



2020-21

# Men's Basketball Game Notes

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## 2020-21 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 27	at Vanderbilt SEC Network	L 77-71
Dec. 1	at UIC! ESPN3	L 66-50
Dec. 4	at Purdue Big Ten Network	L 68-61
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Judson ESPN3</b>	<b>W 85-45</b>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>SIUE ESPN3/+</b>	<b>W 80-58</b>
Dec. 12	at Central Michigan! ESPN3	L 84-79
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>Purdue Northwest ESPN3</b>	<b>W 89-71</b>
Dec. 19	at Toledo ESPN3	L 71-57
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>Missouri State* ESPN3/+</b>	<b>L 81-68</b>
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Missouri State* ESPN3/+</b>	<b>L 78-68</b>
Jan. 16	at DePaul FS1	L 77-58
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Loyola* Valley on ESPN+ Exclusive</b>	<b>L 75-39</b>
Jan. 23	at Illinois State* Marquee, ESPN3	W 69-60
Jan. 24	at Illinois State* Marquee, ESPN3	W 70-66
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Bradley* Valley on ESPN3 Exc. W 91-85(2ot)</b>	
Jan. 31	at Evansville* Valley on E3 Exclusive	L 70-62
Feb. 1	at Evansville* ESPN3	L 58-51
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>#25 Drake* ESPN3</b>	<b>L 80-77</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>#25 Drake* ESPN+</b>	<b>W 74-57</b>
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>Bradley* ESPN3</b>	<b>L 76-52</b>
Feb. 13	at UNI* MVC TV Network (NBCSCH)	W 70-57
Feb. 14	at UNI* NBC Sports Chicago, ESPN+	L 74-60
Feb. 17	at #22/23 Loyola* MVC TV Network	L 54-52
Feb. 21	at SIU* Marquee & ESPN3/+	W 66-65
Feb. 22	at SIU* Valley on ESPN Exclusive (E3/+)	L 67-64
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>Indiana State* Valley on E3 Exclusive</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>Indiana State* ESPN3</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
March 4-7 MVC Tournament% (St. Louis)		

All times Central.

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

! – multi-team event

% - 2021 MVC Tournament (St. Louis)

\* - indicates Missouri Valley Conference game

### Referencing Valpo

Please refer to our program/department/  
University as Valparaiso University, Valparaiso  
or Valpo. Please do not use "VU" or a mascot  
name. The University announced the decision  
to retire the Crusader mascot on Feb. 11, 2021.

## Indiana State (13-8, 10-6 MVC) at Valparaiso (9-16, 6-10 MVC)

Game No. 26 – Friday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.

Game No. 27 – Saturday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m.

Athletics-Recreation Center (5,000) – Valparaiso, Ind.

**Next Up in Valpo Basketball:** The Valparaiso University men's basketball team will welcome Indiana State to the Athletics-Recreation Center on Friday and Saturday for a pair of games to close out the 2020-21 regular season. All told, Valpo will have played its last 16 Missouri Valley Conference games in a 39-day span after six of the team's first eight MVC games were postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. There's a lot at stake entering the two games this weekend as Valpo plays for seeding with hopes of finishing in the top six and earning a first-round bye at next week's State Farm MVC Tournament in St. Louis. In addition, Valpo will salute its senior class with a pregame recognition and postgame tribute video on Saturday.

**Last Time Out:** Valpo split a pair of close games this past weekend, getting enough defensive stops late in the game to hold on for a 66-65 victory at Southern Illinois on Sunday before succumbing to the Salukis 67-64 in Monday's series finale in Carbondale. Freshman Jacob Ognacevic and sophomore Donovan Clay led the way on Sunday with 15 points apiece, while sophomore Ben Krikke scored 13 of his team-high 15 in the first eight minutes of the game on Monday.

**Following Valpo Basketball:** Television/Streaming (Friday) – The Valley on ESPN Exclusive (ESPN3) – Mitch Holthus (play-by-play) and Danan Hughes (analyst)

Television/Streaming (Saturday) – ESPN3 – Todd Ickow (play-by-play) and Brian Jennings (analyst)

Radio – Valpo Sports Network (WVUR 95.1 FM, TuneIn Radio App) – Todd Ickow (play-by-play, Friday), Garrett Willis (analyst, Friday) and Zach Collins (play-by-play, Saturday)

Twitter updates - @ValpoBasketball

Links for video, audio and live stats will be available at ValpoAthletics.com.

**Head Coach Matt Lottich:** Matt Lottich (82-76) is in his eighth season overall at Valpo and fifth as head coach in 2020-21. Just two years removed from finishing in last place and being knocked out in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as a first-year Valley member, Lottich's team did more than hold its own in 2019-2020, ascending into a tie for sixth in the league standings before finishing as the conference tournament runner-up. Valpo became the first team in the history of Arch Madness to reach the title

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## 2020-21 Valparaiso Men's Basketball Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School [Prev. School]
0	<b>Goodnews Kpegeol</b>	G	6-5	200	R-So.	St. Paul, Minn./North [Southwest Mississippi CC/Kansas St]
1	<b>Sigurd Lorange</b>	G	5-11	185	So.	Trondheim, Norway/Metis Videregaende Skole
2	<b>Zion Morgan</b>	G	6-5	190	R-Sr.	Chicago, Ill./Kenwood [Wabash Valley College/UNLV]
3	<b>Steven Helm</b>	G	6-2	180	R-So.	Valparaiso, Ind./Valparaiso [Carroll]
4	<b>Daniel Sackey</b>	G	5-9	175	Jr.	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada/Thornlea
5	<b>Donovan Clay</b>	G/F	6-7	205	So.	Alton, Ill./Alton
10	<b>Eron Gordon</b>	G	6-3	205	R-Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral [Seton Hall]
11	<b>Emil Freese-Vilien</b>	C	6-10	255	So.	Copenhagen, Denmark/Falkonergarden Gymnasium
12	<b>Tyler Fricke</b>	G/F	6-1	170	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / Buffalo Grove
13	<b>Sheldon Edwards</b>	G	6-4	180	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Lakes[TLAP Sports Academy]
15	<b>Luke Morrill</b>	G	6-2	200	So.	Lombard, Ill./Montini Catholic
20/21	<b>Brock Pappas</b>	F	6-4	205	Jr.	Valparaiso, Ind./Washington Township
22	<b>Mileek McMillan</b>	F	6-8	230	Sr.	Merrillville, Ind./Merrillville
23	<b>Ben Krikke</b>	F	6-9	230	So.	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada/Jasper Place
25	<b>Nick Robinson*</b>	G	6-5	215	R-Sr.	Chicago, Ill./Kenwood [Saint Joseph's]
34	<b>Jacob Ognacevic</b>	F	6-8	210	Fr.	Sheboygan, Wis./Sheboygan Area Lutheran
35	<b>Connor Barrett</b>	G/F	6-6	200	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy

\*Opted out of the remainder of the 2020-21 season on Jan. 21.

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: **Matt Lottich** (Stanford, 2004) – 5th season  
 Associate Head Coach: **Luke Gore** (Bethel [Tenn.], 2001) – 19th season  
 Assistant Coaches: **Rob Holloway** (Eastern Illinois, 2005) – 3rd season  
 and **Matt Bowen** (Indiana, 1995) – 3rd season, 2nd stint  
 Director of Basketball Operations: **Jason Karys** (Valparaiso 2017) – 2nd season  
 Graduate Assistant: **Peter Funk** (Valparaiso 2019) – 2nd season

### Valpo vs. Indiana State

All-time series: Indiana State leads 54-34

At Valpo: Indiana State leads 24-19

At Indiana State: Indiana State leads 30-14

At neutral site: Valpo Leads 1-0

Current streak: Indiana State W1

Current streak at Valpo: Valpo W1

Current streak at Indiana State: Indiana State W3

Last 10: Tied 5-5

#### Last 10 Meetings

Date	Site	W/L	Score
Feb. 29, 2020	Terre Haute, Ind.	L	71-58
Jan. 18, 2020	Valparaiso, Ind.	W	86-77
March 7, 2019	St. Louis	W	77-55
Feb. 13, 2019	Valparaiso, Ind.	L(ot)	87-82
Jan. 23, 2019	Terre Haute, Ind.	L	70-53
Jan. 31, 2018	Valparaiso, Ind.	W	69-63
Dec. 28, 2017	Terre Haute, Ind.	L	73-64
Dec. 17, 2016	Valparaiso, Ind.	W	89-71
Dec. 9, 2015	Terre Haute, Ind.	W	69-63
Dec. 9, 2004	Terre Haute, Ind.	L(ot)	70-68

### val-puh-RAY-zo Pronunciation Guide

**Matt Lottich** - lot-ICK

**Mileek McMillan** - muh-LEEK

**Emil Freese-Vilien** – uh MEAL FRACE Vil-ee-EN

**Ben Krikke** – Crick-E (last part is like the letter E)

**Sigurd Lorange** – SIG-erd Lor-ANG

**Eron Gordon** – Aaron

**Kpegeol** – Peh-gay-OLE (K is silent, last syllable rhymes with mole)

**Jacob Ognacevic** – Og-NOSS-uh-vic

**Tyler Fricke** – Frick-E (last part is like the letter E)

### Among the MVC Leaders

(Entering 2/26)

#### Individual Leaders

Player	Category	Rank	Value
Ben Krikke	Points/G	13th	12.2
Donovan Clay	Rebounds/G	13th	5.6
Daniel Sackey	Assists/G	3rd	3.9
Ben Krikke	FT%	10th	.800
Daniel Sackey	Steals/G	6th	1.4
Connor Barrett	3pt FG%	9th	.397
Donovan Clay	Blocks/G	3rd	1.3
Steven Helm	Assist/TO Ratio	4th	3.3
Donovan Clay	Minutes/G	3rd	32.8

#### Team Leaders (among top 3)

Category	Rank	Value
Free Throw %	3rd	.731
Blocked Shots/G	3rd	3.4
Steals/G	3rd	6.6



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game after playing in the opening round. Lottich, hired as the 22nd head coach of the Valpo men's basketball program in April 2016, graduated from Stanford University in 2004 and New Trier High School (Illinois) in 2000.

## Down to the Wire

- Valpo has played in three straight games decided by one possession, incurring a two-point loss at No. 22 Loyola on Wednesday before prevailing by the slimmest of margins on Sunday at Southern Illinois and falling by three in Monday's rematch with the Salukis.
- This marks the first time in nearly a decade that Valpo has played three consecutive one-possession games. The last time the team had three straight games decided by three points or fewer was from Dec. 29, 2011 to Jan. 6, 2012, Horizon League battles with Milwaukee, Green Bay and Detroit.
- Sunday's one-point win in Carbondale marked the team's first game decided by a single point since the memorable victory over Loyola in last year's MVC quarterfinals.

## Senior Insights

- Senior cheerleader Becca Wireman along with Valpo basketball seniors Zion Morgan, Eron Gordon and Mileek McMillan will be recognized prior to Saturday's game as part of the Senior Day festivities.
- Morgan has scored eight points or more in three of his last five games after not reaching the eight-point threshold in any of his 35 prior appearances in a Valpo uniform. Morgan, who has squeezed five or more rebounds in each of the last three games, is in his second season with the Brown & Gold after transferring from Wabash Valley College (JUCO). He started his collegiate career in 2016-17 at UNLV.
- The younger brother of Houston Rockets veteran Eric Gordon and the youngest of three basketball-playing brothers, Eron Gordon is in his third year in Valpo's program (second eligible after sitting out the 2018-19 campaign as a transfer from Seton Hall). He is averaging 5.0 rebounds per game (5.7 in MVC play) at a guard position after averaging 2.3 per game (2.6 in MVC play) last season. Gordon has led the team in rebounding 10 times in 2020-21 after not doing so at all last season.
- The lone four-year member of the program and a native of nearby Merrillville, Ind., Mileek McMillan has played in 118 games and made 63 starts in his career. He has made at least one start in all four seasons on campus and entering this weekend owns 565 career points and 238 rebounds. McMillan is just outside the program's all-time Top 10 for career games played as Jason Jenkins is 10th at 126.

## Sustained Home Success

- Valpo needs to win at least one game this weekend to assure a home record of .500 or better in 2020-21. The squad is 5-5 at home this season entering these games.

- The Athletics-Recreation Center has provided a distinct homecourt advantage over the years as Valpo has not finished with a losing mark at the ARC since 1991-92.

- One win over Indiana State this weekend would allow Valpo to finish .500 or better at home for the 29th consecutive season.
- Valpo has enjoyed double-figure home win totals in nine of the last 10 seasons prior to this unusual, pandemic-altered year. Due to health and safety regulations, fans were unable to pack the ARC as they have in years past.

## Valpo on Senior Night

- Entering Saturday evening, Valpo owns a 25-4 record over the last 29 years in the final home game of the season.
- Valpo topped Missouri State 89-74 in the final home contest for seniors Ryan Fazekas and John Kiser a year ago, the team's first Senior Night triumph since joining The Valley.
- This will mark the second straight season Valpo has closed the year against the Sycamores as the two teams faced off in Terre Haute to round out the 2019-20 regular season, a 71-58 defeat for the visitors.
- Valpo has dropped each of its last two regular-season finales and holds a 1-3 mark in such games over the last four years. The team did top Drake to close out the 2017-18 campaign, its first year in the Missouri Valley Conference.

## Bench Benchmarks

- Valpo has outscored the opponent in bench points in each of the last five games despite moving to primarily an eight-man rotation for three of those contests.
- Zion Morgan has pulled down five or more rebounds in three straight outings after having more than two rebounds just once in his first nine games of the year. Morgan has also scored eight or more points in three of his last five including a career-high 15 in a near upset at No. 22/23 Loyola on Feb. 17.
- Jacob Ognacevic has played more than 20 minutes in each of his last two games after not reaching that threshold in any of the previous games against Division-I competition this season. He has scored eight points or more in six of his last eight including a 7-of-10 performance with a D-I career high of 15 points on Feb. 21 at Southern Illinois. Ognacevic has made at least one 3 in seven of his last eight games and has 12 total triples during that span after he did not get off any attempts from beyond the arc in the previous five games.
- Goodnews Kpegeol has scored seven points or more in four of his last five games including eight points in just 13 minutes before fouling out on Monday, Feb. 22 at Southern Illinois. He went 4-of-6 shooting in the aforementioned second game against the Salukis after an efficient 5-of-7 showing on Feb. 17 at Loyola.
- Sigurd Lorange saw his first action since Dec. 17 late in the game on Feb. 22 at Southern Illinois after battling a hand injury over the last

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## 2020-21 MVC Standings

(Entering Feb. 26)

Team	MVC		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Loyola	14-2	.875	19-4	.826
Drake	14-2	.875	23-2	.920
Missouri State	11-5	.688	15-5	.750
Indiana State	10-6	.625	13-8	.619
Evansville	6-10	.375	8-14	.364
Valpo	6-10	.375	9-16	.360
Southern Illinois	5-11	.313	11-11	.500
Bradley	5-11	.313	11-14	.440
UNI	5-11	.313	7-15	.318
Illinois State	4-12	.250	7-15	.318

## MVC Schedule

### Wednesday, Feb. 17

Indiana State 87, Evansville 73  
Drake 77, UNI 69  
Loyola 54, Valpo 52  
Missouri State 68, Southern Illinois 53

### Thursday, Feb. 18

Illinois State 88, Bradley 71

### Sunday, Feb. 21

Drake 85, Evansville 71  
Valpo 66, Southern Illinois 65

### Monday, Feb. 22

Southern Illinois 67, Valpo 64  
Drake 74, Evansville 63

### Friday, Feb. 26

Missouri State at Evansville, 6 p.m.  
Drake at Bradley, 6 p.m.  
Indiana State at Valpo, 6 p.m.  
Southern Illinois at Loyola, 8 p.m.  
UNI at Illinois State, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 27

Missouri State at Evansville, 6 p.m.  
Drake at Bradley, 7 p.m.  
Indiana State at Valpo, 5 p.m.  
Southern Illinois at Loyola, 5 p.m.  
UNI at Illinois State, 5 p.m.

two months. He scored five late points in three minutes against the Salukis.

- Valpo's three bench players (28) outscored its five starters (24) in the near upsets of No. 22/23 Loyola on Feb. 17.

### Going Big

- Valpo has used a larger lineup over the last three games, featuring Sheldon Edwards (6-foot-4), Eron Gordon (6-3), Donovan Clay (6-7), Ben Krikke (6-9) and Mileek McMillan (6-8) with Jacob Ogancevic (6-8) seeing significant run off the bench.

- The new-look lineup was created in part out of necessity due to starters Daniel Sackey and Connor Barrett both being sidelined with injuries.

- Donovan Clay had started 53 straight games before coming off the bench for the two games at UNI on Feb. 13-14, but has since returned to the starting five.

- Sackey had started every game this season before missing the Feb. 17 game at Loyola due to an injury.

- Ben Krikke is the only Valpo player remaining who has started every game this year.

### The Valley Transition

- With two games remaining in Year 4 in the Missouri Valley Conference, Valpo has already surpassed Loyola's conference win total over its first four seasons in the league. Valpo garnered its 28th MVC victory on Feb. 21 at Southern Illinois.

- The Ramblers went 27-45 over their first four seasons before going 54-16 in the four years since.

- Valpo has two games remaining vs. Indiana State to add to its four-year transitional period win total after elevating to the prestigious and competitive conference.

### Home Again at Last

- Valpo is back home for the first time since Feb. 10 after a stretch of five straight road games, the program's longest such stretch since Dec. 7-28, 2017, when the team played six straight away dates, visiting Purdue, Ball State, Northwestern, Santa Clara, UC Riverside and Indiana State.

- This marked the program's longest stretch of consecutive road games in conference play since joining a Division-I conference for the first time in 1982.

## Media Relations Information

Requests to cover home men's basketball games should be made through Brandon Vickrey, Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations, 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 and will be conducted via Zoom or phone. Broadcasters planning to attend practice should call ahead to confirm practice time. Coach Lottich and requested players will be available following the game for a Zoom press conference.





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Season/Career Totals		
	2020-21	Career
<b>10+ Points</b>		
Ben Krikke	18	27
Donovan Clay	12	31
Eron Gordon	8	15
Sheldon Edwards	8	8
Jacob Ognacevic	8	8
Connor Barrett	6	6
Mileek McMillan	2	14
Goodnews Kpegeol	2	2
Zion Morgan	2	2
Daniel Sackey	1	16
Sigurd Lorange	0	1
<b>20+ Points</b>		
Donovan Clay	3	5
Ben Krikke	2	2
Sheldon Edwards	2	2
Jacob Ognacevic	1	1
Daniel Sackey	0	1
Mileek McMillan	0	1
Eron Gordon	0	1
<b>10+ Rebounds</b>		
Donovan Clay	3	3
Eron Gordon	1	1
Ben Krikke	1	1
<b>5+ Assists</b>		
Daniel Sackey	8	21
Eron Gordon	2	2
Steven Helm	1	1
Donovan Clay	1	5
Nick Robinson	0	4
Zion Morgan	0	2
<b>3+ 3-Pointers</b>		
Connor Barrett	5	5
Sheldon Edwards	5	5
Jacob Ognacevic	3	3
Eron Gordon	3	6
Mileek McMillan	1	7
Donovan Clay	2	5
Sigurd Lorange	0	1
Daniel Sackey	0	1
Ben Krikke	0	1
<b>3+ Steals</b>		
Daniel Sackey	3	9
Nick Robinson	2	3
Donovan Clay	1	1
Connor Barrett	1	1
Goodnews Kpegeol	1	1
Eron Gordon	1	4
Mileek McMillan	0	3
Zion Morgan	1	3
Sheldon Edwards	2	2

## Staying Busy

- This weekend's games against Indiana State will close out a stretch of 16 Missouri Valley Conference games in a 39-day span as Valpo was among the conference's busiest teams after early-season postponements.

- By comparison, Valpo played three games over the previous 31 days before beginning this stretch of seemingly nonstop competition.

- Six of Valpo's first eight Missouri Valley Conference games were postponed due to COVID-19, causing the backlog of makeup games during this busy stretch.

- Valpo didn't practice from Dec. 20-Jan. 4 leading into the start of the conference season. The team also had a two-week pause shortly before the start of the nonconference slate in November.

- Three nonconference games were cancelled and two were added during a challenging season for schedule-makers.

- In all, Valpo has had nine games either cancelled or postponed. In addition, two Missouri Valley Conference series (at Evansville, at UNI) were pushed back one day from the original dates to make room for makeup games.

## A Lot on the Line

- Valpo enters the final two games of the regular season hoping to secure a first-round bye in next week's State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in St. Louis. Earning a bye and avoiding Thursday at the tournament would mark a significant step forward for the program, which has played on the tournament's opening day in each of its first three Missouri Valley Conference seasons.

- Valpo (6-10) is currently tied for fifth in the conference standings with Evansville (6-10), while Southern Illinois (5-11), Bradley (5-11) and UNI (5-11) are hot on their heels. The top six teams dodge the first round at Arch Madness.

- Valpo controls its own destiny, as the team will be guaranteed a first-round bye with two victories this weekend. The program could very well earn a bye by splitting with the Sycamores, pending the outcomes of the remaining Valley contests.

- Valpo fans will be cheering for Loyola (at Southern Illinois), Illinois State (vs. UNI), Missouri State (at Evansville) and Drake (at Bradley) this weekend. The Brown & Gold could wrap up a first-round bye as early as Friday if all of the results tilt in their favor.

- Valpo made history last season by becoming the first team in the 30-year history of Arch Madness to play in the opening round and reach the championship game. Ultimately, playing the extra game came back to haunt the Brown & Gold, who tired out in the second half of the title game after owning a halftime lead over Bradley. For that reason, these final two games are crucial while battling for the first-round bye.

Season/Career Totals		
	2020-21	Career
<b>Team Leader in Points</b>		
Donovan Clay	8	13
Ben Krikke	8	11
Jacob Ognacevic	4	4
Eron Gordon	3	3
Sheldon Edwards	3	3
Mileek McMillan	1	5
Zion Morgan	1	1
Daniel Sackey	0	3
<b>Team Leader in Rebounds</b>		
Eron Gordon	10	10
Nick Robinson	2	5
Donovan Clay	10	21
Ben Krikke	5	7
Jacob Ognacevic	1	1
Zion Morgan	2	3
Connor Barrett	2	2
Sheldon Edwards	2	2
Goodnews Kpegeol	2	2
Daniel Sackey	1	3
<b>Team Leader in Assists</b>		
Daniel Sackey	15	35
Donovan Clay	7	11
Zion Morgan	4	6
Eron Gordon	2	3
Steven Helm	1	1
Connor Barrett	1	1
Sheldon Edwards	2	2
Emil Freese-Vilien	0	1
Ben Krikke	0	1
Mileek McMillan	0	1
<b>Team Leader in Steals</b>		
Daniel Sackey	10	17
Sheldon Edwards	6	6
Donovan Clay	6	8
Goodnews Kpegeol	3	3
Nick Robinson	2	4
Ben Krikke	2	2
Connor Barrett	1	1
Eron Gordon	1	6
Zion Morgan	4	6
Mileek McMillan	0	4
<b>Starts</b>		
Ben Krikke	25	26
Daniel Sackey	22	64
Eron Gordon	23	26
Sheldon Edwards	9	9
Mileek McMillan	10	63
Connor Barrett	13	13
Zion Morgan	0	1
Donovan Clay	23	56



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## Approaching 1,400 Victories

- Entering this weekend vs. Indiana State, Valpo is one win away from an all-time milestone.
- The program is one victory shy of 1,400 all-time.
- Valpo boasts an all-time mark of 1399-1254.

## Notes Wrapping Up Feb. 22 (Southern Illinois 67, Valpo 64)

- Ben Krikke did the bulk of his damage early on his way to a team-high 15 points, his fifth straight game with nine points or more and his fourth double-figure output in the last five games.
- Jacob Ognacevic and Sheldon Edwards finished with nine points apiece, while Goodnews Kpegeol had eight on 4-of-6 shooting in just 13 minutes before fouling out. Edwards and Ognacevic both produced eight points or more for the sixth time in their last eight games.
- Eron Gordon dished out a team-high five assists, while Donovan Clay and Zion Morgan had five rebounds apiece to pace the team. Gordon's assist total matched his career watermark established on Jan. 21 at Illinois State.
- Sigurd Lorange saw his first action since Dec. 17 vs. Purdue Northwest after battling an injury and scored five late points in three minutes of run.
- After only one of Valpo's first 22 games this season was decided by three points or fewer, the Brown & Gold have now played three straight games that featured a one-possession margin.

## Notes Wrapping Up Feb. 21 (Valpo 66, Southern Illinois 65)

- Jacob Ognacevic and Donovan Clay shared team-high honors with 15 points apiece, leading a collection of six Valpo players who scored eight points or more in a balanced effort.
- Clay led the squad in scoring for the team-most eighth time this year, while Ognacevic has now topped the team on four occasions. Clay finished in double figures for the 12th time this season and the 31st time in his career, while Ognacevic has scored 10 points or more in eight instances during his first collegiate campaign.
- Ognacevic's points marked the highest output against a Division-I opponent during his collegiate career, second only to his career high of 20 vs. Judson on Dec. 6. He played 22 minutes, his season high vs. a D-I foe and just his second time playing over 20 minutes all season. The freshman equaled a career best with seven made field goals as his 15 points came on an efficient 7-of-10 shooting.
- Clay made plays on both ends of the court, swiping two steals, blocking a shot, securing a team-high six rebounds and handing out four assists against no turnovers. Zion Morgan shared the team lead on the glass with six rebounds, his second straight game with five or more.
- Ben Krikke and Eron Gordon had nine points apiece, while Edwards and Morgan contributed eight each.
- Valpo won the rebounding battle for the second straight game,

enjoying a 32-27 advantage on the glass. Valpo pulled down 12 offensive rebounds and held a 15-3 edge in second-chance points. The dozen offensive rebounds marked the team's most over its last nine games.

- Valpo improved to 5-1 when winning the rebounding battle. The squad's only defeat when owning the edge on the boards was the narrow loss at No. 22 Loyola on Wednesday.
- The Brown & Gold committed just six turnovers, the team's second-lowest total of the season behind five in the close loss vs. No. 25 Drake on Feb. 6.
- The Salukis made eight 3s in the opening half, but Valpo held them to just 1-of-7 from long range over the final 20 minutes.
- This marked Valpo's fourth road win in conference play this season, its highest win total in league road games since joining The Valley.
- The 66 points were Valpo's fewest in a victory this season.
- Valpo improved to 2-10 this year when trailing at halftime, erasing a halftime deficit for the first time since Jan. 28 vs. Bradley.

## Series Notes: Indiana State

- The Sycamores are one of Valpo's most frequent all-time opponents as these two teams have matched up 88 times. Last year's regular-season finale allowed Indiana State to pass Saint Joseph's Indiana (87) for third on Valpo's list of most frequent opponents. Evansville (92) and Butler (103) are the only teams Valpo has played more than Indiana State.
- Indiana State owns a 54-34 lead in the all-time set including a 24-19 edge in the 219 area code.
- The two teams split last year's matchups with both squads prevailing at home.

## Inside the Sycamores

- Led by MVC Preseason First Team honoree Tyreke Key, who averaged a team-high 15.6 points per game last season. Jake LaRavia was named to the MVC all-freshman and all-newcomer teams last season and was named to the MVC Preseason Second Team this year.
- Key is averaging a team-high 17.4 points per game this season, followed by LaRavia at 12.0 ppg. Tre Williams is the team's top rebounder at 6.2 rpg.
- 9-1 in their last 10 games with a three-point loss at UNI the only setback in that span.
- Picked to finish fourth in the MVC Preseason Poll.
- Under the direction of longtime head coach Greg Lansing.

## Rising to the Occasion

- Three of Valpo's best performances all season have come against Top 25 competition, with the Brown & Gold earning the fourth nationally-ranked win in program history on Feb. 7 by blitzing No. 25 Drake 74-57, a win that was sandwiched around one-possession setbacks to Top 25 teams.

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- Valpo narrowly missed its first Top 25 road win in program history on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Loyola, falling 54-52. The two-point margin of defeat was the closest Valpo has ever come to winning a true road game against an AP Top 25 foe in 42 opportunities. The previous closest call was Dec. 30, 2001, a 74-70 loss at No. 14 Arizona.
- Counting a Dec. 4 game against a Purdue team that went on to earn a Top 25 ranking later in the season, Valpo has played five games against teams that have been ranked at some point this year during the 2020-21 campaign. Valpo has led at halftime in four of the five contests (with the lone exception being the first game vs. Loyola).
- Valpo was 2-65 against AP Top 25 teams prior to Matt Lottich's promotion to head coach and owns a 2-5 record since, a mark that easily could be 4-3 with two losses to ranked teams by three points or fewer this season.
- To make the performance even more impressive, Valpo pushed Loyola to the brink despite playing without two usual starters as Connor Barrett and Daniel Sackey were both sidelined by injuries.

## Notes Wrapping Up Feb. 17 (#22/23 Loyola 54, Valpo 52)

- Loyola narrowly extended its home winning streak to 20 games and hasn't lost a Missouri Valley Conference home game in exactly two years (since Feb. 17, 2019) after escaping with a win over Valpo.
- The 54 points was Loyola's second-lowest total this season and lowest in a home game.
- Valpo held a team that was averaging 75 points per game and hitting at a 58.6 percent clip over its previous three home games to a 38.5 percent shooting mark in its own gym on Feb. 17 at Loyola.
- Valpo won the rebounding battle 30-29, owning an edge on the glass for the first time in the last nine contests. Donovan Clay topped the team with seven boards.

## Superlatives

### Double-Digit Scoring:

Valpo - 69  
(Individuals - Ben Krikke 18; Donovan Clay 12; Eron Gordon 8; Sheldon Edwards 8; Jacob Ognacevic 8; Connor Barrett 6; Nick Robinson 2; Daniel Sackey 1; Mileek McMillan 2; Goodnews Kpegeol 2; Zion Morgan 2)  
Opponents - 79

### Double-Digit Rebounding:

Valpo - 5 (Donovan Clay 4; Ben Krikke 1; Eron Gordon 1)  
Opponents - 11

### Double-Digit Assists:

Valpo - 0 (Individuals - )  
Opponents - 1

### Double Doubles:

Valpo - 4 (Individuals - Donovan Clay 2; Ben Krikke 1; Eron Gordon 1)  
Opponents - 8

### Dunks:

Valpo - 20 (Individuals - Donovan Clay 5; Jacob Ognacevic 4; Ben Krikke 6; Sheldon Edwards 3; Goodnews Kpegeol 2)  
Opponents - 22

## Valpo When...

	2020-21	Under Lottich		2020-21	Under Lottich
Playing at home	5-5	49-20	Outrebounding opponents	5-1	60-16
Playing on the road	4-11	23-48	Outrebounded by opponents	4-15	22-58
Playing at a neutral site	0-0	10-8			
			Better FG% than opponents	5-5	62-15
Playing at night (5 p.m. or later local)	6-9	56-53	Worse FG% than opponents	3-10	19-58
Playing during the day (noon-4:59 p.m.)	3-7	25-22			
Playing during the morning (before noon)	0-0	0-1	Better FT% than opponents	6-7	55-31
			Worse FT% than opponents	1-9	25-46
Leading at halftime	7-4	59-17			
Tied at halftime	0-1	5-3	Fewer turnovers than opponents	5-7	46-28
Trailing at halftime	2-11	17-57	More turnovers than opponents	0-8	30-46
Playing overtime	1-0	4-5			
			Scoring 80 or more points	4-0	35-2
Playing in November	0-1	24-8	Scoring 70-79 points	3-4	28-19
Playing in December	3-4	13-19	Scoring 60-69 points	2-5	15-22
Playing in January	3-5	22-19	Scoring fewer than 60 points	0-7	4-33
Playing in February	3-6	19-23			
Playing in March	0-0	4-6	Opponents score 80 or more points	1-3	4-26
			Opponents score 70-79 points	1-8	23-25
Playing on Sunday	5-3	16-11	Opponents score 60-69 points	3-3	31-19
Playing on Monday	0-2	5-6	Opponents score fewer than 60 points	4-2	24-6
Playing on Tuesday	0-1	10-8			
Playing on Wednesday	1-3	13-18	Game decided by 5 points or fewer	3-4	20-22
Playing on Thursday	2-0	7-8	Game decided by 6-10 points	1-5	19-17
Playing on Friday	0-2	9-5	Game decided by 11-15 points	1-2	15-18
Playing on Saturday	2-5	22-20	Game decided by more than 15 points	4-6	28-20



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- This matchup was 34 points closer than the first meeting between the two teams, when Loyola prevailed 75-39 on Jan. 20 in Valpo.

- In addition to the aforementioned performances of Morgan and Kpegeol, Ben Krikke was in double figures for the fifth time in the last six games and eighth time in the last 10. The sophomore forward finished with 10 points, reaching the 500-point benchmark in the process by elevating his career total to 502.

- Three of the last four Valpo-Loyola matchups have been decided by three points or fewer.

## A Win That Ranks Up There

- Valpo earned its fourth victory in program history over an Associated Press Top 25 team on Sunday, Feb. 7, upsetting previously undefeated No. 25 Drake 74-57. Two of the four victories against nationally-ranked opponents have come under head coach Matt Lottich's watch as his team knocked off No. 21/25 Rhode Island 65-62 in 2016-17, Lottich's first season at the helm.

- Prior to Lottich assuming head coaching duties, Valpo was just 2-65 all-time against ranked teams (1998 NCAA Tournament "The Shot" vs. Ole Miss; 1988 "Lutheran Miracle" vs. Notre Dame).

- Of the 22 head coaches in Valpo Basketball history, only Matt Lottich and National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Famer Homer Drew have coached the team to wins over nationally-ranked opponents. Lottich and Drew have two Top 25 wins apiece, with Lottich's coming in his first five seasons while Drew finished with two during his 22-year run.

- Valpo has won two of its last three home games against Top 25 teams with the loss coming by just three points to Drake in the Saturday, Feb. 6 matchup.

## Valpo Basketball, All-Time AP Top 25 Victories

Opponent	Date	Score
vs. #25 Drake	2-7-21	W 74-57
vs. #21 Rhode Island	11-29-16	W 65-62
vs. #13 Ole Miss*	3-13-98	W 70-69
vs. #19 Notre Dame	12-17-88	W 71-68 (OT)

\*NCAA Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Never A Doubt

- Not only did Valpo upstage a quality and experienced No. 25 Drake team on Sunday, Feb. 7, but it did so in lopsided fashion. The 17-point margin of victory matched Valpo's largest in a regular-season Missouri Valley Conference game since joining the league.

- Valpo owns two other 17-point wins in MVC play, February 2020 vs. Southern Illinois and January 2018 vs. Drake. In addition, the team had a 22-point win over Indiana State in conference tournament action.

- The 17-point cushion was the program's largest over a nationally-ranked foe by a wide margin as the previous three wins were all decided by three points or fewer.

- Lock-down defense paved the way to the rout as Valpo held a team

that entered the day averaging 82.8 points per game to a season-low 57, 11 points below the Bulldogs' previous season floor.

## #SCTop10 Again

- Sheldon Edwards' dunk from the Sunday, Feb. 7 victory over No. 25 Drake checked in at No. 7 on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays late that night.

- This marks the third time in the last two years Valpo basketball has produced an #SCTop10 play. Since joining the Missouri Valley Conference, Valpo Athletics have been featured on the popular daily countdown on eight occasions spanning five sports – men's basketball (four times), women's basketball, softball, soccer and volleyball.

- The poster slam also landed on ESPN.com's college basketball homepage on Sunday.

## Unbeaten No More

- Valpo faced a team with a perfect record of 18-0 or better for the first time in at least 20 years when Drake arrived at the ARC for the Sunday, Feb. 7 game. Valpo's most recent game against a team with an undefeated record this late in the season prior to this past weekend is believed to be a 1979-80 matchup with DePaul when the Blue Demons entered at 20-0.

- Previously, the team with the best record that Valpo had faced over the last two decades was 12-0 North Carolina on Dec. 20, 2008 at the United Center.

- Entering Feb. 7, Valpo was 2-10 against undefeated teams that had played five or more games since the start of the 1999-2000 season. In addition, Valpo garnered its first win over a team with an unblemished mark of 7-0 or better in that span as Valpo was 0-8 against those opponents before the win over the Bulldogs.

- Drake was one of three remaining undefeated teams in the nation at the time of Valpo's victory. Coincidentally, both remaining teams with undefeated records feature Valpo connections, as Baylor is under the direction of former Valpo head coach Scott Drew and former Valpo assistant coach Roger Powell serves on Gonzaga's staff.

## Youth vs. Experience

- The Valpo/Drake matchup pitted one of the nation's oldest teams against a Valpo team that depends heavily on freshmen and sophomores.

- Drake boasts an average age of 21.5 years old and has a starting five with an average age of 23.3. That starting lineup is older than the starting five of three teams in the NBA, including the Chicago Bulls who have an average starters' age of 21.6.

- Conversely, Valpo started two freshmen and two sophomores in both games this weekend. On Saturday, freshmen and sophomores combined for 56 of Valpo's 77 points (72.7 percent),





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while on Sunday underclassmen accounted for 46 out of 74 points (62.2 percent).

- Drake received only 15 of its 80 points (18.8 percent) from freshmen and sophomores on Saturday before underclassmen made up just nine of their 48 points (18.8 percent) on Sunday.
- Valpo outscored Drake 102-24 in points by freshmen and sophomores over the two games.

**A Look Back at 2019-20:** Just two years removed from finishing in last place and being knocked out in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as a first-year Valley member, head coach Matt Lottich's team did more than hold its own, ascending into a tie for sixth in the league standings before finishing as the conference tournament runner-up. Valpo became the first team in the history of Arch Madness to reach the title game after playing in the opening round.

## Preseason Picks

- Sophomore Donovan Clay was named to the Preseason MVC Second Team.
- Valpo was picked to finish eighth in the preseason poll based on a survey of the conference's head coaches, media members and sports information directors.
- Valpo exceeded preseason expectations a year ago after being picked to finish ninth. The Brown & Gold tied for sixth in the regular-season standings and went on to finish as the conference tournament runner-up.

## Who's Back, Who's New?

- This year's team features 11 returning letter winners (nine scholarship, two walk-on) to go along with six newcomers (four scholarship, two walk-on).
- Three letter winners departed from the 2019-20 squad.
- Valpo returns 59.2 percent of its scoring and 64.3 percent of its rebounding from last season. Both numbers are up from a year ago, when Valpo returned just 40.1 percent of its scoring and 35.7 percent of its rebounding from 2018-19.
- Last season, the entire roster was from either Indiana, Illinois or outside the United States. This year, Valpo has added three additional states to the mix in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Florida.
- Still, six players hail from Illinois and four from Indiana. The six Illinois natives are the most since 2015-16.
- Coincidentally, Valpo's last player from the state of Florida before freshman Sheldon Edwards shares the same last name. Lakeland native Richie Edwards played for the Brown & Gold during the 2011-2012 campaign.
- Newcomer Goodnews Kpegeol is the first Valpo player from the state of Minnesota since Cory Johnson's final season on campus in 2010-2011.

- Freshman Jacob Ognacevic is Valpo's first player from Wisconsin since Andrew Ferry in 2008-2009.

## Arrow Pointed Up

- Valpo made its first conference championship appearance since 2015, doing so after being picked to finish ninth in the preseason poll.
- Valpo reached the conference title game as only a third-year Missouri Valley Conference member. When the Brown & Gold transitioned from the Mid-Continent Conference to the Horizon League prior to the 2007-2008 season, the program didn't reach the conference championship game until Year 5 and followed by winning its first Horizon League Tournament title in Year 6.
- The men's basketball program became the first Valpo team in any sport to reach the Missouri Valley Conference championship game during the department's young tenure in the prestigious league.
- Valpo accepted a postseason tournament invitation for the first time since joining The Valley, agreeing to a CollegeInsider.com Tournament berth before the event was canceled due to the coronavirus.
- The program had its largest win increase from the previous season (four) since jumping from 18 wins in 2013-14 to 28 in 2014-15.
- Valpo finished with a winning record during the nonconference portion of the season for the 10th straight year. In addition, Valpo continued its history of home dominance and hasn't finished with a losing mark at the ARC since 1991-92, extending its streak to 28 seasons. Valpo achieved a double-figure home win total for the ninth time in the last 10 years.

## 2019-20 Team Statistical Feats

- Led the Missouri Valley Conference in assists per game at 15.2, the first time Valpo led a conference in that area since pacing the Horizon League in 2011-2012. The 15.2 assists per game was Valpo's highest total since 2010-11 (15.8 apg) and the team's second-highest output over the last 13 seasons. The squad ranked 29th nationally in assists per game and 12th in total assists.
- Averaged 7.7 steals per game to rank second in the MVC and totaled 270 steals, a number that checked in at 18th nationally. The team had its highest steals average since 2010-11 and the second-highest over the last 16 seasons.
- The team averaged 72.3 points per game, second in the MVC. That was the team's second-highest scoring average over the last eight seasons. In addition, the team jumped 5.5 points per game from 2018-19 to 2019-20.
- Valpo made 287 3-pointers, the team's second-most since 2008-09 and the third-most over the last 30 years.
- The team had 922 made field goals, its third most over the last 30 years.
- Valpo committed just 12.7 turnovers per game, the team's lowest total over the last 30 seasons.



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## 2020 Arch Madness Accomplishments

- The Valpo/Loyola quarterfinal was the 18th overtime game in MVC Tournament history and the 20th game decided by a single point. It was the first one-point game in the MVC Tournament since Indiana State's 51-50 victory over Evansville in 2013.
- Valpo's 89 points in the MVC semifinal against Missouri State were the seventh-most in a game in the 30-year history of Arch Madness. It was the highest scoring output in any MVC Tournament contest since Creighton put 99 on Evansville on March 3, 2012.
- Valpo scored 287 points in the MVC Tournament, the third most in the history of the event and the most since Indiana State scored 310 in 1978.
- The team's 138 rebounds were the fourth most in MVC Tournament history and the most since Tulsa had 143 in 1978.
- The 107 made field goals were the third most in MVC Tournament history and the most since Indiana State in 1978.
- The 29 made 3-point field goals tied for the second most in MVC Tournament history (despite going 0-for in the opening round against Evansville), joining 2009 Illinois State (32) and 1999 Evansville (29).
- The 90 3-point field goal attempts shattered the previous tournament record of 76 (Drake 2008, Illinois State 2009).
- Valpo made 10 3-pointers in the conference championship game, tying for the fourth most in the history of the MVC Final just a few days removed from hitting no 3s in a win over Evansville. Valpo became the first team to make zero 3s in an MVC Tournament Game since Southern Illinois went 0-for-6 on March 5, 1994 vs. Missouri State.
- Valpo's 29 3-point attempts in the MVC final tied for the second most in the history of the title game, joining Illinois State in 2009 (35 vs. UNI 2009) and Illinois State in 2012 (29 vs. Creighton).
- Only one team since 1994 had made 15 or more field goals in the first half of an MVC title game (Drake 16 vs. Illinois State in 2008), and Valpo and Bradley had 15 apiece in the first half of last year's championship game.
- Valpo made seven 3s in the first half of the title game against Bradley, tying the MVC Tournament title game record of seven set by Southern Illinois on March 7, 1989 vs. Creighton. Valpo set the conference title game record for 3-point attempts in the first half with 16, eclipsing the previous mark of 15 set by Illinois State on March 8, 2009 vs. UNI.
- Ryan Fazekas' 21 3-point attempts in the MVC Tournament tied for the ninth-most in the history of the event.

## Staff Sidebars

- Associate head coach Luke Gore is in his 19th year on staff and has served under four different head coaches. The Valpo veteran has helped the team to eight postseason berths in the last 10 years and was on staff for the three winningest seasons in program history.

He oversees the team's post players in addition to leading Valpo's scheduling and scouting efforts.

- Assistant coach Rob Holloway is back for his third season after spending the previous two years on staff at Eastern Illinois, his alma mater.
- Assistant coach Matt Bowen returned to Valpo's staff in 2018-19 after previously spending four seasons with the Brown & Gold from 2002-2006. He was the head coach at the University of Minnesota Duluth from 2012-2018. Bowen coordinates the team's offense.
- Director of Basketball Operations Jason Karys is in his second season in that capacity, but has been around the program in a variety of roles, spending two years as a graduate assistant, one as a walk-on player and three as a manager.
- Bob Brooks is in his 17th year as Director of Strength & Conditioning at Valpo and has returned to oversight of men's basketball strength & conditioning in 2020-21. He has worked with Valpo teams since 1994.
- Graduate Assistant Peter Funk is in his second year in that role after three years as an undergraduate manager.
- Athletic trainer Ken DeAngelis is in his second season full-time at Valpo after previously earning his master's degree from the University in 2012 while spending two years as a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

## 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 18 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 qualified for the postseason eight times in the last 10 years, including last year where Valpo accepted a postseason berth but the tournament was not played due to COVID-19.
- Valpo has developed a myriad of professional basketball players over the last quarter century, most notably a pair of NBA players in the last three years. 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



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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-present).

- Valpo has produced over 50 professional players in the last 25 years.

## **#0 Goodnews Kpegeol, R-So. (St. Paul, Minn.)**

- Matched a season high with 10 points on Feb. 17 at No. 22/23 Loyola, his third straight game with seven points or more.
- Posted his highest scoring output in conference play with eight in the Feb. 13 win at UNI, making a pair of 3s after entering the night with just one made triple this season. He added two assists, a steal and a blocked shot.
- Squeezed a season-high seven rebounds on Jan. 16 at DePaul to share the team lead. Also went 6-for-6 at the free-throw line to finish with eight points in addition to swiping three steals.
- Had the first double-figure scoring output of his collegiate career with 10 points on Dec. 9 vs. SIUE.
- Scored his first collegiate points and finished with nine in 27 minutes of action on Dec. 4 at Purdue.
- Made his Valpo debut in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt.
- Joins the program as a junior college transfer after averaging 12.0 points and 5.8 rebounds at Southwest Mississippi in 2019-20.
- Started the 2018-19 season at Taylor Made Prep in Pensacola, Fla., then transferred to Kansas State at the semester break and sat out the remainder of that season due to transfer rules.
- Was a four-year letter winner at North High School in St. Paul, leading his team to a 22-5 overall mark and 15-1 conference record as a senior.
- Played his high school basketball for Damian Johnson, who played collegiately at the University of Minnesota before going on to a professional career from 2010-2016. Johnson was teammates with Valpo head coach Matt Lottich when both played for the Oita Heat Devils in Japan in 2010-2011.
- First name comes from his parents' belief that he could bring something good into the world.

## **#1 Sigurd Lorange, So. (Trondheim, Norway)**

- Scored five points in the final three minutes on Feb. 22 at Southern Illinois, his first action since December after missing time with an injury.
- Appeared in nine games in 2019-20 before having his rookie season cut short by a hip injury.
- Averaged 2.9 points per contest while shooting a robust 60 percent (6-of-10) from 3-point land in limited action.
- Played a wide variety of sports as a child. His best three sports were soccer, handball and basketball. There were phases of his life where he wanted to pursue soccer or handball, but eventually figured out that basketball was the most fun to him.

## **#2 Zion Morgan, R-Sr. (Chicago, Ill.)**

- Scored in double figures for the second time in a three-game span with a career-high 15 points on Feb. 17 at No. 22/23 Loyola. He did so on 6-of-9 shooting and went 2-for-2 from 3 after entering the game 0-for-10 from 3 in his Valpo career.
- Posted a career-high 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting while adding two assists and a steal in the Feb. 13 win at UNI.
- Made his season debut on Jan. 28 vs. Bradley after missing the season's first 13 games.
- Appeared in 28 games during his first season at Valpo in 2019-20.
- Joined the program as a junior college transfer after two seasons at Wabash Valley College.
- Started his collegiate career by playing in 27 games and making five starts at UNLV in 2016-17.
- Was teammates with Valpo's Nick Robinson at Kenwood Academy in Chicago.

## **#3 Steven Helm III, R-So. (Valparaiso, Ind.)**

- Hit four crucial free throws, two in each game, to ice Valpo's victories at Illinois State in the closing seconds on Jan. 23-24.
- Handed out a team-high five assists and scored his first collegiate points in the Dec. 6 victory over Judson.
- Made his Valpo debut on Dec. 4 at Purdue and recorded a plus-minus of +12 to lead the team.
- Spent the last two years in Japan serving a mission for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Started his collegiate career at Carroll College, where he competed in both basketball and track & field.
- Connected at a 47.1 percent clip from 3-point range and a 94.2 percent clip from the foul line at Carroll.
- Qualified for nationals in track & field and helped his basketball team to the national tournament.
- Transferred to Valpo and sat out the 2017-18 basketball season while competing in track & field that spring.
- Led his Valparaiso High School team to a 20-7 record as a senior, averaging a team-high 16.1 points/game along with 3.5 assists/game.
- Mother is an Associate Professor of Kinesiology at Valpo. Father Steve Jr. was an NAIA Third Team All-American at Montana State University-Northern and went on to play for the American Basketball Association's Indiana Legends after his collegiate career. Steve Jr. followed his playing days with a coaching career that featured four seasons as an assistant on the Valpo women's basketball staff.
- Considers himself a "movie buff" and "Star Wars nerd." Saving Private Ryan and Star Wars Episode 3 are his favorite movies.



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## #4 Daniel Sackey, Jr. (Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

- Shattered a career high by squeezing nine rebounds on Jan. 28 vs. Bradley. His previous personal best was six.
- Matched a season high with eight assists in each game on Jan. 23-24 at Illinois State. In the second game against the Redbirds, he poured in 16 points for the second-highest scoring output of his career and highest this season.
- Contributed a season-high nine points and six boards on Jan. 16 at DePaul, equaling a career high on the glass with his fourth career six-rebound game and first this season.
- Finished with his highest assist total since his nine-dime effort on Dec. 18, 2019 by handing out eight helpers on Dec. 9, 2020 vs. SIUE. Also swiped four steals, matching a career high with his second career four-steal effort.
- Put together a balanced line of six points, five rebounds and six assists in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt - the first time in his collegiate career that he's had five or more in all three categories in the same game. Also swiped four steals, equaling a career high.
- Ranked fifth in the MVC and second among sophomores at 3.6 assists per game last season.
- Had a team-high 121 assists to go along with 6.3 points per game, 2.5 rebounds per game and 35 steals while averaging 25.5 minutes over 34 contests (25 starts) as a sophomore in 2019-20.
- Made a buzzer-beater to upstage Canadian powerhouse Carleton in overtime in August 2019, making an appearance on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays at No. 9 that evening.
- Has been a drummer since elementary school. The basement of his family's home in Canada includes a small recording studio. He has a deep passion for music.
- Became just the sixth Manitoban to earn a scholarship in Division-I men's basketball since the NCAA reorganized into its current competitive format in 1973.

## #5 Donovan Clay, So. (Alton, Ill.)

- Scored 16 points in the first half on Feb. 10 vs. Bradley on his way to a game-high 17.
- Squeezed a career-high 14 rebounds in the Feb. 7 upset of No. 25 Drake.
- Made his 50th consecutive start on Feb. 1 at Evansville and scored a team-high 14 points.
- Enjoyed his second career double-double and first 20-point, 10-rebound effort on Jan. 23 at Illinois State. He became the fourth Valpo player during the Matt Lottich Era with a 20-point double-double, squeezing 12 rebounds in the triumph.
- Enjoyed the fourth 20-point game of his career and his second this season with a season-high 21 points on Jan. 9 vs. Missouri State.
- Became the second MVC player with a 13-rebound effort this season on Dec. 19 at Toledo, in the process securing his first career double-double and the first by a Valpo player in 2020-21. He scored a team-high 17 points to complement his effort on the glass.
- Became the first Missouri Valley Conference player with a five-block

game this season on Dec. 17 vs. Purdue Northwest, also becoming the first Valpo player to stuff five shots in a game since Jaume Sorolla on Jan. 26, 2019 vs. Drake.

- Enjoyed his first 20-point output of the season and the third of his collegiate career to lead the team on Dec. 12 at Central Michigan. That marked his first 20-point effort in a road game at the collegiate level.
- Led the team in scoring with 12 points on Dec. 1 at UIC.
- Named to the MVC Preseason Second Team.
- Leading into the season, put a lot of time into his shot, agility and ability to run faster and jump higher.
- Was one of two Valpo players to compete in all 35 games and made 33 starts during his freshman campaign.
- Was third on the team in scoring (9.4 ppg) and second in rebounding (4.6 ppg) while leading the team in blocked shots with 36 in 2019-20.
- Earned a place on the MVC All-Freshman Team in 2019-20.
- Scored in double figures on 19 occasions including eight outputs of 15+ points and two of 20+ points. He scored in double figures just once over his first seven games and then did so in 18 of the next 28.
- Is a high-level video game player, following in the footsteps of former Valpo sharp-shooter Ryan Fazekas. Enjoys playing NBA 2K games online all the time. Also enjoys tossing a football or baseball in his spare time.

## #10 Eron Gordon, R-Sr. (Indianapolis, Ind.)

- Posted his first career double-double by matching a season high with 14 points and pulling down a personal-best 10 rebounds in the Jan. 23 win at Illinois State.
- Led the team in scoring for a third straight game and rebounding for a fourth straight game with five boards to go along with a season-high 14 points on Jan. 20 vs. Loyola.
- Led the team in rebounding for the third straight game on Jan. 16 at DePaul, pulling down seven boards to go along with a team-high 12 points. He paced Valpo in scoring for the second straight game after not doing so at all in any of his first 44 career contests.
- Shared the team lead with a season-high 13 points on Jan. 10 vs. Missouri State, pacing the squad in scoring for the first time in his Valpo career.
- Posted the eighth double figure scoring output of his Valpo career and his first of the season with 10 points on Dec. 9 vs. SIUE.
- Made his first start of the season, his fifth overall at Valpo and his first since Jan. 29, 2020 at Bradley in the Dec. 4 game at Purdue.
- Led the team on the glass for the first time in his Valpo career by squeezing a career-high eight rebounds in the Nov.





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27 season opener at Vanderbilt.

- Was one of two players on the team who appeared in all 35 games in 2019-20.
- Made the go-ahead layup with three seconds left in overtime in Valpo's 74-73 upset win over Loyola in the MVC quarterfinal to help the Brown & Gold complete an 18-point rally. That was the 25th time since the start of the 1992-93 season that Valpo prevailed on a game-winner in the final five seconds.
- Became the third Valpo player to hit a game-winner in the final five seconds of a conference tournament or postseason game since 1992-93, joining Ryan Broekhoff (2013 vs. Green Bay) and Bryce Drew (1998 vs. Ole Miss).
- Joined the program in 2018-19 but sat out due to transfer rules. Appeared in 48 games over his two years at Seton Hall.
- Oldest brother Eric was the seventh pick of the 2008 NBA Draft and has played 11 seasons in the NBA. Father Eric is one of the top 20 all-time scorers at Liberty. Brother Evan is playing in the CBA after scoring over 1,300 points at the Division-I level at Liberty, Arizona State and Indiana.
- Enjoys filming and editing videos and podcasting.
- Enjoys travel and features his destinations on one of his YouTube channels.
- Future plans include playing professional basketball, pursuing broadcast journalism and contributing to the family business, E3 Basketball Academy.

## #11 Emil Freese-Vilien, So. (Copenhagen, Denmark)

- Made his season debut on Feb. 10 vs. Bradley.
- Appeared in 16 games and averaged 6.6 minutes per contest while totaling 16 points, four blocked shots, five assists and 15 rebounds (six offensive boards) during his rookie campaign in 2019-20.
- Started playing basketball in November 2014 after playing badminton during his younger years.
- Played for Denmark at both the U16 and U18 FIBA Euro Championships in 2015 and 2017, respectively.
- Shortly before coming to Valpo, played for Værløse in the Danish Basketligaen, the highest professional league in Denmark.
- Majoring in civil engineering
- Has been very interested in drawing for many years. Wanted to become an architect for a long time and still has that dream in the back of his mind. Spends a lot of time drawing blueprints and houses.

## #12 Tyler Fricke, Fr. (Arlington Heights, Ill.)

- Made his collegiate debut and scored his first points with a pair of free throws in the Dec. 6 victory over Judson.
- Joined the Valpo program as a walk-on for the 2020-21 season.
- Father Scott coached Valpo head coach Matt Lottich at New Trier High School during Lottich's playing days.
- Brother Zach pitches for the Valpo baseball team.

## #13 Sheldon Edwards, Fr. (West Palm Beach, Fla.)

- Had his third straight game in double figures and his fourth straight multi-steal game with 10 points and three swipes on Feb. 10 vs. Bradley.
- Matched a career high with 20 points on Feb. 6 vs. No. 25 Drake before adding 11 on Feb. 7 in an upset victory over the Bulldogs. In the Feb. 7 triumph, he slammed home a thunderous dunk that ranked No. 7 on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays that evening. For his efforts, Edwards was named the MVC Newcomer of the Week on Feb. 8 while also earning College Sports Madness MVC Player of the Week honors.
- Led the team with 18 points, including 11 in the two overtime periods, to lift Valpo to an 91-85 victory over Bradley on Jan. 28.
- Scored 19 points over the two games vs. Missouri State on Jan. 9-10.
- Poured in a personal-best 20 points on an efficient 7-of-9 shooting with eight rebounds on Dec. 9 vs. SIUE.
- Reached double figures for the first time in his Valpo career with a 10-point showing on Dec. 6 vs. Judson.
- Became the seventh Valpo freshman in the last 20 years to start the season opener on Nov. 27 at Vanderbilt.
- Averaged 21.2 points and 7.6 rebounds as a senior at Palm Beach Lakes High School in 2018-19.
- Spent a postgraduate year at TLAP Sports Academy in Port St. Lucie, Fla. during the 2019-20 season, averaging 32 points per game and five rebounds per contest while turning in two games of 40+ points.
- Favorite NBA player is Steph Curry, but he models his game after the likes of Devin Booker, Jayson Tatum and Bradley Beal. When he's not playing basketball, the Valpo freshman spends much of his free time watching it.

## #15 Luke Morrill, So. (Lombard, Ill.)

- Joined the program as a walk-on prior to the 2019-20 season.
- Saw action in five games, totaling nine minutes and accruing five points and two rebounds during his first season on campus.
- Majoring in computer engineering.
- Considers Valpo teammate Donovan Clay "like a brother" to him after the two were roommates as freshmen and during the spring 2020 COVID-19 quarantine.
- Enjoys fishing and wakesurfing, which is surfing in the boat's wake without being directly pulled by the boat.

## #20/21 Brock Pappas, Jr. (Valparaiso, Ind.)

- Made his season debut on Dec. 6 vs. Judson.
- Nursing major who joined the program as a walk-on in 2018-19.
- Is a Valparaiso, Ind. native and a graduate of nearby



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Washington Township.

- Mother (Lisa) has worked on Valpo's campus for 32 years, currently serving as an administrative assistant in the Department of Education. Brother (Bryce) and father (Steve) are both Valpo graduates.
- Is the first boys basketball player in Washington Township High School history to play at the Division-I level.
- Grew up attending Valpo games and remembers being a young child who looked up to Valpo basketball players.
- Has always been interested in working with children. Initially wanted to be a teacher but decided pediatric nursing is the field for him.

## #22 Mileek McMillan, Sr. (Merrillville, Ind.)

- Went 4-of-7 shooting on his way to 10 points in the Feb. 13 win at UNI, his first double-figure scoring output since the season opener at Vanderbilt.
- Drained four 3s on his way to a team-high 18 points on opening night at Vanderbilt on Nov. 27, when he finished two points shy of a career high and equaled a personal best with seven made field goals.
- Was named to the MVC Most-Improved Team after upping his scoring average from 2.8 points per game as a sophomore to 8.8 points per game as a junior in 2019-20.
- Started all 34 games that he played as a junior after making just one start and averaging 8.1 minutes per game as a sophomore.
- Over doubled his rebounding average from the previous season, going from 1.5 to 3.2 in 2019-20. After making 10 3-pointers as a sophomore, he made 40 during his junior campaign and shot 42.3 percent from distance during conference play.
- Enjoys playing with his dog, roller skating and playing chess... Likes to look at the sky, especially prior to rainfall or during a sunset... Is a big fan of nature and the sound of trains.
- Twin brother Mahquese attends Cal State Los Angeles.
- Was cut from his middle school basketball team in seventh grade, made the "B" team in eighth grade and missed his freshman year of high school with an injury.

## #23 Ben Krikke, So. (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

- Enjoyed his third straight game of 18+ points by scoring 18 on 7-of-9 shooting to lead the team on Jan. 31 at Evansville, then equaled a career high with four assists on Feb. 1 in the second game of the back-to-back against the Purple Aces.
- Was named the Missouri Valley Conference player of the week on Jan. 26, the first weekly conference honor of his collegiate career.
- Became just the third Valpo player in the last 25 years with a 25-point, 15-rebound game on Jan. 24 at Illinois State.
- Shattered his previous season high by halftime with 17 first-half points on Jan. 9 vs. Missouri State on his way to a career-high 21. He joined Javon Freeman-Liberty, Tevonn Walker and Alec Peters as the only four Valpo players with 17+ points in a first half during

Matt Lottich's head coaching tenure (fifth season).

- Posted 16 points and seven rebounds on 8-of-11 shooting in the Dec. 19 game at Toledo. The eight field goals marked a career high and the 16-point game was two shy of a personal best.
- Tied a career high with seven rebounds on Dec. 17 vs. Purdue Northwest.
- Had his fourth double-figure scoring output in the season's first six games with 12 points to go along with a career-high three blocked shots on Dec. 12 at Central Michigan. He became the first Valpo player with three blocked shots in a game this season.
- Scored in double figures in each of the first two games of the 2020-21 season (at Vanderbilt, at UIC), the first set of back-to-back double-figure outputs in the sophomore's collegiate career. His second straight double-figure showing featured 11 points on an efficient 4-of-5 shooting on Dec. 1 at UIC.
- Made his second career start and first against a Division-I opponent in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt. Finished with 13 points, all in the second half, in a career-high 34 minutes.
- Leading into the season, spent time working on improving his shooting and hitting shots at a higher rate, especially from 3. Also worked on bulking up and improving his strength, dribbling and ball-handling. Hopes to be versatile enough to play on the perimeter if needed.
- Appeared in 33 games and made one start during his freshman season... Averaged 6.7 points per game and 2.9 rebounds per contest while blocking 15 shots, coming away with 15 steals, shooting 79.2 percent at the foul line, draining 14 3s and handing out 22 assists... Shot 55.0 percent from the field, finishing fifth in the conference and second among freshmen in field-goal percentage.
- Hails from Edmonton, a very devout hockey city, but says basketball there is on the upswing.
- Never played ice hockey, but did compete in badminton, volleyball and various track & field events.
- Loves to go fishing in the summer. Also enjoys mountain biking and chess, which he learned from his grandfather.

## #25 Nick Robinson, R-Sr. (Chicago, Ill.)

- Opted out of the remainder of the season on Jan. 21.

## #34 Jacob Ognacevic, Fr. (Sheboygan, Wis.)

- Posted a Division-I career high and shared the team lead with 15 points in the Feb. 21 win at Southern Illinois.
- Had a team-best +19 in the plus/minus on Feb. 13 at UNI, seeing his most run in MVC play with 19 minutes of action. He shared the team lead with 12 points, finishing in double figures for the third time in a four-game span.
- Came off the bench and accounted for 11 points in each of Valpo's matchups with No. 25 Drake on Feb. 6-7, shooting at an 8-of-13 clip over the two games.



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- Shared team high honors with 13 points in just 12 minutes on an efficient 4-of-7 shooting on Jan. 10 vs. Missouri State.
- Went off for 20 points in the home opener on Dec. 6 vs. Judson. This marks the seventh consecutive year that at least one Valpo player has scored 20+ points in the home opener. He and Connor Barrett became the first freshman tandem to each score 17+ points in the same game in over 20 years.
- Drained four triples in just 14 minutes of action to achieve double figures for the first time in his collegiate career with 12 on Dec. 4 at Purdue.
- Made his collegiate debut in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt, knocking down a 3 with his only shot attempt of the game to account for his first career points.
- Named to The Associated Press All-State First Team following his senior season at Sheboygan Lutheran in 2019-20 while also earning Herald Times Player of the Year, All-Big East Conference Player of the Year and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-State First-Team status.
- Was a finalist for Wisconsin Mr. Basketball.
- Led his team to a 27-2 record and the state championship in Wisconsin Division 5 during his junior season in 2018-19 and was on the way to a repeat before the 2019-20 season was cut short due to COVID-19.
- Became the 38th player in the history of Wisconsin high school basketball to accumulate 2,000 career points, reaching the milestone on Jan. 23, 2020 with a 54-point game against Ozaukee.
- Shattered the Sheboygan Lutheran scoring record that was previously held by Sam Dekker, who played in the NBA from 2015-2019 with the Houston Rockets, Los Angeles Clippers, Cleveland Cavaliers and Washington Wizards.
- Is a big fan of mixed martial arts and roots for all Boston professional sports teams.
- 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.
- One of three Valpo freshmen to make his collegiate debut on Nov. 27 at Vanderbilt.
- 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.
- Is an avid golfer whose best score is 73.

## #35 Connor Barrett, Fr. (Chicago, Ill.)

- Expected to miss the remainder of the season with an injury.
- 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.
- 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 Matt Lottich Era (fifth season): Javon Freeman-Liberty (3), Lexus Williams (3) and Tevonn Walker (2).
- 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.
- 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.



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## Last Time When...

Won in OT..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley W 91-85

Lost in OT..... Feb. 19, 2020 at Drake L 77-75

Played 2OT..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley W 91-85

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, 2018 vs. Concordia Chicago W 121-65

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..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley W 91-85(2ot)

An Opponent Scored 90 Points..... March 7, 2016 vs. Green Bay (in Detroit) L 99-92(ot)

Valpo Scored Fewer Than 50 Points..... Jan. 20, 2021 vs. Loyola L 75-39

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..... Dec. 12, 2018 vs. UC Riverside (33-55, 60%)

An Opponent Shot at Least 60 Percent..... Jan. 31, 2021 at Evansville (29-48, 60.4%)

Valpo Shot Less Than 30 Percent..... Feb. 5, 2020 vs. UNI (16-57, 28.1)

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..... March 4, 2011 (Milwaukee, Wis.) vs. Detroit (15)

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..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley (34)

An Opponent Attempted 30+ 3-Pointers..... Feb. 10, 2021 vs. Bradley (30)

Valpo Made 30 Free Throws..... Jan. 14, 2017 at Cleveland State (32)

An Opponent Made 30 Free Throws..... Jan. 13, 2018 at UNI (31)

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..... Dec. 20, 2017 at UC Riverside (42)

Valpo Had 50+ Rebounds..... Dec. 29, 2018 vs. Purdue Northwest (50)

An Opponent Had 50+ Rebounds..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley (52)

Valpo Had 30+ Assists..... Nov. 28, 2005 vs. IU South Bend (36)

Valpo Had 20+ Assists..... March 7, 2020 (St. Louis) vs. Missouri State (20)

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 Margins

+20..... Dec. 9, 2020 vs. SIUE (+22)

-20..... Feb. 10, 2021 vs. Bradley (-24)

+30..... Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Judson (+40)

+30 vs. D1..... Nov. 19, 2017 vs. Southeastern Louisiana (+33)

-30..... Jan. 20, 2021 vs. Loyola (-36)

+40..... Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Judson (+40)

+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..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley (14)  
Opponent Erases 20-Point Deficit to Win..... Jan. 28, 2006 vs. IUPUI (22)  
Opponent Erases 15-Point Deficit to Win..... Feb. 1, 2021 at Evansville (16)  
Opponent Erases 10-Point Deficit to Win..... Feb. 6, 2021 vs. #25/25 Drake (10)

### Individual

Valpo Player Scored 30+ Points..... Javon Freeman-Liberty on Nov. 25, 2019 (U.S. Virgin Islands) vs. Cincinnati (32)  
Opponent Scored 30+ Points..... Tyreke Key on Feb. 13, 2019 vs. Indiana State (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..... Connor Barrett on Dec. 6, 2020 vs. Judson (5)  
Opponent Made Five 3s..... Keith Clemons on March 6, 2020 (St. Louis) vs. Loyola (5)

Valpo Player 15+ Rebounds.... Ben Krikke on Jan. 24, 2021 at Illinois State (15)  
Opponent 15+ Rebounds..... Gaige Prim on Jan. 9, 2021 vs. Missouri State (16)  
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..... Deion Lavender on Dec. 8, 2018 at Georgia Washington (10)  
Opponent 10+ Assists..... Teyvion Kirk on Dec. 1, 2020 at UIC (14)

Valpo Player Blocked 5+ Shots..... Donovan Clay on Dec. 17, 2020 vs. Purdue Northwest (5)  
Opponent Blocked 5+ Shots..... Liam Robbins on Feb. 19, 2020 at Drake (5)

Valpo Player 5+ Steals..... Connor Barrett on Jan. 9, 2021 vs. Missouri State (5)  
Opponent 5+ Steals..... Marreon Jackson on Nov. 5, 2019 vs. Toledo (5)

Five Valpo Players in Double Figures..... Jan. 28, 2021 vs. Bradley  
No Valpo Players in Double Figures..... March 4, 2017 vs. Milwaukee (Detroit)

Valpo Game-Winner in Final Five Seconds..... Eron Gordon on March 6, 2020 vs. Loyola (St. Louis)



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## Matt Lottich

### Head Coach

### 5th Season \* Stanford, 2004

### 82-76 Overall and at Valpo

Matt Lottich is in his eighth season overall at Valparaiso University and fifth as the head coach of the men's basketball program in 2020-2021.

Just two years removed from finishing in last place and being knocked out in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as a first-year Valley member, Lottich's team did more than hold its own in 2019-2020, ascending into a tie for sixth in the league standings before finishing as the conference tournament runner-up. Valpo became the first team in the history of Arch Madness to reach the title game after playing in the opening round.

Lottich led the program to its first conference championship game appearance since 2015 during the 2019-2020 campaign, doing so after being picked to finish ninth of 10 in the preseason poll. Valpo reached the conference title game as only a third-year MVC member, becoming the first Valpo team in any sport to do so during the department's young tenure in the prestigious league. After finishing with its highest conference win total, highest overall win total and highest finish in the league standings since joining The Valley, Valpo accepted a postseason tournament invitation to play in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. The event was ultimately canceled due to COVID-19.

During the 2019-2020 season, Lottich led the program to its largest win increase from the previous season (four) since jumping from 18 wins in 2013-14 to 28 in 2014-15. Valpo finished with a winning record during the nonconference portion of the season for the 10th straight year. In addition, the program continued its history of home dominance and hasn't finished with a losing mark at the ARC since 1991-92, extending its streak to 28 seasons. Valpo achieved a double-figure home win total for the ninth time in the last 10 years.

The 2019-2020 team's finest hour came on the biggest stage, as Lottich led the squad to three victories in as many days at Arch Madness, the 2020 State Farm MVC Men's Basketball Tournament in St. Louis. Lottich's team came from 18 down to upset Loyola in the MVC quarterfinal, tying for the second-biggest comeback in MVC Tournament history. During his time guiding the program, Lottich has instilled a no-quit attitude, as his team has erased double-figure deficits to win 15 times over his first four seasons while coughing up a double-figure advantage just once in that span. The Loyola comeback marked the sixth time in 2019-2020 that Valpo came from double figures down to win. On 11 occasions, Valpo trailed by at least 10 points and eventually tied the game or took the lead. Valpo also became just the second team in the long history of the Missouri Valley Conference to come from 17 or more down to win twice in one season, joining Creighton from 2007-2008.

Working with a young team that featured just five returning players from the previous season, Lottich mentored a 2019-2020 First Team All-MVC selection, MVC All-Defensive Team choice, MVC All-Freshman Team honoree, MVC All-Bench pick, MVC Scholar-Athlete Second Team selection and a pair of MVC All-Tournament Team performers. Perhaps most noteworthy of all, the program's emphasis on player development paid dividends as Valpo accounted for 40 percent of the MVC Most-Improved Team. Two of the program's five returning players found themselves honored on the five-player most-improved squad.

Lottich's team committed just 12.7 turnovers per game in 2019-2020 while ranking second in the league with 72.3 points per game, second with 7.7 steals per game and first with 15.2 assists per contest, leading a league in that category for the first time since 2011-12.

Other noteworthy feats for Lottich's squad in 2019-2020 included making 18 3-pointers in a game against Bradley to set the league-only MVC record, holding Southern Illinois to 38 points to set the program record for the fewest allowed against a Division-I opponent since the advent of the shot clock, snapping a 22-game losing streak in games at Evansville that had dated back to 1969, breaking through with its first win over Loyola since joining The Valley after previously going 0-7 against the program's Chicagoland rival and twice turning a double-figure defeat from the first half of the MVC double-round robin into a double-figure victory in the second meeting with that opponent.

The 2018-2019 season saw Lottich lead Valpo to 15 wins. The season was headlined by road victories over UNLV and George Washington during the nonconference portion of the schedule, as well as a 4-0 start to Missouri Valley Conference play.

Lottich led Valpo to 15 victories in his second season in charge in 2017-2018 and guided the team through the move to the MVC, which ended the campaign ranked eighth nationally in conference RPI.

In his first season at the helm of the Valpo men's basketball program, Lottich guided the team to its fifth Horizon League regular season championship in a six-year span as he led Valpo to 24 wins and an at-large berth into the NIT. Lottich's inaugural season as head coach was highlighted by a home win over a nationally-ranked Rhode Island squad as well as neutral-site triumphs over Alabama and BYU to capture the MGM Grand Main Event.

Lottich coached the Horizon League Player of the Year and an NABC Third Team All-American in Alec Peters, guiding the senior as he closed out one of the top careers in program history. Peters enjoyed his finest season as a senior, ranking among the Top 20 in the nation in both scoring and rebounding and breaking five of Valpo's career records.

Lottich was hired as the 22nd head coach of the Valpo men's basketball program in April 2016. After spending the previous three seasons on staff as an assistant coach, he became just the fifth Valpo head coach in a 36-year span.

Lottich arrived at Valparaiso University in summer 2013 and helped guide the team to 78 victories over his three seasons as an assistant. Valpo won two Horizon League regular season championships and one league tournament title over those three years.

The team recorded the top two victory totals in program history over Lottich's final two years as an assistant. Valpo broke the previous school record for wins in a season during the 2014-2015 campaign, winning 28 games and earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Then, the 2015-2016 season saw Valpo win a program-record 30 games and advance to the NIT championship game at Madison Square Garden.

Lottich brings nearly a decade of professional playing experience to the head coaching position at Valparaiso University. He spent eight years playing professionally in Japan for the Oita Heat Devils and the Osaka Evessa, earning All-Star recognition four times. He also played one season in Germany in the Bundesliga for the Dusseldorf Giants, played one season in New Zealand in the NBL for the Harbor Heat and was a member of the New Jersey Nets summer league team in 2004.

Lottich played collegiately at Stanford University from 2000-2004. As a senior in 2003-2004, he helped lead the Cardinal to the Pac-10 title while earning NABC All-Star plaudits, awarded to the Top 15 seniors in college basketball. He was also a member of the Wooden Award midseason watch list and was an Honorable Mention All Pac-10 selection as a senior. Lottich was a member of the program's conference championship squad as a freshman in 2000-2001 and still ranks among Stanford's single-season and career leaders in 3-pointers made.

Off the court, Lottich came to Valpo from the National Collegiate Scouting Association, where he started in January 2013. Lottich ascended to the position of head scout during his time with the NCSA, which helps high school athletes navigate the world of college recruiting. Lottich also co-founded the TEAM Life Skills basketball camp in 2004 and spent nine years managing and developing the camp.

Lottich played his prep basketball at New Trier [Ill.] H.S., where he was named the Chicago Tribune Athlete of the Year in 2000 and holds the distinction of being the program's all-time leading scorer. Lottich graduated from Stanford University in 2004 and currently resides in Valparaiso with his wife, Kylan, and their four children: Grace, Matthan, Christian and Landon.



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## #0 Goodnews Kpegeol

**Guard \* 6-5 \* RS Sophomore \* Psychology**  
**St. Paul, Minn. \* North HS (SW Mississippi CC / Kansas St)**



**2020-21:** Made his Valpo debut in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt... Scored his first collegiate points and finished with nine in 27 minutes of action on Dec. 4 at Purdue... Had the first double-figure scoring output of his collegiate career with 10 points on Dec. 9 vs. SIUE... Squeezed a season-high seven rebounds on Jan. 16 at DePaul to share the team lead. Also went 6-for-6 at the free-throw line to finish with eight points in addition to swiping three steals... Posted his highest scoring output in conference play with eight in the Feb. 13 win at UNI, making a pair of 3s after entering the night with just one made triple this season. He added two assists, a steal and a blocked shot... Matched a season high with 10 points on Feb. 17 at No. 22/23 Loyola, his third straight game with seven points or more.

**2019-20 (Southwest Mississippi):** Averaged 12.0 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game during his junior college season.

**2018-19 (Taylor Made Prep, Kansas State):** Following his four-year high school career, spent postgraduate time at Taylor Made Prep in Pensacola, Fla... Averaged 15.6 points, 5.6 rebounds and 4.2 assists at Taylor Made... Was rated among the Top 100 shooting guards (No. 71) in the country and was the No. 27 prospect in Florida, according to 247Sports.com... Joined the Kansas State program at the semester break, and sat out the remainder of the season.

**Prep:** Was a four-year letter winner at North High School in St. Paul, leading his team to a 22-5 overall mark and 15-1 conference record as a senior.... Averaged a team-best 18.2 points per game over 19 contests during the 2017-18 campaign, his senior year. He surpassed 20 points on nine occasions... During his sophomore season, North made its first trip to the Class 4A State Tournament in 17 years and finished with a 24-6 mark... Played for head coach Damian Johnson, who played collegiately at the University of Minnesota before going on to a professional basketball career from 2010-2016. Johnson was teammates with Valpo head coach Matt Lottich in Japan when both played for the Oita Heat Devils in 2010-2011.

**Personal:** Son of Charity and Letom... Has a sister, Peace, and three brothers, Confidence, Bright and Wisdom... Majoring in psychology... His first name comes from his parents' belief that he could bring something good into the world... Never plays video games.

### 2020-21 SEASON HIGHS

Points	10, twice (M.R. 2/17/21)
Rebounds	7, at DePaul (1/16/21)
Assists	2, at UNI (2/13/21)
Steals	3, at DePaul (1/16/21)
Blocks	1, twice (M.R. 2/13/21)
FG Made	5, at Loyola (2/17/21)
3PT Made	2, at UNI (2/13/21)
FT Made	6, at DePaul (1/16/21)



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## #1 Sigurd Lorange

**Guard \* 5-11 \* Sophomore \* Sports Management**  
**Trondheim, Norway \* Metis Videregaende Skole**



**2020-21:** Scored five points in the final three minutes on Feb. 22 at Southern Illinois, his first action since December after missing time with an injury.

**2019-20:** Appeared in nine games before having his rookie season cut short by a hip injury... Averaged 2.9 points per contest while shooting a robust 60 percent (6-of-10) from 3-point land in limited action... Made his collegiate debut on Nov. 9 at Saint Louis... Scored his first collegiate basket on Nov. 12 at SIUE, a 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the first half... Set season highs in points (11) and assists (four) while knocking down four of his six shots and canning three 3s on Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian.

**Before Valpo:** Played for Gimle Basketball in the BLNO, Norway's top professional basketball league... Helped lead Gimle to a league runner-up finish, averaging nearly 20 points and better than four assists per game... Represented Norway internationally three straight years, playing at the 2016 U16 European Championships and the 2017 and 2018 U18 European Championships... Averaged 17.8 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game for Norway at the U18s in 2018... Was quickly recognized as one of the best players in Norway from a young age... Was able to compete for youth championships starting at age 15.

**Personal:** Majoring in sports management... Played all kinds of sports as a child. His best three sports were soccer, handball and basketball. There were phases of his life where he wanted to pursue soccer or handball, but eventually figured out that basketball was the most fun sport for him.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	11, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Rebounds	2, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
Assists	4, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Steals	1, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Blocks	
FG Made	4, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
3PT Made	3, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
FT Made	2, twice (M.R. 12/17/20)

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	6, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
Rebounds	2, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
Assists	2, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
Steals	1, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
Blocks	
FG Made	2, twice (M.R. 2/22/21)
3PT Made	1, twice (M.R. 2/22/21)
FT Made	2, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)





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## #2 Zion Morgan

Guard \* 6-5 \* RS Senior \* Sports Management  
Chicago, Ill. \* Kenwood HS [Wabash Valley / UNLV]



**2019-20:** Appeared in 28 games and made one start during his first season at Valpo... Averaged 1.9 points per game and 2.1 rebounds per contest while accruing 32 assists and 12 steals... Made his Valpo debut on Nov. 5 vs. Toledo... Had season highs in points (seven), assists (five) and steals (four) on Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian... Pulled down four rebounds in just 10 minutes in a Dec. 8 victory over Central Michigan... Grabbed a season-high nine rebounds in only 13 minutes on Dec. 21 at Arkansas, also tossing in four points... Pulled down six rebounds on Jan. 7 at Southern Illinois, his second-highest total of the season... After a healthy DNP in the previous game, responded with five points, two steals and a team-high five assists on Jan. 15 at UNI. That equaled his season high in helpers... Made his first Valpo start on Jan. 18 vs. Indiana State, pulling down six rebounds in just 18 minutes... Scored seven points and squeezed five rebounds in 12 minutes of action in a Feb. 1 win over Illinois State. The point total was his D1 best and matched his overall career high set against Trinity Christian... Made his season debut on Jan. 28 vs. Bradley after missing the season's first 13 games... Posted a career-high 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting while adding two assists and a steal in the Feb. 13 win at UNI... Scored in double figures for the second time in a three-game span with a career-high 15 points on Feb. 17 at No. 22/23 Loyola. He did so on 6-of-9 shooting and went 2-for-2 from 3 after entering the game 0-for-10 from 3 in his Valpo career.

**2018-19 (Wabash Valley College):** Helped lead the Warriors to a 25-8 record, a berth in the national Top 25 poll and a spot in the Region 24 championship game... Season was highlighted by a 25-point, seven-rebound effort against eventual national champion Vincennes... Averaged 7.8 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4.0 assists in 29 games, 20 starts.

**2017-18 (Wabash Valley College):** Sat out due to an injury.

**2016-17 (UNLV):** Appeared in 27 games and made five starts with the Runnin' Rebels... Averaged 2.8 points per game while playing 12.0 minutes per contest.

**Prep:** Was teammates with Valpo's Nick Robinson at Kenwood Academy in Chicago... Graduated from Kenwood Academy in 2016... Averaged 14.7 point, 5.0 assists and 2.0 steals as a senior for the Broncos... Led his team to 22 wins, conference and regional titles and a berth in the city championship game... Was part of back-to-back conference championship teams... Was named to the Chicago Sun-Times All-City Team as a senior... Lettered all four years of high school... Played under coach Marlo Finner.

**Personal:** Birthday is Nov. 18... Son of Addison and Dionne Morgan... Has a brother Addison and a sister Sanerra... Also has two half brothers: Jaquan Dailey and David Mack... Uncle Mardy Gilyard was a wide receiver at Cincinnati and was drafted by the NFL's St. Louis Rams in the fourth round of the 2010 NFL Draft... Proximity to Valpo factored into his decision to attend the University as he lives 50 minutes away... Enjoys making music as "Z-Mo" in his spare time.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	15, at Loyola (2/17/21)
Rebounds	9, at Arkansas (12/21/19)
Assists	5, twice (M.R. 1/15/20)
Steals	4, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Blocks	1, 5x (most recent 2/29/20)
FG Made	6, at Loyola (2/17/21)
3PT Made	2, at Loyola (2/17/21)
FT Made	3, Illinois State (2/1/20)

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	15, at Loyola (2/17/21)
Rebounds	7, vs. Bradley (2/10/21)
Assists	4, Drake (2/7/21)
Steals	3, Drake (2/7/21)
Blocks	
FG Made	6, at Loyola (2/17/21)
3PT Made	2, at Loyola (2/17/21)
FT Made	2, twice (M.R. 2/7/21)



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## #3 Steven Helm

Guard \* 6-2 \* RS Sophomore \* Digital Media  
Valparaiso, Ind. \* Valparaiso (Carroll)



**2020-21:** Made his Valpo debut on Dec. 4 at Purdue and recorded a plus-minus of +12 to lead the team... Handled out a team-high five assists and scored his first collegiate points in the Dec. 6 victory over Judson... Hit four crucial free throws, two in each game, to ice Valpo's victories at Illinois State in the closing seconds on Jan. 23-24.

**2018-19 & 2019-20:** Spent two years in Japan serving a mission for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints... Called it the toughest grind he has been through in his life, but also the most rewarding, spiritual and uplifting thing he's done... Woke up at 6:30 a.m. each day, went for a run or did some pushups, got ready, studied the language for about an hour, studied with his companion and then served by teaching others and finding people to teach... Held a leadership position, so had to hop on a train and head back to mission headquarters for a full day of meetings on occasion... Did not have many chances to pick up a basketball during those two years. Did "hoop" a bit at the park in his suit and tie and "got a couple dunks in wearing church shoes."... Made his Valpo debut on Dec. 4 at Purdue and recorded a plus-minus of +12 to lead the team.

**2018 (Track):** Competed on the Valpo track & field team during the 2018 spring season... On Day 2 of the outdoor MVC Championships, ran his best 400-meter dash time with a 49.91... Was a part of the program record-breaking 4x400 relay team that clinched a seventh-place finish, scoring two points with a time of 3:17.07. That time replaced the previous school mark of 3:20.3 set in 1974.

**2017-18 (Basketball):** Was a member of Valpo's program... Sat out due to NCAA transfer requirements.

**Carroll College:** Averaged 6.3 points per game in 17.8 minutes per game as a freshman in 2016-17... scored in double figures on 10 occasions... sharpshooter connected at a 47.1 percent clip from 3-point range and a 94.2 percent clip from the foul line... also ran track and field, helping 4x400m relay squad to a sixth-place finish at outdoor nationals... Carroll is in the same conference as Montana State, where Steven's father is a Hall of Famer... Steven was born in the state of Montana... Didn't miss a free throw during Carroll's national tournament run. Carroll was regular season and conference champions and reached the national tournament, where he hit back-to-backs 3s late in a game to help his team to victory.

**Prep:** Product of Valparaiso High School... led team to a 20-7 record as a senior, averaging a team-high 16.1 points/game along with 3.5 assists/game... led state of Indiana in free throw shooting, connecting at a 94 percent rate from the foul line... team MVP as a senior... named to the NWI Times All-Area Team, the Post-Tribune All-Area Second Team and to the Hoosier Basketball Top 60 in 2016... All-Conference honoree in both basketball and track and field... sectional champion in the 400m dash outdoors as a senior ... member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Son of Steve Jr. and Kelly Helm ... mother is an Associate Professor of Kinesiology at Valpo... Father Steve Jr. was an NAIA Third Team All-American at Montana State University-Northern and went on to play for the American Basketball Association's Indiana Legends after his collegiate career. Steve Jr. followed his playing days with a coaching career that featured four seasons as an assistant on the Valpo women's basketball staff... Frequently attended Valpo games and got to know former Valpo stars like Ryan Broekhoff, Erik Buggs and E. Victor Nickerson. Broekhoff was one of his mom's students... Considers himself a "movie buff" and "Star Wars nerd." Saving Private Ryan and Star Wars Episode 3 are his favorite movies... Is an eagle scout.

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	3, 3x (M.R. 2/10/21)
Rebounds	2, at Southern Illinois (2/22/21)
Assists	5, Judson (12/6/20)
Steals	1, Judson (12/6/20)
Blocks	
FG Made	1, twice (M.R. 1/31/21)
3PT Made	
FT Made	3, Bradley (1/28/21)



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## #4 Daniel Sackey

Guard \* 5-9 \* Junior \* Sports Management  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada \* Thornlea HS



**2020-21:** Put together a balanced line of six points, five rebounds and six assists in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt - the first time in his collegiate career that he's had five or more in all three categories in the same game. Also swiped four steals, equaling a career high... Finished with his highest assist total since his nine-dime effort on Dec. 18, 2019 by handing out eight helpers on Dec. 9, 2020 vs. SIUE. Also swiped four steals, matching a career high with his second career four-steal effort... Contributed a season-high nine points and six boards on Jan. 16 at DePaul, equaling a career high on the glass with his fourth career six-rebound game and first this season... Matched a season high with eight assists in each game on Jan. 23-24 at Illinois State. In the second game against the Redbirds, he poured in 16 points for the second-highest scoring output of his career and highest this season... Shattered a career high by squeezing nine rebounds on Jan. 28 vs. Bradley. His previous personal best was six.

**2019-20:** Ranked fifth in the MVC and second among sophomores at 3.6 assists per game... Had a team-high 121 assists to go along with 6.3 points per game, 2.5 rebounds per game and 35 steals while averaging 25.5 minutes over 34 contests (25 starts)... Scored in double figures nine times while handing out five or more assists on 10 occasions... Led the team in scoring twice, rebounding twice, assists 13 times and steals four times... Months before the college basketball season officially began, started the year with an appearance on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays, checking in at No. 9 after knocking down a buzzer-beating triple to upstage Carleton 83-80 in overtime on Aug. 8, helping Valpo top a Canadian team that had won 15 straight against NCAA competition and was coming off its 14th USports National Championship... Averaged 15.0 points per game during the four-game summer trip to his native land, helping Valpo finish the foreign tour with an unblemished record... Dished out eight assists in the regular-season opener on Nov. 5 vs. Toledo... Had usurped his career scoring watermark by halftime and finished the Nov. 9 game at Saint Louis with personal bests in points (22), made field goals (7), made 3-pointers (3) and made free throws (5). Became the first player to go perfect from beyond the arc with three or more attempts since Max Joseph on Jan. 20, 2018, the only other player to do so in the last four seasons... Led the team in assists for the fourth straight game on Nov. 17 vs. North Dakota, enjoying his third game with six assists or more... Made four critical free throws down the stretch and pulled down a significant rebound to put Valpo over the top in a 78-74 victory over Grand Canyon on Nov. 22 in the Paradise Jam opener. He finished the game with 12 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals including a 6-of-7 showing at the foul line. The six boards were a season watermark... Had his second straight six-rebound effort on Nov. 25 vs. Nevada, equaling a personal best... Handed out eight assists and had a season-high four steals on Dec. 3 at Eastern Michigan... Became the second player in the Missouri Valley Conference with three or more eight-assist games and the first with a nine-assist, no-turnover performance during the 2019-20 season on Dec. 18 at High Point. He set a career high in the assist area while also scoring 11 points, going 6-of-8 at the foul line and drawing six fouls... Despite battling an illness leading into the game and missing morning shootaround, had 10 points on Jan. 15 at UNI, his first double-figure output since Dec. 18 at High Point and his fourth of the season... Had his third straight double-figure scoring game on Jan. 26 vs. Evansville, posting a dozen points for his highest scoring output since late November in the U.S. Virgin Islands... Came off the bench for the first time in 2019-20 on Feb. 9 at Loyola... After coming off the bench in five straight games, returned to the starting lineup on Feb. 25 vs. Missouri State and posted 14 points, the second-highest total of his career... Turned in his second straight game in double figures by sharing the team lead with 11 points while dishing out a team-high five assists on Feb. 29 at Indiana State... Finished in double figures for the third time in a four-game span and matched his season high in rebounds with a 13-point, six-board effort in Valpo's MVC quarterfinal upset over Loyola on March 6 in St. Louis... Had seven points in the MVC semifinal and eight in the championship game.

**2018-19:** Appeared in all 33 games for Valpo as a freshman, starting 17 times ... played nearly 18 minutes per game, averaging 4.1 points and 1.8 assists per contest ... scored in double figures six times... led Valpo in assists on seven occasions, scoring twice and steals twice ... debuted with 13 points, including 5-of-6 from the foul line, four rebounds and three assists in a Nov. 6 win over Concordia Chicago... four rebounds marked a season high, matched Dec. 2 in win over UC Riverside and Dec. 29 in victory against Purdue Northwest ... also dished out a season-best six assists in the victory over PNW... Tallied six assists Jan. 8 in win over Bradley and Feb. 5 in win at Illinois State... kicked off stretch of three straight games in double figures in scoring with team-best 13 points against Drake Jan. 26... also recorded a season-best four steals against the Bulldogs to pace Valpo... scored 10 points in season-high 40 minutes of action against Missouri State on Jan. 29, going 4-of-6 from the field and 2-of-2 from the line ... totaled 10 points at Evansville Feb. 2... posted 10 points and team-high four steals Feb. 13 against Indiana State... closed season with a team-best 11 points in MVC quarterfinal against Loyola March 8.

**Prep:** Played final season of prep basketball for Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill, Ontario ... earned First Team All-Star honors from the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association ... ranked #16 in his class in Canada by North Pole Hoops ... selected to the 2018 BioSteel All-Canadian Game ... won the Slam Dunk Contest in the festivities leading up to the game, and then finished with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting to go with five rebounds and four assists as a starter in the All-Canadian Game ... has represented Canada on the international level as well... played with the Canadian u17 squad at the 2016 FIBA u17 World Championship in Spain, helping the team to a 6-1 record and a fifth-place finish at the tournament.

**Personal:** Son of David and Mercy Sackey... Majoring in sports management... Parents moved to Canada from their native Ghana in the 1990s... Father is a custodian with the Winnipeg School Division and mother is a vice principal at Lord Nelson School... Mother is a pastor... Has two older brothers and an older sister... Older brother Desmond is a recent graduate of nutritional science program at the University of Manitoba... Twins Clement and Tina went to University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg for degrees in education... Three older siblings all played high school basketball and Clement was a shot-put athlete for the track & field team at Manitoba... Has a deep passion for music... The basement of his family home in Canada includes a small recording studio... Has been a drummer since elementary school and his family band plays at various church events... His family traveled to Ghana in 2012 on a church mission trip to distribute food and school supplies to folks in need... Family went to Jamaica in 2013 on a charitable mission trip... Became just the sixth Manitoban to earn a scholarship in Division I men's basketball since the NCAA reorganized into its current competitive format in 1973.

### 2020-21 SEASON HIGHS

Points	16, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Rebounds	9, Bradley (1/28/21)
Assists	8, 3x (M.R. 1/24/21)
Steals	4, twice (M.R. 12/9/20)
Blocks	
FG Made	6, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
3PT Made	1, 5x (M.R. 2/13/21)
FT Made	5, at DePaul (1/16/21)

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	22, at Saint Louis (11/9/19)
Rebounds	9, Bradley (1/28/21)
Assists	9, at High Point (12/18/19)
Steals	4, 4x (M.R. 11/27/20)
Blocks	
FG Made	7, at Saint Louis (11/9/19)
3PT Made	3, at Saint Louis (11/9/19)
FT Made	6, twice (M.R. 12/18/19)



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## #5 Donovan Clay

Guard/Forward \* 6-7 \* Sophomore \* Sports Management  
Alton, Ill. \* Alton

2019-20 MVC All-Freshman; 2020-21 MVC Preseason Second Team

**2020-21:** Named to the MVC Preseason Second Team... Leading into the season, put a lot of time into his shot, agility and being able to run faster and jump higher... Led the team in scoring with 12 points on Dec. 1 at UIC... Enjoyed his first 20-point output of the season and the third of his collegiate career to lead the team on Dec. 12 at Central Michigan. That marked his first 20-point effort in a road game at the collegiate level... Became the first Missouri Valley Conference player with a five-block game this season on Dec. 17 vs. Purdue Northwest, also becoming the first Valpo player to stuff five shots in a game since Jaume Sorolla on Jan. 26, 2019 vs. Drake... Became the second MVC player with a 13-rebound effort this season on Dec. 19 at Toledo, in the process securing his first career double-double and the first by a Valpo player in 2020-21. He scored a team-high 17 points to complement his effort on the glass... Enjoyed the fourth 20-point game of his career and his second this season with a season-high 21 points on Jan. 9 vs. Missouri State... Enjoyed his second career double-double and first 20-point, 10-rebound effort on Jan. 23 at Illinois State. He became the fourth Valpo player during the Matt Lottich Era with a 20-point double-double, squeezing 12 rebounds in the triumph... Made his 50th consecutive start on Feb. 1 at Evansville and scored a team-high 14 points... Squeezed a career-high 14 rebounds in the Feb. 7 upset of No. 25 Drake... Scored 16 points in the first half on Feb. 10 vs. Bradley on his way to a game-high 17.



**2019-20:** Was one of two Valpo players to compete in all 35 games and made 33 starts during his freshman campaign... Was third on the team in scoring (9.4 ppg) and second in rebounding (4.6 ppg) while leading the team in blocked shots with 36... Earned a place on the MVC All-Freshman Team... Finished seventh in the MVC in blocks per game at 1.0... Scored in double figures on 19 occasions including eight outputs of 15+ points and two of 20+ points... Scored in double figures just once over his first seven games and then did so in 18 of the next 28... Had seven or more rebounds 11 times including 10 times in the final 21 games of the season after doing so just once in the first 14 games... Had multiple blocked shots in 11 contests while dishing out four or more assists in eight instances... Led the team in scoring five times, rebounding 11 times and assists on five occasions... Paced the squad in assists just twice in 31 regular-season games, but did so in three straight outings at the MVC Tournament in St. Louis... Started conference play sixth on the team at 7.8 points per game, then scored 10.9 points per game in Valley action, third on the squad... Made his collegiate debut and scored his first collegiate basket on Nov. 5 vs. Toledo... Made his first career start in a game near his hometown of Alton, Ill. on Nov. 12 at SIUE, scoring five points and grabbing three boards... Had the first double-figure scoring output of his collegiate career in a win over Grand Canyon on Nov. 22... Scored in double figures in five straight games from Nov. 27 to Dec. 18... Became the first Valpo player since 1998 to go perfect from the field with eight or more field-goal attempts while scoring a team-high 21 points on Dec. 30 vs. Loyola, the first MVC game of his collegiate career... Reached double figures for the seventh time in eight games on Jan. 4 at Evansville, contributing 10 points to go along with a team-high seven rebounds... Established a season best with nine rebounds, including six offensive boards, on Jan. 7 at Southern Illinois... Enjoyed an 18-point, seven-rebound performance on Jan. 11 vs. Drake, leading the team in both areas. He went 7-for-7 at the free-throw line after entering that game just 4-of-13 at the stripe all season... Scored 18 points on Jan. 18 vs. Indiana State, making it three straight conference home games with 18 points or more... Finished with a team-high eight rebounds while notching his fifth multi-block game of the season on Jan. 23 at Missouri State... Scored 13 second-half points to finish with 15 on his birthday on Jan. 29 at Bradley. It was the highest scoring output in a road game in his collegiate career to that point... Had five assists and did not commit a turnover, pacing the team in assists in the Feb. 12 win over Southern Illinois... Reached double figures for the fourth time in seven games by posting 15 points on Feb. 19 at Drake... Led Valpo in scoring with a career-high 22 points on 11-of-17 shooting while also pacing the team with seven rebounds in a Feb. 25 win over Missouri State... Shared the team lead with 11 points while pulling down five rebounds in the Feb. 29 regular-season finale at Indiana State... Named the MVC Newcomer of the Week on March 1 after averaging 16.5 points and 6.0 rebounds over the final two games of the regular season, leading the team in both areas... Scored in double figures in each of the first three games of the MVC Tournament in St. Louis, making it five straight overall of 10+ points... Also had seven or more rebounds in each of the first three MVC Tournament contests and dished out a season-high seven assists in the MVC semifinal upset of Loyola.

**Prep:** Earned 4A First Team All-State honors from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association as a senior... Member of the 2019 All-Metro First Team... Was honorable mention all-state by the Associated Press after his senior season... Named the Riverbend Boys Basketball Player of the Year, the Telegraph Large-Schools Boys Basketball Player of the Year and the biggest "sleeper" in the state of Illinois by the Chicago Sun-Times in 2018-19... Was also tabbed the Gallatin Boys Basketball Player of the Year following the 2018-19 season, an award previously won by former Valpo player Deion Lavender in 2014... Led Alton in scoring at 17.8 points per game, rebounding at 5.8 and blocks at 1.0 as a senior... Was second on the team in assists at 1.9 per contest and had 13 games of over 20 points while posting six double-doubles during his senior campaign... Scored a season-high 27 points in a 58-49 loss to East St. Louis... Converted a tip-in at the buzzer to clinch a 59-57 win over Collinsville at home... Helped lead the Redbirds to a 23-11 record, a Chick-fil-A Classic title and a 4A Collinsville Regional championship during the 2018-19 season... Named MVP of the Chick-Fil-A Classic... Shot 37 percent from 3-point range and 73 percent from the foul line... Entered high school as a 6-foot point guard and grew to 6-3 by his junior year before shooting up to 6-7 by graduation... Developed an ability to play the three perimeter positions... Led the Centralia Holiday Tournament in both scoring and rebounding, averaging 19.5 points and 9.0 rebounds over four games while blocking nine shots and going 8-of-17 from beyond the arc... Had a 21-point, 11-rebound performance in a win over Evanston, where he went 10-of-13 from the field... Three-year varsity player... Made a significant leap while playing AAU with the Southwestern Illinois Jets prior to his senior season.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	22, Missouri State (2/25/20)
Rebounds	14, Drake (2/7/21)
Assists	7, vs. Loyola (3/6/20)
Steals	3, Judson (12/6/20)
Blocks	5, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
FG Made	11, Missouri State (2/25/20)
3PT Made	4, twice (M.R. 1/9/21)
FT Made	7, twice (M.R. 2/7/21)

**Personal:** Spent time playing football and baseball growing up, but basketball was always his top sport... Father Dexter Clay, who played college basketball at Rend Lake Junior College, serves as his role model... Majoring in sport management... Is a high-level video game player, following in the footsteps of former Valpo sharp-shooter Ryan Fazekas. Enjoys playing NBA 2K games online... Also enjoys tossing a football or baseball in his spare time.

### 2020-21 SEASON HIGHS

Points	21, Missouri State (1/9/21)
Rebounds	14, Drake (2/7/21)
Assists	5, Missouri State (1/9/21)
Steals	3, Judson (12/6/20)
Blocks	5, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
FG Made	10, Illinois State (1/23/21)
3PT Made	4, Missouri State (1/9/21)
FT Made	7, Drake (2/7/21)





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## #10 Eron Gordon

Guard \* 6-3 \* RS Senior \* Sports Administration  
Indianapolis, Ind. \* Cathedral (Seton Hall)



**2020-21:** Led the team on the glass for the first time in his Valpo career by squeezing a career-high eight rebounds in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt... Made his first start of the season, his fifth overall at Valpo and his first since Jan. 29, 2020 at Bradley in the Dec. 4 game at Purdue... Posted the eighth double figure scoring output of his Valpo career and his first of the season with 10 points on Dec. 9 vs. SIUE... Shared the team lead with a season-high 13 points on Jan. 10 vs. Missouri State, pacing the squad in scoring for the first time in his Valpo career... Led the team in rebounding for the third straight game on Jan. 16 at DePaul, pulling down seven boards to go along with a team-high 12 points. He paced Valpo in scoring for the second straight game after not doing so at all in any of his first 44 career contests... Led the team in scoring for a third straight game and rebounding for a fourth straight game with five boards to go along with a season-high 14 points on Jan. 20 vs. Loyola... Posted his first career double-double by matching a season high with 14 points and pulling down a personal-best 10 rebounds in the Jan. 23 win at Illinois State.

**2019-20:** Was one of two players on the team who appeared in all 35 games... Saw 17.8 minutes per game while making four starts... Averaged 5.2 points and 2.3 rebounds per game while adding 26 steals and shooting 42 percent (29-69) from beyond the 3-point arc... Scored in double figures on seven occasions... Made his Valpo debut on Nov. 5 vs. Toledo, seeing six minutes of action... Knocked down all three of his shot attempts and totaled nine points and three steals on Nov. 25 in an overtime loss vs. Cincinnati... Reached double figures for the first time in his Valpo career on Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian, scoring 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting while draining a pair of 3s... Had 14 points while going perfect from both the floor (4-for-4) and the foul line (4-for-4) in 20 quality minutes off the bench in a Dec. 8 victory over Central Michigan... Had his first five-rebound game in a Valpo uniform on Dec. 16 at Charlotte... Knocked down six 3-pointers and scored a season-high 20 points on Dec. 18 at High Point. He became just the sixth Missouri Valley Conference player to net six treys in a single game in 2019-20 and the first Valpo player with more than four in a contest during the campaign... Went 4-of-5 from the field and drained three 3s in an 11-point, five-rebound performance on Jan. 4 at Evansville. That allowed him to reach double figures for the fifth time in an eight-game span... Led the team with a personal-best four steals on Jan. 7 at Southern Illinois... Scored 12 points and handed out a season-high three assists despite playing much of the game with a bandage after suffering a cut to the head in the first half of the Jan. 18 game vs. Indiana State... Had his second four-steal game of the season on Jan. 23 at Missouri State... Went 4-for-4 from 3, all in the first half, to contribute to Valpo's MVC record-setting 18 made 3s on Feb. 22 vs. Bradley. He finished with 13 points... Made the go-ahead layup with three seconds left in overtime in Valpo's 74-73 upset win over Loyola in the MVC quarterfinal to help the Brown & Gold complete an 18-point rally. That was the 25th time since the start of the 1992-93 season that Valpo prevailed on a game-winner in the final five seconds... Became the third Valpo player to hit a game-winner in the final five seconds of a conference tournament or postseason game since 1992-93, joining Ryan Broekhoff (2013 vs. Green Bay) and Bryce Drew (1998 vs. Ole Miss).

**2018-19:** Joined the program as a transfer and sat out due to transfer rules... Has two seasons of eligibility remaining starting with the 2019-20 campaign.

**Seton Hall:** Appeared in 48 games over his two years (2016-18) as a Pirate, earning one starting assignment ... scored 69 points – including a career-best seven points as a sophomore against NJIT – grabbed 39 rebounds, and handed out 29 assists over his two seasons.

**Prep:** Standout in the Indianapolis area... played his final two years at Cathedral H.S., where he averaged 24.5 points as a junior and 19.0 points as a senior... an Indiana All-Star selection following his senior year... finalist for Indiana's Mr. Basketball award... ranked #6 among Indiana Class of 2016 prospects... previously played two years at North Central H.S., where he averaged 14 ppg as a sophomore.

**Personal:** Son of Denise and Eric Gordon ... comes from a family of basketball standouts... his father, Eric, is one of the top-20 scorers all-time at Liberty... his oldest brother, Eric, was the seventh pick in the 2008 NBA Draft and has played 11 seasons in the NBA ... his second-oldest brother, Evan, scored over 1,300 points at the Division I level while playing for Liberty, Arizona State and Indiana... Enjoys filming and editing videos and podcasting... Enjoys travel and features his destinations on one of his YouTube channels... Future plans include playing professional basketball, pursuing broadcast journalism and

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	20, at High Point (12/18/19)
Rebounds	10, at Illinois State (1/23/21)
Assists	5, twice (M.R. 2/22/21)
Steals	4, twice (M.R. 1/23/20)
Blocks	2, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
FG Made	7, at High Point (12/18/19)
3PT Made	6, at High Point (12/18/19)
FT Made	6, twice (M.R. 1/28/21)

contributing to the family business, E3 Basketball Academy... Graduated from Valpo in May 2020 with a degree in journalism... Pursuing a master's degree in sports administration.

### 2020-21 SEASON HIGHS

Points	14, twice (M.R. 1/23/21)
Rebounds	10, at Illinois State (1/23/21)
Assists	5, twice (M.R. 2/22/21)
Steals	3, at Illinois State (1/23/21)
Blocks	2, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
FG Made	4, 6x (M.R. 2/6/21)
3PT Made	3, 3x (M.R. 2/21/21)
FT Made	6, twice (M.R. 1/28/21)



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## #11 Emil Freese-Vilien

**Center \* 6-10 \* Sophomore \* Civil Engineering**  
**Copenhagen, Denmark \* Falkonergardens Gymnasium**



**2020-21:** Made his season debut on Feb. 10 vs. Bradley.

**2019-20:** Appeared in 16 games and averaged 6.6 minutes per contest while totaling 16 points, four blocked shots, five assists and 15 rebounds (six offensive boards) during his rookie campaign... Made his collegiate debut on his birthday in the Nov. 5 opener vs. Toledo by contributing four points, three rebounds and two assists... Knocked down his first career triple on Nov. 22 vs. Grand Canyon... Had a season-best five points on Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian.

**Before Valpo:** Started playing basketball in November 2014... Played badminton during his younger years... Played for Denmark at both the Under-16 and the U18 FIBA Euro Championships in 2015 and 2017, respectively... Shortly before coming to Valpo, played for Værløse in the Danish Basketligaen, the highest professional league in Denmark. Came off the bench for much of the season at age 19, averaging 4.2 points and 2.2 rebounds in 12.3 minutes of action... Averaged 7.8 points and 3.0 rebounds in 18.5 minutes at the 2017 FIBA U18 Championships.

**Personal:** Majoring in civil engineering... His very first basketball practice came when he had just turned 14. At that time, he was still playing badminton four times per week. Started taking basketball seriously about a year later, when he got asked to a training camp by the U15 national team. Soon after, he began playing basketball exclusively... Has been very interested in drawing for many years. Wanted to become an architect for a long time and still has that dream in the back of his mind... Spends a lot of time drawing blueprints and houses.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	5, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Rebounds	3, twice (M.R. 11/27/19)
Assists	2, Toledo (11/5/19)
Steals	1, vs. Cincinnati (11/25/19)
Blocks	2, at Saint Louis (11/9/19)
Assists	1, three times (M.R. 11/25/19)
FG Made	2, twice (M.R. 11/27/19)
3PT Made	1, twice (M.R. 11/27/19)

### 2020-21 SEASON HIGHS

Points	
Rebounds	
Assists	1, Bradley (2/10/21)
Steals	
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	



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## #12 Tyler Fricke

**Guard / Forward \* 6-1 \* Freshman \* Accounting**  
**Arlington Heights, Ill. \* Buffalo Grove**



**2020-21:** Joined the Valpo program as a walk-on for the 2020-21 season... Made his collegiate debut and scored his first points with a pair of free throws in the Dec. 6 victory over Judson.

**Prep:** Starter at Buffalo Grove, where he helped his team to a conference championship and a 24-win season... Shot 50 percent from the field as a senior... Played basketball, baseball and golf in all four years of high school... Helped his team to a sectional title in baseball during his sophomore season... Honor roll student... Won his school's Trustworthy Award as a senior... Favorite high school basketball memory is guarding a five-star recruit while helping his team to a victory over Rowling Meadows in front of a large crowd in a battle of undefeated teams during his senior year.

**Personal:** Majoring in accounting... Son of Scott and Katie Fricke... Has a brother, Zach and a sister, Hannah... Father Scott coached Valpo head coach Matt Lottich at New Trier High School during Lottich's playing days... Brother Zach pitches for the Valpo baseball team.

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	2, Judson (12/6/20)
Rebounds	twice (M.R. 12/9/20)
Assists	
Steals	1, Judson (12/6/20)
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	2, Judson (12/6/20)



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## #13 Sheldon Edwards

Guard \* 6-4 \* Freshman \* Sports Management

West Palm Beach, Fla. \* Palm Beach Lakes (TLAP Sports Academy)



**2020-21:** Became the seventh Valpo freshman in the last 20 years to start the season opener on Nov. 27 at Vanderbilt... Reached double figures for the first time in his Valpo career with a 10-point showing on Dec. 6 vs. Judson... Poured in a personal-best 20 points on an efficient 7-of-9 shooting with eight rebounds on Dec. 9 vs. SIUE... Scored 19 points over the two games vs. Missouri State on Jan. 9-10... Led the team with 18 points, including 11 in the two overtime periods, to lift Valpo to an 91-85 victory over Bradley on Jan. 28... Matched a career high with 20 points on Feb. 6 vs. No. 25 Drake before adding 11 on Feb. 7 in an upset victory over the Bulldogs. In the Feb. 7 triumph, he slammed home a thunderous dunk that ranked No. 7 on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays that evening. For his efforts, Edwards was named the MVC Newcomer of the Week on Feb. 8 while also earning College Sports Madness MVC Player of the Week honors... Had his third straight game in double figures and his fourth straight multi-steal game with 10 points and three swipes on Feb. 10 vs. Bradley.

**Before Valpo:** Averaged 21.2 points and 7.6 rebounds as a senior at Palm Beach Lakes High School in 2018-19... Spent a postgraduate year at TLAP Sports Academy in Port St. Lucie, Fla. during the 2019-20 season, averaging 32 points per game and five rebounds per contest while turning in two games of 40+ points... 2018-19 first-team all-state honoree and All-State Game MVP in the state of Florida... Watched about 75 percent of Valpo's games on TV or via internet while in prep school during the 2019-20 season... TLAP Sports Academy coach Louis Graham says stopping for him is a "tough task" and said "You want to watch him; he's a guy who sells tickets." Graham, also Edwards' uncle, put a basketball in his crib as a young child. "He loves the game."

**Personal:** Majoring in sports management... Hobbies include listening to music... Favorite artists are Drake and J. Cole... Son of Sheldon Edwards Sr. and Leticia Graham... Has six siblings – sisters Kham, Kiarra, Aaniyah, Jayden and younger brothers Joshua and Elijah ... Favorite NBA player is Steph Curry, but he models his game after the likes of Devin Booker, Jayson Tatum and Bradley Beal. When he's not playing basketball, the spends much of his free time watching it.

### 2020-21 SEASON HIGHS

Points	20, twice (M.R. 2/6/21)
Rebounds	8, SIUE (12/9/20)
Assists	3, 3x (M.R. 2/17/21)
Steals	3, twice (M.R. 2/10/21)
Blocks	1, 3x (M.R. 2/13/21)
FG Made	7, SIUE (12/9/20)
3PT Made	4, twice (M.R. 2/6/21)
FT Made	4, Drake (2/6/21)





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## #15 Luke Morrill

**Guard \* 6-2 \* Sophomore \* Computer Engineering**  
**Lombard, Ill. \* Montini Catholic**

**2019-20:** Joined the program as a walk-on prior to the season... Saw action in five games, totaling nine minutes and accruing five points and two rebounds... Made his collegiate debut by playing the final four minutes of a Nov. 27 victory over Trinity Christian, scoring four points and pulling down two rebounds... Made a free throw on Feb. 25 vs. Missouri State for his first career point against a Division-I opponent.... Also played vs. Central Michigan (Dec. 8), at High Point (Dec. 18) and vs. Southern Illinois (Feb. 12).



**Prep:** Played at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard, Ill. under the late Coach Daryl Thomas... Senior captain averaged 10 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists a game... Four-year IHSA all-academic team.... Also played baseball and football during his time at Montini Catholic.

**Personal:** Birthday is March 11... Majoring in computer engineering... Parents are Daniel and Kristine Morrill... Has two sisters, Tori and Rylie... Considers Valpo teammate Donovan Clay "like a brother" to him after the two were roommates as freshmen and during the spring 2020 COVID-19 quarantine... Likes the small class sizes that Valpo offers... Enjoys fishing and wakesurfing, which is surfing in the boat's wake without being directly pulled by the boat.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	4, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Rebounds	2, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
FG Made	1, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)
3PT Made	
FT Made	2, Trinity Christian (11/27/19)

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Rebounds
Assists
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Blocks
FG Made
3PT Made
FT Made



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## #20/21 Brock Pappas

Forward \* 6-4 \* Junior \* Nursing  
Valparaiso, Ind. \* Washington Township



**2020-21:** Made his season debut on Dec. 6 vs. Judson.

**2019-20:** Joined the program as a walk-on for the 2019-20 season... Made his collegiate debut on Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian, playing the final four minutes of a win over the Trolls... Grabbed his first career rebound in a Dec. 8 triumph over Central Michigan... Appeared in five games – Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian, Dec. 8 vs. Central Michigan, Dec. 18 at High Point, Feb. 12 vs. Southern Illinois and Feb. 25 vs. Missouri State – totaling nine minutes of action.

**Prep (Athletic):** Averaged 12.3 points, 5.0 assists, 8.1 rebounds, 1.3 steals and 1.8 blocks per game... Was a four-year varsity starter... Was an all-conference selection as a junior and senior... Led his team to regular-season conference titles as both a junior and senior... Also played baseball and was a four-year starter, hitting .316 while helping his team to three sectional titles and a regional championship... Earned all-conference honors in baseball his junior year... Was a four-year starter and three-year all-conference honoree in volleyball, helping his team to a conference tournament title as a junior... Earned the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award in volleyball as a senior... Played three sports all year around for all four years of high school.

**Prep (Academic):** Was a four-year member of National Honor Society, a two-year Health Occupation Students of America member, and a three-year Student Council member... Earned academic and technical honors... Was a two-time academic all-conference award recipient... Earned the Top 10 award for his class.

**Personal:** Majoring in nursing... Wants to become a pediatric nurse and hopes to one day work at Riley Children's Hospital... Son of Steve and Lisa Pappas and has one older brother, Bryce... Father and brother both graduated from Valpo... Mother has worked on campus for 32 years, currently serving as an administrative assistant in the Department of Education... Favorite pro team is the Chicago Bulls... Love of the game stems from when he picked up a basketball for the first time at age 4... Has always been interested in working with kids. Initially wanted to be a teacher but decided pediatric nursing is the field for him... Grew up attending Valpo games and remembers being a young child who looked up to Valpo basketball players... Is the first boys basketball player in Washington Township High School history to play at the Division-I level... Part of a graduating class of only 80 students at Washington Township.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	
Rebounds	4, Judson (12/6/20)
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	
Rebounds	4, Judson (12/6/20)
Assists	
Steals	
Blocks	
FG Made	
3PT Made	
FT Made	



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## #22 Mileek McMillan

Forward \* 6-8 \* Senior \* Sports Management

Merrillville, Ind. \* Merrillville *2019-20 MVC Most-Improved Team*



**2020-21:** Drained four 3s on his way to a team-high 18 points on opening night at Vanderbilt on Nov. 27, when he finished two points shy of a career high and equaled a personal best with seven made field goals... Went 4-of-7 shooting on his way to 10 points in the Feb. 13 win at UNI, his first double-figure scoring output since the season opener at Vanderbilt.

**2019-20:** Was named to the MVC Most-Improved Team after upping his scoring average from 2.8 points per game as a sophomore to 8.8 points per game as a junior... Finished fourth on the squad in scoring after ranking ninth on the team the year prior... Started all 34 games that he played after making just one start and averaging 8.1 minutes per game as a sophomore... Over doubled his rebounding average from the previous season, going from 1.5 to 3.2... After making 10 3-pointers as a sophomore, he made 40 during his junior campaign and shot 42.3 percent from distance during conference play... Had 11 double-figure scoring outputs, six games with five or more rebounds and three multi-block performances... Led the team in scoring four times, all coming in a nine-game span from Jan. 23 to Feb. 19... Was the team's top rebounder in a pair of contests... Started the season opener on Nov. 5 vs. Toledo and turned in a double-figure output of 11 points to go along with four rebounds... Posted 13 points on Nov. 12 at SIUE... Set then a career high for the second straight game with 16 points vs. North Dakota on Nov. 17, his third double-figure output in the first four games of the season... Topped his previous rebounding career high with nine, coming just shy of a double-double in a 14-point effort on Dec. 21 at Arkansas... Made three key 3-pointers in the second half on Jan. 4 at Evansville, his first 2019-20 game with multiple made triples... Swiped three steals on Jan. 11 vs. Drake, establishing a season high... Led his team in scoring for the first time in his collegiate career, posting 12 points on Jan. 23 at Missouri State while draining three 3s... Had 16 points and three blocked shots on Jan. 26 vs. Evansville to lead Valpo in scoring for the second straight game after previously not doing so in any of his first 70 career games. He recorded a game-saving blocked shot in the final minute of a two-point win over the Aces... Made four 3s and finished with a team-high 14 points in just 16 minutes on Feb. 9 at Loyola, leading the team in scoring for the third time in six games... Posted a career-high 20 points in an overtime defeat on Feb. 19 at Drake. That performance included six 3s, allowing him to tie for the most made triples by a Valpo player in 2019-20 and become just the fourth Missouri Valley Conference player with six 3s or more in a league game during the season. He led the team in scoring for the fourth time in a nine-game span... Had his second straight game with 15+ points by scoring 16 in a Feb. 22 victory vs. Bradley. That marked his seventh time in a 12-game span scoring in double figures.

**2018-19:** Saw action in 30 games as a sophomore, playing 8.1 minutes/game ... averaged 2.8 points and 1.5 rebounds per game ... tallied a pair of assists and blocked two shots in season-opening win over Concordia Chicago Nov. 6 ... played season-high 26 minutes against Western Kentucky Nov. 15, scoring seven points ... came up with two steals in Dec. 8 win at George Washington ... finished with season highs of nine points and six rebounds in just 13 minutes of action in win over Purdue Northwest Dec. 29 ... grabbed four rebounds Jan. 8 in MVC win over Bradley ... matched season best with nine points, including a 6-for-6 effort from the foul line, Jan. 15 at Loyola ... scored seven points against Drake Jan. 26 ... knocked down both of his 3-point attempts for six points Feb. 13 versus Indiana State ... notched four rebounds in 13 minutes in regular season finale against Evansville March 2 ... blocked two shots in MVC quarterfinal against Loyola March 8.

**2017-18:** Appeared in all 32 games as a freshman, starting each of the season's final 18 games ... played 10.6 minutes/game, averaging 3.2 points and 1.4 rebounds per contest ... shot 36.4% from 3-point range for the season ... debuted for Valpo with eight points and a season-high seven rebounds Nov. 10 in win over North Park ... hit all three of his field goal attempts to finish with seven points in win over Samford Nov. 21 ... tallied six points at UC Riverside Dec. 20 ... debuted in MVC play with six points in 30 minutes of action Dec. 31 against Missouri State ... enjoyed best shooting performance of his rookie year Jan. 24 against Evansville, knocking down 4-of-5 3-point attempts for a season-best 12 points ... averaged 6.7 ppg over stretch of three MVC games Feb. 14-20.

**Prep:** Played AAU for Indiana Elite ... key contributor to Merrillville's success as a junior, averaging nearly seven rebounds per game for the Pirates as they finished the year with a 22-2 record ... stood out at the Indiana Top 80 camp, being named the camp's Mr. Defender.

**Personal:** Son of Greg Lewis and Latina Cross ... major is sports management... Was cut from his middle school basketball team in seventh grade, made the "B" team in eighth grade and missed his freshman year of high school with an injury... Twin brother Mahquese attends Cal State Los Angeles... One of four brothers... Enjoys playing with his dog, roller skating and playing chess... Likes to look at the sky, especially prior to rainfall or during a sunset... Is a big fan of nature and the sound of trains.

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	18, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
Rebounds	5, at Loyola (2/17/21)
Assists	2, Bradley (1/28/21)
Steals	1, twice (M.R. 2/14/21)
Blocks	2, at Toledo (12/19/20)
FG Made	7, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
3PT Made	4, at Vanderbilt (11/27/20)
FT Made	2, Drake (2/7/21)

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	20, at Drake (2/19/20)
Rebounds	9, at Arkansas (12/21/19)
Assists	4, at Drake (2/19/20)
Steals	3, three times (M.R. 2/15/20)
Blocks	3, Loyola (12/30/19)
FG Made	7, twice (M.R. 11/27/20)
3PT Made	6, at Drake (2/19/20)
FT Made	6, at Loyola (1/15/19)



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## #23 Ben Krikke

**Forward \* 6-9 \* Sophomore \* Business**  
**Edmonton, Alberta, Canada \* Jasper Place**



**2020-21:** Leading into the season, spent time working on improving his shooting and hitting shots at a higher rate, especially from 3. Also worked on bulking up and improving his strength, dribbling and ball-handling. Hopes to be versatile enough to play on the perimeter if needed... Made his second career start and first against a Division-I opponent in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt. Finished with 13 points, all in the second half, in a career-high 34 minutes... Scored in double figures in each of the first two games of the 2020-21 season (at Vanderbilt, at UIC), the first set of back-to-back double-figure outputs in the sophomore's collegiate career. His second straight double-figure showing featured 11 points on an efficient 4-of-5 shooting on Dec. 1 at UIC... Had his fourth double-figure scoring output in the season's first six games with 12 points to go along with a career-high three blocked shots on Dec. 12 at Central Michigan. He became the first Valpo player with three blocked shots in a game this season... Tied a career high with seven rebounds on Dec. 17 vs. Purdue Northwest... Posted 16 points and seven rebounds on 8-of-11 shooting in the Dec. 19 game at Toledo. The eight field goals marked a career high and the 16-point game was two shy of a personal best... Shattered his previous season high by halftime with 17 first-half points on Jan. 9 vs. Missouri State on his way to a career-high 21. He joined Javon Freeman-Liberty, Tevonn Walker and Alec Peters as the only four Valpo players with 17+ points in a first half during Matt Lottich's head coaching tenure (fifth season)... Became just the third Valpo player in the last 25 years with a 25-point, 15-rebound game on Jan. 24 at Illinois State... Was named the Missouri Valley Conference player of the week on Jan. 26, the first weekly conference honor of his collegiate career... Enjoyed his third straight game of 18+ points by scoring 18 on 7-of-9 shooting to lead the team on Jan. 31 at Evansville, then equaled a career high with four assists on Feb. 1 in the second game of the back-to-back against the Purple Aces.

**2019-20:** Appeared in 33 games and made one start during his freshman season... Averaged 6.7 points per game and 2.9 rebounds per contest while blocking 15 shots, coming away with 15 steals, shooting 79.2 percent at the foul line, draining 14 3s and handing out 22 assists... Shot 55.0 percent from the field, finishing fifth in the conference and second among freshmen in field-goal percentage... Scored in double figures nine times including three games with 15+ points... Had eight instances of five or more rebounds... Led the team in scoring in three games, rebounds in two and assists in one... Made his collegiate debut in the Nov. 5 season opener vs. Toledo... Didn't make a field goal over the first three games of his career, but he knocked down five on 11 attempts against North Dakota on Nov. 17. He finished with 11 points, one of four Valpo players in double figures... Scored a team-high 18 points to establish a season watermark in the Nov. 27 win over Trinity Christian. Also had four boards and four assists while snatching two steals against the Trolls... Collected five rebounds on Dec. 18 at High Point, marking his second five-rebound effort in a three-game span... Reached double figures for the first time since Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Christian, scoring 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting in a Jan. 4 win at Evansville... Drained three 3s on Jan. 15 at UNI to finish with 13 points, his highest total against a Division-I opponent. That equaled his previous season total for made 3s, as he entered the evening 3-of-14 for the season... Became the first Valpo freshman since at least the start of the 1989-90 season to lead the team outright in points, rebounds and assists in a single game on Feb. 1 vs. Illinois State. He set Division-I season highs in all three areas and surpassed his overall season high in rebounds with his line of 17 points, eight boards and four assists... Had a team-high 15 points and tied for the team lead with seven rebounds on Feb. 12 vs. Southern Illinois, his third time this season and second in a four-game span leading the team in scoring... Had two double-figure outputs in the MVC Tournament including an 11-point effort that featured seven made free throws in the March 7 MVC semifinal vs. Missouri State.

**Prep:** Led Jasper Place H.S. to the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association provincial championship... Earned a spot on the BioSteel All-Canadian game roster... Was the MVP of the Alberta Basketball All-Star Showcase, scoring 37 points... Competed internationally for Team Canada at the 2018 FIBA U17 World Cup in Argentina, averaging 9.9 points per game and 4.4 rebounds per game while helping Canada to a fourth-place finish. He was the only player from outside of Quebec or Ontario to make the roster.

**Personal:** Credits his father's Michael Jordan DVD set for helping hone his skills. DVDs include Jordan's greatest games, plays and Top 10 dunks... Father Kent is a physical education teacher and former college basketball player. He has run a basketball camp in Alberta for over 20 years... Hobbies include fishing with his dad and cheering on the Toronto Raptors, his favorite pro team... Majoring in business... Hails from Edmonton, a very devout hockey city, but says basketball there is on the upswing... Never played ice hockey, but did compete in badminton, volleyball and various track & field events... Enjoys mountain biking and chess, which he learned from his grandfather.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	25, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Rebounds	15, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Assists	4, 3x (M.R. 2/1/21)
Steals	2, 6x (M.R. 1/16/21)
Blocks	3, twice (M.R. 2/7/21)
FG Made	12, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
3PT Made	3, at UNI (1/15/20)
FT Made	7, vs. Missouri State (3/7/20)

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	25, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Rebounds	15, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Assists	4, at Evansville (2/1/21)
Steals	2, 4x (M.R. 1/16/21)
Blocks	3, twice (M.R. 2/7/21)
FG Made	12, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
3PT Made	2, 3x (M.R. 2/13/21)
FT Made	5, twice (M.R. 2/7/21)





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## #25 Nick Robinson\*

Guard \* 6-5 \* RS Senior \* Management  
Chicago, Ill. \* Kenwood (Saint Joseph's)

**\*Opted out of the remainder of the 2020-21 season on Jan. 21.**



**2020-21:** Pulled down a team-high six rebounds on Dec. 1 at UIC, leading the team in rebounding for the fourth time in his collegiate career and first since Dec. 8, 2019 (9 vs. Central Michigan)... Led the team in scoring for the first time in his Valpo career with 15 points on Dec. 4 at Purdue. That marked his highest scoring output since Dec. 30, 2019 vs. Loyola (15) and was four shy of his career high (Nov. 12, 2019 at SIUE). He also squeezed six rebounds to share the team lead... Scored a career-high 21 points on Nov. 17 vs. Purdue Northwest while also notching his fourth career three-steal game, shooting at an efficient 7-of-8 clip and drawing seven fouls.

**2019-20:** Played in 25 games and made 19 starts while missing nine games due to a back injury... Averaged 6.2 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game... Had six games in double figures in scoring including three with 15+ points... Had three or more assists on eight occasions including three games with seven or more helpers... Had nine games with five or more rebounds including four with seven or more... Led the team in rebounds three times and assists four times... Posted nine points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals in his Valpo debut, a victory over Toledo in the Nov. 5 season opener... Had a season-best 19 points to go along with eight rebounds and went 8-for-8 at the free-throw line on Nov. 12 at SIUE... Topped the team with seven rebounds, four of which occurred on the offensive glass, on Dec. 3 at Eastern Michigan... Boasted six assists and a season-high nine rebounds while scoring 13 points to help Valpo top Central Michigan on Dec. 8... Had 15 points and seven assists while setting season highs in made field goals (six) and made 3-pointers (three) on Dec. 30 vs. Loyola... Dished out seven assists for the second consecutive game on Jan. 4 at Evansville... Made his first start since Jan. 15 at UNI on Feb. 9 at Loyola and passed out nine assists, matching the most by any Valpo player in 2019-20 and establishing a personal best.

**2018-19:** Joined the program as a transfer and sat out due to transfer rules... Has two seasons of eligibility remaining starting with the 2019-20 campaign.

**Saint Joseph's:** Appeared in 62 games over his two seasons (2016-18), starting 30 times... averaged 6.4 points and 4.4 rebounds per game for his career with the Hawks... averaged 7.7 points and 5.2 rebounds per game in 2017-18 as a sophomore ... named the Robert O'Neill Award winner as the team's Most Improved Player... closed his sophomore year strong, bumping his averages to 9.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game in Atlantic 10 play... scored in double figures in each of his final seven games of the season, averaging 14.1 points and 7.1 rebounds over that stretch.

**Prep:** A product of Kenwood Academy in Chicago... Second Team All-State selection from both the Associated Press and the IBCA as a senior... led the Broncos to 22 wins in 2015-16, averaging 17 points and nine rebounds per game... helped Kenwood to its first city championship game as a senior... led Kenwood to consecutive Public League Red-Central titles in his final two seasons... a three-star recruit out of high school and a consensus top-10 player in his class in the state of Illinois.

### CAREER HIGHS

Points	21, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
Rebounds	9, Central Michigan (12/8/19)
Assists	9, at Loyola (2/9/20)
Steals	3, 4x (M.R. 12/17/20)
Blocks	3, vs. Cincinnati (11/25/19)
FG Made	7, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
3PT Made	3, Loyola (12/30/19)
FT Made	8, at SIUE (11/12/19)

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	21, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
Rebounds	6, twice (M.R. 12/4/20)
Assists	3, twice (12/9/20)
Steals	3, twice (M.R. 12/17/20)
Blocks	1, 4x (M.R. 12/17/20)
FG Made	7, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
3PT Made	2, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)
FT Made	5, Purdue Northwest (12/17/20)



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## #34 Jacob Ognacevic

**Forward \* 6-8 \* Freshman \* Business**  
**Sheboygan, Wis. \* Sheboygan Area Lutheran**



**2020-21:** Made his collegiate debut in the Nov. 27 season opener at Vanderbilt, knocking down a 3 with his only shot attempt of the game to account for his first career points... Drained four triples in just 14 minutes of action to achieve double figures for the first time in his collegiate career with 12 on Dec. 4 at Purdue... Went off for 20 points in the home opener on Dec. 6 vs. Judson. This marks the seventh consecutive year that at least one Valpo player has scored 20+ points in the home opener. He and Connor Barrett became the first freshman tandem to each score 17+ points in the same game in over 20 years... Shared team high honors with 13 points in just 12 minutes on an efficient 4-of-7 shooting on Jan. 10 vs. Missouri State... - Came off the bench and accounted for 11 points in each of Valpo's matchups with No. 25 Drake on Feb. 6-7, shooting at an 8-of-13 clip over the two games... Had a team-best +19 in the plus/minus on Feb. 13 at UNI, seeing his most run in MVC play with 19 minutes of action. He shared the team lead with 12 points, finishing in double figures for the third time in a four-game span... Posted a Division-I career high and shared the team lead with 15 points in the Feb. 21 win at Southern Illinois.

**Prep:** Named to The Associated Press All-State First Team following his senior season at Sheboygan Lutheran in 2019-20 while also earning Herald Times Player of the Year, All-Big East Conference Player of the Year and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-State First-Team status... Was a finalist for Wisconsin Mr. Basketball... Led his team to a 27-2 record and the state championship in Wisconsin Division 5 during his junior season in 2018-19 and was on the way to a repeat before the 2019-20 season was cut short due to COVID-19... Became the 38th player in the history of Wisconsin high school basketball to accumulate 2,000 career points, reaching the milestone on Jan. 23, 2020 with a 54-point game against Ozaukee. Needed those 54 points to reach the milestone at home... Led the state in scoring at 39.4 points per game as a senior and finished his prep career with 2,501 points, sixth in the history of the state of Wisconsin... Averaged 16 rebounds per game during his senior season... Had a season low of 24 points as a senior and poured in at least 40 points on 14 occasions including three 50-point showings... Became just the third player in the history of Wisconsin High School basketball to score more than 1,000 points in a single season, finishing his senior year with 1,024 and would have likely set the state's single-season record if it weren't for the COVID-19 shutdown... Shattered the Sheboygan Lutheran scoring record that was previously held by Sam Dekker, who played in the NBA from 2015-2019 with the Houston Rockets, Los Angeles Clippers, Cleveland Cavaliers and Washington Wizards... Averaged 30.2 points, 15.7 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game while shooting 69 percent from the field, 32 percent from 3 and 83.5 percent from the free-throw line during his junior campaign... Was 5-10 in eighth grade and finished high school at 6-8. Shot up to 6-2 as a freshman and 6-5 as a sophomore... Played AAU for the Wisconsin Playground Warriors... High school coach Nick Verhagen said Ognacevic's work ethic was unlike anyone he'd ever seen except for Sam Dekker. "Valparaiso has a special player."

**Personal:** Majoring in business... Son of Brian and Shannon Ognacevic... Has two younger sisters, Maddie and Katherine... Is a big fan of mixed martial arts and roots for all Boston professional sports teams.

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	20, Judson (12/6/20)
Rebounds	6, Judson (12/6/20)
Assists	1, 5x (M.R. 2/22/21)
Steals	1, twice (M.R. 1/9/21)
Blocks	1, 3x (M.R. 2/17/21)
FG Made	7, twice (M.R. 2/21/21)
3PT Made	4, at Purdue (12/4/20)
FT Made	4, Judson (12/6/20)



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## #35 Connor Barrett

Guard/Forward \* 6-6 \* Freshman \* Business  
Chicago, Ill. \* Loyola Academy



**2020-21:** 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 Matt Lottich 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... Is expected to miss the remainder of the season with an 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 coached Matt Lottich as a football assistant at New Trier High School during the Valpo head coach's younger years... Livatino 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..." Watched most of Valpo's regular season and MVC Tournament games while he was at Brewster during the 2019-20 season.

**Personal:** Majoring in business... Is an avid golfer whose best score is 73... Son of Colleen Cassell and Bob Barrett.

### 2020-2021 SEASON HIGHS

Points	17, Judson (12/6/20)
Rebounds	6, Judson (12/6/20)
Assists	3, at Illinois State (1/24/21)
Steals	5, Missouri State (1/9/21)
Blocks	
FG Made	5, Judson (12/6/20)
3PT Made	5, Judson (12/6/20)
FT Made	6, at Central Michigan (12/12/20)



# 2020-21 Valparaiso Men's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

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## Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	9-16	5-5	4-11	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-10	2-5	4-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-6	3-0	0-6	0-0

## Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Valparaiso	800	824	29	1653
Opponents	788	909	23	1720

## Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds														
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG			
23	KRIKKE, Ben	25-25	690:49	27.6	125-236	.530	8-25	.320	48-60	.800	36	65	101	4.0	57	1	25	31	20	13	306	12.2			
5	CLAY, Donovan	25-23	820:08	32.8	99-249	.398	18-86	.209	45-65	.692	31	109	140	5.6	68	3	55	59	32	21	261	10.4			
25	ROBINSON, Nick	8-0	195:46	24.5	24-50	.480	7-19	.368	18-22	.818	6	23	29	3.6	21	1	16	14	4	12	73	9.1			
13	EDWARDS, Sheldon	24-9	497:25	20.7	68-178	.382	31-104	.298	23-31	.742	8	55	63	2.6	23	0	30	30	7	20	190	7.9			
10	GORDON, Eron	25-23	731:32	29.3	57-137	.416	27-80	.338	43-62	.694	7	118	125	5.0	35	0	40	37	10	21	184	7.4			
35	BARRETT, Connor	18-13	397:51	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			
34	OGNACEVIC, Jacob	25-0	306:17	12.3	52-97	.536	24-50	.480	21-30	.700	15	27	42	1.7	18	0	5	10	3	4	149	6.0			
4	SACKEY, Daniel	22-22	594:05	27.0	47-131	.359	5-36	.139	29-40	.725	10	52	62	2.8	34	0	85	45	0	30	128	5.8			
2	MORGAN, Zion	12-0	191:34	16.0	23-54	.426	2-4	.500	6-8	.750	6	24	30	2.5	14	0	22	14	1	8	54	4.5			
0	KPEGEOL, Goodnews	17-0	209:04	12.3	27-63	.429	3-17	.176	18-26	.692	7	27	34	2.0	33	1	10	14	3	14	75	4.4			
22	MCMILLAN, Mileek	22-10	263:15	12.0	32-90	.356	13-48	.271	4-8	.500	5	33	38	1.7	39	1	6	26	6	3	81	3.7			
1	LORANGE, Sigurd	6-0	37:29	6.2	6-19	.316	2-15	.133	2-2	1.000	3	2	5	0.8	3	0	4	2	0	1	16	2.7			
3	HELM, Steven	17-0	93:18	5.5	3-11	.273	1-8	.125	10-13	.769	3	5	8	0.5	8	0	10	3	0	2	17	1.0			
12	FRICKE, Tyler	4-0	07:09	1.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.5			
20	PAPPAS, Brock	5-0	12:02	2.4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0			
11	FREESE-VILIEN, Emil	2-0	02:16	1.1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0			
Team											29	44	73					16							
Total		25	5050		599-1406	.426	172-571	.301	283-387	.731	180	621	801	32.0	399	8	320	311	86	165	1653	66.1			
Opponents		25	5050		636-1433	.444	174-512	.340	274-398	.688	242	682	924	37.0	391	7	341	338	58	154	1720	68.8			

## Team Statistics

	VALPO	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1653</b>	<b>1720</b>
Points per game	66.1	68.8
Scoring margin	-2.7	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>599-1406</b>	<b>636-1433</b>
Field goal pct	.426	.444
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>172-571</b>	<b>174-512</b>
3-point FG pct	.301	.340
3-pt FG made per game	6.9	7.0
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>283-387</b>	<b>274-398</b>
Free throw pct	.731	.688
F-Throws made per game	11.3	11.0
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>924</b>
Rebounds per game	32.0	37.0
Rebounding margin	-4.9	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>341</b>
Assists per game	12.8	13.6
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>338</b>
Turnovers per game	12.4	13.5
Turnover margin	+1.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.0
<b>Steals</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>154</b>
Steals per game	6.6	6.2
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>58</b>
Blocks per game	3.4	2.3
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	0	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>1866</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	10-86	15-124
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

## Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/27/2020	at Vanderbilt	L	71-77	0
12/01/2020	at UIC	L	50-66	0
12/04/2020	at Purdue	L	61-68	200
12/06/2020	Judson (IL)	W	85-45	66
12/09/2020	SIUE	W	80-58	60
12/12/2020	at Central Mich.	L	79-84	0
12/17/2020	Purdue Northwest	W	89-71	74
12/19/2020	at Toledo	L	57-71	0
01/09/2021	Missouri St.	L	68-81	76
01/10/2021	Missouri St.	L	68-78	80
01/16/2021	at DePaul	L	58-77	0
01/20/2021	Loyola Chicago	L	39-75	95
01/23/2021	at Illinois St.	W	69-60	0
01/24/2021	at Illinois St.	W	70-66	0
01/28/2021	Bradley	Wot2	91-85	77
01/31/2021	at Evansville	L	52-70	0
02/01/2021	at Evansville	L	51-58	0
02/06/2021	Drake	L	77-80	123
02/07/2021	Drake	W	74-57	119
02/10/2021	Bradley	L	52-76	88
02/13/2021	at UNI	W	70-57	713
02/14/2021	at UNI	L	60-74	953
02/17/2021	at Loyola Chicago	L	52-54	0
02/21/2021	at Southern Ill.	W	66-65	0
02/22/2021	at Southern Ill.	L	64-67	0





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Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	6-10	2-5	4-5	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-10	2-5	4-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

## Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Valparaiso	515	479	29	1023
Opponents	515	565	23	1103

## Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds													
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
23	KRIKKE, Ben	16-16	467:51	29.2	88-164	.537	8-18	.444	27-32	.844	25	39	64	4.0	34	1	18	15	13	2	211	13.2		
5	CLAY, Donovan	16-14	556:47	34.8	60-161	.373	11-52	.212	31-44	.705	23	70	93	5.8	43	2	37	35	17	9	162	10.1		
13	EDWARDS, Sheldon	16-7	373:35	23.3	47-124	.379	27-80	.338	18-26	.692	5	35	40	2.5	18	0	23	22	6	16	139	8.7		
10	GORDON, Eron	16-16	516:25	32.3	36-89	.404	20-57	.351	32-42	.762	4	87	91	5.7	22	0	27	25	7	13	124	7.8		
35	BARRETT, Connor	9-9	269:29	29.9	17-48	.354	17-46	.370	4-8	.500	7	19	26	2.9	23	0	6	7	0	10	55	6.1		
4	SACKEY, Daniel	13-13	363:58	28.0	29-82	.354	4-24	.167	14-22	.636	8	32	40	3.1	15	0	48	28	0	19	76	5.8		
34	OGNACEVIC, Jacob	16-0	184:10	11.5	32-61	.525	15-33	.455	10-15	.667	8	14	22	1.4	8	0	3	5	2	1	89	5.6		
1	LORANGE, Sigurd	1-0	03:10	3.2	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	5.0		
0	KPEGEOL, Goodnews	9-0	108:03	12.0	18-37	.486	2-10	.200	4-9	.444	2	14	16	1.8	19	1	6	6	3	6	42	4.7		
2	MORGAN, Zion	12-0	191:34	16.0	23-54	.426	2-4	.500	6-8	.750	6	24	30	2.5	14	0	22	14	1	8	54	4.5		
22	MCMILLAN, Mileek	15-5	184:05	12.3	21-59	.356	8-31	.258	4-6	.667	4	23	27	1.8	24	0	5	9	3	3	54	3.6		
3	HELM, Steven	11-0	24:15	2.2	2-5	.400	1-4	.250	7-9	.778	2	4	6	0.5	4	0	2	1	0	0	12	1.1		
12	FRICKE, Tyler	2-0	02:28	1.2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
20	PAPPAS, Brock	2-0	01:53	0.9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
11	FRESE-VILIEN, Emil	2-0	02:16	1.1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											16	25	41				12							
Total		16	3250		375-888	.422	116-361	.321	157-221	.710	111	386	497	31.1	225	4	198	181	52	87	1023	63.9		
Opponents		16	3250		424-906	.468	109-311	.350	146-215	.679	135	442	577	36.1	223	3	211	188	35	92	1103	68.9		

## Team Statistics

	VALPO	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1103</b>
Points per game	63.9	68.9
Scoring margin	-5.0	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>375-888</b>	<b>424-906</b>
Field goal pct	.422	.468
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>116-361</b>	<b>109-311</b>
3-point FG pct	.321	.350
3-pt FG made per game	7.3	6.8
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>157-221</b>	<b>146-215</b>
Free throw pct	.710	.679
F-Throws made per game	9.8	9.1
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>577</b>
Rebounds per game	31.1	36.1
Rebounding margin	-5.0	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>211</b>
Assists per game	12.4	13.2
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>188</b>
Turnovers per game	11.3	11.8
Turnover margin	+0.4	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.1
<b>Steals</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>92</b>
Steals per game	5.4	5.8
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>35</b>
Blocks per game	3.3	2.2
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	0	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>1666</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	7-94	9-185
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

## Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
01/09/2021	Missouri St.	L	68-81	76
01/10/2021	Missouri St.	L	68-78	80
01/20/2021	Loyola Chicago	L	39-75	95
01/23/2021	at Illinois St.	W	69-60	0
01/24/2021	at Illinois St.	W	70-66	0
01/28/2021	Bradley	Wot2	91-85	77
01/31/2021	at Evansville	L	52-70	0
02/01/2021	at Evansville	L	51-58	0
02/06/2021	Drake	L	77-80	123
02/07/2021	Drake	W	74-57	119
02/10/2021	Bradley	L	52-76	88
02/13/2021	at UNI	W	70-57	713
02/14/2021	at UNI	L	60-74	953
02/17/2021	at Loyola Chicago	L	52-54	0
02/21/2021	at Southern Ill.	W	66-65	0
02/22/2021	at Southern Ill.	L	64-67	0



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				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	Score		FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
at Vanderbilt	11/27/2020	71-77	L	28-66	.424	11-35	.314	4-8	.500	9	25	34	34.0	20	18	17	5	10	71	71.0	
at UIC	12/01/2020	50-66	L	20-53	.377	1-14	.071	9-16	.563	4	26	30	32.0	17	9	10	2	3	50	60.5	
at Purdue	12/04/2020	61-68	L	19-46	.413	8-26	.308	15-19	.789	4	28	32	32.0	32	13	17	3	3	61	60.7	
Judson (IL)	12/06/2020	85-45	W	31-66	.470	10-32	.313	13-17	.765	12	30	42	34.5	13	18	11	3	14	85	66.8	
SIUE	12/09/2020	80-58	W	29-61	.475	7-25	.280	15-19	.789	12	24	36	34.8	21	16	18	3	16	80	69.4	
at Central Mich.	12/12/2020	79-84	L	26-61	.426	7-25	.280	20-24	.833	12	19	31	34.2	20	11	13	4	7	79	71.0	
Purdue Northwest	12/17/2020	89-71	W	29-54	.537	5-18	.278	26-32	.813	5	26	31	33.7	13	18	19	7	17	89	73.6	
at Toledo	12/19/2020	57-71	L	24-58	.414	4-20	.200	5-8	.625	4	32	36	34.0	22	9	9	3	1	57	71.5	
Missouri St.	01/09/2021	68-81	L	23-56	.411	11-27	.407	11-19	.579	3	21	24	32.9	14	11	7	5	9	68	71.1	
Missouri St.	01/10/2021	68-78	L	23-65	.354	7-26	.269	15-19	.789	11	22	33	32.9	18	13	9	3	4	68	70.8	
at DePaul	01/16/2021	58-77	L	18-53	.340	3-15	.200	19-23	.826	7	25	32	32.8	16	10	16	4	7	58	69.6	
Loyola Chicago	01/20/2021	39-75	L	15-49	.306	3-20	.150	6-9	.667	3	23	26	32.3	15	10	16	4	3	39	67.1	
at Illinois St.	01/23/2021	69-60	W	25-60	.417	9-29	.310	10-13	.769	11	31	42	33.0	14	18	10	5	6	69	67.2	
at Illinois St.	01/24/2021	70-66	W	26-65	.400	6-23	.261	12-16	.750	16	26	42	33.6	11	13	11	4	7	70	67.4	
Bradley	01/28/2021	91-85	Wot2	26-71	.366	11-34	.324	28-38	.737	15	30	45	34.4	16	15	12	4	4	91	69.0	
at Evansville	01/31/2021	52-70	L	19-40	.475	5-16	.313	9-16	.563	4	15	19	33.4	13	9	15	1	4	52	67.9	
at Evansville	02/01/2021	51-58	L	22-48	.458	5-13	.385	2-3	.667	1	23	24	32.9	13	10	10	2	6	51	66.9	
Drake	02/06/2021	77-80	L	29-65	.446	12-29	.414	7-12	.583	7	20	27	32.6	17	19	5	2	6	77	67.5	
Drake	02/07/2021	74-57	W	23-51	.451	4-15	.267	24-29	.828	3	34	37	32.8	13	13	11	7	10	74	67.8	
Bradley	02/10/2021	52-76	L	19-54	.352	7-20	.350	7-11	.636	7	26	33	32.8	12	7	16	4	6	52	67.1	
at UNI	02/13/2021	70-57	W	27-49	.551	11-24	.458	5-6	.833	0	30	30	32.7	14	15	13	4	5	70	67.2	
at UNI	02/14/2021	60-74	L	22-50	.440	4-20	.200	12-13	.923	6	18	24	32.3	11	10	16	0	5	60	66.9	
at Loyola Chicago	02/17/2021	52-54	L	23-46	.500	5-16	.313	1-6	.167	5	25	30	32.2	12	10	12	4	3	52	66.2	
at Southern Ill.	02/21/2021	66-65	W	28-61	.459	8-21	.381	2-3	.667	12	20	32	32.2	12	14	6	1	4	66	66.2	
at Southern Ill.	02/22/2021	64-67	L	25-58	.431	8-28	.286	6-8	.750	7	22	29	32.0	20	11	12	2	5	64	66.1	
Total		1653		599-1406	.426	172-571	.301	283-387	.731	180	621	801	32.0	399	320	311	86	165	1653	66.1	
Opponents		1720		636-1433	.444	174-512	.340	274-398	.688	242	682	924	37.0	391	341	338	58	154	1720	68.8	

**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
25	66.1	42.6	30.1	73.1	32.0	12.8	12.4	1.0	6.6	3.4



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**Game Records**

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	9-16	5-5	4-11	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-10	2-5	4-5	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-6	3-0	0-6	0-0

**Team Results**

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.	High Points	High Rebounds
11/27/2020	at Vanderbilt	L	71-77	0	(18) MCMILLAN, Mileek	(8) GORDON, Eron
12/01/2020	at UIC	L	50-66	0	(12) CLAY, Donovan	(6) ROBINSON, Nick
12/04/2020	at Purdue	L	61-68	200	(15) ROBINSON, Nick	(6) ROBINSON, Nick
						(6) CLAY, Donovan
12/06/2020	Judson (IL)	W	85-45	66	(20) OGNACEVIC, Jacob	(6) OGNACEVIC, Jacob
						(6) BARRETT, Connor
12/09/2020	SIUE	W	80-58	60	(20) EDWARDS, Sheldon	(8) EDWARDS, Sheldon
12/12/2020	at Central Mich.	L	79-84	0	(20) CLAY, Donovan	(6) KRIKKE, Ben
12/17/2020	Purdue Northwest	W	89-71	74	(21) ROBINSON, Nick	(8) KRIKKE, Ben
12/19/2020	at Toledo	L	57-71	0	(17) CLAY, Donovan	(13) CLAY, Donovan
01/09/2021	Missouri St.	L	68-81	76	(21) CLAY, Donovan	(5) GORDON, Eron
					(21) KRIKKE, Ben	(5) BARRETT, Connor
01/10/2021	Missouri St.	L	68-78	80	(13) GORDON, Eron	(7) GORDON, Eron
					(13) OGNACEVIC, Jacob	
01/16/2021	at DePaul	L	58-77	0	(12) GORDON, Eron	(7) GORDON, Eron
						(7) KPEGEOL, Goodnews
01/20/2021	Loyola Chicago	L	39-75	95	(14) GORDON, Eron	(5) GORDON, Eron
01/23/2021	at Illinois St.	W	69-60	0	(20) CLAY, Donovan	(12) CLAY, Donovan
01/24/2021	at Illinois St.	W	70-66	0	(25) KRIKKE, Ben	(15) KRIKKE, Ben
01/28/2021	Bradley	Wot2	91-85	77	(18) KRIKKE, Ben	(9) SACKKEY, Daniel
					(18) EDWARDS, Sheldon	
01/31/2021	at Evansville	L	52-70	0	(18) KRIKKE, Ben	(3) GORDON, Eron
						(3) CLAY, Donovan
						(3) KRIKKE, Ben
02/01/2021	at Evansville	L	51-58	0	(14) CLAY, Donovan	(4) GORDON, Eron
						(4) KPEGEOL, Goodnews
						(4) EDWARDS, Sheldon
02/06/2021	Drake	L	77-80	123	(20) EDWARDS, Sheldon	(7) GORDON, Eron
						(7) CLAY, Donovan
02/07/2021	Drake	W	74-57	119	(15) KRIKKE, Ben	(14) CLAY, Donovan
02/10/2021	Bradley	L	52-76	88	(17) CLAY, Donovan	(8) GORDON, Eron
02/13/2021	at UNI	W	70-57	713	(12) KRIKKE, Ben	(6) GORDON, Eron
					(12) OGNACEVIC, Jacob	(6) CLAY, Donovan
02/14/2021	at UNI	L	60-74	953	(12) KRIKKE, Ben	(5) KRIKKE, Ben
02/17/2021	at Loyola Chicago	L	52-54	0	(15) MORGAN, Zion	(7) CLAY, Donovan
02/21/2021	at Southern Ill.	W	66-65	0	(15) CLAY, Donovan	(6) CLAY, Donovan
					(15) OGNACEVIC, Jacob	(6) MORGAN, Zion
02/22/2021	at Southern Ill.	L	64-67	0	(15) KRIKKE, Ben	(5) CLAY, Donovan
						(5) MORGAN, Zion



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**Attendance Summary**

	<b>Games</b>	<b>Attend</b>	<b>Avg/Game</b>
Home	10	858	86
Away	15	1866	124
Neutral	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2724</b>	<b>109</b>





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Opponent	Date	Score		0 KPEGEOL,GO	1 LORANGE,SI	2 MORGAN,ZIO	3 HELM,STEVE	4 SACKEY,DAN	5 CLAY,DONOV	10 GORDON,ERO	11 FREESE-VIL	12 FRICKE,TYL	13 EDWARDS,SH	20 PAPPAS,BRO
at Vandy	11/27/2020	71-77	L	0-1-1	3-2-1	DNP	DNP	6-5-6	14-5-2	6-8-2	DNP	DNP	5-1-3	DNP
at UIC	12/01/2020	50-66	L	0-1-0	2-1-1	DNP	DNP	8-1-2	12-1-2	4-3-0	DNP	DNP	2-3-0	DNP
at Purdue	12/04/2020	61-68	L	9-3-1	DNP	DNP	0-1-2	4-3-5	10-6-1	3-3-1	DNP	DNP	0-1-0	DNP
Judson	12/06/2020	85-45	W	0-0-1	DNP	DNP	3-1-5	3-1-2	4-5-2	5-5-3	DNP	2-1-0	10-4-1	0-4-0
SIUE	12/09/2020	80-58	W	10-4-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-1	7-1-8	6-4-2	10-2-0	DNP	0-1-0	20-8-1	0-0-0
at CMU	12/12/2020	79-84	L	2-1-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	8-2-3	20-5-3	6-1-0	DNP	DNP	4-3-0	DNP
Pur-NW	12/17/2020	89-71	W	DNP	6-1-2	DNP	2-0-0	7-2-6	9-7-3	5-1-3	DNP	DNP	4-1-1	0-0-0
at UT	12/19/2020	57-71	L	4-1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-2	17-13-1	9-4-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
MSU	01/09/2021	68-81	L	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	2-1-1	21-1-5	1-5-1	DNP	DNP	9-2-2	DNP
MSU	01/10/2021	68-78	L	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	7-3-6	3-5-3	13-7-1	DNP	DNP	10-5-1	DNP
at DePaul	01/16/2021	58-77	L	8-7-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	9-6-3	7-1-2	12-7-1	DNP	DNP	6-2-1	DNP
Loyola	01/20/2021	39-75	L	0-2-1	DNP	DNP	0-1-0	2-4-3	6-2-3	14-5-0	DNP	DNP	2-1-1	DNP
at ISU	01/23/2021	69-60	W	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1-2	4-4-8	20-12-2	14-10-5	DNP	DNP	9-1-1	DNP
at ISU	01/24/2021	70-66	W	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	2-0-0	16-3-8	9-8-1	9-7-1	DNP	DNP	3-1-0	DNP
Brad	01/28/2021	91-85	Wot2	DNP	DNP	2-2-0	3-0-0	5-9-5	15-8-3	12-8-2	DNP	DNP	18-1-2	DNP
at Evans	01/31/2021	52-70	L	3-1-1	DNP	0-0-1	2-0-0	2-0-1	3-3-2	13-3-1	DNP	DNP	2-2-2	DNP
at Evans	02/01/2021	51-58	L	6-4-1	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	9-3-2	14-3-1	0-4-0	DNP	DNP	8-4-1	DNP
DRA	02/06/2021	77-80	L	DNP	DNP	3-0-3	DNP	7-2-4	6-7-4	11-7-3	DNP	DNP	20-2-2	DNP
DRA	02/07/2021	74-57	W	0-2-0	DNP	6-1-4	DNP	8-5-4	9-14-1	9-9-2	DNP	DNP	11-5-2	DNP
Brad	02/10/2021	52-76	L	DNP	DNP	4-7-2	3-1-0	2-0-2	17-4-1	5-8-0	0-0-1	0-0-0	10-5-1	0-0-0
at UNI	02/13/2021	70-57	W	8-0-2	DNP	10-1-2	0-1-0	9-3-2	5-6-3	0-6-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-3-3	0-0-0
at UNI	02/14/2021	60-74	L	7-1-0	DNP	2-2-2	DNP	3-3-2	10-2-2	7-1-1	DNP	DNP	11-2-1	DNP
at Loyola	02/17/2021	52-54	L	10-4-0	DNP	15-5-3	DNP	DNP	5-7-0	2-3-2	DNP	DNP	5-1-3	DNP
at SIU	02/21/2021	66-65	W	0-2-1	DNP	8-6-3	0-0-0	DNP	15-6-4	9-4-2	DNP	DNP	8-4-1	DNP
at SIU	02/22/2021	64-67	L	8-0-0	5-1-0	4-5-1	0-2-0	DNP	4-5-2	5-4-5	DNP	DNP	9-1-0	DNP



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Opponent	Date	Score		22 MCMILLAN,M	23 KRIKKE,BEN	25 ROBINSON,N	34 OGNACEVIC,	35 BARRETT,CO
at Vandy	11/27/2020	71-77	L	18-3-1	13-3-0	3-2-2	3-0-0	0-0-0
at UIC	12/01/2020	50-66	L	2-3-0	11-2-1	6-6-1	0-3-0	3-3-2
at Purdue	12/04/2020	61-68	L	0-1-0	6-4-1	15-6-2	12-1-0	2-2-0
Judson	12/06/2020	85-45	W	2-2-0	10-1-0	9-2-3	20-6-0	17-6-1
SIUE	12/09/2020	80-58	W	0-0-0	9-3-1	6-4-3	3-5-0	9-1-0
at CMU	12/12/2020	79-84	L	DNP	12-6-2	5-3-2	8-2-0	14-5-0
Pur-NW	12/17/2020	89-71	W	DNP	12-8-0	21-2-1	11-3-1	12-0-1
at UT	12/19/2020	57-71	L	3-0-0	16-7-0	8-4-2	0-0-0	0-0-1
MSU	01/09/2021	68-81	L	3-4-0	21-4-1	DNP	0-1-0	11-5-1
MSU	01/10/2021	68-78	L	7-1-0	12-4-2	DNP	13-4-0	3-2-0
at DePaul	01/16/2021	58-77	L	2-2-0	6-3-2	DNP	3-0-1	5-2-0
Loyola	01/20/2021	39-75	L	0-1-0	12-3-0	DNP	3-2-1	0-2-1
at ISU	01/23/2021	69-60	W	4-1-0	4-4-0	DNP	0-1-0	12-3-0
at ISU	01/24/2021	70-66	W	3-2-0	25-15-0	DNP	0-0-0	3-3-3
Brad	01/28/2021	91-85	Wot2	1-4-2	18-4-1	DNP	3-0-0	14-4-0
at Evans	01/31/2021	52-70	L	2-2-1	18-3-0	DNP	1-0-0	6-2-0
at Evans	02/01/2021	51-58	L	5-1-0	6-0-4	DNP	0-0-0	3-3-0
DRA	02/06/2021	77-80	L	DNP	16-3-2	DNP	11-2-0	3-2-1
DRA	02/07/2021	74-57	W	5-0-0	15-1-0	DNP	11-0-0	DNP
Brad	02/10/2021	52-76	L	5-0-0	6-3-0	DNP	0-1-0	DNP
at UNI	02/13/2021	70-57	W	10-2-0	12-4-2	DNP	12-2-0	DNP
at UNI	02/14/2021	60-74	L	0-2-1	12-5-1	DNP	8-3-0	DNP
at Loyola	02/17/2021	52-54	L	2-5-0	10-2-2	DNP	3-0-0	DNP
at SIU	02/21/2021	66-65	W	2-0-0	9-5-2	DNP	15-3-1	DNP
at SIU	02/22/2021	64-67	L	5-2-1	15-4-1	DNP	9-3-1	DNP



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**Summary**

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	GP-GS	MIN/G	FG%	3FG%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G	GP-GS	MIN/G	FG%	3FG%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G
BARRETT, Connor	18-13	22.1	.404	.397	.778	2.5	0.6	15	0	6.5	18-13	22.1	.404	.397	.778	2.5	0.6	15	0	6.5
CLAY, Donovan	25-23	32.8	.398	.209	.692	5.6	2.2	21	32	10.4	60-56	30.4	.427	.253	.672	5.0	1.9	41	68	9.8
EDWARDS, Sheldon	24-9	20.7	.382	.298	.742	2.6	1.3	20	7	7.9	24-9	20.7	.382	.298	.742	2.6	1.3	20	7	7.9
FREESE-VILIEN, Emil	2-0	1.1	.000	.000	.000	0.0	0.5	0	0	0.0	18-0	6.0	.318	.200	.000	0.8	0.3	1	4	0.9
FRICKE, Tyler	4-0	1.8	.000	.000	1.000	0.5	0.0	1	0	0.5	4-0	1.8	.000	.000	1.000	0.5	0.0	1	0	0.5
GORDON, Eron	25-23	29.3	.416	.338	.694	5.0	1.6	21	10	7.4	60-27	22.6	.425	.376	.710	3.4	1.0	47	15	6.1
HELM, Steven	17-0	5.5	.273	.125	.769	0.5	0.6	2	0	1.0	17-0	5.5	.273	.125	.769	0.5	0.6	2	0	1.0
KPEGEOL, Goodnews	17-0	12.3	.429	.176	.692	2.0	0.6	14	3	4.4	17-0	12.3	.429	.176	.692	2.0	0.6	14	3	4.4
KRIKKE, Ben	25-25	27.6	.530	.320	.800	4.0	1.0	13	20	12.2	58-26	20.8	.538	.333	.796	3.4	0.8	28	35	9.1
LORANGE, Sigurd	6-0	6.2	.316	.133	1.000	0.8	0.7	1	0	2.7	15-0	6.5	.417	.320	1.000	0.5	0.6	2	0	2.8
MCMILLAN, Mileek	22-10	12.0	.356	.271	.500	1.7	0.3	3	6	3.7	118-63	12.3	.424	.338	.708	2.0	0.5	31	33	4.8
MORGAN, Zion	12-0	16.0	.426	.500	.750	2.5	1.8	8	1	4.5	40-1	11.1	.386	.154	.531	2.2	1.4	20	7	2.7
OGNACEVIC, Jacob	25-0	12.3	.536	.480	.700	1.7	0.2	4	3	6.0	25-0	12.3	.536	.480	.700	1.7	0.2	4	3	6.0
PAPPAS, Brock	5-0	2.4	.000	.000	.000	0.8	0.0	0	0	0.0	11-0	2.0	.000	.000	.000	0.5	0.0	0	0	0.0
ROBINSON, Nick	8-0	24.5	.480	.368	.818	3.6	2.0	12	4	9.1	33-19	23.5	.404	.295	.722	3.8	2.2	34	15	6.9
SACKEY, Daniel	22-22	27.0	.359	.139	.725	2.8	3.9	30	0	5.8	89-64	23.0	.362	.248	.691	2.2	3.0	89	1	5.4

**Scoring**

Player	Season Statistics									Career Statistics								
	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G		FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G	
BARRETT, Connor	36-89	.404	31-78	.397	14-18	.778	117	6.5		36-89	.404	31-78	.397	14-18	.778	117	6.5	
CLAY, Donovan	99-249	.398	18-86	.209	45-65	.692	261	10.4		231-541	.427	50-198	.253	78-116	.672	590	9.8	
EDWARDS, Sheldon	68-178	.382	31-104	.298	23-31	.742	190	7.9		68-178	.382	31-104	.298	23-31	.742	190	7.9	
FREESE-VILIEN, Emil	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0		7-22	.318	2-10	.200	0-1	.000	16	0.9	
FRICKE, Tyler	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	0.5		0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	0.5	
GORDON, Eron	57-137	.416	27-80	.338	43-62	.694	184	7.4		117-275	.425	56-149	.376	76-107	.710	366	6.1	
HELM, Steven	3-11	.273	1-8	.125	10-13	.769	17	1.0		3-11	.273	1-8	.125	10-13	.769	17	1.0	
KPEGEOL, Goodnews	27-63	.429	3-17	.176	18-26	.692	75	4.4		27-63	.429	3-17	.176	18-26	.692	75	4.4	
KRIKKE, Ben	125-236	.530	8-25	.320	48-60	.800	306	12.2		207-385	.538	22-66	.333	90-113	.796	526	9.1	
LORANGE, Sigurd	6-19	.316	2-15	.133	2-2	1.000	16	2.7		15-36	.417	8-25	.320	4-4	1.000	42	2.8	
MCMILLAN, Mileek	32-90	.356	13-48	.271	4-8	.500	81	3.7		203-479	.424	79-234	.338	80-113	.708	565	4.8	
MORGAN, Zion	23-54	.426	2-4	.500	6-8	.750	54	4.5		44-114	.386	2-13	.154	17-32	.531	107	2.7	
OGNACEVIC, Jacob	52-97	.536	24-50	.480	21-30	.700	149	6.0		52-97	.536	24-50	.480	21-30	.700	149	6.0	
PAPPAS, Brock	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0		0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0	
ROBINSON, Nick	24-50	.480	7-19	.368	18-22	.818	73	9.1		76-188	.404	23-78	.295	52-72	.722	227	6.9	
SACKEY, Daniel	47-131	.359	5-36	.139	29-40	.725	128	5.8		167-461	.362	38-153	.248	105-152	.691	477	5.4	



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Player	Season Statistics									Career Statistics								
	O-REB	D-REB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO		O-REB	D-REB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO	
BARRETT, Connor	13	32	45	44	1	11	9	1.2		13	32	45	44	1	11	9	1.2	
CLAY, Donovan	31	109	140	68	3	55	59	0.9		79	223	302	133	3	114	99	1.2	
EDWARDS, Sheldon	8	55	63	23	0	30	30	1.0		8	55	63	23	0	30	30	1.0	
FREESE-VILIEN, Emil	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0		6	9	15	8	0	6	6	1.0	
FRICKE, Tyler	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0.0		1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	
GORDON, Eron	7	118	125	35	0	40	37	1.1		25	181	206	77	1	59	68	0.9	
HELM, Steven	3	5	8	8	0	10	3	3.3		3	5	8	8	0	10	3	3.3	
KPEGEOL, Goodnews	7	27	34	33	1	10	14	0.7		7	27	34	33	1	10	14	0.7	
KRIKKE, Ben	36	65	101	57	1	25	31	0.8		75	121	196	104	1	47	58	0.8	
LORANGE, Sigurd	3	2	5	3	0	4	2	2.0		3	4	7	3	0	9	5	1.8	
MCMILLAN, Mileek	5	33	38	39	1	6	26	0.2		51	187	238	261	11	59	143	0.4	
MORGAN, Zion	6	24	30	14	0	22	14	1.6		21	68	89	39	0	54	35	1.5	
OGNACEVIC, Jacob	15	27	42	18	0	5	10	0.5		15	27	42	18	0	5	10	0.5	
PAPPAS, Brock	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	0.0		0	5	5	3	0	0	1	0.0	
ROBINSON, Nick	6	23	29	21	1	16	14	1.1		36	91	127	67	1	71	53	1.3	
SACKEY, Daniel	10	52	62	34	0	85	45	1.9		27	171	198	138	1	267	171	1.6	



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Valparaiso Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Feb 23, 2021)  
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Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
Vanderbilt	34/34	37/43	71-77	(6)	28-66/23-57	.424/.404	11-35/8-24	.314/.333	4-8/23-27	.500/.852	34/44 (10)	18/14	17/19	5/3	10/10	20/11
UIC	19/28	31/38	50-66	(16)	20-53/23-53	.377/.434	1-14/9-26	.071/.346	9-16/11-14	.563/.786	30/35 (5)	9/19	10/10	2/1	3/3	17/16
Purdue	34/23	27/45	61-68	(7)	19-46/19-54	.413/.352	8-26/6-23	.308/.261	15-19/24-37	.789/.649	32/34 (2)	13/13	17/9	3/1	3/4	32/21
JUDSON (IL)	39/23	46/22	85-45	+40	31-66/19-54	.470/.352	10-32/4-19	.313/.211	13-17/3-11	.765/.273	42/34 +8	18/11	11/24	3/2	14/9	13/20
SIUE	33/22	47/36	80-58	+22	29-61/25-57	.475/.439	7-25/2-17	.280/.118	15-19/6-13	.789/.462	36/34 +2	16/11	18/25	3/6	16/8	21/20
Central Mich.	30/44	49/40	79-84	(5)	26-61/26-54	.426/.481	7-25/9-15	.280/.600	20-24/23-30	.833/.767	31/36 (5)	11/14	13/16	4/2	7/5	20/23
PURDUE NORTHWEST	45/32	44/39	89-71	+18	29-54/28-74	.537/.378	5-18/8-24	.278/.333	26-32/7-9	.813/.778	31/43 (12)	18/17	19/28	7/2	17/12	13/26
Toledo	25/26	32/45	57-71	(14)	24-58/22-62	.414/.355	4-20/10-31	.200/.323	5-8/17-23	.625/.739	36/44 (8)	9/16	9/4	3/3	1/2	22/12
MISSOURI ST.	37/41	31/40	68-81	(13)	23-56/29-53	.411/.547	11-27/9-22	.407/.409	11-19/14-18	.579/.778	24/40 (16)	11/15	7/12	5/0	9/2	14/18
MISSOURI ST.	29/38	39/40	68-78	(10)	23-65/27-50	.354/.540	7-26/7-22	.269/.318	15-19/17-22	.789/.773	33/39 (6)	13/17	9/15	3/3	4/4	18/17
DePaul	26/41	32/36	58-77	(19)	18-53/27-62	.340/.435	3-15/9-22	.200/.409	19-23/14-19	.826/.737	32/43 (11)	10/15	16/15	4/3	7/9	16/19
LOYOLA CHICAGO	16/37	23/38	39-75	(36)	15-49/30-56	.306/.536	3-20/5-18	.150/.278	6-9/10-14	.667/.714	26/39 (13)	10/19	16/9	4/2	3/11	15/12
Illinois St.	36/23	33/37	69-60	+9	25-60/23-59	.417/.390	9-29/7-18	.310/.389	10-13/7-10	.769/.700	42/32 +10	18/10	10/10	5/4	6/7	14/16
Illinois St.	38/26	32/40	70-66	+4	26-65/25-60	.400/.417	6-23/7-17	.261/.412	12-16/9-12	.750/.750	42/34 +8	13/9	11/11	4/4	7/7	11/14
BRADLEY	29/32	33/30	91-85	+6	26-71/36-78	.366/.462	11-34/4-13	.324/.308	28-38/9-17	.737/.529	45/52 (7)	15/13	12/15	4/3	4/5	16/30
Evansville	27/37	25/33	52-70	(18)	19-40/29-48	.475/.604	5-16/6-18	.313/.333	9-16/6-7	.563/.857	19/27 (8)	9/9	15/14	1/2	4/5	13/11
Evansville	33/24	18/34	51-58	(7)	22-48/23-52	.458/.442	5-13/8-25	.385/.320	2-3/4-7	.667/.571	24/34 (10)	10/11	10/11	2/3	6/5	13/6
DRAKE	43/35	34/45	77-80	(3)	29-65/33-62	.446/.532	12-29/5-13	.414/.385	7-12/9-16	.583/.563	27/47 (20)	19/13	5/11	2/3	6/2	17/15
DRAKE	36/24	38/33	74-57	+17	23-51/23-63	.451/.365	4-15/2-15	.267/.133	24-29/9-17	.828/.529	37/40 (3)	13/10	11/14	7/4	10/5	13/21
BRADLEY	30/37	22/39	52-76	(24)	19-54/28-62	.352/.452	7-20/13-30	.350/.433	7-11/7-10	.636/.700	33/40 (7)	7/15	16/12	4/2	6/6	12/12
UNI	39/27	31/30	70-57	+13	27-49/21-62	.551/.339	11-24/5-22	.458/.227	5-6/10-14	.833/.714	30/37 (7)	15/5	13/13	4/0	5/3	14/7
UNI	33/39	27/35	60-74	(14)	22-50/28-53	.440/.528	4-20/8-17	.200/.471	12-13/10-10	.923/1000	24/30 (6)	10/17	16/14	0/2	5/13	11/13
Loyola Chicago	29/26	23/28	52-54	(2)	23-46/20-52	.500/.385	5-16/10-24	.313/.417	1-6/4-8	.167/.500	30/29 +1	10/16	12/8	4/2	3/6	12/11
Southern Ill.	34/39	32/26	66-65	+1	28-61/24-49	.459/.490	8-21/9-23	.381/.391	2-3/8-12	.667/.667	32/27 +5	14/17	6/6	1/1	4/3	12/7
Southern Ill.	26/30	38/37	64-67	(3)	25-58/25-47	.431/.532	8-28/4-14	.286/.286	6-8/13-21	.750/.619	29/30 (1)	11/15	12/13	2/0	5/8	20/12

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Valparaiso at Southern Ill.**  
 02/22/21 Banterra Center, Carbondale, Illinois  
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Game Time: 6:00 PM  
 Game Duration: 1:49

Officials: Antinio Petty, Bret Smith, Shane Staggs

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Record: 9-16 (6-10)

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
							OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
5	Donovan Clay	F	35:36	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	4	5	5	2	4	2	3	1	0	0	-4
22	Mileek McMillan	F	13:25	2-4	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	1	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	-1
23	Ben Krikke	F	29:55	5-10	1-2	4-4	1	3	4	2	3	15	1	0	0	0	0	-1
10	Eron Gordon	G	35:07	2-6	1-5	0-0	0	4	4	3	1	5	5	4	1	1	0	-1
13	Sheldon Edwards	G	21:19	3-9	3-8	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	4
34	Jacob Ognacevic		23:25	3-5	2-4	1-2	2	1	3	0	2	9	1	1	0	0	0	-10
0	Goodnews Kpegeol		12:44	4-6	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	5	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	-1
2	Zion Morgan		20:08	2-7	0-1	0-0	0	5	5	1	0	4	1	2	1	1	0	-6
3	Steven Helm		05:11	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
1	Sigurd Lorange		03:10	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	8
Team							0	2	2			0			0			
<b>Totals</b>				25-58	8-28	6-8	7	22	29	20	12	64	11	12	5	2	0	-3

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	10-26	38.5%
3PT%	2-11	18.2%
FT%	4-6	66.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	15-32	46.9%
3PT%	6-17	35.3%
FT%	2-2	100%
GM FG%	25-58	43.1%
3PT%	8-28	28.6%
FT%	6-8	75.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 1

Southern Ill. - 67

Record: 11-11 (5-11)

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
							OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
33	Anthony D'Avanzo	F	15:18	0-6	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	-7
14	Kyler Filewich	C	28:01	5-6	0-0	1-3	3	5	8	1	3	11	1	2	0	0	0	-4
5	Lance Jones	G	40:00	7-11	1-2	6-8	0	3	3	1	6	21	4	5	0	0	1	3
22	Steven Verplancken	G	34:23	5-9	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	3	1	12	1	0	1	0	0	3
24	Trent Brown	G	31:00	0-0	0-0	3-4	0	2	2	3	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	-3
3	Dalton Banks		24:46	4-5	1-1	1-3	0	6	6	3	3	10	1	3	3	0	0	5
10	Ben Harvey		22:37	4-9	0-4	2-3	0	3	3	1	3	10	5	1	2	0	1	12
12	Sekou Dembele		03:47	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
25	Jakolby Long		00:08	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team							0	3	3			0			1			
<b>Totals</b>				25-47	4-14	13-21	4	26	30	12	20	67	15	13	8	0	2	3

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	13-28	46.4%
3PT%	2-10	20.0%
FT%	2-3	66.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	12-19	63.2%
3PT%	2-4	50.0%
FT%	11-18	61.1%
GM FG%	25-47	53.2%
3PT%	4-14	28.6%
FT%	13-21	61.9%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 0

	VAL	SIU
<b>Biggest lead</b>	9 (1 <sup>st</sup> 14:41)	12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 14:32)
<b>Best Scoring Run</b>	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 17:56)	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 10:24)
<b>Lead Changes</b>	1	
<b>Times Tied</b>	2	
<b>Time with Lead</b>	08:18	29:56

Points from	VAL	SIU
<b>Turnovers</b>	8	10
<b>Paint</b>	30	38
<b>Second Chance</b>	12	0
<b>Fast Breaks</b>	4	13
<b>Bench</b>	26	20

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
<b>VAL</b>	26	38	64
<b>SIU</b>	30	37	67



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Valparaiso at Southern Ill.**  
 02/21/21 Banterra Center, Carbondale, Illinois  
 2020-21 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 4:00 PM  
 Game Duration: 1:43

Officials: John Higgins, Gary Maxwell, Ray Natili

Valparaiso - 66

Record: 9-15 (6-9)

NO.	Name		Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD							BS	BA	
5	Donovan Clay	F	38:09	6-12	1-4	2-3	1	5	6	2	2	15	4	0	2	1	0	-1			
22	Mileek McMillan	F	14:15	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	-8			
23	Ben Krikke	F	37:52	4-9	1-2	0-0	4	1	5	0	1	9	2	0	1	0	0	-1			
10	Eron Gordon	G	31:18	3-6	3-3	0-0	1	3	4	2	0	9	2	1	1	0	0	1			
13	Sheldon Edwards	G	21:44	3-7	2-5	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	5			
0	Goodnews Kpegeol		08:03	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2			
2	Zion Morgan		26:46	4-11	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	1	1	8	3	1	0	0	0	0			
34	Jacob Ognacevic		21:45	7-10	1-3	0-0	2	1	3	0	2	15	1	1	0	0	1	7			
3	Steven Helm		00:08	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Team										1	1	2			0		1				
<b>Totals</b>				28-61	8-21	2-3	12	20	32	12	7	66	14	6	4	1	1	1			

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FG%	15-31	48.4%
	3PT%	4-10	40.0%
	FT%	0-0	0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FG%	13-30	43.3%
	3PT%	4-11	36.4%
	FT%	2-3	66.7%
GM	FG%	28-61	45.9%
	3PT%	8-21	38.1%
	FT%	2-3	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 0, 0

Southern Ill. - 65

Record: 10-11 (4-11)

NO.	Name		Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD							BS	BA	
33	Anthony D'Avanzo	F	32:21	7-9	2-3	0-0	2	4	6	1	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	3			
14	Kyler Filewich	C	28:23	5-12	0-0	1-2	3	6	9	1	1	11	4	1	1	1	1	0			
5	Lance Jones	G	30:52	3-10	2-7	3-5	0	2	2	2	4	11	2	2	1	0	0	-7			
22	Steven Verplancken	G	26:51	1-5	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	-9			
24	Trent Brown	G	38:12	2-5	2-5	3-3	0	3	3	0	3	9	3	2	0	0	0	2			
10	Ben Harvey		20:41	5-7	3-5	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	13	1	1	0	0	0	7			
3	Dalton Banks		22:40	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	1	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	-1			
Team										0	2	2			0		0				
<b>Totals</b>				24-49	9-23	8-12	5	22	27	7	12	65	17	6	3	1	1	-1			

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FG%	13-25	52.0%
	3PT%	8-16	50.0%
	FT%	5-7	71.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FG%	11-24	45.8%
	3PT%	1-7	14.3%
	FT%	3-5	60%
GM	FG%	24-49	49.0%
	3PT%	9-23	39.1%
	FT%	8-12	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 4, 0

	VAL	SIU
Biggest lead	6 (1 <sup>st</sup> 5:52)	7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 18:29)
Best Scoring Run	6 (1 <sup>st</sup> 5:52)	8 (1 <sup>st</sup> 3:30)
Lead Changes	6	
Times Tied	9	
Time with Lead	13:00	21:36

Points from	VAL	SIU
Turnovers	6	6
Paint	30	30
Second Chance	15	3
Fast Breaks	5	9
Bench	23	16

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
VAL	34	32	66
SIU	39	26	65

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics  
 Valparaiso vs Loyola Chicago  
 02/17/21 7:00 p.m. at Gentile Arena - Chicago, Ill.

Valparaiso 52 • 8-15 (5-9 MVC)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
05	CLAY, Donovan	f	2-7	1-5	0-0	1	6	7	2	5	0	3	2	1	37
22	MCMILLAN, Mileek	f	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	21
23	KRIKKE, Ben	f	5-10	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	10	2	2	1	0	32
10	GORDON, Eron	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	24
13	EDWARDS, Sheldon	g	2-6	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	3	3	0	1	20
00	KPEGEOL, Goodnews		5-7	0-1	0-4	0	4	4	2	10	0	1	0	0	24
02	MORGAN, Zion		6-9	2-2	1-2	0	5	5	2	15	3	3	0	1	28
34	OGNACEVIC, Jacob		1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	14
Team						2	1	3							
Totals			23-46	5-16	1-6	5	25	30	12	52	10	12	4	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-25 52.0% 2nd half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 23-46 50.0% Deadball  
 3FG % 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 5-16 31.3% Rebounds  
 FT % 1st Half: 0-4 0.0% 2nd half: 1-2 50.0% Game: 1-6 16.7% 2

Loyola Chicago 54 • 19-4 (14-2 MVC)

##	Player		Total	3-Ptr	FT-FTA	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA		Off	Def	Tot							
30	Uguak, Aher	f	2-8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	0	34
25	Krutwig, Cameron	c	6-10	0-0	1-1	3	3	6	0	13	5	2	0	2	35
01	Williamson, Lucas	g	2-6	2-3	0-0	1	1	2	3	6	1	0	0	1	27
04	Norris, Braden	g	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	5	5	2	3	0	2	0	0	25
05	Clemons, Keith	g	5-9	4-7	2-3	1	4	5	2	16	1	0	0	2	34
10	Welch, Tom		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
12	Kennedy, Marquise		1-6	0-2	1-2	0	5	5	0	3	3	0	1	0	17
23	Kaifes, Cooper		3-5	2-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	10
24	Hall, Tate		0-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	13
Team						3	1	4				1			
Totals			20-52	10-24	4-8	8	21	29	11	54	16	8	2	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-25 36.0% 2nd half: 11-27 40.7% Game: 20-52 38.5% Deadball  
 3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 6-13 46.2% Game: 10-24 41.7% Rebounds  
 FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 0-2 0.0% Game: 4-8 50.0% 3

Officials: Gerry Pollard, Roland Simmons, Tyler Kumpf  
 Technical fouls: Valparaiso-None. Loyola Chicago-None.  
 Attendance:

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Valparaiso	29	23	52
Loyola Chicago	26	28	54

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
VALPO	28	8	1	2	28
LUC	16	4	6	0	11

Last FG - VALPO 2nd-00:54, LUC 2nd-01:39.  
 Largest lead - VALPO by 9 1st-01:18, LUC by 6 2nd-01:39.  
 VALPO led for 24:46. LUC led for 09:56. Game was tied for 05:16.

Score tied - 5 times.  
 Lead changed - 9 times.



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Valparaiso at Indiana St.**  
 02/29/20 Hulman Center, Terre Haute, Ind.  
 2019-20 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 2:00 PM  
 Game Duration: 1:41  
 Attendance: 4,131

Officials: Winston Stith, Jeff Campbell, Nathan Bemis

Valparaiso - 58

Record: 16-15 (9-9)

NO.	Name		Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD							BS	BA	
5	Donovan Clay	F	30:28	3-9	1-3	4-5	1	4	5	4	6	11	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	-14
22	Mileek McMillan	F	25:05	4-10	1-6	0-0	0	4	4	1	2	9	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
33	John Kiser	F	30:13	3-7	0-1	0-0	1	5	6	2	0	6	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	-10
4	Daniel Sackey	G	30:25	4-9	2-4	1-3	1	3	4	2	1	11	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	-13
35	Ryan Fazekas	G	33:31	4-10	2-4	0-0	1	2	3	1	1	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-12
23	Ben Krikke		17:56	2-4	1-1	0-0	3	0	3	3	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-11
10	Eron Gordon		14:36	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-4
2	Zion Morgan		17:46	1-5	0-0	2-2	0	5	5	2	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	-3
Team								1	2	3			0			0					
<b>Totals</b>				22-56	7-20	7-10	8	26	34	15	11	58	15	10	2	2	1	1	2	1	-13

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FG%	10-27	37.0%
	3PT%	3-8	37.5%
	FT%	4-7	57.1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FG%	12-29	41.4%
	3PT%	4-12	33.3%
	FT%	3-3	100%
GM	FG%	22-56	39.3%
	3PT%	7-20	35.0%
	FT%	7-10	70.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

Indiana St. - 71

Record: 18-11 (11-7)

NO.	Name		Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
				M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD							BS	BA	
5	Bronson Kessinger	F	18:20	3-7	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
1	Tre Williams	C	25:01	4-6	0-0	0-2	2	3	5	2	2	8	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	8
2	Jordan Barnes	G	27:28	2-5	2-3	2-2	0	3	3	2	2	8	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	17
10	Christian Williams	G	31:37	7-11	2-3	4-6	3	4	7	0	4	20	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
11	Tyreke Key	G	36:23	2-7	0-4	2-2	0	3	3	3	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
35	Jake LaRavia		11:13	3-4	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
4	Cooper Neese		26:05	3-11	2-8	2-3	0	3	3	1	2	10	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-3
3	Cameron Bacote		08:11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
20	Cobie Barnes		12:33	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	5	5	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
23	De'Avion Washington		02:24	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-4
25	Keon Sellers		00:45	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Team								0	1	1			0			0					
<b>Totals</b>				27-56	7-20	10-15	7	28	35	11	15	71	16	6	6	1	2	1	2	1	13

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FG%	13-29	44.8%
	3PT%	5-12	41.7%
	FT%	6-6	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FG%	14-27	51.9%
	3PT%	2-8	25.0%
	FT%	4-9	44.4%
GM	FG%	27-56	48.2%
	3PT%	7-20	35.0%
	FT%	10-15	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

	VU	INS
Biggest lead	0 (1 <sup>st</sup> 20:00)	18 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 13:03)
Best Scoring Run	7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 6:59)	8 (1 <sup>st</sup> 1:20)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	0	
Time with Lead	00:00	38:59

Points from	VU	INS
Turnovers	0	14
Paint	22	36
Second Chance	5	10
Fast Breaks	9	5
Bench	11	23

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
VU	27	31	58
INS	37	34	71





Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Indiana St. at Valparaiso**  
 01/18/20 Athletics-Recreation Center, Valparaiso  
 2019-20 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:00 PM  
 Game Duration: 1:51  
 Attendance: 2,805

Officials: David Stevens, Jeff Campbell, Pat Boeh

Indiana St. - 77

Record: 10-7 (3-3)

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
							OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
1	Tre Williams	C	21:56	4-6	0-0	1-1	2	0	2	5	1	9	3	0	1	1	1	-4
2	Jordan Barnes	G	40:00	9-15	3-6	0-1	0	5	5	2	2	21	5	4	2	0	0	-9
4	Cooper Neese	G	23:00	1-7	1-3	1-2	0	1	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	-18
11	Tyreke Key	G	36:55	10-15	5-7	2-5	1	6	7	2	7	27	2	1	0	0	0	-9
35	Jake LaRavia	G	30:54	4-10	0-0	3-3	3	4	7	4	3	11	4	1	0	1	1	0
10	Christian Williams		25:49	1-4	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	1	-8
3	Cameron Bacote		08:55	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
20	Cobie Barnes		06:19	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
23	De'Avion Washington		06:12	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-7
Team							0	1	1			0			0			
<b>Totals</b>				30-63	9-19	8-14	7	21	28	18	16	77	17	7	3	2	5	-9

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	14-34	41.2%
3PT%	3-11	27.3%
FT%	4-6	66.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	16-29	55.2%
3PT%	6-8	75.0%
FT%	4-8	50%
GM FG%	30-63	47.6%
3PT%	9-19	47.4%
FT%	8-14	57.1%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 4, 0

Valparaiso - 86

Record: 10-9 (3-3)

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
							OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
5	Donovan Clay	F	39:00	5-10	2-4	6-8	1	3	4	2	5	18	0	1	0	2	0	10
22	Mileek McMillan	F	20:55	4-5	1-2	2-2	2	1	3	3	1	11	2	1	0	0	0	3
0	Javon Freeman-Liberty	G	32:46	8-16	2-4	7-8	3	5	8	3	6	25	3	2	2	0	1	15
2	Zion Morgan	G	17:43	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	4	0	2	2	3	1	1	1	-8
10	Eron Gordon	G	32:25	4-10	1-4	3-4	0	3	3	1	4	12	3	1	0	0	0	15
23	Ben Krikke		14:09	3-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	6	2	0	0	1	0	-1
33	John Kiser		31:35	5-10	2-5	0-0	0	8	8	1	1	12	2	1	2	1	0	8
1	Sigurd Lorange		06:36	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-4
11	Emil Freese-Vilien		04:51	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Team							2	0	2			0			1			
<b>Totals</b>				30-59	8-21	18-22	10	28	38	16	18	86	15	11	5	5	2	9

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	11-24	45.8%
3PT%	4-9	44.4%
FT%	6-10	60%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	19-35	54.3%
3PT%	4-12	33.3%
FT%	12-12	100%
GM FG%	30-59	50.8%
3PT%	8-21	38.1%
FT%	18-22	81.8%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2, 0

	INS	VALPO
Biggest lead	11 (1 <sup>st</sup> 6:12)	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 0:00)
Best Scoring Run	6 (1 <sup>st</sup> 18:36)	8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4:12)
Lead Changes	3	
Times Tied	4	
Time with Lead	24:10	13:28

Points from	INS	VALPO
Turnovers	9	5
Paint	38	40
Second Chance	8	6
Fast Breaks	5	21
Bench	5	18

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
INS	35	42	77
VALPO	32	54	86

