



2017-18 UWF MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name University of West Florida
 Location Pensacola, FL 32514
 Founded 1967
 Enrollment 13,030
 President Dr. Martha Saunders
 Athletic Director Dave Scott
 Nickname Argonauts
 Colors Royal Blue & Kelly Green
 Home Court (Capacity) UWF Field House (1,180)
 Affiliation NCAA Division II
 Conference Gulf South
 Region South (GSC, SSC & SIAC)
 Athletics Phone/Fax (850) 474-3003/3342

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Basketball 1967-68 (no team from 1976-1993)
 All-Time Record 458-429 (.516) in 32 seasons
 All-Time GSC Record 139-207 (.402) in 22 seasons
 NCAA Tournament Appearances 0
 GSC Tournament Appearances 10
 Last GSC Tournament Appearance 2016-17
 Result L, 64-65 in first round (2/28/2017)
 GSC Championships 0

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Jeff Burkhamer
 Alma Mater Alderson-Broaddus College, 1984
 UWF Record (seasons) 27-28, .491 (2)
 Career Record (seasons) 400-222, .643 (33)
 NCAA Record (seasons) 245-181, .575 (15)
 JUCO Record (seasons) 155-41, .791 (6)
 Assistant Coach Brian Benator
 Alma Mater Georgia, 2008
 Graduate Assistant Jason Laatsch
 Alma Mater West Florida, 2016

SEASON IN REVIEW

2016-17 Record 20-9
 Conference Record (Finish) 14-8 (4th)
 Conference Tournament L, 64-65 in first round (2/28/2017)

2016-17 PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN

Letterwinners Returning/Lost 7/6
 Starters Returning/Lost 4/1
 Newcomers 8

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2017-18 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
11/2/17	Mississippi State (Exh.)	7:00 p.m.
11/11/17	ALBANY STATE	4:00 p.m.
11/12/17	FORT VALLEY STATE	4:00 p.m.
11/15/17	MILES	7:30 p.m.
11/18/17	Miles	6:00 p.m.
11/21/17	Spring Hill	7:30 p.m.
11/25/17	Webber (in Valdosta, Ga.)	1:00 p.m.
11/26/17	Fayetteville State (in Valdosta, Ga.)	1:00 p.m.
12/2/17	VALDOSTA STATE*	4:00 p.m.
12/10/17	SPRING HILL*	4:00 p.m.
12/16/17	WEST ALABAMA*	4:00 p.m.
12/18/17	MONTEVALLO*	7:30 p.m.
1/2/18	Shorter*	7:30 p.m.
1/4/18	Lee*	7:00 p.m.
1/7/18	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
1/9/18	DELTA STATE*	7:30 p.m.
1/13/18	Union (Tenn.)*	4:00 p.m.
1/15/18	Christian Brothers*	7:00 p.m.
1/18/18	WEST GEORGIA*	7:30 p.m.
1/20/18	AUBURN-MONTGOMERY*	4:00 p.m.
1/25/18	North Alabama*	8:00 p.m.
1/27/17	Alabama Huntsville*	4:00 p.m.
2/1/18	LEE*	7:30 p.m.
2/3/18	SHORTER*	4:00 p.m.
2/8/18	Auburn-Montgomery*	7:30 p.m.
2/10/18	West Georgia*	3:00 p.m.
2/14/18	Mississippi College*	7:30 p.m.
2/17/18	UNION (TENN.)*	4:00 p.m.
2/22/18	Valdosta State*	7:00 p.m.

Conference/Non-Conference: 21/8

Home/Away/Neutral: 14/13/2

BOLD CAPS - Home Games

* Gulf South Conference game

All times are Central

Schedule subject to change

2017-18 UWF ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	Cameron Cox	G	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Canton, Ga. (Naval Prep Academy)
2	Latrell Tidwell	F	6-7	190	Jr.-JC	Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West HS/Kankakee CC)
3	Bryan Chalifoux	G	6-5	200	R-So.-1L	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz HS)
4	Marvin Jones	G	6-4	195	Sr.-1L	Decatur, Ga. (Tucker HS/Shelton State CC)
5	Shondell Jackson	F	6-5	185	Jr.-JC	Warren, Ohio (Harding HS/Owens CC)
10	Moter Deng	G	6-6	200	Sr.-1L	Elgin, Ill. (Burlington Central HS/College of DuPage)
11	Rashaan Benson	G	6-0	185	Jr.-2L	Memphis, Tenn. (HomeLife Academy)
14	Brett Carter Jr.	G	6-2	170	Fr.-RS	Huntersville, N.C. (Southlake Christian Academy)
21	Darryl Tucker	F	6-7	205	Sr.-1L	Mount Vernon, N.Y. (Rockdale County HS/Central Ga. Tech)
23	Jarrett Henderson	F	6-6	190	Jr.-JC	San Marcos, Texas (Sam Marcos HS/Jacksonville College)
24	DJ Thorpe	G	6-4	180	Sr.-1L	Dallas, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS/Western Texas College)
34	Conor Flanagan	F	6-8	200	Fr.-HS	Auckland, N.Z. (Auckland Grammar School)
40	Henri Ventoniemi	F	6-10	235	Jr.-1L	Hyvinkaa, Finland (Makelanrinteen Lukio/Patrick Henry CC)

Head Coach: Jeff Burkhamer (Alderson-Broadbush College, 1984), Third season

Assistant Coach: Brian Benator (Georgia, 2008), Third season

Graduate Assistant: Jason Laatsch (UWF, 2016), First season

Athletic Trainer: Tyler Crutchfield (Florida State, 2016)

BY HOMETOWN

TEXAS (2)

Thorpe, Henderson

GEORGIA (2)

Jones, Cox

OHIO (2)

Jackson, Tidwell

FLORIDA (1)

Chalifoux

ILLINOIS (1)

Deng

NORTH CAROLINA (1)

Carter Jr.

NEW YORK (1)

Tucker

TENNESSEE (1)

Benson

FINLAND (1)

Ventoniemi

NEW ZEALAND (1)

Flanagan

BY CLASS

SENIORS (4)

Jones, Deng, Tucker, Thorpe

JUNIORS (5)

Ventoniemi, Henderson, Benson,

Jackson, Tidwell

SOPHOMORES (1)

Chalifoux

FRESHMEN (3)

Cox, Carter Jr., Flanagan

BY POSITION

FORWARD (6)

Tidwell, Jackson, Tucker, Henderson, Flanagan, Ventoniemi

GUARD (7)

Cox, Chalifoux, Jones, Deng, Benson, Carter Jr., Thorpe

PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Bryan Chalifoux - Shal-i-faux

Moter Deng - Mo-teer

Henri Ventoniemi - Henry Vent-oh-knee-me

Jeff Burkhamer - Berk-Hammer

Brian Benator - Ben-Ah-Tor

Jason Laatsch - Latch

2017-18 ARGOS TO WATCH



MARVIN JONES (G., 6-4, 185, Jr., Decatur, Ga.)

2016-17: Started 28 of 29 games on the season... Averaged 27.8 minutes per game... Led team in three-point percentage (43.2%)... Second on team in points per game (11.3)... Scored season-high 28 points in back to back games vs. Auburn Montgomery (2/20) and Lee (2/23)... Went 6-for-8 from three (75%) vs. Auburn Montgomery on 2/20... Tied second on team for blocks on season with 17... Tied 10th place in three-point field goals in a single season with 57... 43.2% three-point field goal percentage for season ranks seventh in program history. Junior College: Attended Shelton State Community College / Georgia Perimeter College... Second Team Junior College All-American, First Team All Conference, NJCAA Alabama Community Player of the Year.



RASHAAN BENSON (G, 6-0, 185, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.)

2016-17: Started all 29 games this season... Second on team with an averaged 30.9 minutes per game... Led team in assists per game (4.5) & second for steals on the season (35)... Scored season-high 22 points in back-to-back games vs. Valdosta State (12/12) and Union (12/15)... Posted season-high 10 assists on 01/02 vs. North Alabama... Averaged 10.6 points per game... Recorded a double-double on 1/2 vs. North Alabama... Finished fifth in conference for assists per game at 4.5... Tied 10th in single-season three-point field goals with 57... Finished seventh in single season three-point field goal percentage at 43.2%... Finished career ninth in assists with 222.

3x GSC Freshman of the Week



DARRYL TUCKER (F, 6-7, 205, Sr., Mount Vernon, N.Y.)

2016-17: Started three of 29 games... Averaged 19.5 minutes per game... Recorded five double-doubles on the season... Led team in defensive rebounds (141)... Second on team in offensive rebounds (78)... Tied second on team for blocks on season with 17... Third on team in steals with 29... Scored season-high 22 points 02/25 vs. Shorter... Recorded season-high 11 defensive rebounds on 02/16 vs. North Alabama... Averaged 10.5 points per game. Attended Central Georgia Technical College and Georgia Perimeter College... Named to All-Defensive Team in 2015-16.

2016-17 GSC FireSeeds Winter Academic Honor Roll



DJ THORPE (G., 6-4, 180, Sr., Dallas, Texas)

2016-17: Played in 29 games... Averaged 19.7 minutes per game... Scored season-high 22 points 01/02 vs. North Alabama... Led team in steals with 42... Attended Western Texas College... Earned Defensive Player of the Year honors... Averaged 10 points, 2.3 rebounds, and 1.3 assists per game at Western Texas College... Posted 50% field goal percentage to go along with a 36% success rate from three-point range... Contributed 1.5 assists per game.

THE BURKHAMER FILE



Jeff Burkhamer became the fourth head men's basketball coach in UWF history when was hired on April 15, 2015.

Burkhamer enters his third season as UWF's head coach in 2017-18. He implemented a new culture for the program by bringing new energy and expectations to UWF basketball. The Argos finished his first season winning four of their last sev-

en games. The team finished 20-9 (14-8 GSC) in his second season, completing the biggest turnaround in UWF and Gulf South Conference history (7 wins to 20 wins).

Burkhamer has 33 years of coaching experience, including 15 as a head coach at the NCAA Division II level. He holds a career record of 400-222 in 20 years as a head coach. He was a combined 218-153 in seven seasons at Armstrong State and six at Lander, and he also posted a record of 155-41 in six seasons as a junior college head coach at North Greenville College and Santa Fe Community College.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

- 2015-16 was head coach Jeff Burkhamer's first year at UWF and the team saw numerous immediate statistical improvements under Burkhamer's direction.

- The team made a major leap in 2016-17. UWF finished 20-9 (14-8 GSC) in his second season, completing the biggest turnaround in UWF and Gulf South Conference history (7 wins to 20 wins) while finishing one possession shy of the NCAA Tournament.

Statistic	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Home wins	3	5	11
Conference wins	3	5	14
Points Per Game	71.1	73.4	79.6
Scoring Margin	-7.5	-5.7	+4.0
3-PT FG%	32.20%	36.20%	35.20%
3-PT FG per game	5	6.7	7.0
FT %	63.80%	69.50%	68.10%
Turnovers per game	16.3	13.8	12.7
Turnover margin	-4.1	-0.4	+2.1
Steals per game	4.9	6.3	7.0

West Florida Combined Team Statistics All Games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
All Games	20-9	11-2	8-7	1-0
Conference	14-8	9-2	5-6	0-0
Non-conference	6-1	2-0	3-1	1-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
				avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot									avg
23	Austin Somerfield	15-15	435	29.0	69-144	.479	0-4	.000	69-90	.767	39	62	101	6.7	38	0	19	27	3	11	207	13.8
05	Deangelo Legrier	28-26	776	27.7	127-210	.605	0-1	.000	108-155	.697	88	105	193	6.9	87	6	36	35	34	13	362	12.9
04	Marvin Jones	29-28	805	27.8	116-268	.433	57-132	.432	40-57	.702	15	66	81	2.8	55	0	34	39	17	28	329	11.3
12	Jason Laatsch	29-29	937	32.3	91-234	.389	64-166	.386	72-90	.800	17	76	93	3.2	60	2	81	32	5	22	318	11.0
11	Rashaan Benson	29-29	897	30.9	106-304	.349	24-70	.343	72-107	.673	14	49	63	2.2	78	1	130	72	4	35	308	10.6
21	Darryl Tucker	29-3	566	19.5	117-187	.626	8-14	.571	62-107	.579	78	141	219	7.6	89	5	20	46	17	29	304	10.5
24	DJ Thorpe	29-0	570	19.7	56-138	.406	12-51	.235	43-73	.589	22	46	68	2.3	74	4	46	32	8	42	167	5.8
10	Moter Deng	29-14	457	15.8	63-131	.481	11-38	.289	17-20	.850	36	70	106	3.7	57	3	26	35	9	8	154	5.3
01	Mario Stramaglia	19-1	238	12.5	23-85	.271	19-73	.260	4-8	.500	6	18	24	1.3	14	0	15	13	0	4	69	3.6
03	Bryan Chalifoux	22-0	133	6.0	17-47	.362	6-22	.273	6-13	.462	4	16	20	0.9	11	0	9	11	2	10	46	2.1
40	Henri Ventonniemi	22-0	105	4.8	15-25	.600	0-0	.000	4-10	.400	7	4	11	0.5	11	0	1	8	0	1	34	1.5
02	Josh Laatsch	13-0	56	4.3	2-9	.222	2-6	.333	3-4	.750	1	3	4	0.3	9	0	6	3	0	0	9	0.7
TM TEAM											58	49	107				14					
West Florida		29	5975		802-1782	.450	203-577	.352	500-734	.681	385	705	1090	37.6	583	21	423	367	99	203	2307	79.6
Opponents		29	5975		744-1690	.440	228-682	.334	475-643	.739	325	723	1048	36.1	621	16	376	428	98	169	2191	75.6

Team Statistics	UWF	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.																		
SCORING	2307	2191	11/11/16	vs Albany State (GA)	W 72-63	219																		
Points per game	79.6	75.6	11/12/16	at Fort Valley State University	W 73-67	119																		
Scoring margin	+4.0	-	11/19/16	AUBURN MONTGOMERY	W 80-61	389																		
FIELD GOALS-ATT	802-1782	744-1690	11/22/16	SPRING HILL COLLEGE	W 74-56	324																		
Field goal pct	.450	.440	11/30/16	at Spring Hill College	W 86-75	197																		
3 POINT FG-ATT	203-577	228-682	* 12/12/16	VALDOSTA STATE	Lo2 89-92	378																		
3-point FG pct	.352	.334	* 12/15/16	at Union (TN)	Lo2 91-94	476																		
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	7.9	* 12/17/16	at Christian Brothers	L 74-86	607																		
FREE THROW-ATT	500-734	475-643	* 12/31/16	#24 ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE	L 67-76	265																		
Free throw pct	.681	.739	* 01/02/17	NORTH ALABAMA	W 100-81	286																		
F-Throws made per game	17.2	16.4	* 01/07/17	at Shorter	Wot 93-89	100																		
REBOUNDS	1090	1048	* 01/09/17	at Lee University	L 64-66	691																		
Rebounds per game	37.6	36.1	* 01/12/17	at West Alabama	W 72-69																			
Rebounding margin	+1.4	-	* 01/14/17	WEST GEORGIA	W 97-89	369																		
ASSISTS	423	376	* 01/19/17	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE	W 92-72	479																		
Assists per game	14.6	13.0	* 01/21/17	#24 DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY	W 83-78	647																		
TURNOVERS	367	428	* 01/23/17	at Valdosta State	L 82-89	892																		
Turnovers per game	12.7	14.8	* 01/26/17	WEST ALABAMA	Wot 79-77	435																		
Turnover margin	+2.1	-	* 01/28/17	at West Georgia	Wot 85-80	2012																		
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.9	* 02/02/17	at Delta State University	L 48-68	1776																		
STEALS	203	169	* 02/04/17	at Mississippi College	W 62-59	405																		
Steals per game	7.0	5.8	* 02/09/17	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	W 73-68	368																		
BLOCKS	99	98	* 02/11/17	UNION (TN)	W 64-58	512																		
Blocks per game	3.4	3.4	* 02/16/17	at North Alabama	W 86-77	766																		
Attendance	5385	10732	* 02/18/17	at #19 Alabama Huntsville	L 70-76	1472																		
Home game-Avg/Game	13-414	15-701	02/20/17	at Auburn Montgomery	W 87-76	319																		
Neutral site-Avg/game		1-219	* 02/23/17	LEE UNIVERSITY	W 90-81	383																		
			* 02/25/17	SHORTER	W 110-103	550																		
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