biggest lead	10 (1 st 5:29)	23 (2 nd 0:06)
Best Scoring Run	8(1 st 16:14)	10(2 nd 11:32)
Lead Changes	5	
Times Tied	2	
Time with Lead	25:05	14:32

Points from	VAL	ILL
Turnovers	7	2
Paint	28	48
Second Chance	10	13
Fast Breaks	4	4
Bench	10	30

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
VAL	45	19	64
ILL	38	49	87



Officials: Jeff Malham, Connor Mooney, Eric Lowe

Green Bay - 59

Record: 1-2

NO.	Name		Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
1	Elijah Jones	F	33:27	6-10	0-1	1-2	3	12	15	4	4	13	2	1	0	2	1	-1
13	Marcus Hall	F	29:27	0-0	0-0	2-2	2	5	7	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	-11
34	Rich Byhre	F	21:32	1-7	0-4	0-2	1	0	1	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	-2
2	Preston Ruedinger	G	26:03	2-6	0-2	0-0	2	2	4	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	-5
21	Noah Reynolds	G	35:13	11-25	0-5	2-5	1	6	7	2	7	24	1	4	1	0	5	-4
0	Foster Wonders		22:30	3-7	2-5	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	-3
5	Amari Jenkins		18:28	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	6	1	2	2	0	0	-3
15	David Douglas Jr.		10:35	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
32	Ryan Wade		02:45	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team							1	1	2			0			1			
Totals				26-61	2-18	5-11	10	32	42	17	13	59	5	11	3	2	9	-5

Shooting By Period			
1 st	FG%	13-28	46.4%
	3PT%	1-7	14.3%
	FT%	4-8	50%
2 nd	FG%	13-33	39.4%
	3PT%	1-11	9.1%
	FT%	1-3	33.3%
GM	FG%	26-61	42.6%
	3PT%	2-18	11.1%
	FT%	5-11	45.5%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

Technical Fouls::NONE

Valparaiso - 64

Record: 2-1

NO.	Name		Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
1	Jerome Palm	F	23:31	1-3	0-1	2-4	1	7	8	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	-2
13	Cooper Schwieger	F	32:56	2-7	1-2	3-4	0	1	1	1	2	8	1	0	2	1	1	1
0	Jaxon Edwards	G	33:53	8-15	1-4	2-2	4	4	8	2	1	19	1	1	2	4	0	2
6	Darius DeAveiro	G	30:39	0-5	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	1	0	1	4
19	Isaiah Stafford	G	34:11	5-16	2-6	6-7	0	3	3	0	7	18	1	0	0	0	0	1
5	Ola Ajiboye		18:40	2-2	0-0	1-2	2	7	9	3	2	5	1	2	0	4	0	12
7	Jahari Williamson		13:19	1-5	0-2	3-4	0	2	2	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Sherman Weatherspoon		12:51	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	6
Team							2	4	6			0			0			
Totals				21-58	4-18	18-25	9	28	37	13	17	64	10	5	6	9	2	5

Shooting By Period			
1 st	FG%	12-32	37.5%
	3PT%	1-9	11.1%
	FT%	1-2	50%
2 nd	FG%	9-26	34.6%
	3PT%	3-9	33.3%
	FT%	17-23	73.9%
GM	FG%	21-58	36.2%
	3PT%	4-18	22.2%
	FT%	18-25	72.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

Technical Fouls::NONE

	GRB	VAL
Biggest lead	8 (2 nd 15:36)	9 (2 nd 3:29)
Best Scoring Run	7(2 nd 15:36)	7(2 nd 12:40)
Lead Changes	1	
Times Tied	5	
Time with Lead	23:27	09:04

Points from	GRB	VAL
Turnovers	4	11
Paint	42	22
Second Chance	10	9
Fast Breaks	3	15
Bench	14	14

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
GRB	31	28	59
VAL	26	38	64