


2015-16 Schedule/Results


Nov.	14	Chestnut Hill (PhilaU Tournament)	L 86-93
	15	Philadelphia University	L 64-77
	18	Bowie St.	L 82-86
	21	Nyack	L 82-86(OT)
	24	Slippery Rock University	L 74-78(OT)
Dec.	28	Chestnut Hill	W 93-83
	1	Alderson-Broaddus	L 70-85
	6	Apprentice School	W 110-106
	11	*Roberts Wesleyan	W 90-77
	13	*Daemen	W 89-84
Jan.	16	*Molloy	W 79-70
	19	*Queens	W 71-66
	6	*Bridgeport	L 70-75
	9	*Dowling	W 92-82
	14	*St. Thomas Aquinas	L 71-76
Feb.	16	*Mercy	L 84-94
	20	*LIU Post	W 84-73
	29	*Daemen	L 89-100
	31	*Roberts Wesleyan	W 97-93(OT)
	4	*Queens	L 65-69
	6	*Molloy	W 79-70
	8	*NYIT	W 100-69
	10	*Dowling	W 102-92
	13	*Bridgeport	W 100-92
	18	*Mercy	L 84-87
21	*St. Thomas Aquinas	3:30 p.m.	
25	*NYIT	5 p.m.	
27	*LIU Post	3:30 p.m.	

Game #26

St. Thomas Aquinas College
(21-4, 15-2 ECC)



at



University of the District of Columbia
(13-12, 11-6 ECC)

Game Date: Feb. 21, 2016
Game Time: 5 p.m.
TV: American Sports Network (Darren Goldwater, Nathan Ross)
Venue: UDC Sports Complex

Series Record: STAC 6-3
UDC at UDC Gym: 2-2
UDC at Aquinas Hall: 1-4
UDC at Neutral Sites: 0-0

The Series: This is the 10th meeting between these two men's basketball programs. The Firebirds, upon entering the conference in 2011-12, won the first three meetings, but have since dropped the last six. The Firebirds and Spartans are an even 2-2, however, when playing at UDC Gym.

2015-16 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Hometown/Previous School	PPG	RPG	A	B	S
1	Kasim Chandler	G	Jr.	5-11	Newark, N.J./Quinnipiac	19.1	3.6	104	2	49
2	Clenso Brannon III	F	Sr.	6-5	Washington, D.C./College of Southern Maryland	2.3	3.6	5	3	5
4	Omar Abbas	G	Sr.	6-1	Alexandria, Egypt/Egyptian American H.S.	1.2	1.5	5	0	4
5	Traevon Butler	G	So.	6-2	Greenbelt, Md./Eleanor Roosevelt H.S.	5.0	1.5	23	0	6
14	Thomas Robinson	F	So.	6-6	Philadelphia, Pa./Abington Friends	1.7	1.2	2	6	3
15	Joseph Nickerson	G	Jr.	6-4	Newark, N.J./Brookdale C.C.	14.2	6.2	65	29	45
20	Martin Campbell	G	Jr.	6-4	Upper Marlboro, Md./Danville Area C.C.	9.9	3.9	23	2	21
21	Reggie Sidbury	G	Jr.	6-4	Landover, Md./Charles Herbert Flowers H.S.	2.7	1.1	3	1	4
22	Erin Senegal	G	Sr.	6-3	Lafayette, La./Caldwell College	14.8	4.4	46	15	23
23	Jayone Troutman	F	Jr.	6-5	Chicago, Ill./Olive-Harvey College	12.3	6.5	22	51	14
24	Virgil Fleming	G	Jr.	6-3	Chicago, Ill./Danville Junior College	6.0	3.7	70	9	32
34	Geran Pope	F	Sr.	6-5	Washington, D.C./Virginia Union	7.8	7.6	17	11	10



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Quick Facts

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District of Columbia vs. St. Thomas Aquinas

UDC	Stat	STAC
84.3	Points	80.5
82.5	Points Allowed	67.9
46.6	Field Goal %	49.5
35.7	3-Point %	35.3
74.2	Free-Throw %	71.5
39.9	Rebounds	37.8
+0.5	Rebounding Margin	+6.7
15.4	Assists	15.3
15.2	Turnovers	14.0
8.6	Steals	8.3
5.2	Blocks	3.4

Up Next

The Firebirds travel to Long Island to conclude their season with ECC battles at NYIT (Feb. 25) and LIU Post (Feb. 27).

Last Time Out

Junior transfer forward Joseph Nickerson had game-highs of 31 points, nine rebounds and three assists, but it was not enough to hold off the Mavericks second half comeback as the University of the District of Columbia men's basketball team was defeated by Mercy College, 87-84 Thursday night in East Coast Conference play at the West Chester County Center.

The Firebirds, playing without star junior transfer point guard Kasim Chandler, had its four-game win streak snapped as they fell to 13-12 overall and 11-6 in league play.

Nickerson shot 12-of-19 from the field and he made 6-of-12 free-throws. He scored 20 of his season-high 31 points in the 2nd half as he made 8-of-10 FG, including his only three-point attempt of the half.

Fellow junior transfer forward Jayone Troutman made 7-of-9 from the floor as he contributed 14 points and a game-high two blocked shots. Also, reserve guard Reggie Sidbury and Virgil Fleming added 11 and 10 points off the bench.

The Firebirds out-shot Mercy 52-percent to 43-percent from the field, but in a game that featured 53 fouls, the Mavericks had three fewer personal fouls and 11 more made free-throws as they out-shot UDC, 77-percent (30-of-39) to 66-percent (19-of-29). Mercy doubled-up the Firebirds, 24-12 in made free-throws in the 2nd half.

Team depth was also a critical factor as the Mavericks had six substitutes compared to the Firebirds' three, and Mercy's bench out-scored UDC's, 50-21.

Scouting STAC

St. Thomas Aquinas enters today's game with the NCAA Division II East Region's longest current win streak of 15 games. The Spartans (21-4) are ranked No. 6 in the region and they top the East Coast Conference standings at 15-2. Their last five wins – all in-conference games – have come by an average margin of 26.4 points. They are 10-1 on the road this season.

“The Firebird is rising...”

The Firebirds are just one victory away from equaling their win total for the past three seasons (14). After just eight combined wins in the past two years, 3rd year head coach Mike Riley brought in a slew of junior transfers who have led a resurgence of the UDC men's basketball program.

East Coast Conference Standings Breakdown

No. 1 St. Thomas Aquinas (15-2), No. 2 Daemen (12-5), No. 3 UDC (11-6), and No. 4 LIU Post (11-7) have all clinched a spot in the six-team East Coast Conference Championship Tournament. The Spartans have clinched at least a share of the ECC Regular Season Championship and the top seed in the Conference Tournament. They can clinch the outright regular season championship with a win in any remaining games. The remaining seeds and the final two playoff spots are up for grabs.

Chandler Earns ECC Player of the Week, Feb. 15

Junior transfer point guard Kasim Chandler earned his 2nd East Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week honor of the season last Mon. for his performance in the week ending February 14th. He led the Firebirds to three straight ECC victories last week, averaging 20.3 points, 7.7 assists and 5.0 rebounds per-game while shooting 51.3 percent from the field, 37.5 percent from long range, and 90 percent (18-of-20) at the free-throw line. He had a 3.8 assist-to-turnover ratio as well.

Senior Day

The Athletic Department will honor three Firebird men's basketball seniors prior to tip-off: Clenso Brannon III, Erin Senegal and Geran Pope. Brannon has played three seasons and amassed 264 points and 367 rebounds. Senegal, in just his 2nd season with the Firebirds, has scored 533 points, and Geran Pope, in two years, has registered 372 points and 331 rebounds.

Pope No. 6 in Division II for Offensive Rebounds

Senior forward Geran Pope is No. 6 in the nation and No. 2 in the ECC for offensive rebounds per-game with 3.83. Twice this season he's had 10 or more offensive boards, including a career-high 12 vs. Bridgeport (1/6).

Chandler Top-20 in D2 for Three Statistical Categories

Junior transfer point guard Kasim Chandler is 13th in the nation for free-throws made (164), 15th for free-throws attempted (195), and he is 20th in steals per-game (2.14).

UDC Ranked Highly in D2 for Blocks, Steals

UDC is ranked No. 11 in Division II for blocks per-game (5.0), and 23rd in steals per-game (8.6). Junior transfer forward Jayone Troutman is 26th in the nation for blocked shots per-game with 2.13.

2015-16 Individual Highlights:

Games Leading UDC in Scoring:

Chandler (10), Senegal (6), Nickerson (5), Troutman (3), Campbell (2), Butler (1)

Games Leading UDC in Rebounding:

Nickerson (9), Pope (8), Fleming (3), Troutman (6), Chandler (1), Brannon (1), Campbell (1), Butler (1)

Games Leading UDC in Assists:

Chandler (11), Fleming (11), Nickerson (8), Senegal (2), Butler (1), Troutman (1)

Games Leading UDC in Steals:

Chandler (9), Nickerson (8), Fleming (5), Troutman (4), Pope (3), Campbell (3), Semegal (2), Brannon (1), Abbas (1), Butler (1)

Games Leading UDC in Blocks:

Troutman (17), Nickerson (7), Fleming (3), Senegal (3), Pope (2), Robinson (1), Brannon (1), Chandler (1)

Games Leading UDC in Minutes:

Chandler (12), Fleming (5), Nickerson (3), Senegal (3), Troutman (2), Butler (2), Campbell (1)

Double-Figures Scoring:

Chandler (22), Nickerson (17), Senegal (17), Troutman (17), Campbell (9), Fleming (5), Pope (5), Butler (4), Sidbury (2)

Double-Figures Rebounds:

Nickerson (4), Troutman (4), Pope (3), Brannon (1)

Double-Doubles:

Nickerson (3), Troutman (2), Pope (2)

ECC Player of the Weeks:

Chandler (2), Senegal (1)

Senegal Among ECC Bests

Senior guard Erin Senegal leads the conference in three-point field goal percentage (42.6) and ranks 5th in the league in three-point field goals per-game (2.63).

Butler Soaring at Season's End

Sophomore guard Traevon Butler had never scored in double figures when suddenly he ran off four straight games from 2/6-2/13 with over 10 points, including two over 20.



UDC Picked 10th in ECC Pre-Season Coaches Poll

University of the District of Columbia was picked 10th in the East Coast Conference preseason coaches' poll announced October 30, 2015 by the conference office. The poll was voted on by the league's 11 head coaches.

Bridgeport, the three-time reigning ECC champions, garnered 118 points and eight first-place nods to top the list. St. Thomas Aquinas, who fell to Bridgeport in the ECC Final for the second straight season, finished at No. 2 in the poll with two first place votes and 109 points. The final first place vote went to LIU Post, who came in at No. 3 in the poll with 97 points.

Daemen, which is eligible for post-season play starting this year, came in ranked 4th.

UDC in ECC Team Categories (*as of Feb. 19*)

Scoring Offense: 2nd/84.3 Daemen: 86.3
 Scoring Defense: 9th/82.5 St. Thomas Aquinas: 67.9

Free Throw Pct.: 1st/74.2 -
 Field Goal Pct.: 2nd/46.6 St. Thomas Aquinas: 49.5
 Field Goal Pct. Def.: 3rd/43.8 LIU Post: 37.5

3-Point Field Goal Pct.: 6th/35.7 Daemen: 38.3
 3-Point FG Pct. Def.: 6th/35.0 LIU Post: 33.2

Rebounding: 4th/39.9 LIU Post: 45.2

Offensive Rebounds: 4th/12.4 Mercy: 16.4
 Defensive Rebounds: 2nd/27.5 LIU Post: 31.7

Blocked Shots: 1st/5.2 -

Assists: 3rd/15.4 Dowling: 17.6

Steals: 2nd/8.6 Queens: 9.1

Firebirds Records Breakdown

UDC leads at halftime.....9-2
 trails at halftime.....4-9
 tied at halftime.....0-1

UDC outrebounds opponent.....9-3
 are outrebounded.....4-9
 are tied in rebounds.....0-0

UDC shoots .450+ from the field.....11-7
 shoots .449 or worse from the field.....2-5

Opponents shoot .450+ from the field.....3-8
 shoots .449 or worse from the field.....10-4

UDC shoots better FG% than opponent.....11-3
 opponent shoots better FG%.....2-9
 shoot equal FG%.....0-0

UDC commits fewer turnovers..... 5-4
 commits more turnovers.....6-5
 commits equal turnovers.....2-3

UDC scores 59 points or fewer.....0-0
 scores between 60-69.....0-2
 scores between 70-79.....3-4
 scores between 80-89.....2-6
 scores between 90-99.....4-0
 scores 100 points or more.....4-0

In games decided by three points or fewer.....0-1
 by 4-10 points.....10-8
 by 11-20 points.....2-3
 by 21-29 points.....0-0
 by 30 points or more.....1-0

Single-Overtime games.....1-2

Double-Overtime games.....0-0

Current Streak.....L1

Longest Winning Streak.....5

Longest Losing Streak.....5

Largest Halftime Lead.....19

Largest Halftime Deficit.....20

ECC Schedule

2/22: Mercy at Bridgeport, 7 p.m.; 2/24: Mercy at Dowling, 7 p.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas at Bridgeport, 7 p.m.

2/25: District of Columbia at NYIT, 5 p.m.; 2/26: Roberts Wesleyan at Queens, 7:30 p.m.; Daemen at Molloy, 7:30 p.m.

2/27: Bridgeport at Mercy, 2:30 p.m.; Molloy at Roberts Wesleyan, 2:30 p.m.; District of Columbia at LIU Post, 3:30 p.m.; Dowling at St. Thomas Aquinas, 3:30 p.m.; 2/28: Daemen at Queens, 3:30 p.m.

Last Meeting

Final	1	2	T
Dist. Columbia (7-8, 5-2 ECC)	34	37	71
St. Thomas Aquinas (12-4, 6-2 ECC)	37	39	76

Jan 14, 2016

SPARKILL, NY – The University of the District of Columbia men's basketball team was defeated, 76-71 by St. Thomas Aquinas College in East Coast Conference play Thursday night at Aquinas Hall.

The Firebirds' overall record dipped below .500 once again at 7-8 and they fell to 5-2 in league play with tonight's loss, while the Spartans won their 6th straight game and improved to 12-4 overall and 6-2 in league play.

Junior transfer guard Kasim Chandler gave a terrific performance for the Firebirds, leading all scorers with 20 points on 6-of-7 FG shooting and 8-of-9 FT shooting. He also added four assists. Senior guard Erin Senegal and junior transfer reserve forward Joseph Nickerson added 15 and 12 points, respectively, and junior transfer guard Virgil Fleming dished out a game-high seven assists.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the reigning ECC Regular Season champions, put four scorers in double-figures. Reigning ECC Player of the Week, Justin Reyes, led the Spartans with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Shaquille McFarlan posted a double-double of 10 points and 11 rebounds. Also, Chaz Watler and Aaron Cust each added 13 points, with Watler also dishing a team-high five assists.

Both teams shot well from the field, but it was STAC with a 53-percent to 47-percent FG shooting edge which included a 46-percent to 36-percent disparity from three-point range. The Spartans also won the rebounding battle, 39-29, and had eight more points in the paint (42-34).

Watler knocked down two three-pointers within the first three-and-a-half minutes of action to help STAC storm out to a 10-2 early lead. Reserve guard Martin Campbell's three-pointer at the 13:33 mark capped a 7-2 Firebird response to cut the deficit to 12-9, and UDC pulled within three twice more at 12:25 and at 11:49. Up 16-13, Cust began and finished a 13-3 burst by STAC, completing the run with a conventional three-point play at the 8:46 mark to give the Spartans their first double-digit lead of the night.

The Firebirds answered, however, as Senegal buried a three-pointer at 8:21 and ignited a 16-5 surge by UDC. The run culminated in a Nickerson jump shot to give the visitors their first lead of the night, 32-31 with 3:44 remaining in the opening half. The lead changed hands three more times, but it was STAC that took a 37-34 lead into intermission.

The two ECC foes continued to trade blows as the action resumed in the 2nd half. UDC kept it a one-possession game courtesy of a Jayone Troutman jump shot at 16:35 to make the score, 46-43, but four straight points by McFarlan and later a jumper by Cust extended the Spartans' lead to eight, 51-43 with about seven minutes gone by in the closing half.

A dunk by Troutman just past the 13-minute mark breathed new life into the Firebirds as they embarked on a 15-6 run that included a three-pointer each by Campbell and Senegal, and culminated in an emphatic dunk by Nickerson to give the Firebirds their first lead of the 2nd half, 58-57 with 7:41 remaining. Over the next five-and-a-half minutes, the lead changed hands seven times and the score was tied three times. The game's final tie, at 70, occurred when STAC's James Mitchell answered a Senegal three-pointer with one of his own at the 2:09 mark. Later, with a little over a minute to play, Reyes put the Spartans ahead for good with a conventional three-point play. Chandler missed the 2nd of two free-throws on the ensuing UDC possession, and so the Firebirds still trailed 73-71 at the one-minute mark.

With 34 seconds remaining, Jonathan Lawton headed to the line to shoot two for STAC, and he missed both, leaving the Firebirds with an opportunity to tie or win the game. A three-point attempt by Campbell with 19 seconds remaining rimmed out though, and STAC went on to seal the win with 3-of-4 FT shooting in the final 13 seconds.

UDC is back in action on Saturday as the Firebirds host ECC foe Mercy College at 2 p.m.