



3-11, 8-19

BALL STATE CARDINALS

Streak: L4
Home: 5-7
Road: 2-11
Neutral: 1-1

PPG: 66

Storylines:

OPPG: 70.3

0	JAI ANTHONI BEARDEN 6'7 185 R-FR	F	26PTS / 2.2ppg, 67% FG	7REB	1AST	1-3 3PT, 9-11 (81%) FT	12GP, 1GS (5.4mpg)
Last Game: 1-1 in 2m @ Kent 2/14 Hometown: Phoenix, AZ. No time last year, redshirted. DPOY as senior in HS Other: c-high 7PTS 1/31 @ Toledo Returner. Concerns on weight and physicality							
1	ELMORE JAMES IV 6'3 210 SR	G	206PTS / 7.7ppg, 38% FG	42REB / 1.6RPG	23AST	24-92 (26%) 3PT, 31-41 (75%) FT	27GP, 19GS (23.8mpg)
Last Game: 6-3-2 in 20m 4-3-1-7-1 in last 3 5-2-2 in 32m Hometown: Cleveland. 8.2ppg, 2.6rpg, 25.7mpg as 6 th man at Ohio Other: 9G with 10+, none in conference since 17 1/13 @ Akron. Hasn't taken 10+FG since 1/20 @ CMU. 6/23 (26%) from 3 in last month Left home state to come here. Knows MACtion well. Bowling ball. OFF BENCH IN 2G, then started vs Akron. WOULD BE 20th BSU START, 70th CAREER START							
2	DAY-VEE-ON HILL 6'2 225 R-SO	G	349PTS / 12.9ppg, 45% FG	119REB / 4.4RPG	57AST / 2.1APG	31-95 (32%) 3PT, 62-83 (74%) FT	27GP, 9GS (25.9mpg) / 45PF / 42TO / 27STL
Last Game: 18-(s-high)11-2 (first D1double-double) (4-4 from beyond!) in 31m 17-8-2 in last 3 22-7-2 Hometown: Williamsport, PA. 14.3ppg, 5.2rpg, 22.6mpg at NW Florida State College; redshirted as FR at Missouri State Other: 10+ in all but 8. in games as starter, averages 12.8, 12.9 off bench UMASS recruited him! He has an athleticism that we don't have Energetic. Laterally quick and agile. Great on-ball defense. Lefty. 6th man, but won starting job in last 2G over Elmore. WOULD BE 20th CAREER START							
3	JUWAN MAXEY 6'0 175 SO	G	129PTS / 6.5ppg, 27% FG	40REB / 2RPG	23AST / 1.1APG	29-112 (25%) 3PT, 20-31 (64%) FT	20GP, 4GS (18.3mpg)
Last Game: 6-3 in 9m, 2-4 from 3 (first conference game at .500+ since 12/20 Miami). 5.7-2.7 in last Hometown: Detroit. 11.4ppg, 2.4rpg, 2.2apg, 26.3mpg at Youngstown State; Macomb CC (JUCO) as FR-SO Other: 10G with .250 from 3PT or lower. 11 vs Buffalo 2/11 is first 10+PT game since 11/30 vs. Le Moyné (27) Volume shooter. Eclipsed 500PTS vs. Kent State							
4	KAYDEN FISH 6'6 245 R-SO	F	127PTS / 6.ppg, 44% FG	64REB / 3.4RPG	11AST	7-20 (35%) 3PT, 24-36 (67%) FT	19GP, 6GS (18.6mpg), 47PF, 14STL
Last Game: 1REB in 10m 8-3-2 total in last 3 Hometown: KC, MO. 9GP for Iowa State Other: 4 straight games of 10+, then got appendix removed. Since then, just 2x in 7G. Big personality. "Big Fish" on campus. Flies all over floor, diving for balls a lot. Baby giraffe, doesn't know where limbs are sometimes. Lingerin injuries							
5	ARMONI ZEIGLER 6'4 200 JR	G	325PTS / 12ppg, 39% FG	131REB / 4.9RPG	76AST / 2.8APG	24-80 (30%) 3PT, 85-106 (80%) FT	27GP, 26GS (32.4mpg), 41PF, 74TOII, 41STL (9-MAC)!!
Last Game: 10-2-4 in 37m 5-3-4-3-3 in last 3 12-4-(s-high) 6 in 39m Hometown: Amityville, NY (same HS as Ace Frehley). 23GS, 11.1ppg, 6.1rpg, 30.7mpg at St. Peters (wasn't on THAT team) Other: 18G with 10+PTS, including 11 game stretch of averaging 16ppg. 15G with 3+TO Deepest layup bag on team. #1 option. Shooting 23% in last month. 60th CAREER START							
7	CAM DENSON 6'7 215 GRAD	G/F	77PTS / 3.5ppg, 37% FG	67REB / 3RPG	19APG	4-13 3PT (30%), 21-36 (58%) FT	22GP (17.9mpg), 21BLK (8-MAC), 18STL
Last Game: PF, TO in 11m 1-5-1 total in last 3 4-1-1 in 15m Hometown: Straight Outta Compton. 4.8ppg, 3.2rpg, 18.6mpg, 47%FG at Long Beach State; Pacific as SO-JR; spent FR year at both Odessa CC in TX and Triton CC (didn't interact with Devon) Other: 10+PTS in 3 of first 4G, none since Globetrotter. Lank helps for spot-up shots, but physical enough down-low too. Low court IQ.							
11	KODY CLANCY 6'3 200 SO	G	14PTS / 1.8ppg, 55%FG	1REB	5AST	3-7 (42%) 3PT, 1-3 (33%) FT	8GP (7.3mpg)
Last Game: 1m @ BGSU 2/3 3m Hometown: Scottsburg (2hr16m S, drive goes through Indy). 4GP, 13m Returner							
13	DEVON BARNES 6'1 180 SR	G	254PTS / 9.4ppg, 38%FG	41REB / 1.5RPG	51AST / 1.9APG	38-110 (34%) 3PT, 58-73 (79%) FT	27GP, 20GS (20.7mpg) / 43PF / 26TO, 26STL
Last Game: 16-1-3 in 22m off bench. 4-5 from 3. Off the bench, yet the most minutes since 1/31 Toledo 13.7-1.7-1.3 in last 3 7-1-3-3STL in 18m Hometown: Hinesville, GA. 10ppg, 2rpg, 2apg, 1.6spg, 27GS at UTEP; Tarleton State as SO, Triton CC as FR (didn't interact with Cam) Other: 10+PTS in last 4G Moved around a lot as a kid, military family. This is his 4th school in as many years. Midrange is bread-and-butter, but picking it up from 3: 38% from beyond in MAC play (27% in non-con) Eclipsed 1K career points vs. Kent State. "PG". OFF BENCH LAST GAME.							
20	JOEY HART 6'5 205 JR	G	36PTS / 9ppg, 54%FG	7REB / 1.8RPG	4AST / 1APG	4-10 3PT, 8-8 FT	4GP (19.3mpg)
Hometown: Linton, IN (2.5hrs SW). 29GP, 10.9mpg. Kentucky as FR Returner. Plantar fasciitis. 3PT presence is so missed							
23	EASTON FOSTER 6'6 180 FR	F	8PTS / 1.6ppg, 42%FG	5REB / 1RPG	1AST	1-3 3PT, 1-3 FT	5GP (3.3mpg)
Last Game: 1m vs EMU 1/6 Hometown: Parker City, IN (18m E). 21.8ppg, 10.8rpg, 3.8apg, 3.2bpg, 2.2spg as SR at Monroe Central! Hometown kid! Walk-on							
24	MASON JONES 6'7 215 JR	F	116PTS / 4.3ppg, 38%FG	113REB / 4.2RPG	47AST / 1.7APG	21-55 (38%) 3PT, 9-22 (40%) FT	27GS (30.8mpg) / 61PF / 41STL (6-MAC) / 12BLK / 24TO
Last Game: 0-4-2 in 30m (0-4FG) 3.7-2.3-2 in last 3 9-4-1 in 37m Hometown: Valparaiso, IN (3hrs NE). 30GP, 11.4mpg Other: Just 2G with 10+PTS. 19G with under 5 shots Returner. Improved court IQ this year. Good at hunting boards. High +/-							
34	PRESTON COPELAND 6'9 215 FR	F	113PTS / 4.3ppg, 62%FG	109REB / 4.2RPG	7AST	15-43 (34%) FT	26GP, 20GS (17.8mpg) / 59PF / 17TO / 14BLK, 12STL
Last Game: 9-5 7.3-5.7 in last 3 12-5 in 27m Hometown: Clayton, NC. 16.3ppg, 8rpg Other: 4G with 10+PTS, only once in MAC play (UMass) . 10REB vs Ohio is 2 nd with 10+REB Won the starting 5 spot a few games in. Lewis has been adamant about trying to utilize his skill more in the pocket. Had 20th career start vs Akron							
45	ALEX FARLEY 6'1 177 FR	G	0	0	0	0	1m
Hometown: Rossville (1.5hrs E). 15ppg, 4apg, 3rpg, 3spg in HS Next to no time. Walk-on							

LAST GAME: 65-78 L vs. Akron. BSU hung with their speed at first (down 40-36 at half), but Akron ran away with it in the end, leading by as much as 20. Johnson/Lyles had 25/26. 3 Cards with 10+, Hill (18), Barnes (16), Zeigler (10). When BSU got tired, they started fouling more. 10 in second half; Jones 4, Copeland 3, Hill 3, James 2, 14 turnovers (2nd-most of year [UALR]), Lewis said "really hurt us". 13/28 from 3 (48%), 2nd best mark of the year [Le Moyné], but 10/30 from 2pt range (one of the lowest marks of the year)

LAST FEW GAMES: 53-63 L vs. Buffalo, 68-75 L vs. Kent State, 57-69 L @ Ohio (15 points in first half. 1/12 from 3, 7/27 from field. Lewis: "I thought our pressure was good, we just couldn't hit a shot". 21-0 run for Ohio across halves)

NEXT FEW GAMES: @ NIU, @ WMU, vs. CMU, END OF REGULAR SEASON

LAST YEAR: 14-17, 7-11 conference. 8-7 @ home, 4-9 OTR. Lost 4 straight to end regular season; the collapse lost them a spot in the MAC tournament

TEAM NOTES:
 LAST IN OFFENSE, 1st IN DEFENSE
 LAST IN FG%, REB, AST
 12th in 3PT FG%, 11th in FT%
 1-15 when down at half
 3-16 when outboarded
 When they score under 70, 2-13
 1-6 on Tuesdays
 George Mason, Tarleton State, Illinois State, VCU: only schools with more different point leaders
 4 Returners, 10 newcomers
 LOST 6 OF LAST 7
 KENPOM: 325/265
 Offensive Kenpom rating: 346/365 (bottom 20). NET: 323/365
 345/365 in Adjusted Tempo (Bottom 20 with a small ball team!)
 IF THEY LOSE, BSU 6th 20-LOSS SEASON IN PROGRAM HISTORY: 70-71 (20), 06-07 (22), 07-08 (24), 13-14 (25), 14-15 (23)

February is Black History Month, and tonight we're proud to recognize the African-American student-athletes who represent both Ball State and UMass men's basketball, such as Davion Hill, Elmore James IV, Daniel Hankins-Sanford and KJ Parker. Their impact goes far beyond the stat sheet — showing leadership, resilience, and excellence on and off the floor. We celebrate their contributions to the game, to their universities, and to a legacy that continues to shape college basketball.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS:
 PTS: Hill, 349
 ASTS: Zeigler, 78
 REBS: Zeigler, 131
 FG%: Hill, 45%
 3PT%: Jones, 38%
 FT%: Zeigler, 80%
 STL: Jones, 41
 BLK: Denson, 21

MAC STANDINGS:

- Miami (14-0, 27-0) (EMU, WMU, Toledo, Ohio)
- @ Akron (13-1, 22-5) (Buffalo, Kent, CMU, NIU)
- @ Kent State (11-3, 20-7) (CMU, Akron, NIU, WMU)
- Ohio (9-6, 15-13) (Toledo, UMass, Miami)
- @ Toledo (8-6, 14-13) (NIU, Ohio, Miami, Buffalo)
- @ Bowling Green (7-8, 16-12) (WMU, UMass, EMU)
- Buffalo (6-8, 16-12) (Akron, CMU, EMU, Toledo)
- UMass (6-9, 15-13) (BSU, BGSU, UMass)
- CMU (5-9, 9-18) (Kent, Buffalo, Akron, BSU)
- NIU (4-10, 9-17) (Toledo, BSU, Kent, Akron)
- @ EMU (4-11, 10-18) (Miami, Buffalo, BGSU)
- WMU (3-11, 9-18) (BGSU, Miami, BSU, Kent)
- BSU (3-11, 8-19) (UMass, NIU, WMU, CMU)

BRACKET HERE

- Miami vs. (8) UMass
- Akron vs. (7) Buffalo
- Kent State vs. (6) Bowling Green
- Ohio vs. (5) Toledo

Head Coach: Michael Lewis 4th season (57-64, 28-50 conference)
 Assistants: Scott Combs, Justin Brown, Buzzy Caruthers, John Clancy, Sam Weger
 Coach's Bio: Known for high emotions, promotions to bring fans in. Played under Bob Knight at Indiana, coached with him as GA at Texas Tech. Before BSU, spent 18yrs as Ast, with stints at UCLA, Nebraska, Butler, Eastern Illinois (at the same time as Brady Sallee), Stephen F. Austin, Texas Tech
 20-12 (11-7), 15-16 (7-11), 14-17 (7-11), 3-11 (8-19)

ALL-TIME SERIES: Tied 1-1!
LAST GAME: 1/10/26: UMass won, 79-71 in Amherst. Very back-and fourth, 16 lead changes. Davion led both teams in points with 22, but Bettiol had 20, and Hankins-Sanford had a 10-10 double double. Zeigler (12), Copeland (12), Banks (17), Parker (14) other double-figure scorers
 2021: BSU won 89-86 in St. Petersburg, FL, for the Jersey Mike's Classic