



LOUISVILLE

With apologies to Georgetown, Duke and Indiana, the Cardinals were the team of the 1980s, with four Final Four appearances, two national titles and the best Tournament winning percentage (23–6, .793). But of course, Louisville’s success is not limited merely to one decade. In fact, UL is the only team to have won three different major national postseason tournaments: the 1948 NAIB, the 1956 NIT and the 1980 and ’86 NAAs.

BEST TEAM: 1979-80 The 33–3 Cardinals, a.k.a. the Doctors of Dunk used full-court pressure to run foes ragged and generated fast breaks that were capped by high-flying jams. Senior Darrell Griffith led a young lineup, featuring one freshman and three sophomores, to the NCAA championship game against UCLA, setting up a story for the ages: Hours before the Final, star forward Wiley Brown, who, as a child, had accidentally cut off a thumb, left his artificial digit on the breakfast table at the team’s hotel. A trainer retrieved the thumb from the garbage just in time for the tip and the Cardinals won, 59-54.

BEST PLAYER: G DARRELL GRIFFITH (1976-80) Several times a game, Dr. Dunkenstein would launch into a 48-inch vertical leap and electrify the crowd with a sizzling slam. But Griffith could score in myriad ways, as he proved in averaging a team-best 22.9 ppg in 1979-80 while winning the Wooden Award.

BEST COACH: DENNY CRUM (1971-2001) Dubbed Cool Hand Luke by TV analyst Al McGuire, the even-keeled Crum led Louisville to six Final Fours and two NCAA titles during his Hall-of-Fame career. He’s one of only 13 coaches in NCAA history to win two or more titles.

GAME FOR THE AGES: They avoided playing each other for 24 years. Finally, Louisville and Kentucky met in the NCAA Elite Eight on March 26, 1983, and put on an electrifying show that revitalized their ancient rivalry. The Wildcats’ Jim Master hit a jumper with :01 left in regulation to tie it, but the Cardinals ran off the first 14 points in overtime to win, 80-68.

HEARTBREAKER: In the 1975 Final Four, Crum came up short against his mentor, John Wooden, and UCLA in the most agonizing fashion possible. Junior Bridgeman, Ricky Gallon and Philip Bond, who entered the game with a combined shooting percentage above 50%, hit on just six of 24 shots. Meanwhile, after converting all 28 of his free throws during the season, reserve guard Terry Howard missed the front end of a one-and-one in the waning seconds of overtime and the Cardinals lost to the eventual champs, 75-74.

FIERCEST RIVAL: Separated by 75 miles, Louisville and Kentucky divide the loyalties of many towns straight down the middle. As sportswriter Dave Kindred once described the Battle for the Bluegrass, “Louisville fans dismiss Kentucky zealots as insufferably arrogant dolts, and Kentucky fans consider Louisville zealots hopelessly

deluded elitists.” The Wildcats lead overall, 26–14.

FANFARE AND HOOPLA: Louisville claims the high five was invented—or at least became popular—at Freedom Hall. Wiley Brown, Derek Smith and Daryl Cleveland are credited with initiating the habit of high-fiving each other during practice. That led to the entire team joining in on the ritual during the run to the 1980 title.

FAN FAVORITES: F SCOOTER MCCRAY (1978-83), F RODNEY MCCRAY (1979-83) Scooter and younger brother Rodney won over Cardinals faithful with their emotional leadership, solid inside play and unselfishness in one of the greatest eras of UL hoops.

CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAS

- 1957 **Charlie Tyra, C**
- 1967, '68 **Wes Unseld, C**
- 1980 **Darrell Griffith, G**
- 1989 **Pervis Ellison, F/C**
- 1994 **Clifford Rozier, F/C**

FIRST-ROUND PRO PICKS

- 1952 **Bob Lochmueller, Syracuse (8)**
- 1957 **Charlie Tyra, Detroit (2)**
- 1968 **Wes Unseld, Baltimore (2)**
- 1969 **Butch Beard, Atlanta (10)**
- 1975 **Junior Bridgeman, LA Lakers (8)**
- 1977 **Wesley Cox, Golden State (18)**
- 1980 **Darrell Griffith, Utah (2)**
- 1983 **Rodney McCray, Houston (3)**
- 1984 **Lancaster Gordon, LA Clippers (8)**
- 1986 **Billy Thompson, Atlanta (19)**
- 1989 **Pervis Ellison, Sacramento (1)**
- 1989 **Kenny Payne, Philadelphia (19)**
- 1990 **Felton Spencer, Minnesota (6)**
- 1991 **LaBradford Smith, Washington (19)**
- 1994 **Clifford Rozier, Golden State (16)**
- 1994 **Greg Minor, LA Clippers (25)**
- 1996 **Samaki Walker, Dallas (9)**
- 2003 **Reece Gaines, Orlando (15)**
- 2005 **Francisco Garcia, Sacramento (23)**
- 2009 **Terrence Williams, New Jersey (11)**
- 2009 **Earl Clark, Phoenix (14)**

THE SCHOOLS

PROFILE

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
Founded: 1798
Enrollment: 20,521 (14,467 undergraduate)
Colors: Red and black
Nickname: Cardinals
Current arena: Freedom Hall, opened in 1956 (18,865)
Previous: Jefferson County Armory, 1949-72 (N/A)
First game: Jan. 28, 1912
All-time record: 1,587-831 (.656)
Total weeks in AP Top 20/25: 495

Current conference: Big East (2005-)

Conference titles:
 Missouri Valley: 5 (1967, '68, '72, '74, '75)
 Metro 7: 1 (1977)
 Metro: 11 (1979, '80, '81, '83, '84 [tie], '86, '87, '88, '90, '93, '94)
 Conference USA: 1 (2005)
 Big East: 1 (2009)
Conference tournament titles:
 Metro 7: 1 (1978)
 Metro: 10 (1980, '81, '83, '86, '88, '89, '90, '93, '94, '95)
 Conference USA: 2 (2003, '05)
 Big East: 1 (2009)

NCAA Tournament appearances: 35

Sweet 16s (since 1975): 17
 Final Fours: 8
 Titles: 2 (1980, '86)
NIT appearances: 14
 Semifinals: 3; Titles: 1 (1956)

TOP 5

- G **Darrell Griffith** (1976-80)
- G **LaBradford Smith** (1987-91)
- F/C **Pervis Ellison** (1985-89)
- C **Charlie Tyra** (1953-57)
- C **Wes Unseld** (1965-68)

RECORDS	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
POINTS	45 Wes Unseld, vs. Georgetown College (Dec. 1, 1967)	825 Darrell Griffith (1979-80)	2,333 Darrell Griffith (1976-80)
POINTS PER GAME		23.8 Charlie Tyra (1955-56)	20.6 Wes Unseld (1965-68)
REBOUNDS	38 Charlie Tyra, vs. Canisius (Dec. 10, 1955)	645 Charlie Tyra (1955-56)	1,617 Charlie Tyra (1953-57)
ASSISTS	15 Francisco Garcia, vs. Murray State (Jan. 3, 2004)	226 LaBradford Smith (1989-90)	713 LaBradford Smith (1987-91)

SEASON REVIEW													
SEASON	W-L	CONF.	SCORING		COACH	RECORD	SEASON	W-L	CONF.	SCORING		COACH	RECORD
1911-15	8-17		No winning seasons				1925-26	4-8		Lynn Miller	13.0	Tom King	
1915-16	8-3		Edwin Kornfeld	11.1	Ed Bowman		1926-27	7-5		Fred Koster	8.0	Tom King	
1916-17	no team						1927-28	12-4		Edward Weber	7.7	Tom King	
1917-18	3-4		Sam Morgan	17.3	Ed Bowman	11-7 .611	1928-29	12-8		Burt Libbey	5.6	Tom King	
1918-19	7-4		Sam Morgan	12.7	Earl Ford	7-4 .636	1929-30	9-6		Kenny Bott	5.9	Tom King	44-31 .587
1919-20	6-5		Don Butler	7.6	Tuley Brucker	6-5 .545	1930-31	5-11		Kenny Bott	7.8	Edward Weber	
1920-21	3-8		Don Butler	10.1	Jimmie Powers	3-8 .273	1931-32	15-7		Ray Judy	5.4	Edward Weber	20-18 .526
1921-22	1-13		Phillip Silverstein	4.8	Dr. John T. O'Rourke	1-13 .071	1932-33	11-11		Les Wright	8.5	C.V. Money	
1922-23	no team						1933-34	16-9		Les Wright	7.4	C.V. Money	
1923-24	4-13		Lynn Miller	7.7	Fred A. Enke		1934-35	5-9		Harry Long	7.0	C.V. Money	
1924-25	10-7		Fred Koster	10.0	Fred A. Enke	14-20 .412	1935-36	14-11		Ches Masterson	7.8	C.V. Money	46-40 .535

SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	POSTSEASON	SCORING		REBOUNDS	ASSISTS	COACH	RECORD	
1936-37	4-8			Si Monen	12.1			Lawrence Apitz		
1937-38	4-11			Bob Meyer	10.1			Lawrence Apitz		
1938-39	1-15			Bob Meyer	5.5			Lawrence Apitz		
1939-40	1-18			Bob King	9.1			Lawrence Apitz	10-52 .161	
1940-41	2-14			Aaron Andrews	11.2			John C. Heldman, Jr.		
1941-42	7-10			Frank Epley	17.6			John C. Heldman, Jr.	9-24 .273	
1942-43	no team									
1943-44	10-10			Cal Johnson	8.6			H. Church, Walter Casey	10-10 .500	
1944-45	16-3			George Hauptfuhrer	16.2			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1945-46	22-6			George Hauptfuhrer	13.2			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1946-47	17-6			Jack Coleman	11.0			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1947-48	29-6		NAIB CHAMPION	Jack Coleman	12.1			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1948-49	23-10	6-3		Jack Coleman	14.6			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1949-50	21-11			Kenny Reeves	13.6			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1950-51	19-7		NCAA FIRST ROUND	Bob Lochmueller	19.0			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1951-52	20-6		NIT FIRST ROUND	Bob Brown	17.0			Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1952-53	22-6		NIT QUARTERFINALS	Chuck Noble	17.0	Vlad Gastevich 8.1		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1953-54	22-7		NIT FIRST ROUND	Chuck Noble	17.2	John Prudhoe 10.7		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1954-55	19-8		NIT QUARTERFINALS	Charlie Tyra	14.7	Charlie Tyra 13.6		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1955-56	26-3		NIT CHAMPION	Charlie Tyra	23.8	Charlie Tyra 22.2		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1956-57	21-5			Charlie Tyra	21.4	Charlie Tyra 20.0		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1957-58	13-12			Jerry DuPont	15.2	Jerry DuPont 16.0		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1958-59	19-12		NCAA FOURTH PLACE	John Turner	14.0	Fred Sawyer 11.5		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1959-60	15-11			John Turner	13.4	Fred Sawyer 14.1		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1960-61	21-8		NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	John Turner	23.1	John Turner 11.4		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1961-62	15-10			Bud Olsen	20.8	Bud Olsen 13.2		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1962-63	14-11			John Reuther	16.2	John Reuther 10.3		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1963-64	15-10		NCAA FIRST ROUND	John Reuther	19.6	John Reuther 10.2		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1964-65	15-10	8-6		John Reuther	18.8	John Reuther 11.1		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1965-66	16-10	8-6	NIT FIRST ROUND	Wes Unseld	19.9	Wes Unseld 19.4		Bernard "Peck" Hickman		
1966-67	23-5	12-2	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Butch Beard	20.5	Wes Unseld 19.0		Bernard "Peck" Hickman	443-183 .708	
1967-68	21-7	14-2	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Wes Unseld	23.0	Wes Unseld 18.3		John Dromo		
1968-69	21-6	13-3	NIT QUARTERFINALS	Butch Beard	20.6	Mike Grosso 16.0		John Dromo		
1969-70	18-9	11-5	NIT FIRST ROUND	Mike Grosso	28.6	Mike Grosso 13.9	Jim Price 4.7	John Dromo		
1970-71	20-9	9-5	NIT FIRST ROUND	Jim Price	16.5	Ron Thomas 12.6	Jim Price 4.0	John Dromo ^a	68-23 .747	
1971-72	26-5	12-2	NCAA FOURTH PLACE	Jim Price	21.0	Ron Thomas 13.5	Jim Price 4.4	Denny Crum		
1972-73	23-7	11-3	NIT QUARTERFINALS	Allen Murphy	16.1	Bill Bunton 9.6	Terry Howard 3.8	Denny Crum		
1973-74	21-7	11-1	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Allen Murphy	16.6	Junior Bridgeman 8.4	Terry Howard 3.9	Denny Crum		
1974-75	28-3	12-2	NCAA THIRD PLACE	Allen Murphy	16.3	Bill Bunton 7.6	Phillip Bond 4.7	Denny Crum		
1975-76	20-8	2-2	NIT QUARTERFINALS	Ricky Gallon	15.3	Ricky Gallon 7.0	Phillip Bond 5.4	Denny Crum		
1976-77	21-7	6-1	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Wesley Cox	16.5	Larry Williams 9.0	Phillip Bond 5.6	Denny Crum		
1977-78	23-7	9-3	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Darrell Griffith	18.6	Ricky Gallon 8.2	Rick Wilson 4.5	Denny Crum		
1978-79	24-8	9-1	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Darrell Griffith	18.5	Larry Williams 7.8	Scotter McCray 3.1	Denny Crum		
1979-80	33-3	12-0	NATIONAL CHAMPION	Darrell Griffith	22.9	Derek Smith	8.3	Darrell Griffith	3.8	Denny Crum
1980-81	21-9	11-1	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Derek Smith	15.5	Derek Smith 7.8	Jerry Eaves 3.3	Denny Crum		
1981-82	23-10	8-4	NCAA NATIONAL SEMIFINALS	Derek Smith	15.7	Rodney McCray 7.1	Jerry Eaves 3.3	Denny Crum		
1982-83	32-4	12-0	NCAA NATIONAL SEMIFINALS	Milt Wagner	14.4	Rodney McCray 8.4	Scotter McCray 3.5	Denny Crum		
1983-84	24-11	11-3	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Milt Wagner	16.6	Charles Jones 9.7	Milt Wagner 3.9	Denny Crum		
1984-85	19-18	6-8	NIT FOURTH PLACE	Billy Thompson	85.1	Billy Thompson 4.2	Billy Thompson 4.2	Denny Crum		
1985-86	32-7	10-2	NATIONAL CHAMPION	Billy Thompson	14.9	Pervis Ellison	8.2	Milt Wagner	4.2	Denny Crum
1986-87	18-14	9-3		Herbert Crook	15.5	Pervis Ellison 8.7	Herbert Crook 3.0	Denny Crum		
1987-88	24-11	9-3	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Pervis Ellison	17.6	Pervis Ellison 8.3	LaBradford Smith 4.5	Denny Crum		
1988-89	24-9	8-4	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Pervis Ellison	17.6	Pervis Ellison 8.7	LaBradford Smith 5.6	Denny Crum		
1989-90	27-8	12-2	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Felton Spencer	14.9	Felton Spencer 8.5	LaBradford Smith 6.5	Denny Crum		
1990-91	14-16	4-10		LaBradford Smith	16.6	Cornelius Holden 8.2	LaBradford Smith 4.9	Denny Crum		
1991-92	19-11	7-5	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Everick Sullivan	13.7	Cornelius Holden 6.7	Everick Sullivan 3.6	Denny Crum		
1992-93	22-9	11-1	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Dwayne Morton	16.1	Clifford Rozier 10.9	Keith LeGree 3.8	Denny Crum		
1993-94	28-6	10-2	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	Clifford Rozier	18.1	Clifford Rozier 11.1	Jason Osborne 4.1	Denny Crum		
1994-95	19-14	7-5	NCAA FIRST ROUND	DeJuan Wheat	16.5	Samaki Walker 7.2	DeJuan Wheat 3.2	Denny Crum		
1995-96	22-12	10-4	NCAA REGIONAL SEMIFINALS	DeJuan Wheat	17.7	Samaki Walker 7.5	DeJuan Wheat 3.9	Denny Crum		
1996-97	26-9	9-5	NCAA REGIONAL FINALS	DeJuan Wheat	17.3	Alvin Sims 5.8	DeJuan Wheat 4.3	Denny Crum		
1997-98	12-20	5-11		Nate Johnson	12.3	Damion Dantzler 6.2	Cameron Murray 4.2	Denny Crum		
1998-99	19-11	11-5	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Nate Johnson	12.3	Alex Sanders 6.3	Cameron Murray 3.9	Denny Crum		
1999-2000	19-12	10-6	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Marques Maybin	12.7	Dion Edward 7.4	Reece Gaines 3.4	Denny Crum		
2000-01	12-19	8-8		Marques Maybin	17.7	Joseph N'Sima 5.6	Reece Gaines 3.3	Denny Crum	675-295 .696	
2001-02	19-13	8-8	NIT SECOND ROUND	Reece Gaines	21.0	Ellis Myles 9.3	Reece Gaines 3.6	Rick Pitino		
2002-03	25-7	11-5	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Reece Gaines	17.9	Ellis Myles 7.9	Reece Gaines 5.0	Rick Pitino		
2003-04	20-10	9-7	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Francisco Garcia	16.4	Luke Whitehead 7.7	Francisco Garcia 4.7	Rick Pitino		
2004-05	33-5	14-2	NCAA NATIONAL SEMIFINALS	Francisco Garcia	15.7	Ellis Myles 9.2	Francisco Garcia 3.9	Rick Pitino		
2005-06	21-13	6-10	NIT SEMIFINALS	Taquan Dean	17.1	Juan Palacios 6.3	Taquan Dean 3.5	Rick Pitino		
2006-07	24-10	12-4	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Terrence Williams	12.4	Terrence Williams 7.0	Terrence Williams 3.8	Rick Pitino		
2007-08	27-9	14-4	NCAA REGIONAL FINALS	David Padgett	11.2	Earl Clark 8.1	Terrence Williams 4.5	Rick Pitino		
2008-09	31-6	16-2	NCAA REGIONAL FINALS	Earl Clark	14.2	Earl Clark 8.7	Terrence Williams 5.0	Rick Pitino	200-73 .733	

^a John Dromo (8-1) and Howard Stacey (12-8) both coached during the 1970-71 season.