



2005-06 Roster

NUMERICAL							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Brandon Stockton	G	5-9	167	Sr.	3L	Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow)
2	Ravi Moss	G	6-2	190	Sr.	3L	Hopkinsville, Ky. (University Heights)
3	Ramel Bradley	G	6-1	179	So.	1L	New York, N.Y. (The Pendleton School, Fla.)
4	Rajon Rondo	G	6-1	171	So.	1L	Louisville, Ky. (Oak Hill Academy, Va.)
10	Lukasz Obrzut	C/F	7-0	270	Jr.	2L	Gliwice, Poland (Bridgton Academy, Maine)
12	Preston LeMaster	G	6-2	188	Sr.	3L	Paris, Ky. (Bourbon Co.)
13	Bobby Perry	F	6-6	219	Jr.	2L	Durham, N.C. (Hillside)
21	Shagari Alleyne	C	7-3	271	Jr.	2L	Bronx, N.Y. (Rice)
22	Patrick Sparks	G	6-0	180	Sr.	1L	Central City, Ky. (Muhlenberg North/Western Kentucky)
23	Sheray Thomas	F	6-7	230	Jr.	2L	Montreal, Quebec (Riverdale Baptist, Md.)
25	Adam Williams	G	6-4	190	Fr.	HS	St. Albans, W.Va. (St. Albans/IMG Academy)
32	Joe Crawford	G	6-4	210	So.	1L	Detroit, Mich. (Renaissance)
33	Randolph Morris	C	6-10	266	So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Landmark Christian)
42	Rekalin Sims	F	6-8	200	Jr.	TR	Vallejo, Calif. (De La Salle/Salt Lake CC)
43	Jared Carter	C	7-2	240	Fr.	HS	Georgetown, Ky. (Scott Co.)

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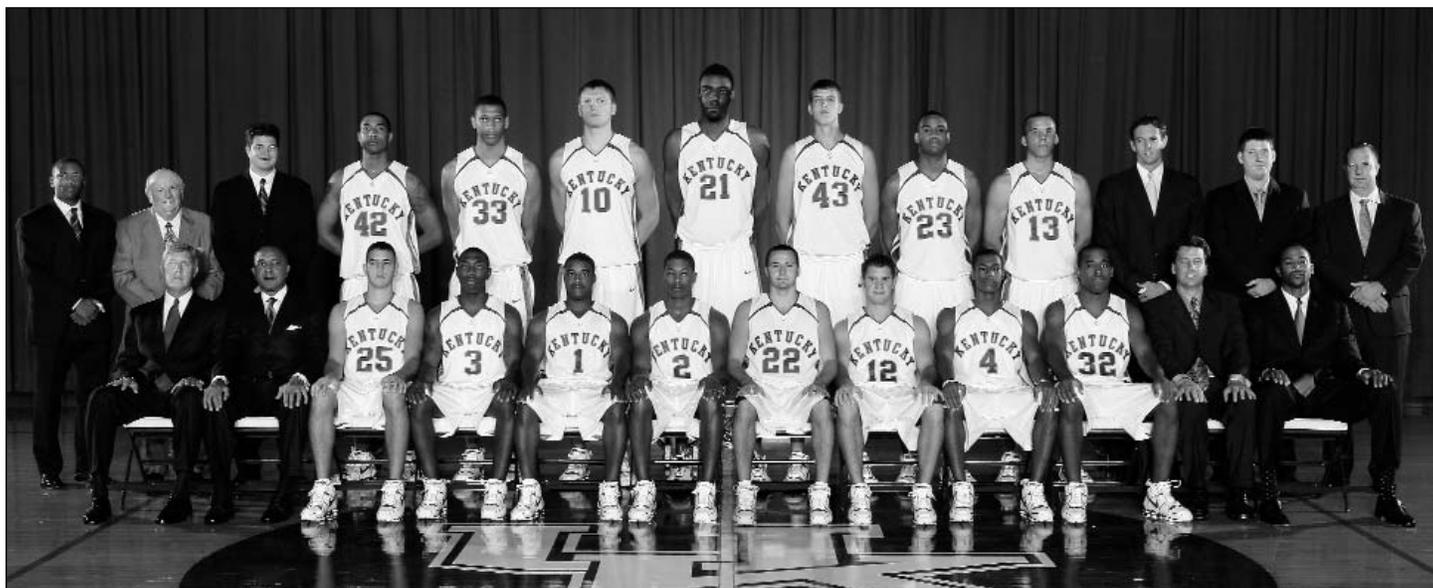
PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Shagari (Shuh-GAR-ee) Alleyne (AHH-lean); Ramel (Ruh-MEL) Bradley; Ravi (RAW-vi) Moss; Lukasz (WOO-kosh) Obrzut (ORB-zhoot); Rajon (RYE-zhon) Rondo; Rekalin (ruh-KAY-lynn) Sims; Sheray (Sheh-RAY) Thomas.

2005-06 KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Front Row (L to R): Associate Head Coach David Hobbs, Head Coach Tubby Smith, Adam Williams, Ramel Bradley, Brandon Stockton, Ravi Moss, Patrick Sparks, Preston LeMaster, Rajon Rondo, Joe Crawford, Assistant Coach Scott Rigot, Assistant Coach Reggie Hanson.

Back Row (L to R): Director of Basketball Operations Leon Smith, Equipment Manager Bill Keightley, Athletic Trainer David Kindy, Rekalin Sims, Randolph Morris, Lukasz Obrzut, Shagari Alleyne, Jared Carter, Sheray Thomas, Bobby Perry, Director of Player Development Cameron Hill, Manager Chris Briggs, Strength Coach Tom Boyd.



All-Time Winningest Program



Talented and Deep



Deep in the heart of the Bluegrass, a boy comes inside from shooting hoops on the side of the barn to huddle up next to his radio. Tonight is a special night because the Wildcats are playing and fans all across the state are doing the same. Toss out the seven national titles and 13 Final Four appearances because the moment is now. Tonight, the Cats have more shots to make and another game to win.

And while this may simply seem like the youthful enthusiasm of the average child growing up in the Commonwealth, it is an attitude that head coach Tubby Smith hopes his team will embrace heading into the 2005-06 season.

Though the leader of the winningest program in college basketball history has definitely seen his share of games, he knows all too well that nothing can be taken for granted.

Sure his team has lost only 12 times in its last 93 outings and has been ranked in the Associated Press top 10 for 35 consecutive weeks, but when Smith begins to assess his personnel for the upcoming year, he will notice that the make-

up of his team looks a little different.

The program's preeminent ambassador Chuck Hayes, who started 110 consecutive games to end his career and was named the Southeastern Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, has earned his degree. With him, fellow forward Kelenna Azubuike also has moved on to try his hand at professional basketball.

Perhaps what Smith will miss most about the departing senior class of Josh Carrier and Hayes are the intangibles, the basics and the boyhood enthusiasm. He is confident the focus on executing every pass, every shot and every rebound will be the Cats' key to success again this season.

Smith knows all too well from last season's patented late-game heroics that one shot or one foul can decide the difference between a win and a loss. And he wants his players, like that bright-eyed boy on the side of his barn, to dream of doing whatever it takes to bring home another UK victory.

Despite some key personnel losses, Smith feels pretty good about the upcoming year.

The Wildcats return the nation's best backcourt tandem with point guard Rajon Rondo, who set a school record with 87 steals as a freshman, and senior sharpshooter Patrick Sparks (11.0 ppg, 3.6 apg) leading the way. With a season in the Kentucky starting lineup under their belts, the two will combine to form a potent guard duo.

While several questions surround the front-court for the Wildcats in 2005-06, reloading is nothing new to Smith, whose proven talent for molding teams is unprecedented. His formula for the upcoming year is no different than usual: mold a group of stellar young newcomers with the core group of returning leaders and a focus on the fundamentals.

Smith is hoping that this season his team returns to the basics that made it the nation's finest basketball program. For the Wildcats' ninth-year leader, the ABCs of collegiate basketball will certainly spell success.

"We can go very deep on our bench, much like last year. We'll be very versatile on both the offensive and defensive ends.



Nation's top backcourt gives Wildcats shot at another successful run in 2006.

"We'll be a little bit of an enigma without Chuck. Like I do with all of our teams, I expect us to play tough defense, take care of the ball, take good shots and play together unselfishly. That's what Kentucky basketball is about."

GUARDS

Entering last season, questions about the UK backcourt focused on how the Cats would account for the loss of Cliff Hawkins and Gerald Fitch. It didn't take long for the Wildcats to arrive at an answer with Rondo and Sparks. Combine those two with a strong supporting cast of Ramel Bradley, Joe Crawford, Ravi Moss, Brandon Stockton and Preston LeMaster, and you have one of the nation's top backcourts both in terms of talent and depth.

Rondo earned a spot on USA Basketball's Under 21 team that competed in the FIBA U21 World Championships, while Sparks was among 13 players who were invited to try out for USA Basketball World University Games squad.

"Rajon and Patrick should both benefit from their experience with USA Basketball this summer."

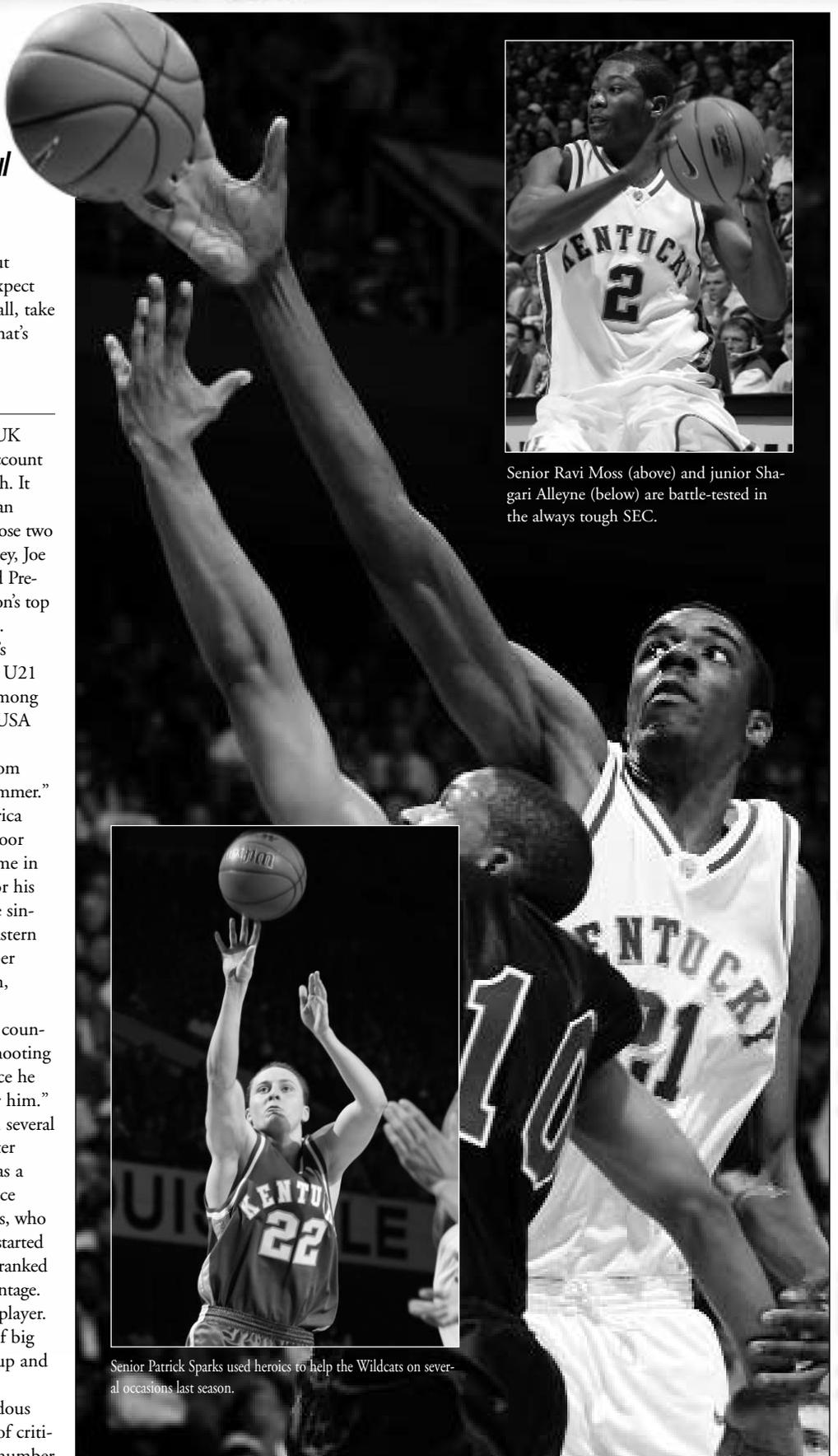
Rondo, a third-team Freshman All-America selection by Rivals.com, proved to be the floor general for the Cats while starting every game in his first collegiate season. Equally known for his tenacious defensive presence, Rondo set the single-season steals record and led the Southeastern Conference with an average of 2.56 steals per game. An SEC All-Freshman team selection, Rondo led the team with 268 deflections.

"Rajon is as talented as any guard in the country. He needs to continue to work on his shooting and do better from the free throw line. Once he improves in that area, the sky's the limit for him."

Sparks, known for his timely shooting in several key games, proved valuable to the squad after transferring from Western Kentucky. He was a second-team All-SEC selection and was twice named the league's player of the week. Sparks, who can play both the point and two-guard slot, started each of the Wildcats' 34 games last year and ranked eighth in the conference in three-point percentage.

"Patrick is a fifth-year college basketball player. He was a key for us last year and hit a lot of big shots. He shows no reluctance in stepping up and taking a big shot when it's needed."

Senior walk-on Moss provided a tremendous defensive spark off the bench in a number of critical contests last season while also hitting a number



Senior Ravi Moss (above) and junior Shagari Alleyne (below) are battle-tested in the always tough SEC.



Senior Patrick Sparks used heroics to help the Wildcats on several occasions last season.

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CAT SCRATCHES

MOHAMMED & SPURS WIN NBA TITLE

Former UK center Nazr Mohammed (1996-98) added another championship to his collection as the San Antonio Spurs edged the Detroit Pistons for the NBA title in June.

The Chicago native, a two-time NCAA Champion at Kentucky, was taken as the 29th overall pick in the 1998 NBA Draft by the Utah Jazz. He played for Philadelphia, Atlanta and New York before being traded earlier this season to San Antonio, where he's started every game.

Mohammed's Spurs claimed their third NBA title in the last seven seasons, while Detroit and former Wildcat Tayshaun Prince were stopped short of claiming their second consecutive NBA title after defeating the L.A. Lakers last season for the crown. He becomes the 11th former Kentucky player to win an NBA Championship.

SPARKS HELPS US WIN GOLD

Senior Patrick Sparks was among 13 players who competed at the World University Games in Turkey this summer. The U.S. team defeated the Ukrainian squad for the gold medal.

Villanova coach Jay Wright was the head coach for the team and was assisted by VCU's Jeff Capel and Manhattan's Bobby Gonzalez.

RONDO TRAVELS TO ARGENTINA WITH US U-21 SQUAD

Kentucky sophomore Rajon Rondo, who was named to the final roster for the USA Basketball Men's Under-21 National Team after tryouts July 21-23, helped the USA squad to a gold medal at the Global Games in Dallas, Texas on July 30. The squad traveled to Mar De Plata, Argentina, Aug. 5-14, and finished fifth at the 2005 FIBA U21 World Championship.

Rondo, who started all 34 games for Kentucky as a freshman, was one of two Southeastern Conference players on the final Team USA roster. He was joined by LSU's Glen Davis, the 2005 SEC Freshman of the Year. Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli was the head coach for the U21 team and was assisted by Drexel's Bruiser Flint and Georgia's Dennis Felton.

MOSS PLAYS IN ASIA

Kentucky senior Ravi Moss was one of eight Southeastern Conference basketball players selected to tour the Far East in May as a part of the Sports Reach ministry team's cultural exchange trip.

The squad was coached by former UK point guard and current Morehead State coach Kyle Macy and played professional teams and conducted clinics for youth in the region over a two-week period.

Joining Moss on the squad were Lee Humphrey from Florida, Ole Miss' Jeremy Parnell, Mississippi State's Wes Morgan and Jerrell Houston, Alex Gordan and Shan Foster from Vanderbilt and Alabama's Chuck Davis.

of clutch shots in tight games.

"Ravi's been magnificent for us. He plays with great intensity regardless of the situation."

Bradley, who can man either the point or shooting guard position, was one of two non-starters to play in every game for the Cats last year. His quickness and advanced offensive skills allow him to create many of his own scoring opportunities. The 6-foot-1 sophomore contributed 5.8 ppg in league action last year.

"Ramel is a real threat both as a ballhandler and as a scorer."

Fellow sophomore Crawford came on strong late in the year and is versatile enough to play either the two or three spot. He broke out with 14 points in the SEC Tournament semifinal win over LSU and averaged 6.0 points in UK's final two NCAA Tournament games in Austin.

"Joe is a player. He can handle the ball, he can score, he can rebound. Joe will be asked to step up and play a lot with Kelenna gone. That spot is going to be wide open."

Walk-on LeMaster has played in 25 games during the past three seasons.

FORWARDS

Though the Wildcats will have a difficult time compensating for the loss of Hayes, several post players gained significant experience in the 2005-06 season and look to fill the frontcourt void.

"Chuck did so many subtle, little things for us, but I think we have a lot of options at the power forward position. I think Bobby and Shery can both be just as effective scoring as Chuck was. The things Chuck did, like screening and rebounding, is what we need from our forwards."

Junior Bobby Perry gained valuable experience playing in every game of the Cats rigorous slate last season. Perry, who averaged over 11 minutes of action as a sophomore, has guard-like skills to go along with the ability to perform the inside duties of a post player.

Shery Thomas should enter this year at full speed after sitting out the opening part of the 2004-05 season as he recovered from a surgical procedure that removed a benign tumor last fall. A Montreal, Quebec, native, Thomas will bring a much-needed physical presence to the UK post game.

"Shery is getting better and has put most, if not all, of his weight back on after his surgery last fall."

Junior college transfer Rekalin Sims brings two years of experience to a depleted UK frontcourt and will look to make an immediate impact. Sims tallied a squad-best 19.4 ppg and a much-needed 9.6 boards per game at Salt Lake Community College in 2004-05. His size and versatility should be an instantaneous addition to the Kentucky squad.

"Rekalin is a talented player who could play some small forward in addition to power forward."



Junior Lukasz Obrzut has shown steady improvement each year. He'll look to contribute significant minutes in 2006.

CENTER

Despite having three seven-footers on its roster for the first time in school history, uncertainty surrounds the Wildcats' center spot this season. 2004-05 starter Randolph Morris averaged 8.8 ppg and 4.2 rpg last season, but his status for the upcoming year is unknown after he pursued the NBA Draft this past summer. The sophomore scored in double figures 13 times last year and was third on the club with 31 blocked shots.

Juniors seven-footers Shagari Alleyne and Lukasz Obrzut both showed flashes of brilliance during their sophomore seasons. Alleyne posted a team-high 44 blocks a year ago and shot a squad-best 65 percent from the field in 29 games played. Obrzut, who saw action in 28 games, came up big in important wins over Alabama (22 minutes) and Utah (20 minutes).

"Shagari and Lukasz are both eager to show what they can do. They'll benefit from whatever playing time they get in Randolph's absence. Both have improved a great deal since they've been here.

"Shagari is capable of dominating games at the defensive end if he works hard enough. Lukasz really played well for us towards the end of last year."

"Lukasz is a guy I think could play some 'four' and face up if we went with a big lineup, assuming Shagari comes around at center. They're both huge. I don't know what affect it would have on our ability to pressure people, but I know you wouldn't allow many layups with those two in the game." Freshman Jared Carter, a 7-2 product from Georgetown, Ky., will look to refine his raw talent into a fundamentally-sound post effort for the Wildcats in 2005-06.



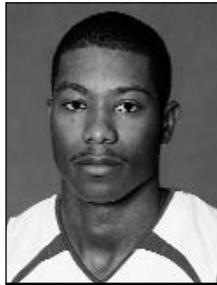
TELEVISION CHART



Brandon Stockton
Guard

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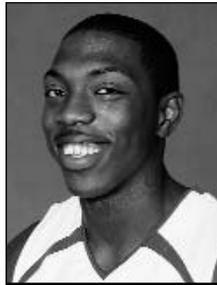
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Ravi Moss
Guard

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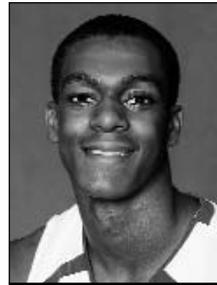
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(University Heights Academy)



Ramel Bradley
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(The Pendleton School, Fla.)



Rajon Rondo
Guard

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(Oak Hill Academy, Va.)



Lukasz Obrzut
Center/Forward

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7-0 - 270 - Jr.
Gliwice, Poland
(Bridgton Academy, Maine)



Preston LeMaster
Guard

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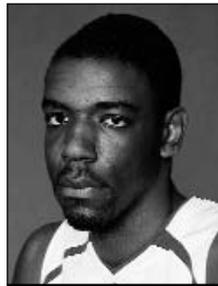
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Paris, Ky.
(Bourbon County)



Bobby Perry
Forward

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6-6 - 219 - Jr.
Durham, N.C.
(Hillside)



Shagari Alleyne
Center

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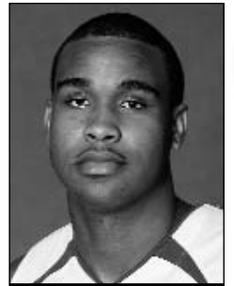
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Bronx, N.Y.
(Rice)



Patrick Sparks
Guard

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(Western Kentucky)



Sheray Thomas
Forward

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6-7 - 230 - Jr.
Montreal, Quebec
(Riverdale Baptist)



Adam Williams
Guard

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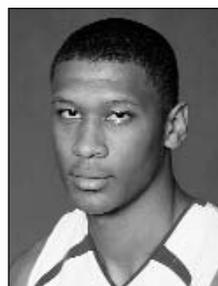
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Joe Crawford
Guard

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Randolph Morris
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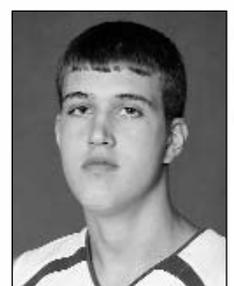
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Rekalin Sims
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Vallejo, Calif.
(De La Salle/Salt Lake CC)



Jared Carter
Center

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7-2 - 240 - Fr.
Georgetown, Ky.
(Scott Co.)

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