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Two names stand out in Monmouth basketball history: program founder and longtime coach Bill Boylan and star player (and later coach) Ron Kornegay. Nine of the school's 13 20-win seasons involved one or both. An NAIA power in the 1960s, Monmouth later reached two NCAA Division II tournaments, and four more in D1 since 1996.

BEST TEAM: 1968-69 Boylan's 24-6 squad featured five players who would top 1,300 career points (including one who would win 55 major league baseball games): Kornegay, John Barone, Jim McIntyre, John Haas and Ed Halicki (who pitched for the Giants and the Angels). The Hawks chalked up 18 double-digit victories that season and won two NAIA tourney games.

BEST PLAYER: G RON KORNEGAY (1965-69) A two-time NAIA All-America, Kornegay guided the Hawks' best four-year run (101-16), including three NAIA tournaments, averaging 25.2 ppg as a junior and finishing with 2,526 points (not a school record because Monmouth only counts D1 performances). He came back to coach the Hawks from 1977-78 into the '86-87 season.

BEST COACH: BILL BOYLAN (1956-77) The man who started Monmouth's program had winning records in 19 of his 21 seasons (368-155 overall), winning five NAIA district titles and reaching six national tourneys. His seven 20-win seasons are one more than the Hawks have had in the 32 years since.

GAME FOR THE AGES: A thrilling 60-59 victory over Rider for the Northeast Conference tournament title on March 8, 1996, sent Monmouth to its first NCAA Tournament. Four 1,000-point scorers (John Giraldo, Corey Albano, Mustafa Barksdale and Jack Gordon) helped the Hawks beat Rider three times that season.

FIERCEST RIVAL: Monmouth has evened things out against in-state foe Fairleigh Dickinson, after winning just two of their first 11 showdowns starting in 1972-73. The teams have split their last 16 games, as Monmouth has made three NCAA Tournaments in coach Dave Calloway's 11 full seasons. FDU still leads 36-26 overall.

SEASON REVIEW					
SEAS.	W-L	CONF.	SCORING	COACH	RECORD
1956-58	22-10			Bill Boylan	
1958-59	12-2			Bill Boylan	
1959-60	13-8			Bill Boylan	
1960-61	15-6			Bill Boylan	
1961-62	22-3			Bill Boylan	
1962-63	11-11			Bill Boylan	
1963-64	15-10			Bill Boylan	
1964-65	14-11			Bill Boylan	
1965-66	27-3			Bill Boylan	
1966-67	23-5			Bill Boylan	
1967-68	27-2			Bill Boylan	
1968-69	24-6			Bill Boylan	
1969-70	17-11			Bill Boylan	
1970-71	17-10			Bill Boylan	
1971-72	18-9			Bill Boylan	
1972-73	13-14			Bill Boylan	
1973-74	19-9			Bill Boylan	
1974-75	22-7			Bill Boylan	
1975-76	22-5			Bill Boylan	
1976-77	15-13			Bill Boylan	368-155 .704
1977-78	8-17			Ron Kornegay	
1978-79	16-12			Ron Kornegay	
1979-80	19-10			Ron Kornegay	
1980-81	25-4			Ron Kornegay	
1981-82	21-9			Ron Kornegay	
1982-83	12-17			Ron Kornegay	
1983-84	6-21		Jesse Stout 14.6	Ron Kornegay	
1984-85	12-15		Rich Pass 21.3	Ron Kornegay	
1985-86	9-19	6-10	Mason McBride 16.6	Ron Kornegay	
1986-87	8-19	4-12	Ken Henry 12.6	Ron Kornegay ^a	129-130 .498
1987-88	16-13	11-5	Harrie Garris 16.4	Wayne Szoke	
1988-89	15-13	9-7	Fernando Sanders 17.2	Wayne Szoke	
1989-90	17-12	11-5	Alex Blackwell 19.7	Wayne Szoke	
1990-91	19-10	10-6	Alex Blackwell 22.9	Wayne Szoke	
1991-92	20-9	11-5	Alex Blackwell 18.4	Wayne Szoke	
1992-93	11-17	7-11	John Giraldo 14.2	Wayne Szoke	
1993-94	18-11	13-5	Glenn Stokes 15.3	Wayne Szoke	
1994-95	13-14	11-7	John Giraldo 18.7	Wayne Szoke	
1995-96	20-10	14-4	Corey Albano 17.2	Wayne Szoke	
1996-97	18-11	12-6	Corey Albano 19.3	Wayne Szoke	
1997-98	4-23	3-13	Joe Fermino 11.5	Wayne Szoke ^b	168-133 .558
1998-99	5-21	5-15	Alpha Bangura 18.0	Dave Calloway	
1999-2000	12-16	9-9	Rahsaan Johnson 17.7	Dave Calloway	
2000-01	21-10	15-5	Rahsaan Johnson 19.1	Dave Calloway	
2001-02	18-12	14-6	Rahsaan Johnson 19.2	Dave Calloway	
2002-03	15-13	13-5	Dwayne Byfield 14.9	Dave Calloway	
2003-04	21-12	12-6	Blake Hamilton 18.1	Dave Calloway	
2004-05	16-13	14-4	Blake Hamilton 16.2	Dave Calloway	
2005-06	19-15	12-6	Dejan Delic 12.3	Dave Calloway	
2006-07	12-18	7-11	Dejan Delic 14.6	Dave Calloway	
2007-08	7-24	4-14	Jhamar Youngblood 12.1	Dave Calloway	
2008-09	8-23	6-12	Travis Taylor 12.4	Dave Calloway	154-177 .465

^a Ron Kornegay (1-6) and Ron Krayl (7-13) both coached during the 1986-87 season.

^b Wayne Szoke (1-13) and Dave Calloway (3-10) both coached during the 1997-98 season.

● NCAA Tournament appearance

THE SCHOOLS

PROFILE

Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ
Founded: 1933
Enrollment: 5,636 (4,194 undergraduate)
Colors: Royal blue and white
Nickname: Hawks
Current arena: Boylan Gymnasium, opened in 1962 (2,200)
First game: 1956
All-time record: 829-618 (.573)
Total weeks in AP Top 20/25: 0

Current conference: Northeast (1985-)

Conference titles:

Northeast: 2 (2004 [tie], '05)

Conference tournament titles:

Northeast: 4 (1996, 2001, '04, '06)

NCAA Tournament appearances: 4

NIT appearances: 0

TOP 5

- G **Rahsaan Johnson** (1999-2002)
- G **Ron Kornegay** (1965-69)
- F **Alex Blackwell** (1989-92)
- F **Ed Halicki** (1969-72)
- F **Walt Mischler** (1959-62)

RECORDS	GAME	SEASON	CAREER
POINTS	43 Rahsaan Johnson, vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) (Feb. 4, 2001)	663 Alex Blackwell (1990-91)	1,749 John Giraldo (1992-96); Alex Blackwell (1989-92)
POINTS PER GAME		22.9 Alex Blackwell (1990-91)	N/A
REBOUNDS	23 Karl Towns, vs. Morgan State (Jan. 12, 1985)	319 Karl Towns (1984-85)	779 Corey Albano (1994-97)
ASSISTS	17 Derric Thomas, vs. Long Island (Jan. 17, 1986)	205 Derric Thomas (1985-86)	524 Derric Thomas (1985-88)