

Alcorn State Braves Basketball



ALCORN STATE

(1-7, 0-0 SWAC)

In Memphis, TN

vs.

Saturday December 19, 2015

Tennessee State University (7-2, 0-0 OVC)

4:00 PM

Personnel

	Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Match-Up
Starters:	G	#5	Tahjere McCall	6-5	195	Jr.	(Devonte)
	G	#15	Keron Deshields	6-2	195	Sr.	(Tamarico)
	G	#14	Darreon Reddick	6-4	204	So.	(Vance)
	F	#11	Demontez Loman	6-6	192	Sr.	(Trey)
	F	#33	Wayne Martin	6-7	237	Jr.	(Dre)

	Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Replaces
Reserves:	G	#0	Armani Cheney	5-10	162	Fr.	(McCall)
	G	#2	Marcus Roper	6-5	205	Sr.	(Deshields/Reddick)
	G	#3	Xavier Richards	6-2	200	Sr.	(Reddick)
	F	#13	Samson Oyediran	6-7	220	Fr.	(Loman)
	G	#20	Johnny Woodard	6-4	222	Jr.	(Deshields/Reddick)
	P	#23	Neville Fincher	6-10	246	Jr.	(Martin)
	F	#42	Christian Williams	6-7	265	Sr.	(Martin/Loman)
	F	#21	Christian Mekowulu	6-9	232	So.	()
	G	#1	Jordan Reed	6-4	210	Sr.	()

2015-16 Important Statistics			
PPG	72.8	PPG Allowed	63.4
FG%	.436 (226-518)	FG% Allowed	.365 (187-512)
3PT%	.327 (50-153)	3PT% Allowed	.296 (61-206)
FT%	.736 (153-208)	FT% Allowed	.654 (136-208)
APG	11.1	Opp APG	10.8
TO	15.7	Opp TO	14.7
RPG	42.0	Opp RPG	34.4
STL	7.7	Opp STL	6.9

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OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE SUMMARY



Team Summary:

Tennessee State comes into the game at 7-2 with wins over Grambling, Stetson (2), Kennesaw State, Loyola, MD and close losses to Ohio U. & Middle Tenn. State. They were 5-26 last year, but have added new pieces and are gaining confidence. They pride themselves on defense as they are holding teams to 36.5% shooting and only 63.4 ppg. They aren't extremely big or athletic, but they play extremely hard. They are physical and they win 50/50 balls. They likely will play ½ ct man as they mostly hard hedge, but watch for occasional trap. They sit behind the post, but be ready for a trap off the dig down as soon as post puts it on the floor. We must be patient against their defense, keep the ball moving and take good shots. Quick shots play into what they do: transition. They push hard even if they don't score. Otherwise, they will run a set primary VA action (ballscreens & pindowns). They love to throw it in the post. Must keep ball out of the lane & post and keep #33 Martin & #11 Loman off the glass (37 & 22 offensive rebounds this season).

Offensive Summary: They push very hard in transition & are very aggressive. They will kick ahead & attack the rim. They will stay aggressive even after one or two passes. We must find shooters & keep others out the paint. Be ready for ballscreens in transition. If it's very high on the floor, go underneath it. Versus man, they run constant pindowns & flare screens as they are very good at reading them. Lock & trail or switch. They want to throw it in the post, must ¾ or front especially if we switch and have ball pressure with back side help. Against 2-3, they will go 3 out 2 in as high post can step out on perimeter and ballscreen. Bigs like to shoot high post & shot corner shots.

Offensive Characteristics

- They run UVA actions (pindowns & ballscreens).
- Lots of sets versus man to man especially with back screens.
- They push hard in transition & are very aggressive looking for high ballscreen to turn corner.
- They stay aggressive even after 1 or 2 passes. Find shooters and keep everyone else out the paint.
- They look to throw it into the post. Must ¾ or front with ball pressure and helside defense.

Defensive Summary: Will play ½ man to man. They are tough and physical as they want to get physical with cutters and guards coming off ballscreens. They have shown hard hedge off ballscreens as well as an occasional trap. They will play behind the post but may trap on the dig down aggressively once big dribbles. They crash offensive glass hard, so they don't get back well in transition and they don't match-up well when they do.

Defensive Characteristics

- Man-to-man
- Very tough and physical.
- They hard hedge ball screens and may trap it.
- Side ball screens if they hard hedge, they aren't very good with roll guy/guy who set screen.
- Posts play behind, but watch for trap.

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PERSONNEL



Starters:

G #5 Tahjere McCall **6-5** **195** **Jr.** **(Devonte)**



11.2	.200 (5-25)	.418
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- Tall, lanky transfer G from Niagara will push & attack the rim in transition
- Much more a driver/Gets to the FT line: 40-52
- Prefers driving left then spin back or cross to right hand
- Capable shooter if left open

HOW TO GUARD:

1. Closeout thinking drive
2. High hands for shot
3. No paint touches

G #15 Keron DeShields **6-2** **195** **Sr.** **(Tamaricio)**



16.6	.456	.463 (19-41)
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- Leading scorer transfer guard from Montana
- Can score in variety of ways: both hands
- Very good catch and shoot: deep range & will shoot fall away jumpers
- Loves shooting off pin downs
- Very good change of direction driver: crossovers, etc.

HOW TO GUARD:

1. Lock & trail on pindowns
2. Good contests on all shots
3. No paint touches

F #11 Demontez Loman **6-6** **192** **Sr.** **(Trey)**



4.4	.514	6.4
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- Freak athlete & energy guy: defensive guy
- Scores mostly off dunks, transition buckets & putbacks as they will throw him lobs
- Driver but will take 15 foot pick & pop jumper (inconsistent)

HOW TO GUARD:

1. Box out!
2. We must match his energy
3. Closeout short
4. No easy buckets

G #14 Darreon Reddick **6-4** **204** **So.** **(Vance)**



7.1	.373	.263 (5-19)
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- Big wing who started last year
- Wants to get out and run in transition: will attack rim on kick ahead
- Definitely prefers to drive: Drives right
- He did shoot 45% from 3 last year

HOW TO GUARD:

1. Challenge shots but he is driver
2. Keep him out the paint and in ½ court

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F #33 Wayne Martin 6-7 237 Jr. (Dre)



14.9	.515	12.0
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- o Strong post with high motor: excellent rebounder: 12 per game (4 offensive)
- o Loves to face up in the post: wants to rip to his right hand & attack rim
- o Favorite move is dribble middle & spin back baseline: not good with left
- o 1 assists & 23 TO's: Dig out guards

HOW TO GUARD:
 1. Team effort to blockout
 2. Take away right hand on face ups
 3. Match his energy

Reserves:

G #0 Armani Chaney 5-10 162 Fr.

2.4	0-5	.208
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- o Smallish backup PG, but very quick & fast with ball
- o Looking to push the ball hard & attack the rim in transition: hard time finishing
- o Jump shot looks nice off catch and dribble: range to 3

HOW TO GUARD:
 1. Make him make decisions.
 2. Must stop him early in transition
 3. Make him a scorer at the rim

G #1 Jordan Reed 6-4 210 Sr.



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- o Transfer All league Guard from Binghamton

HOW TO GUARD:

G #2 Marcus Roper 6-5 205 Sr.



3.7	.278	.318 (7-22)
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- o Backup G that started some last year & was 2nd leading scorer (10 ppg)
- o Much more a shooter than a driver: very good at reading screens
- o 22 of 36 shots have been 3's (71% of shots last year were 3's & made 61)
- o Can put it on the floor if he has to: 1 dribble pull up & all the way to the rim

HOW TO GUARD:
 1. No catch and shoot/Treat him as a shooter
 2. Run off the line & find in transition

G #3 Xavier Richards 6-2 200 Sr.

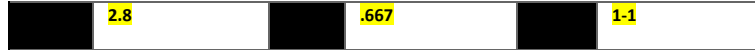


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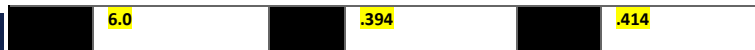
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F #13 Samson Oyediran 6-7 225 Fr.



HOW TO GUARD:

G #20 Johnny Woodard 6-4 222 Jr.



- o Shooter: All he does
- o 29 of 33 shots have been 3's
- o Gets in transition & off penetrate and kick

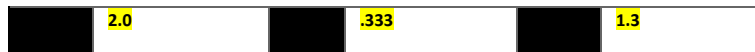
HOW TO GUARD: 1. Know what he does
2. Make him put it on the floor

F #21 Christian Mekowulu 6-9 232 So.



HOW TO GUARD:

C #23 Neville Fincher 6-10 246 Jr.



- o Big body limited minutes
- o Not much of a scorer, but uses size to get low post position
- o Can go over either shoulder
- o Good offensive rebounder

HOW TO GUARD: 1. Straight up if he catches it & Block out

G #30 Khalil Spencer 6-4 220 Fr.



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G #34 Jalen Duke 6-5 213 Fr.



HOW TO GUARD:

F #42 Christian Griggs-Williams 6-7 265 Gr.



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- Big bodied post Grad transfer from Long Beach State
- Doesn't jump well, but has nice feet & quickness in post: uses physicality
- Can go over either shoulder/Good shooter for his size: 17 feet

HOW TO GUARD: 1. Don't let him bully you & box out

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KEYS TO WINNING



OFFENSIVE:

1. Patient yet in attack mode. No early jump shots in shot clock.
2. We can get out in transition and attack if we have numbers and a layup.
3. Do not let their physical play or pressure bother you.
4. Work hard to get in position on catches (v –cut, etc and in post).
5. Great shot selection: quick, average, one pass and shoot shots will fuel their transition.

DEFENSIVE:

1. We must get back in transition: 3 back and stop the ball early. No live ball turnovers.
2. Communicate and understand what defense we are in. We will switch it up.
3. Keep the ball out the paint and the post.
4. No offensive rebounds (Loman, Martin, Williams)/Win the rebounding battle.

WIN THE HUSTLE POINTS: Charges, loose balls & 50/50 balls.

PLAY HARD, PLAY SMART, PLAY TOGETHER, TRUST & HAVE FUN!

**"If you don't love what you do, you have two choices...
Change what you're doing or You can change what you
love."**

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STAT COMPARISON

Alcorn State	STAT	Opponent
63.2	PPG	72.8
-16.2	Scoring Margin	+9.3
.391	FG%	.436
113	FGM	226
289	FGA	518
.221	3PT%	.327
19	3PTM	50
86	3PTA	153
.670	FT%	.736
71	FTM	153
106	FTA	208
	O Reb	
	D Reb	
178	TOT Rebound	378
+1.8	Rebound Margin	+7.6
8.2	Assists	11.1
16.6	Turnovers Per Gam	15.7
3.2	Steals Per Game	7.7
1	Win Streak	5
7	Losing Streak	1
	D1 Wins	5
Blue Mountain	Best Win	Stetson
	Conf. Home Record	
	Conf. Road Record	
0-0	Total Conference	0-0
115	1 st Half	316
133	2 nd Half	313

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PRE & POST GAME COMMENTS

Game Keys

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Remarks

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Game Plan

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Individual Challenges

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PRE & POST GAME COMMENTS

Pre-Game Comments:

Post-Game Comments: