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## 1998-99 Detroit Titans Basketball Preview



By Dan Savich  
VN Sports Editor

Some people might say, "UDM's basketball team lost four starters from a year ago."

Some people might say, "UDM's basketball team is returning four starters from a year ago."

So who is right?

They both are.

Detroit head coach Perry Watson and the rest of the Titans had the luxury of a "starting eight" last season.

"We had eight players who were capable of starting for us last year. As the newcomers among them got better, so did we as a team," Watson explained.

All of them received starters' minutes and all were important to what we did.

So what did they do?

All they did was win a MCC co-championship, record a 25-6 record (tied a school record for wins), and earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

It didn't stop there, as the #10 seed Detroit upset the #7 seeded St. John's University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, in the Midwest region.

Although many may disagree on how many starters they lose or return, everybody in the MCC agrees on one thing.

The Titans are the top team to beat, as basically every basketball publication, including the MCC Pre-season poll, has the Titans



Senior guard Jermaine Jackson, this season's MCC Pre-season player of the year, will look to lead his Titan soldiers to another MCC Championship and NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999.

winning the conference and returning to the 'Big Dance.'

The Titans return Jermaine Jackson, who is the MCC Pre-season player of the year.

Jackson was the lone MCC representative invited to the USA Basketball's 1998 National Team Trials.

He has been waiting for this season to start for a long time. He is poised and ready for his final season as a Titan.

"I'm no rookie quarterback," Jackson said. "I've played for coach Watson for three years, so he doesn't always have to tell me what to do."

"By now, I know when to pass or when to take the ball down low for a shot."

Another teammate who has been waiting for this season to start is junior guard Rashad Phillips, who was placed on the MCC Pre-season All-Second team after being named last year's newcomer of the year.

With the backcourt of Phillips and Jackson, opponents will have a hard time trying to stop the Titans from scoring.

Not only are these two the top backcourt in the MCC, they can be considered one of the best in the country.

Along with J.J. and Phillips, the Titans will be ready to win the MCC Championship outright, on their way to a tournament championship and another appearance in the 'Big Dance.'

## Watch out, he's hot!

*Ferguson will be one to watch out for this season, as he is normally on fire from deep.*

By Dan Savich  
VN Sports Editor

Detroit Titan guard/forward Desmond Ferguson is one of the best three point shooters to ever play for UDM.

Last winter he was the fifth Titan ever to connect for more than 50 three-point baskets in a single season.

In fact, the total of 70 that he hit was the second-highest one-season total in Detroit history.

He is currently ninth on the Titan all-time three-pointers list after only playing one season.

The sharp-shooter played in all 31 games for the Titans last season as he was one of the "starting eight" for Perry Watson.

Dez will have to play a key role for the Titans if they want to return to the NCAA's.

He is a pure shooter, who can light up the scoreboard at any time.

Ferguson is the VN's surprise player for this season.

Everybody will be focusing on Jermaine Jackson and Rashad Phillips to do the Titan scoring, but they will quickly find out that Dez can light them up as well.

Here's a little advice for anyone who will be given the task of defending Ferguson; don't give him any room at all.

You know what? Just slap his arm when he shoots, because he

can shoot it in your eye.

Along with Dez, Bacari Alexander is ready for one more season of battle.

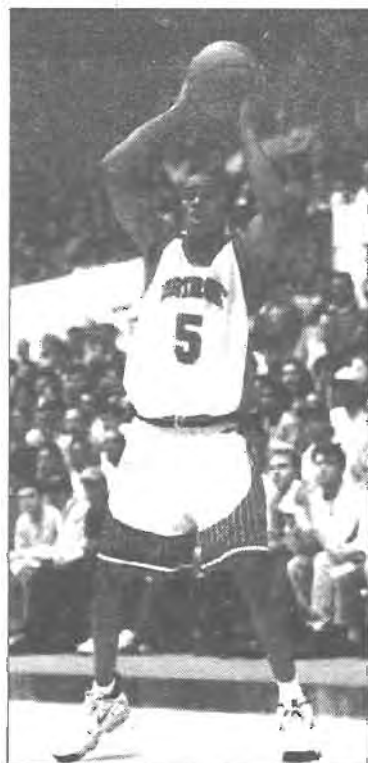
The Titans emotional warrior will be doing everything he can possibly do to help Detroit win every game.

The senior is occasionally known to hold, scratch, bite, etc. to put a win on the board.

No, he doesn't really bite or scratch, he might do a little holding, but you can bet on Alexander to never give up in any contest.

The 6'6" forward will be a monster on the boards, as he will be battling the opponents big man down low.

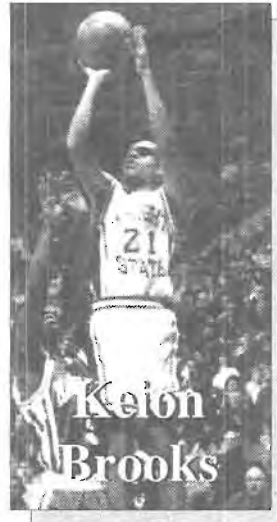
He has excellent quickness for a big man, which will help him dominate his opponent.



Arguably the best pure shooter on the Titans, junior forward Desmond Ferguson.



**Jermaine Jackson**



**Keion Brooks**



**Javan Goodman**



**Bryant Notree**



# PRESEASON FIRST TEAM

**Jermaine Jackson**, a 6-5 senior guard, tops the list of MCC Player of the Year candidates and becomes the second consecutive Detroit Titan to be named preseason Player of the Year. Derrick Hayes was selected as last year's preseason Player of the Year.

Jackson is the Titans' top returning scorer, averaging 12.1 points and 4.6 assists per game last year. He finished at third in the assist category in the MCC.

In addition to being named All-MCC second team last season, Jackson was also named MCC All-Tournament team, after he scored 43 points in two tournament games. This was his second time being placed on the All-Tournament team, his first being in his freshman year where he was placed on the MCC Newcomer team as well.

Wright State's **Keion Brooks**, a 6-3 senior guard, is the only repeat selection from last year's preseason team. Brooks, who is one of the best overall players to have played in the conference, finished second in MCC scoring last season, after he averaged 17.1

points per game. He finished second in steals per game with 2.14 and was placed on the MCC All-Defensive team.

Brooks has also been selected to an MCC team each of his first three seasons.

Loyola's **Javan Goodman**, a 6-8 senior, is said to be the best big man in the MCC. The southpaw ranked third in conference scoring last season, averaging 16.8 points per game, to go along with his 8.4 rebounds.

Cleveland State's 6-2 guard, **James Madison**, ranked fourth in MCC scoring a year ago. The junior averaged 15.3 points per game.

Known as one of the conference's best three point shooters, Madison hit for a total of 68 times behind the arc, averaging 2.5 three pointers a game.

UIC's 6-5 senior swingman, **Brant Notree**, played three years of basketball for the Fighting Illini, including two while UIC head coach Jimmy Collins was an assistant to Lou Henson.

Although he hasn't played a single MCC game, the coaches, as well as the media, know how good of a player Notree is.

With his size and ability to shoot the ball, he will give opposing guards a fit.

Notree, probably the main reason that the Flames were picked to finish second instead of fifth, will make a run for the MCC Player of the Year award, as well as Newcomer of the Year.



# PRESEASON SECOND TEAM

Detroit's 5-10 junior guard, **Rashad Phillips**, who is said to be the quickest player in the conference, leads this group of second-teamers.

Averaging 10 points, 3.29 assists, and 1.79 steals per game, Phillips was honored as the MCC Newcomer of the Year last season.

Along with preseason player of the year, Jermaine Jackson, Detroit has the best backcourt in the conference.

Phillips is the most exciting player to watch in the MCC and will again put on a good show for the fans at Calihan Hall.

Loyola's 6-1 junior guard, **Earl Brown**, is one of the best playmakers, as well as defensive stars, in the MCC.

Brown lead the conference in both assists (5.63 pg) and steals (2.23 pg), on his way to being named to the MCC All-Defensive team last season.

It's almost a sure bet that Brown will again lead the conference in assists, as teammate Javan Goodman returns to give the Ramblers the best two man game in the MCC.

UW-Green Bay's 6-3 junior guard, **B.J. LaRue**, lit it up in last year's MCC Tournament; he scored 47 points in the first two games, helping the Phoenix upset the #1 seeded Detroit Titans.

The sharp shooter, who loves to fire from deep, ranked third in the conference in three-point percentage, as he averaged 10.8 points per game a year ago.

With the loss of Wayne Walker (All-MCC Second-Team

last season), and Kevin Olm (two time All-MCC defensive team), Green Bay will look upon LaRue to be the one that leads the Phoenix back to the MCC championship game.

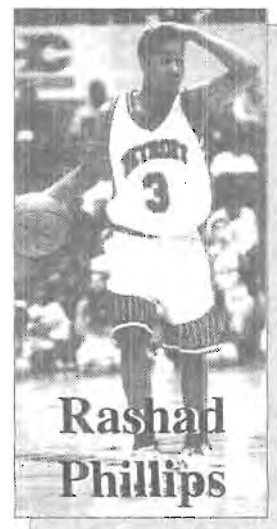
The Panthers of UW-Milwaukee are happy to see their 6-9 monster, **Damion Ninkovic**, return after a solid year last season.

Ninkovic ranked sixth in rebounding a year ago, averaging 6.1 boards per game on his way to being named to the MCC All-Newcomer team. Not too bad for a freshman.

He is the Panthers top returning scorer, averaging 9 points per game and is the key player to help Milwaukee get out of the cellar in the MCC.

Cleveland State's 6-6 sophomore forward, **Theo Dixon**, was the MCC's top freshman scorer last year, averaging 10 points to go along with 4 rebounds per game.

With the coaching and leadership of the legendary Rollie Massamino, Dixon, who was named to the conference All-Newcomer team last season, is said to be one of the future stars of the MCC.



**Rashad Phillips**



**Earl Brown**



**Theo Dixon**



**Damion Ninkovic**



**B.J. LaRue**

## 1997-98 MCC Men's Basketball Preseason Poll

Team	1997-98 Record Overall/MCC	Points
1. Detroit	25-6/12-2	252
2. UIC	22-6/12-2	174
3. UW-Green Bay	17-12/7-7	172
4. Loyola	15-15/6-8	163
5. Cleveland State	12-15/6-8	147
6. Butler	22-11/8-6	106
7. Wright State	10-18/3-11	83
8. UW-Milwaukee	3-24/2-12	54

## 1999 MCC Men's Basketball Championship

The city of Chicago and the campus of UIC will be the site of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Men's Basketball Championships in 1999 and 2000.

The Tournament will be held from February 27 to March 2 at the UIC Pavilion.

Get your tickets today and enjoy the city of Chicago during the MCC Men's Basketball Championship.

For ticket info, contact UDM's athletic ticket office.



## BUTLER

The defending MCC tournament champion Bulldogs don't return a single starter from last seasons squad.

They do return their coach, Barry Collier, who is the fourth most winningest coach in MCC history. With 62 wins, he is only 19 wins away from the leader, Xavier's Pete Gillen.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
22-11

**MCC RECORD**  
8-6 (3rd)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 6th, will lose to Loyola in the first round of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #3 seed, was beat by the #4 seed UWGB in the final.

## CLEVELAND STATE

The Vikings return MCC Pre-season First-Teamer James Madison and Second-Teamer Theo Dixon.

Along with two other starters from last season, Carter Arnett and JoVonn Jefferson, CSU returns one of the best coaches in NCAA history, Rollie Massimino, making the Vikings a tough team this season.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
12-15

**MCC RECORD**  
6-8 (5th)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 5th, lose to Detroit in the semi-finals of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #5 seed, lost to the #4 seed UWGB in first round

## UIC

The Flames only return one starter from a year ago, Anton Collins, but they will see the return of Brant Notree, who was placed on the Pre-season First-Team after sitting out last season due to NCAA transfer rules.

Notree joins UIC after playing three years at the University of Illinois.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
12-6

**MCC RECORD**  
12-2 (tied with Detroit in 1st)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 2nd, will lose to Detroit in the finals of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #2 seed, was upset by the #7 seed Wright State.

## LOYOLA

The Ramblers return one of the best players in the MCC, Javan Goodman, who was placed on the Pre-season First-Team after averaging 16.8 points per game last season.

Loyola also returns starters Earl Brown (Preseason Second Team), Mike Hare, and Damien McSwine.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
15-15

**MCC RECORD**  
6-8 (6th)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 3rd, lose to UIC in the semi-finals of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #6 seed, lost to the #3 seed Butler in the first round.

## UW-MILWAUKEE

The Panthers return four starters from last season's nightmare.

One, Damion Ninkovic, was placed on the Pre-season Second-Team, averaging 9.0 points per game a year ago.

UW-Milwaukee now think they have the experience to beat anyone in the MCC.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
3-23

**MCC RECORD**  
2-12 (8th)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish last, lose to Detroit in the first round of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #8 seed, lost to the #1 seed Detroit.

## UW-GREEN BAY

The Phoenix return three of last season's starters. One, B.J. LaRue, was placed on the MCC Pre-season Second-Team, averaging 10.8 points per game.

The other two, Jerry Carstensen and Matt Hill, together averaged 19.4 points per game.

LaRue, Carstensen and Hill were UWGB's top three in scoring.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
17-12

**MCC RECORD**  
7-7 (4th)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 4th, lose to CSU in the first round of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #4 seed lost to #3 seed Butler in the finals.

## WRIGHT STATE

The Raiders return one of the best players to play in the MCC, Keion Brooks.

Brooks was again placed on the Pre-season First-Team this year, after averaging 17.1 points per game.

WSU will see the debut of Inus Norville, a transfer from UMass's Final Four team.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
10-18

**MCC RECORD**  
3-11 (7th)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 7th, lose to UIC in the first round of the tourney.

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #7 seed, lost to #3 seed Butler in the semi-finals.

## DETROIT

The Titans return this year's MCC Pre-season Player of the Year, Jermaine Jackson, as well as Pre-season second-teamer Rashad Phillips.

Detroit also returns last season's starters Bacari Alexander and Desmond Ferguson, and they will most likely start 6-10 monster Walt Craft.



**LAST SEASON**

**RECORD**  
25-6

**MCC RECORD**  
12-2 (Tied with UIC for 1st)

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 1st, become 1998-99 MCC Champions

**MCC TOURNEY**

As the #1 seed, lost to #4 seed in the semi-finals.

# 1998-99 Detroit Titans



Junior Guard  
Ht: 5-10 Wt: 160  
Detroit, MI **3**

Last year's MCC Newcomer of the Year, Phillips averaged 10 points a game. Finished the season ranked among the MCC leaders in five categories: scoring (19th), assists (8th), steals (4th), free throw percentage (5th), and assist-turnover ratio (3rd).



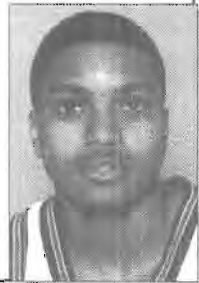
*Rashad Phillips*



Junior Guard/Forward  
Ht: 6-7 Wt: 203  
Lansing, MI **5**

Dez was just the fifth Titan ever to connect for more than 50 three-point baskets in a season.

The former transfer from Missouri finished with a total of 70 three-pointers, second highest on the Titan career leader chart.



*Desmond Ferguson*



Soph. Forward  
Ht: 6-6 Wt: 221  
Livonia, MI **31**

Named to last season's Playboy's Pre-season All-Name Team. Went down on Jan. 22 after suffering a season-ending dislocated shoulder.

Played in seven games prior to the injury, one too many for a medical red shirt.



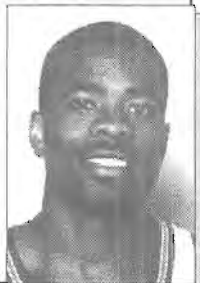
*Michael Jordan*



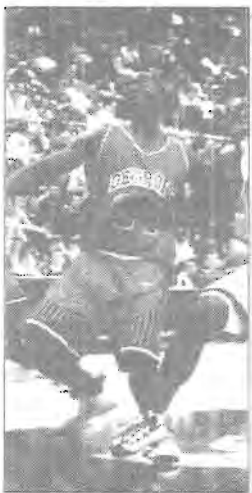
Senior Guard  
Ht: 6-5 Wt: 204  
Detroit, MI **32**

The 1998-99 MCC Pre-season Player of the Year is one of the Titans co-captains.

The self-proclaimed 'Last Don' averaged 12.1 points per game a year ago. The first Titan ever to record 100 assists in his freshman and sophomore years, he did it again as a junior.



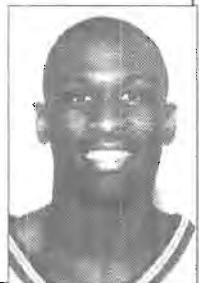
*Jermaine Jackson*



Senior Forward  
Ht: 6-6 Wt: 235  
Detroit, MI **34**

Started his first game as a Titan on Dec. 3 against Bowling Green. Detroit went on a 11-game winning streak from there.

Scored a career high 10 points at Cleveland State. Was one of only three Titans to shoot above 50% from the field.



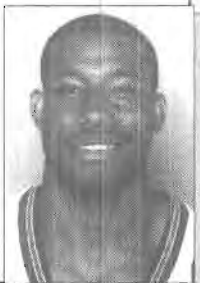
*Bacari Alexander*



Soph. Center  
Ht: 6-11 Wt: 266  
Detroit, MI **45**

Played in 15 games last season, all coming off the bench. Considered the Titan's center of the future, Craft could step into the spotlight this year.

He has dropped more than 20 pounds and has added considerable muscle to his large frame.



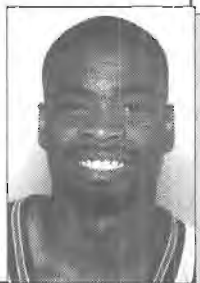
*Walt Craft*



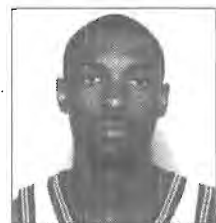
Soph. Guard  
Ht: 6-0 Wt: 165  
Detroit, MI **13**

A graduate of UD Jesuit, Austin saw action in four games last season, scoring a total of five points.

The six foot guard can be described as a solid role player who has a great work ethic.

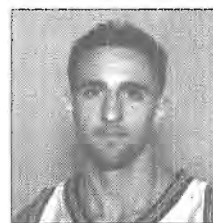


*Cliff Austin*



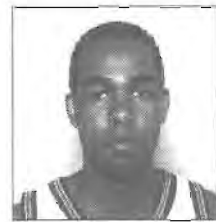
**Darius Belin**

Enters his freshman campaign from Mackenzie High School in Detroit. A rugged defender who earned All-State honorable mention in his senior year as a guard.



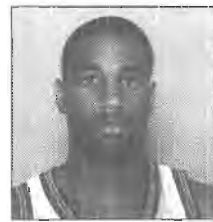
**Paul Whiting**

A 6'2" senior transfer from Ashland University, Whiting must sit out until the first semester of classes is complete. A good outside shooter who can hit from deep.



**Daniel Whye**

A junior transfer from the No. 1-ranked Allegany College in Cumberland, MD. An aggressive rebounder who brings excellent defensive skills to the court.



**Russell Howard**

A red-shirt freshman from Southgate who has a great work ethic. A guard who will fight for a spot. Has good hands who can hit the medium range jump shot.



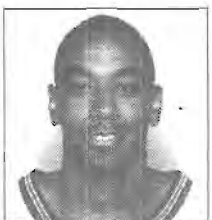
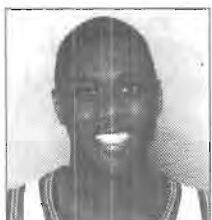
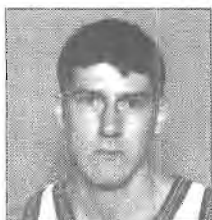
**Julian Van Dyke**

A junior transfer from Fort Scott C.C. Originally from Lansing, MI, played ball with teammate Dez Ferguson at Everett H.S. A tenacious rebounder on both ends of the court.

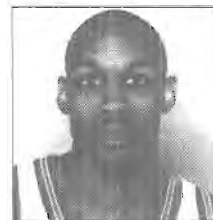


**Kareem Maine**

Another guard who has a great work ethic. Can handle the ball as well as shoot. This guard has quickness and agility, which will help him in the future.



These three talented players must sit out the entire year, due to different eligibility reasons. **Marc Mazur**, from Wayne State, and **Ronnie Walton**, from Oregon State, must sit out due to NCAA transfer rules. **Terrell Riggs**, one of the most highly recruited freshman from Detroit Finney H.S., must sit out for academic reasons.



**Brandon Gray**

A talented guard who had to sit out last season as a partial qualifier under NCAA freshman rules. The sophomore has a strong work ethic, which will help the Titans backcourt.

# 1998-99 Titan Basketball Coaching Staff

## Head Coach Perry Watson



The man in charge of this year's Titan basketball squad is a proven winner.

Perry Watson is in his sixth year as the head basketball coach at the University of Detroit Mercy.

He has produced four winning records in five years, including last year's 25-6 record, which proved to be the school's winningest season ever.

The Titans finished the regular season as MCC co-champions with UIC and earned an NCAA Tournament invitation (the first time in 19 years).

Watson came to Detroit after being an assistant to Steve Fisher at the University of Michigan.

While in Ann Arbor, the Wolverines reached the national finals in both of his two years.

Before going to Michigan, Watson built a nationally renowned program as head coach at Detroit Southwestern High School.

He led Southwestern to the Class A state finals nine times.

His best season at Southwestern was in 1991, when his team was ranked number 1 in the nation by *USA Today*.

Watson has coached NBA stars Jalen Rose, Voshon Lenard, Howard Eisley, Chris Webber, and Juwan Howard.

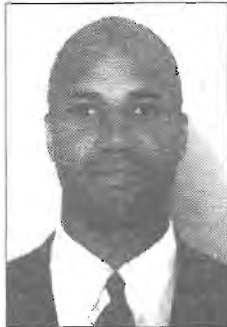
In his high school coaching days, he has sent a total of 46 high school basketball players to college.

### The Watson Years

Career Record (5 years)	88-58 (.603)
Detroit Record (5 years)	88-58 (.603)
MCC Reg-Season Record	35-25 (.583)
MCC Tourney Record	7-4 (.636)
NCAA Record	1-1 (.500)



### Associate Coach David Greer



In his fourth season at Detroit, David Greer has been promoted to the Titans' associate head coach for the 1998-99 season.

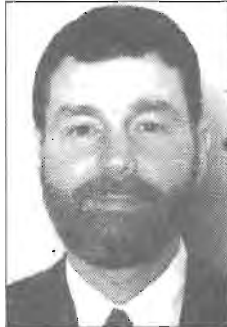
Greer came to UDM in 1995 after

a one year stint on the staff at Akron.

He has coached at Ohio U., Youngstown State, and Tiffin.

As a player at Bowling Green, he was a four-time MAC selection and still holds the MAC record for career assists.

### Assistant Coach Mickey Barrett

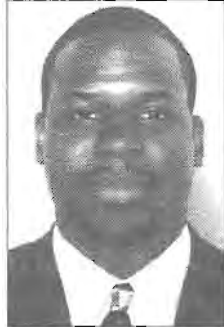


Mickey Barrett is in his eighth year on the Detroit staff.

Barrett came to UDM in 1991 from former MCC rival Xavier, where he served as an assistant to the women's program.

He is a very important part of the Titans success, as he is involved with on-floor coaching, scouting of future opponents, and helping to monitor the basketball team's academic progress. He also scouts and recruits high school talent.

### Assistant Coach Mike Jackson



In his third year as a member of the Titan coaching staff, assistant coach Mike Jackson is a 1995 UDM graduate and was a four-year starter as a Titan.

Jackson serves as the basketball team's main link with athletic department academic coordinator Paul Henderson.

He also has the duty of scheduling home and away practices, planning meals, on-campus recruiting, and scouting.

### Assistant Coach Kevin Mondro



Former Titan forward returns for his second season as the basketball staff's administrative assistant.

In his role, Mondro oversees the Titans' film exchange program,

compilation of in-game statistical data for the coaches and the team's annual post-season banquet.

He also assists in the running of the Perry Watson Basketball Camps, which are held over the summer.

## Head Coach Nikita Lowry



In her third season as head coach for the women's basketball team at the University of Detroit Mercy, Nikita Lowry is looking to get back to the NCAA Tournament, a place where she and the Titans were two years ago.

In her first season as the head coach in Detroit, the Titans won the MCC Tournament and traveled to Kansas to play the Jayhawks in the first round of the NCAA's for the first time in school history.

Lowry graduated from Cass Tech High School in Detroit and went on to play ball at Ohio State.

As a player, Lowry was considered one of college basketball's best.

In her senior season at OSU, she earned Kodak First-Team All-American accolades and was the recipient of the *Chicago Tribune's* Silver Basketball M.V.P. award.

She was also elected as a member of the Big Ten All-Decade second-team in 1991.

Internationally, Lowry represented the USA on the World University Team (1989), Select Team (1988, 1990), and Junior National Team (1987).

She has also played one year of professional ball in Bari, Italy.

### The Lowry Years

Career Record (2 years)	35-23 (.603)
Detroit Record (2 years)	35-23 (.603)
MCC Reg-Season Record	20-10 (.667)
MCC Tourney Record	4-1 (.800)
NCAA Record	0-1 (.000)



### Assistant Coach Leah Wooldridge



Back for her third season of Titan basketball is assistant coach Leah Wooldridge.

Coach Wooldridge handles scheduling, recruiting and

academics in addition to her on-court coaching duties.

Wooldridge came to Detroit from Ball State, where she served as an assistant coach for one season.

As a player, Wooldridge was a four-year letter winner as a member of the University of Michigan women's basketball team.

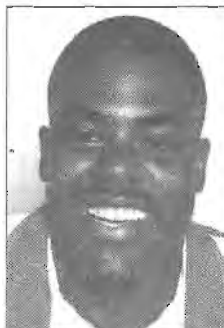
She helped the 1990 Wolverines squad to a berth in the NCAA Tournament, where they advanced to the second round.

She received a bachelor's degree in sports management and communications from Michigan in 1992.

In 1995, she earned her teaching certificate with a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State.

Along with Lowry, she is looking to get the Titans back to the NCAA Tournament.

### Assistant Coach Bo Bivens



Returning home to join the Titans' coaching staff for the 1998-99 season is assistant coach Frederick "Bo" Bivens.

He is responsible for recruiting, film exchange and other duties for Nikita Lowry, in addition to on-court coaching duties.

The Detroit native comes to UDM after spending a year at Grambling as an assistant.

As a player, Bivens was a three-year letter

winner at Grambling and was on the 1992 team that competed in the NCAA Tournament.

After graduating with his bachelor's in criminal justice in 1993, he joined the Grambling women's staff as a graduate assistant, while earning his master's degree in criminal justice.

He helped the Tigers win two regular-season titles, a tournament title, and a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 1994.

The Tigers also won two NCAA scoring titles while he was there.

# 1998-99 Detroit Titans Basketball Preview



## State Champ?

By Dan Savich  
VN Sports Editor

The 1998-99 Detroit women's basketball team can be described by one word; versatile.

Head coach, Nikita Lowry, has many ideas on what will bring success this year as the Titans are "Building the Dream."

"The team that we look to have on the floor is a coach's dream, because we can go small or big or anything in between," Lowry stated. "However, we're always going to be quick and athletic, which will cause major problems for the teams we play to defend against and try to score on."

Last season's team, who finished 12-16, had excellent players for one position.

This year's squad is much more deep, they can go to the bench at any time.

The loss of last year's seniors, Crystal Thorne, Jeanie Hill, and Jocelyn Boyd, had to be replaced, but Lowry feels her team has what it takes to fill the gaps left behind.

"Filling the gaps that our graduated seniors have left will be a challenge," Lowry said. "I think our newcomers welcome the challenge and look forward to making an immediate impact on our team."

One player who will make an immediate impact is senior forward Stephanie Gray, who returns after missing half the season due to team rules.

Gray was placed on the MCC Pre-season All-First team for the second consecutive year.

The Titan coaching staff feels that she is a legitimate first round draft pick for the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).

She has averaged 11.2 points and 6.7 rebounds a game while playing a year and a half at UDM.

She came to Detroit in 1996 after transferring from Indiana University.

Grey is originally from Cass Tech High School where she was named to the *Detroit Free Press* Dream Team.

Another player on Lowry's roster, who has been recognized by the conference, is junior guard Carrie Banks.

Banks was placed on the MCC Pre-season All-Second team after she was placed on the MCC All-Defensive team last year.

The quick guard averaged 40 steals a season in her first two years as a Titan.

She averaged 10.3 points per game last winter to go along with 3.5 assists.

She started in 20 of the Titans 28 games a year ago and will play an important role for the team this season as well.

The overall guard play will be the best known quality for Lowry, as she returns five players who received extensive minutes in the backcourt last year.

Sophomore K.T. Palmer will finally see action as a Titan, as she sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules. She was originally from Xavier University.

The speedster likes to run the point and is not afraid to take the ball to the hole and create.

Overall the team looks ready for the 1998-99 season.

Don't be surprised to see the Titans in the MCC final and then in the NCAA Tournament.

This team has the players and coaches to reach that point.



In her final season, senior Pre-season All-MCC First Team Selection, Stephanie Gray wants to win another MCC title and go back to the NCAA Tournament, where the Titans were two years ago.

## Banks, better by the minute

Junior guard, Carrie Banks, quadrupled her minutes and shot 100 percentage points higher in her second season as a Titan.

By Dan Savich  
VN Sports Editor

In her first season at Detroit in 1996, Banks played a limited role for head coach Nikita Lowry.

She averaged little under eight minutes per game, scoring an average of 1.7 points.

Playing behind Jocelyn Boyd, who was one of the best playmakers in the school's history, and Jeanie Hill, who is one of the few members in the 1,000 point club, Banks was sometimes forgotten.

Last season, however, Banks quadrupled her playing time and finished the season averaging 10.3 points per game.

She has developed into one of the best defensive players in the MCC, recording a total of 66 steals last season, on her way to being named to the MCC All-Defensive team.

Coaches throughout the league cannot afford to forget about Banks when the Titans come to town.

She has the ability to score and create at any

time, which Lowry will be expecting from Banks.

"Carrie flourished into the kind of player we knew she could be last season," Lowry said.

As a senior at Rutherford B. Hayes High School in Delaware, Ohio, Banks averaged 21.4 points, 5.9 rebounds, 4.1 assists, and 5.4 steals a game.

She was placed on the All-State second team after leading the Pacers to a 22-2 overall record.

She won the Player of the Year in her conference that year, and played in the prestigious Ohio North-South all-star game.

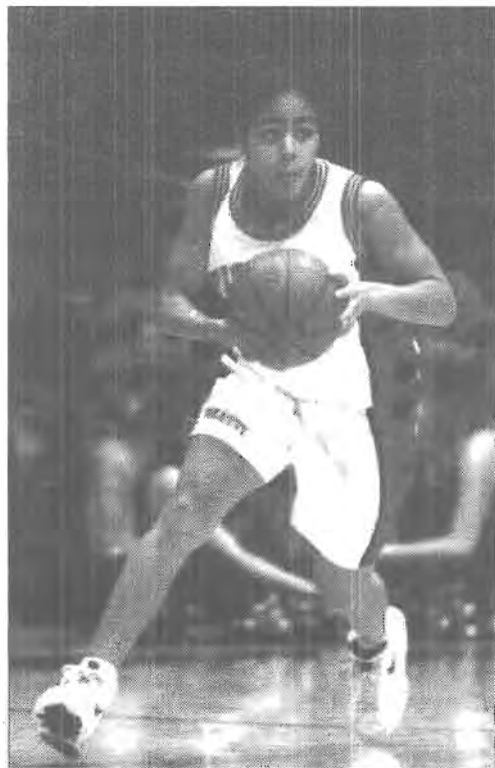
As the Titan's most improved player last year has already been noticed by the MCC, she was placed on the Pre-season All-Second team.

It will only get better for the 5-8 speedster, as the season goes on and the minutes continue to add.

Banks has the right mental attitude to go along with an excellent work ethic, to make her one of the marquee guards in the MCC.

She will need to be one of the key ingredients if the Titans wish to win another MCC Tournament title and return to the NCAA Tournament, which they did two years ago.

Along with Banks, Detroit has many talented players that will help them reach the ultimate goal of any team throughout the country; win a conference title and play in the 'Big Dance.'



Junior guard Carrie Banks improved in every aspect of her game last season, and is ready to lead the Titans to another MCC title. The 1998-99 MCC Pre-season second team selection averaged 10.3 points a year ago.

By Dan Savich  
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This is the season in which the Detroit women's basketball team will be able to say that they are the best college basketball team in the state of Michigan.

The Titans are playing all but one of the Division I schools in the state this season.

They open up the year with the Wolverines in Ann Arbor.

Detroit will play host to the Eagles of Eastern Michigan after the contest with U of M.

They then travel to Kalamazoo to play the Broncos of Western Michigan.

Following the Western game the Titans immediately travel to East Lansing to play the Michigan State Spartans.

They end the month of December when they head to Rochester, Michigan to play the Golden Grizzlies of Oakland University.

This will be the first season in which the Grizzlies will be playing Division I basketball.

Winning these games are important to the coaching staff for recruiting reasons.

The coaches want to win every game, but the in-state rivals are always a satisfying feat.

Every year high school seniors go to watch the in-state games, seeing which one is the better team.

High school players, if they stay in state, want to go to the best in-state program.

In the rival with Michigan, the Titans are an outstanding 11-3.

Many people think that a larger Big Ten school like Michigan would destroy little UDM.

In the rival with Michigan State the Titans stand at 7-6.

You probably didn't think Detroit had much of a chance with the Spartans either.

Against Western, UDM is winning the battle 9-7.

So far they are the best team in Michigan.

The Titans are up on Oakland 6-2.

I don't think that the Grizzlies will be beating the Titans anytime soon either.

Detroit is dominating Eastern Michigan, winning the battle 9-3.

A team that the Titans don't have on their schedule this season is the Chippewas of Central Michigan University.

Maybe this is because CMU is afraid to play a team that is up 9-3 in the series.

In fact there is not a single team in the state of Michigan that the Titans have a losing record against.

So does this mean that Detroit is the best team in the state. I certainly think so.





**Chari Nordgaard**



**Audra Cook**



# PRESEASON FIRST TEAM

For the second consecutive year UW-Green Bay's **Chari Nordgaard**, a senior from Dawson, Minnesota, was selected as the Midwestern Collegiate Conference's preseason Player of the Year.

It is also the second year that Nordgaard was a first team selection on every ballot submitted by head coaches, sports information directors and members of the media.

Nordgaard was a first-team All-MCC honoree last season as a junior, the previous year as a sophomore and a second-team All-MCC selection as a freshman.

Last year she led the Phoenix in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game, which placed her second in on the MCC scoring charts.

Nordgaard also led the Phoenix in rebounding with 6.7 boards per game (eighth in the MCC) and field goal percentage at .592, which also led the league.

Her older brother Jeff played at UWGB and was drafted by the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks in the second round of the 1996 draft.

Detroit senior **Stephanie Grey** was selected to the preseason first-team for the second consecutive year.

Grey is one of the MCC's best post players, who averaged 12.5 points and 7.2 rebounds a game, before being dismissed from the team. She has the ability to take on anyone in the MCC offensively, and controls the boards on both sides.

Cleveland State's point guard, **Audra Cook**, led the team in scoring a year ago, averaging 16.8 points. She placed third in the MCC in scoring.

She also lead CSU in assist's and steals, recording 63 and 64 respectively.

Butler's **Jennifer Marlow** is a returning first-teamer who finished seventh in the country in free throw percentage.

The forward averaged 12.6 points per game, helping Butler finish as the MCC regular season champions.

A three year starter, who is able to play her inside game just as well as her outside one.

UW-Milwaukee's, **Daryl Schaffeld**, led the Panthers in scoring with 15.6 points per game.

The junior guard was honored on last seasons MCC All-First team as a sophomore, and is considered one of the best all around players in the conference.

With her speed and quickness she makes it extremely difficult for her opponents to stop her.

She loves to fire from deep, but can also penetrate and create opportunities for her teammates as well.



**Stephanie Gray**



**Jennifer Marlow**



**Daryl Schaffeld**



# PRESEASON SECOND TEAM

This years group of preseason second teamers is lead by Detroit guard **Carrie Banks**.

Banks was placed on last seasons All-Defensive team as she recorded 66 steals in 28 games played. Her aggressive style of play makes her one of the best defensive players in the MCC.

On the offensive end, Banks averaged 10.3 points per game for the Titans. She is a exceptionally quick guard who can take the ball to the basket or shot from outside.

She will be one to watch in the upcoming season.

Wright State junior guard, **Chandra Hollingsworth**, was placed on the MCC All-newcomer team last season, after averaging 10.9 points per game.

A pure shooter who connected on 62 three points a year ago, can pull from anywhere.

Opposing players better be ready to defender this shooter tight, because if she gets any room on you, she will hit it.

Butler's 6-1 senior **Lori Ives** is one of the biggest players in the MCC. Her size enables her to control the paint with ease.

She averaged 10.2 points, and 5.9 rebounds per game last season for the MCC regular season champion Bulldogs.

Ives was placed on the MCC All-newcomer team last year leading Butler to the finals in the MCC tournament.

Loyola's sophomore forward **Tonya Crum** averaged 7.9

points per game last winter for the Ramblers.

She started in 23 of 27 games for the break on the lake, and averaged 6.9 rebounds.

A youngster who has the ability to become one of the better post players in the conference.

Always working hard offensively and defensively, Crum will be another one to watch in the following years.

UW-Milwaukee's sophomore guard **Terri Stoltenberg** was placed on the MCC All-newcomer team after averaging 8.1 points and 3.9 assists per game.

She has the ability to get her teammates involved as well as create her own opportunities.

Teamed with Daryl Schaffeld, the Panters may have the best back court in the conference.

Stoltenberg is also another guard who can get the job done on both ends of the court.

She is tenacious on defense and can put up big numbers on the offensive end as well.



**Carrie Banks**



**Lori Ives**



**Chandra Hollingsworth**



**Tonya Crum**

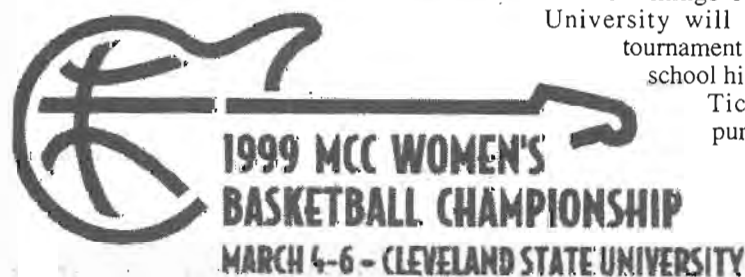


**Terri Stoltenberg**

## 1997-98 MCC Women's Basketball Preseason Poll

Team	1997-98 Record Overall/MCC	Points
1. Butler	25-6/13-1	141
2. UW-Green Bay	21-9/11-3	119
T3. Cleveland State	12-16/8-6	105
T3. UW-Milwaukee	15-12/7-8	105
5. Detroit	12-16/6-8	84
6. Wright State	9-18/5-9	58
7. Loyola	7-20/4-10	37
8. UIC	7-20/2-12	35

## 1999 MCC Women's Basketball Championship



The 1998-99 Women's MCC Basketball Championship will be held at the CSU Convention Center, in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 4 through 6.

The Vikings of Cleveland State University will play host to the tournament for the first time in school history.

Tickets can be purchased at the UDM ticket office.

## BUTLER

The Bulldogs return MCC First-Teamer Jennifer Marlow, who averaged 12.6 points a year ago.

They also return MCC Pre-season Second-Teamer Lori Ives who recorded 10.2 points per game last season.

Had a great WNIT performance with two wins over BGSU and Louisiana State.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
25-6

MCC RECORD  
13-1 (1st)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #1 seed, lost to the #2 seed UWGB in the final 61-54.

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 2nd, will lose to Detroit in the finals of the tourney.

## CLEVELAND STATE

The Vikings return MCC First-Teamer Audra Cook, who led the conference in both scoring and rebounding last season, averaging 18 points and 9.4 rebounds per MCC game.

Cook finished 3rd in overall scoring averaging 16.3 points per game.

CSU hosts the women's tournament.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
12-16

MCC RECORD  
8-6 (3rd)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #3 seed, lost to the #2 seed UWGB in semi-final

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 3rd, lose to Butler in the semi-finals of the tourney.

## UIC

The Flames only return two starters from a year ago, both of whom are sophomores.

An extremely young team, Chicago loses their top scorer from last year, Jackie Gray, who averaged 14 points per game.

Not a very deep squad who will struggle like last season.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
7-20

MCC RECORD  
2-12 (8th)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #8 seed, lost in the first round to #1 seed Butler

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 8th, will lose to UWGB in the first round of the tourney.

## LOYOLA

The Ramblers return MCC Pre-season Second-Teamer Tonya Crum, who was placed on last season's All-Newcomer Team.

They lose their two top scorers Lora Wolf and Nicole Richards, who, together averaged 30.8 points per game.

Will again be a long season for the break on the lake.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
7-20

MCC RECORD  
4-10 (7th)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #7 seed, lost to the #2 seed UWGB in the first round.

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 7th, lose to Butler in the first round of the tourney.

## UW-MILWAUKEE

The Panthers return Daryl Schaffeld, MCC Pre-season First-Team, and Teri Stoltenberg, MCC Pre-season Second-Team.

Schaffeld lead the team in scoring a year ago, averaging 15.6 points per game.

Stoltenberg was third in team scoring, averaging 8.1 points per game.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
15-12

MCC RECORD  
7-7 (4th)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #4 seed, lost to the #5 seed Detroit in the first round.

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 5th again, losing to Detroit in the first round.

## UW-GREEN BAY

The Phoenix return 1998 Pre-season Player of the Year and All-American candidate Chari Nordgaard. The senior leads UWGB in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game and was 23rd in the nation in field goal percentage.

The defending MCC Champions will again be a tough team to beat this season.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
21-9

MCC RECORD  
11-3 (2nd)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #2 seed, upset #1 seed Butler in the finals.

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 1st, lose to Detroit in the semi-finals of the tourney.

## WRIGHT STATE

The Raiders return MCC Pre-season Second-Teamer Chandra Hollingsworth, who was second for the Raiders in scoring last year, averaging 10.5 points per game.

Hollingsworth was placed on the MCC All-Newcomer Team as a freshman last season.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
9-18

MCC RECORD  
5-9 (6th)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #5 seed, lost to #3 seed CSU in the first round.

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 6th, lose to CSU in the first round of the tourney.

## DETROIT

The Titans return Stephanie Gray, who was selected to the MCC Pre-season First Team for the second straight year.

They also return Carrie Banks, who was placed on the MCC Pre-season Second Team, after a great year last season.

Look for Detroit to be the surprise team this season.



LAST SEASON

RECORD  
12-16

MCC RECORD  
6-8 (5th)

MCC TOURNEY  
As the #5 seed, lost to #1 seed Butler in the semi-finals.

**VN PREDICTION**

Finish 4th, upset UWGB and Butler to win Championship.

# 1998-99 Detroit Titans



Junior Guard  
Ht: 5-8  
Delaware, OH **10**

Will be one of the main guards on the Titans this season, seeing action as the point and shooting positions. Averaged 10.3 points last season. Also was placed on the MCC-All-Defensive team for her aggressive play.



**Carrie Banks**



Soph. Guard  
Ht: 5-8  
Dearborn, MI **12**

One of the Titans young guards who will play a major role in their quest for a championship. Yoches saw action in 26 games last season, starting in 11 of them. She is known for her great work ethic and knows how to get her teammates involved.



**Anne Yoches**



Senior Forward  
Ht: 5-10  
Herndon, VA **22**

In her second season as a Titan, Brown will be expected to help fill the absence of Crystal Thorne. A role player last year, she will be contributing in many ways this season. Will see most of her time in the power forward position.



**Kelley Brown**



Soph. Guard  
Ht: 5-9  
Indianapolis, IN **24**

The VN's surprise pick of the team. She will turn a lot of heads in the MCC this season. With her outstanding speed she will give opponents fits on the defensive side of the ball, and will put up some impressive numbers on the offensive end as well.



**Tia Winters**



Senior Forward  
Ht: 6-0  
Detroit, MI **32**

This Titan has been selected on the MCC-Pre-season First Team the last two seasons. She has a legitimate shot at winning the MCC Player of the Year Award. Averaged 12.5 points and 7.2 rebounds in the first 13 games last season before being dismissed due to team rules.



**Stephanie Gray**



Soph. Guard  
Ht: 5-6  
Detroit, MI **34**

A guard who can score at any time or from any place. Hill will fight for a permanent starting position. She played in all 28 games last season, starting in 14 of them. Was placed on the MCC-All-Newcomer team averaging 7.1 points per game.



**Shari Hill**



Senior Forward  
Ht: 6-0  
Detroit, MI **44**

After transferring from Kansas City Junior College, she will play in her second season as a Titan. Will battle for a starting position at the power forward spot. Has strong rebounding skills to go along with a good post game.



**Erica Lewis**



**Nikki Jackson**

A versatile freshman who can play either guard position, as well as a small forward. Extremely quick and athletic, which will enable her to start in her first year.



**Molly Peterman**

A freshman who could make an immediate impact on the lineup. She has the size and strength to go inside, as well as the quickness to take on opposing guards.



**Michelle James**

A true point guard who possesses quickness, agility, and a good jump shot. A freshman who can create opportunities offensively and can cause havoc on the defensive end.



**Kizzie Courtney**

A junior forward who came to UDM from San Joaquin Delta JC. Averaged 15 points and 7.5 rebounds. Will play a key role in the Titans frontcourt this season.



**K.T. Palmer**

A transfer from Xavier who sat out last season due to NCAA rules. Has great defensive skills and is not afraid to take the ball to the basket on the offensive end.

Both the Women's and Men's basketball teams are looking to hire students for athletic management. Learn all about this area while working with Nikita Lowry's and Perry Watson's staff. These student managers are needed for next season. Anyone with any interest should contact the basketball offices at:  
Women: (313) 993-1723  
Men: (313) 993-1752



**DETROIT TITANS**



QUICK FACTS

# Calihan Hall

The Titans' longest homecourt winning streak during their years at Calihan Hall was 23 consecutive victories rolled up during the era of All-American forward Dave DeBusschere. The Titans won all of their 15 home games in 1959-60, then the first eight of the '61 season, before finally in a game against national powerhouse Marquette University.

Head coach, Perry Watson, believes in the saying, "There's no place like home," as his Titans enter the 1998-99 basketball season having won 17 straight games in Calihan Hall. He has a 36-7 record at Calihan.

In 41 years of play in Calihan Hall, the Titan men have enjoyed a 420-172 (.709) homecourt record.

In 1977, the 8,837-seat facility's name was changed to Calihan Hall in honor of the Titan's first basketball All-American, the late Bob Calihan. Following graduation in 1940 and a professional career in the National Basketball League, with stops in Detroit, Chicago, and Rochester, Calihan returned to U-D in 1948 as the Titans' head basketball coach.

In 21 years at the helm, he compiled a 306-237 record, guiding his 1962 team to

the NCAA Tournament and three others into the NIT.

He also served 13 years as U-D's athletic director, retiring in 1977.

Calihan Hall is said to be one of the most difficult places to play in the MCC. Teams such as Michigan and Michigan State, who play in the Big Ten, think it is one of the most difficult places to play in the country.

In the past, when it was time for the Titans to host a game against Michigan or Michigan State, they would have to play the game in Downtown Detroit's Cobo Arena.

Neither the Wolverines or the Spartans will play in Calihan Hall. That case is very evident as this year's MSU team took UDM off their schedule because the game was supposed to be played in Calihan.

Not only is Calihan one of the most difficult places to play, it is regarded as one of the great places to watch basketball in all of Michigan, because of its close to the court seating.

The Detroit women's team also plays all home games at Calihan, who also continues



to serve as the host site for numerous games involving the Detroit Public School League, Catholic League, and the Michigan High School Boys State Tournament.

In a memorable shoot-out the night of Feb. 22, 1988, Bradley All-American guard

Hersey Hawkins, who now plays in the National basketball Association (NBA), established the arena scoring record of 63 points in a 122-107 victory. Guard Archie Tullos broke the all-time Titan scoring record with 49 points in that same game.

## Did you know?

The Detroit Titans are the only Michigan Division I team ever to lead the nation in scoring.

That occurred in 1964, when the 14-11 Titans, under coach Bob Calihan, averaged 96.1 points per, which was well above the national average of 74.4 points per game.

If they averaged 96.1 points per game and lost eleven games, where was the defense?

Senior forward Dick Dzik lead U-D in scoring that season with a 21.7 average, while three others also finished in double figures (Dorie Murrey, 16.9; Al Cech, 15.8; and Terry Page 10.9).

Only one current member of the MCC, Loyola in 1962, has ever led the nation in scoring.

Dave DeBusschere holds the single-game school rebounding record, set against Central Michigan Jan. 30, 1960.

DeBusschere was credited with 39 rebounds that night, while the Titans also set a school record as a team with 77.

Only four other college players have ever had more rebounds in one game than DeBusschere's 39.

The national standard was set Feb. 14, 1953, when William & Mary's Bill Chamberland had 51 rebounds against Virginia.

The Titans have had one national individual leader, Spencer Haywood.

One season after pacing the U.S. Olympians to the 1968 gold medal in Mexico City, the Titans All-American led the country in rebounding.

Haywood averaged 22.1 boards per game and was the first sophomore in 15 years to lead the country in that department.

Only one player, 7-2 Jacksonville center Artis Gilmore, has since led the nation with a higher figure.

Gilmore averaged 22.2 rebounds in 1970, and 23.2 one year later.

Haywood also averaged 32.1 points in 1969, which was fourth nationally behind Pete Maravich, Rick Mount, and Calvin Murphy.

The Detroit Titans are the best basketball team to ever walk on this planet, well at least in the VN's eyes.



## TOMMY TITAN

Until the 1919 basketball season, the University of Detroit athletic teams were known as the Tigers. Owing to the fact that Detroit's American League baseball club goes by the same name, things were rather complicated.

However, in the fall of 1919, the Detroit Free Press assigned a man to cover football at the University who was to give the Red and White athletic teams a nickname that has stuck with them ever since.

Because the members of the 1919 squad were exceptionally large in size, Stan Brink, the sports writer who was covering football for the Free Press, thought that a good nickname for the team would be the Titans.

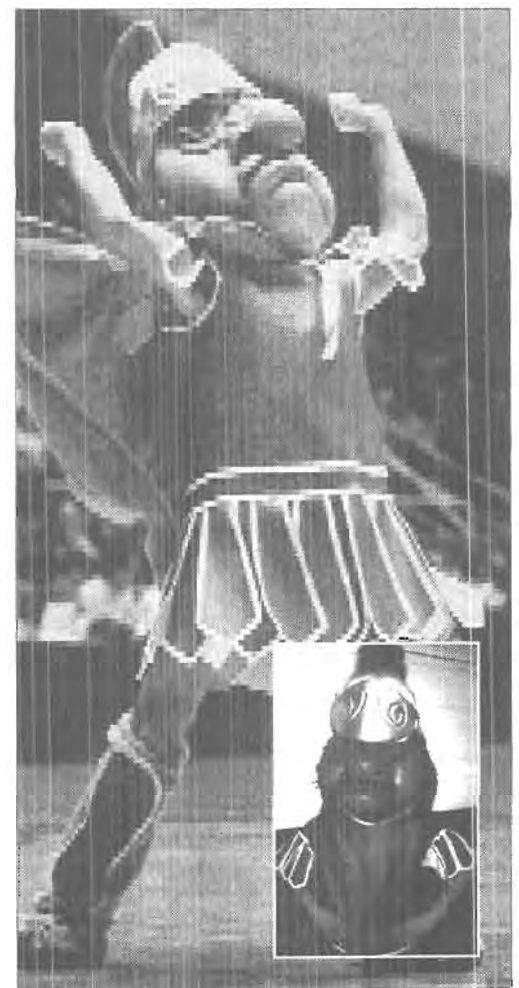
In Greek mythology, the Titans were a class of oversized people who happened to have almost perfect physiques.

Whether the comparison was exactly correct, no one seems to know.

Nevertheless, the name Titans has stuck with the University of Detroit Mercy athletic teams ever since.

The current Titan mascot, (Tommy Titan) with his oversized, caricature head the dominant feature, made his debut at the start of the 1992 basketball season.

The current UDM logo, with the Titan head prominently displayed, was first used in 1993.



## Titans drafted by the Pros

Greg Wendt	Boston	1986	Terry Thomas	Detroit	1975
Keith Grey	Washington	1985	Owen Wells	Houston	1974
Joe Kopicki	Atlanta	1982	Frank Russell	Chicago	1972
Jerry Davis	Washington	1982	Bill Pleas	Atlanta	1972
Terry Duerod	Detroit	1979	Spencer Haywood	Denver	1970
Earl Cureton	Philadelphia	1979	Dorie Murrey	Detroit	1966
Terry Tyler	Detroit	1978	Dave DeBusschere	Detroit	1962
John Long	Detroit	1978	Bill Ebben	Detroit	1957
Dennis Boyd	New Orleans	1977	Guy Sparrow	New York	1955
Ron Bostick	Milwaukee	1977	Norm Swanson	Rochester	1953



This year's NCAA Final Four will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida. Who will be the best? Will Kentucky repeat? Will Duke dominate? Will Michigan State stay at the top of the rankings? Will Michigan reach the madness? Or will Detroit do it? See who becomes the best, as the season has just begun.

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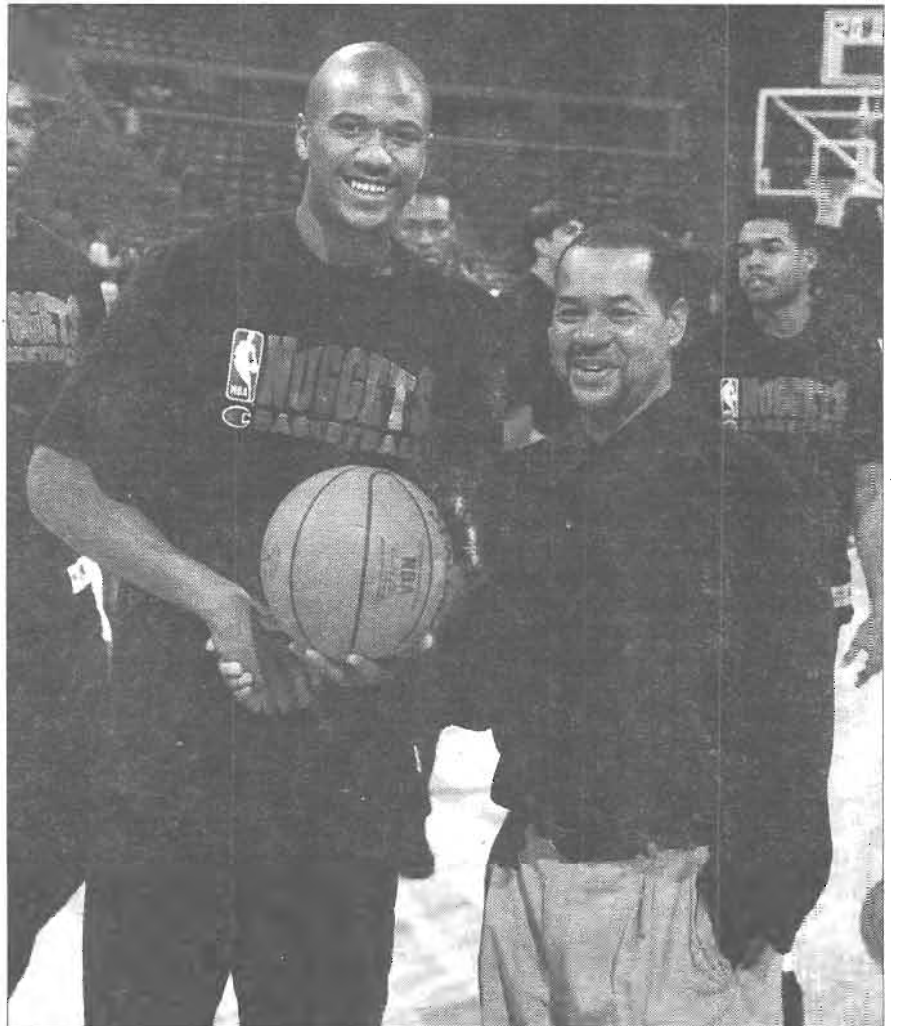
**QUICK FACTS**

**Watson coached who?**

Detroit's head coach, Perry Watson, has coached many talented players over the years. In his stint as head coach at Detroit Southwestern High School he has sent the following to play college ball. He is pictured to the right with his former Southwestern All-American, Jalen Rose, now of the NBA Indiana Pacers.

Kamau Alexander	UDM	Voshon Lenard	Minnesota
Bacari Alexander	UDM	Mike Lovelace	UDM
Brian Arnold	Albion	Orlando Milton	W.V. Wesleyan
Quincy Bowns	Butler	Garland Mance	St. Bonaventure
Roland Brooks	Minnesota	Curtis Moore	Kent State
Doyle Callahan	Washburn	Montez Perkins	Point Park
Elton Carter	Penn State	Ken Riley	E. Kentucky
Loren Clyburn	Purdue	Leslie Rockymore	Michigan
William Clyburn	Siena Heights	Jalen Rose	Michigan
Howard Easley	Boston College	Chauncey Scott	C. Michigan
Flinnoia Hall	Ferris State	Sam Sillman	E. Michigan
Michael Hamilton	UDM	Johnny Slater	W. Michigan
Dannie Hayes	Ferris State	Randy Steele	Siena Heights
Derrick Hayes	UDM	Kiano Stewert	Aquinas
Derrick Hill	Stillman	Keith Taylor	Bowling Green
Joe Hines	Aquines	Derrick Vinyard	Cleveland State
Anderson Hunt	UNLV	Ronald Waller	Arizona State
James Hunter	Colorado	Terrance Watson	Siena Heights
Lamar Jackson	Bowling Green	Tarence Wheeler	Arizona State
Byron Johnson	Ferris State	DwJuan Williams	Siena Heights
Carelton Johnson	Siena Heights	Kevin Williams	Weber State
Johnny Jonson	Oakland	Steve Wise	Colorado
Bill Joens	Iowa	Marcus Wourman	Albion
Antoine Joubert	Michigan		
Carlton King	Rhode Island		

**Southwestern H.S.**



**T.V. time for Titans**

Last year's Detroit men's basketball team received much television coverage throughout the season.

They played live on ESPN against UIC, which the Titans lost 88-83.

They also played games on Fox Sports Detroit, which covers many of the state's Division I basketball programs.

This year the Titans will play a total of four games on major cable programming.

Their first televised game will be played at Bowling Green University on Fox Sports Detroit, November 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Detroit will then host UIC in a game which will be aired on ESPN 2 at 3:30 p.m. on January 9.

The Titans will then play at the Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana to do battle with MCC rival Butler Bulldogs.

The game will be played on ESPN at 2:00 p.m. February 13.

UDM will then host Rollie Massamino's Vikings of Cleveland State University.

That game will be played on Fox Sports Detroit at 4:05 p.m. on February 20.

The Titans will then have another opportunity to play on ESPN, only if they reach the finals of the MCC Tournament, which will be played on March 4.

Head coach Perry Watson stats, "I've run into people all over the country who have seen us play on ESPN and on CBS in the NCAA Tournament."

"There's nothing like T.V. Kids today are concerned about playing on T.V. It doesn't matter if it is national, local, or whatever, T.V. is important."

This is exactly what the Titans need to get back to the national prominence they were once at.

They will be able to recruit those players who need to play

on T.V.

Kids will see the Titans in their own living rooms and say that Detroit is the team they want to play for.

There are so many advantages of playing on the television set, and the UDM basketball program is beginning to see what those advantages are.



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Feb. 13	Detroit @ Butler	TBA	ESPN
Sat. 20	CSU @ Detroit	4:05 p.m.	Fox Det.

*\*all times eastern time*





**Detroit All-Americans**

1939	Bob Calihan	1960	Dave DeBusschure
1940	Bob Calihan	1961	Dave DeBusschure
1952	Norm Swanson	1962	Dave DeBusschure
1953	Norm Swanson	1966	Dorie Murrey
1955	Guy Sparrow	1969	Spencer Haywood
1956	Bill Ebben	1978	Terry Tyler
1957	Bill Ebben	1978	John Long
		1979	Terry Duerod



# 1999 Men's Schedule

## NOVEMBER

Thu. 5	Foreign Team (Exh.)	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.
Wed. 11	Basketball Unlimited (Exh.)	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.
Tue. 17	Bethune-Cookman	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.
Thu. 19	@ Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 24	@ Bowling Green	Bowling Green, OH	8:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER

Tue. 1	@ Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, MI	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 4	@ Super Chevy Shootout vs. Gonzaga	Iowa City, IA	7:05 p.m.
Sat. 5	@ Super Chevy Shootout	Iowa City, IA	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 9	Central Michigan	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.
Sat. 12	Wayne State	Calihan Hall	2:05 p.m.
Sat. 19	@ UMass	Amherst, MA	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 28	@ Sun Carnival Classic vs. Grambling	El Paso, TX	9:00 p.m.

## JANUARY

Sat. 2	@ UW-Milwaukee*	Milwaukee, WI	8:00 p.m.
Mon. 4	@ UW-Green Bay*	Green Bay, WI	8:05 p.m.
Thu. 7	Loyola*	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.
Sat. 9	UIC*	Calihan Hall	3:30 p.m.
Thu. 14	@ Wright State*	Dayton, OH	7:05 p.m.
Sat. 16	Butler*	Calihan Hall	2:05 p.m.
Sat. 23	@ Cleveland State	Cleveland, OH	7:35 p.m.
Thu. 28	UW-Milwaukee*	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

Thu. 4	@ Loyola Chicago*	Chicago, IL	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 6	@ UIC*	Chicago, IL	8:00 p.m.
Thu. 11	Wright State*	Calihan Hall	7:05 p.m.
Sat. 13	@ Butler*	Indianapolis, IN	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 20	Cleveland State*	Calihan Hall	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 27	@ MCC Championship	Chicago, IL	TBA

## MARCH

Thu. 4	@ MCC Championship	Chicago, IL	TBA
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# 1999 Women's Schedule

## NOVEMBER

Sun. 1	Michigan Free Agents (Exh.)	Calihan Hall	2:00 p.m.
Fri. 13	Uiv. of Windsor (Exh.)	Calihan Hall	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 18	@ Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 20	Eastern Michigan	Calihan Hall	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 22	@ Bowling Green	Bowling Green, OH	2:00 p.m.

## DECEMBER

Tue. 1	@ Michigan State	East Lansing, MI	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 4	@ Wildcat Classic vs. San Diego St.	Manhattan, KS	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 5	@ Wildcat Classic	Manhattan, KS	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 12	@ Toledo	Toledo, OH	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	@ Beach Classic vs. Oklahoma St.	Long Beach, CA	8:30 p.m.
Mon. 21	@ Beach Classic	Long Beach, CA Rochester, MI	8:30 p.m.

## JANUARY

Sat. 9	@ Cleveland State*	Cleveland, OH	5:15 p.m.
Thu. 14	@ UW-Green Bay*	Green Bay, WI	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	@ UW-Milwaukee*	Milwaukee, WI	8:00 p.m.
Thu. 21	UIC*	Calihan Hall	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 23	Loyola*	Calihan Hall	2:00 p.m.
Thu. 28	@ Wright State*	Dayton, OH	4:30 p.m.

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Sat. 6	Cleveland State*	Calihan Hall	2:00 p.m.
Thu. 11	UW-Milwaukee*	Calihan Hall	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 13	UW-Green Bay*	Calihan Hall	2:00 p.m.
Thu. 18	@ Loyola*	Chicago, IL	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 20	@ UIC*	Chicago, IL	8:00 p.m.
Thu. 25	Butler*	Calihan Hall	7:00 p.m.

## MARCH

Thu. 4	@ MCC Championship	Cleveland, OH	TBA
Fri. 5	@ MCC Championship	Cleveland, OH	TBA

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## MCC and the NBA Draft



### In the 90's

#### 1996

First Round: Vitaly Potapenko, WSU  
Cleveland Cavaliers  
Second Round: Jeff Nordgaard, UWGB  
Milwaukee Bucks

#### 1990

First Round: Tyrone Hill, Xavier  
Golden State Warriors  
Anthony Bonner, St. Louis  
Sacramento Kings  
Second Round: Negele Knight, Dayton  
Phoenix Suns  
Derek Strong, Xavier  
Philadelphia 76ers

#### 1995

First Round: Sherell Ford, UIC

1994  
Seattle Supersonics

First Round: Brian Grant, Xavier

Sacramento Kings



Bryan Grant  
Xavier



Jeff Nordgaard  
UWGB



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