

[3] XAVIER vs. [14] GEORGIA



RECORDS: Musketeers (Atlantic 10, at-large), 27-6; Bulldogs (Southeastern, champion), 17-16.
COACHES: Sean Miller (90-38 record in four seasons), Dennis Felton (175-133 in 10 seasons).
WINNER FACES: Purdue-Baylor winner on Saturday at Verizon Center.



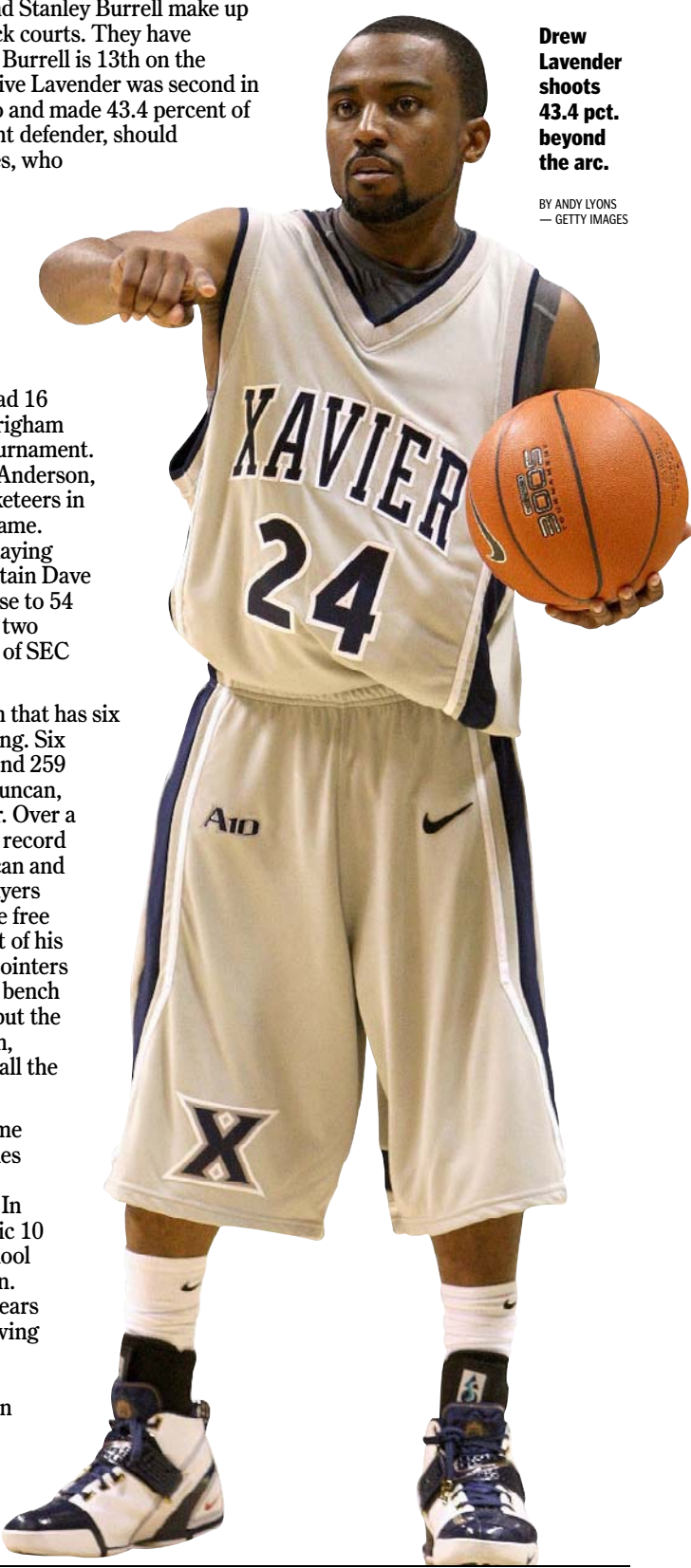
BACK COURT: Xavier's Drew Lavender and Stanley Burrell make up one of the nation's most experienced back courts. They have combined for 245 starts in their careers. Burrell is 13th on the school's career scoring list. The diminutive Lavender was second in the Atlantic 10 in assist-to-turnover ratio and made 43.4 percent of his three-point shots. Burrell, an excellent defender, should match up with Georgia's Sundiata Gaines, who leads the team in points per game, rebounds per game, assists per game, minutes per game and steals per game. Gaines is the school's career steals leader and is the only player in Georgia history to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 400 assists in his career.

FRONT COURT: Xavier's Derrick Brown had 16 rebounds in last year's victory against Brigham Young in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Brown led the team with 62 dunks. C.J. Anderson, a transfer from Manhattan, led the Musketeers in Atlantic 10 play with 6.6 rebounds per game. Georgia's Albert Jackson did not start playing basketball until the eighth grade. Co-captain Dave Bliss is having a career year and shot close to 54 percent from the field. Bliss had his first two double-doubles during the latter portion of SEC play.

BENCH: Xavier is the only Division I team that has six players averaging double figures in scoring. Six Xavier players have taken between 216 and 259 shots. The team's leading scorer, Josh Duncan, was the Atlantic 10 sixth man of the year. Over a three-game span, Duncan made a school record 16 consecutive field goal attempts. Duncan and B.J. Raymond are among four Xavier players who shot better than 80 percent from the free throw line. Raymond makes 41.5 percent of his three-points shots, averaging 2.3 three-pointers per game. Georgia's contributors off the bench include Jeremy Price and Corey Butler, but the Bulldogs are not a particularly deep team, which makes their SEC tournament run all the more remarkable.

COACHES: Xavier's Sean Miller has become one of the nation's hottest coaching names after leading the Musketeers to a third straight NCAA tournament appearance. In his fourth year, Miller was named Atlantic 10 coach of the year, leading Xavier to a school record for wins during the regular season. Georgia's Dennis Felton was hired five years ago to clean up the mess in Athens following the scandal involving former coach Jim Harrick. But the fan base was becoming restless and Felton's job may have been in jeopardy before the SEC tournament.

— Eric Prisbell



Drew Lavender shoots 43.4 pct. beyond the arc.

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XAVIER ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Rb.
1	Josh Duncan	F	Sr.	6-9	11.7	4.6
2	Adrian Graves	G	So.	6-4	1.9	1.0
4	Charles Bronson	F-C	Jr.	6-9	2.2	1.1
5	Derrick Brown	F	So.	6-8	10.7	6.6
11	B.J. Raymond	G-F	Jr.	6-6	10.3	3.1
13	Stephen Duckett	G	Fr.	6-4	0.3	0.3
20	C.J. Anderson	G-F	Jr.	6-6	10.6	6.0
24	Drew Lavender	G	Sr.	5-7	10.7	2.6
25	Dante Jackson	G	Fr.	6-5	2.4	1.1
31	Jason Love	F-C	So.	6-9	6.2	5.5
33	Joe Hughes	F	Fr.	6-6	0.4	0.5
34	Stanley Burrell	G	Sr.	6-3	10.0	2.1

STARTERS ARE SHADED

GEORGIA ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Rb.
1	Jeremy Jacob	F	Fr.	6-7	5.2	3.3
2	Sundiata Gaines	G	Sr.	6-1	14.8	6.1
4	Chris Barnes	F	Fr.	6-7	2.6	2.2
5	Zac Swansey	G	Fr.	6-1	4.1	1.6
20	Troy Brewer	G	Fr.	6-5	2.8	1.0
23	Corey Butler	G	Jr.	6-3	3.1	2.3
30	Terrance Woodbury	G-F	Jr.	6-7	10.8	4.0
31	Billy Humphrey	G	Jr.	6-2	12.2	3.6
34	Albert Jackson	F-C	So.	6-10	3.7	4.2
44	Dave Bliss	C	Sr.	6-10	7.6	5.6
45	Rashaad Singleton	C	Jr.	7-0	2.7	3.3
50	Jeremy Price	F	Fr.	6-8	8.1	4.3

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RESULTS

NOVEMBER

SE Missouri State	W, 90-59	vs. Kent State	W, 78-65
at Miami (Ohio)	L, 59-57	vs. Indiana	W, 80-65
Coppin State	W, 98-49	Oakland	W, 93-68

DECEMBER

Belmont	W, 90-49	Tennessee	L, 82-75
Creighton	W, 79-66	Delaware State	W, 65-33
Cincinnati	W, 64-59	vs. Kansas State	W, 103-77
at Arizona State	L, 77-55		

JANUARY

Virginia	W, 108-70	at Temple	L, 78-59
at Auburn	W, 80-57	at G. Washington	W, 74-66
St. Bonaventure	W, 83-68	Dayton	W, 69-43
Fordham	W, 68-50	at U-Mass.	W, 77-65

FEBRUARY

La Salle	W, 75-62	at Rhode Island	W, 81-77
at Saint Louis	W, 70-68	Duquesne	W, 75-48
Saint Joseph's	W, 76-72	at Dayton	W, 57-51
at Charlotte	W, 62-60		

MARCH

George Washington	W, 66-56	Dayton*	W, 74-65
at Saint Joseph's	L, 71-66	Saint Joseph's*	L, 61-53
Richmond	W, 86-61		

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NOVEMBER

Jacksonville State	W, 107-65	at Wisconsin	L, 68-49
Grambling	W, 83-70	Delaware State	W, 58-47
Elon	W, 76-65		

DECEMBER

Augusta State	W, 81-74	vs. Tulane	L, 70-69
Wake Forest	W, 72-50	at Hawaii	W, 67-59
vs. E. Tennessee St.	L, 76-58	Presbyterian	W, 68-58

JANUARY

Gonzaga	L, 75-67	Arkansas	W, 82-69
Georgia Tech	W, 79-72	at Tennessee	L, 85-69
at Mississippi St.	L, 60-49	at South Carolina	L, 62-56
Alabama	W, 61-54		

FEBRUARY

Kentucky	L, 63-58	Tennessee	L, 74-71
Vanderbilt	L, 67-59	at Kentucky	L, 61-55
at Florida	L, 77-67	at Vanderbilt	L, 86-74
South Carolina	W, 82-64	Florida	L, 77-64

MARCH

at Louisiana State	L, 71-64	Kentucky*	W, 60-56
at Auburn	W, 59-54	Mississippi St.*	W, 64-60
Mississippi	L, 76-62	Arkansas*	W, 66-57
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DIFFERENCE MAKER

Xavier's **Stanley Burrell** is the quintessential lockdown defender. The Atlantic 10 defensive player of the year is also widely regarded as one of the nation's best defenders, but he will be tested today against Georgia's Sundiata Gaines. During the season, Burrell has thrived in high-profile matchups against some of the nation's best players. The senior held Indiana's Eric Gordon to 4-of-12 shooting; Tennessee's Chris Lofton to 3-of-12 shooting; and Virginia's Sean Singletary to 5-of-12 shooting. The play of Burrell has helped the Musketeers' team defense. They ranked first in the conference in field goal percentage defense. Burrell has taken 10 charges this season, more than he took in his first three years combined. He is also the outspoken voice of the Musketeers. When no Xavier player was named to the all-Atlantic 10's first team, Burrell told the Cincinnati Enquirer, "This league is pathetic."

