

# Cincinnati Bearcats

## MEN'S TEAM

**Feb. 6 at Cincinnati, Ohio (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m.**

### General Information

<b>Location</b>	Cincinnati, Ohio
<b>Founded</b>	1819
<b>Enrollment</b>	36,000
<b>Nickname</b>	Bearcats
<b>Colors</b>	Red, Black
<b>Conference</b>	Conference USA
<b>Home Arena</b>	Shoemaker Arena (13,176)
<b>President</b>	Dr. Joseph A. Steger
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Gerald O'Dell

### Men's Basketball Facts

<b>Head Coach</b>	Bob Huggins (West Virginia '77)
<b>at Cincinnati</b>	166-63 (7 years)
<b>Overall</b>	334-135 (15 years)
<b>vs. Tulane</b>	5-1
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Larry Harrison John Loyer
<b>1994-95 Record</b>	28-5
<b>Conference</b>	11-3 (1st-Blue)
<b>Postseason</b>	3-1, NCAA
<b>Letterwinners Returning/Lost</b>	9/3

### 1996-97 Schedule

Nov. 23	Western Carolina
Nov. 26	Xavier (Ohio)
Nov. 30	Rutgers
Dec. 4	vs. Kansas (at Chicago, Ill.)
Dec. 17	Howard
Dec. 19	Eastern Michigan
Dec. 28	vs. Western Kentucky (at Cleveland, Ohio)
D. 30-J. 1	San Juan Classic (first round: vs. SE Missouri State)
Jan. 5	at Saint Louis
Jan. 8	UAB
Jan. 10	Miami (Ohio)
Jan. 16	vs. Temple
Jan. 18	Arkansas
Jan. 21	at UNC Charlotte
Jan. 26	at Southern Cal
Jan. 30	at Louisville
Feb. 1	DePaul
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Tulane</b>
Feb. 8	Marquette
Feb. 10	at Washington
Feb. 13	Saint Louis
Feb. 15	South Carolina
Feb. 18	Houston
Feb. 20	at South Florida
Feb. 22	at DePaul
Feb. 25	Southern Miss
Feb. 27	at Marquette
March 1	at Memphis
March 5-8	C-USA Championship (St. Louis, Mo.)

Expectations for University of Cincinnati basketball are high. In fact, they are as high as they were in 1962-63, when the Bearcats had a veteran core returning from teams which had won successive national championships.

Cincinnati has been a consensus top-five pick in the pre-season polls, rated as high as No. 1.

Perhaps remarkable about this hype is the fact that UC has only two starters returning from last year's squad, which won Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and advanced to Elite Eight in NCAA play.

The Bearcats boast one of college basketball's top returning players in Danny Fortson, who is on everyone's All-America list.

Fortson, a 6-7, 260-pound muscular junior aptly cast as the power forward, was a consensus All-America pick last season after posting averages of 20.1 points and 9.6 rebounds. He became the first sophomore in school history to reach the 1,000-point and 500-rebound career plateaus.

Also back are Damon Flint and Darnell Burton, a pair of senior perimeter performers who have been mainstays for the Bearcats the past three seasons.

Flint, who averaged 12.8 points and 3.5 assists, is the other returning starter, though just where he will play is to be determined. At 6-5, he started at the shooting guard spot a year ago, but saw ample action as the backup point guard, a position at which he started as a freshman.

Burton, who earned the Conference USA Sixth Man of the Year

award after averaging 14.0 points and scoring the deciding points in four wins last year, is back to spark the offense with his long-distance shooting. The 6-2 bomber is likely to rewrite the school's career three-point shooting records.

Other key returnees are 6-9 junior Jackson Julson, the veteran most suited to take over the center position if he can shake his injury jinx, 6-4 senior Rodrick Monroe and 6-7 junior Bobby Brannen, a pair of rugged rebounders, and 6-4 sophomore Melvin Levett, an athletic dynamo who was only beginning to realize his potential.

Cincinnati has reloaded with a class of newcomers rated as high as No.1 by the recruiting gurus.

As was the case in 1991-92, when

Cincinnati advanced to the Final Four, the Bearcats dipped into the junior college ranks for the crux of a class of newcomers who will make an immediate impact. Headlining the future Bearcats are Ruben Patterson and D'Juan Baker, both of whom were first team junior college All-American selections last year, with Patterson acclaimed as the Junior College Player of the Year.

Patterson, a 6-7 junior, is the head of the new



### 1996-97 Roster

Returning Starters	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG
Damon Flint	G	6-5	201	Sr.	12.8	3.0
Danny Fortson	F	6-7	260	Jr.	20.1	9.6
Other Returnees						
Darnell Burton	G	6-2	201	Sr.	14.0	2.6
Jackson Julson	C/F	6-9	246	Jr.	3.4	1.5
Rodrick Monroe	F	6-4	230	Sr.	3.2	2.9
Melvin Levett	G	6-4	192	So.	2.4	0.7
Terrence Davis	G	6-2	197	Sr.	2.0	0.7
Bobby Brannen	F	6-7	230	Jr.	1.8	2.7
Ryan Fletcher	F	6-8	226	So.	1.2	1.4
Newcomers						
Kenyon Martin, F/C; D'Juan Baker, G; John Carson, F; Charles Williams, G; Ruben Patterson, F; Jermaine Thomas, C						