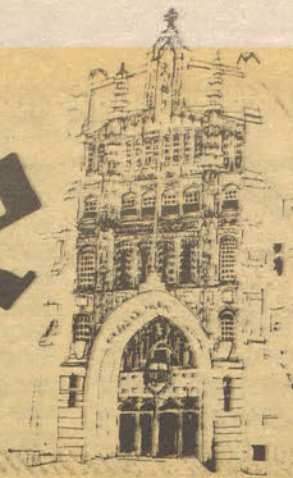




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Special Midnight Madness Edition

NBC Analyst Al McGuire will usher Friars into the 1989-90 Season

What is "Midnight Madness"??

by Charlie Clark

Inheriting a team that had gone 11-20 the previous year, ex-Providence College Basketball coach Rick Pitino headed into the 1985-86 campaign with a squad that had lost both student and alumni support. Determined to change both situations, Pitino brought "Midnight Madness" to Providence.

Due to an NCAA rule which prohibits a team from practicing before October 15, the Friars will kick off their 66th hoop season this Sunday morning at 12:01 a.m. An estimated 4,000 students, faculty, alumni and neighbors will join NBC basketball commentator Al McGuire in viewing and showing support for the 1989-90 Friar Basketball team.

With Alumni Hall filled 1,000 persons over capacity, "Midnight Madness" has come a long way since the first year.

"When Pitino first started 'Midnight Madness', only 200 people came to show support. But since then, the event has taken off and grown each year. In 1986-87 we had 600 people, the next year 1000 and last year was the largest ever with about 4000 people in attendance," said Pat Nero, Director of Support Services.

As well as the growth in the number of people in attendance, "Midnight Madness" has also grown in what is done during the event. Whereas the first couple of years there was only a scrimmage, this year the festivities will kick off with an afternoon road race and include a dinner ban-

quet, slam dunk competition, three-on-three contest and a "Hot Shot" competition before culminating with the first practice at 12:01 a.m.

With such a large crowd jammed into Alumni Hall last year, plans were being made to move the event to the Providence Civic Center. But the plans were scrapped because of the inconvenience it would cause the students. For as Assistant Coach Larry Shyatt said, "This is a night for our fans."

With the prospect for a successful season ahead of them, the Friars will be looking for everyone's support this Saturday night at 10 p.m. in Alumni Hall for Providence College's biggest and best "Midnight Madness".

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Al McGuire

MIDNIGHT MADNESS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1:30 pm Midnight Madness Road Race-Moore Hall Start and Finish
- 6:30 pm Pre-Midnight Madness Banquet Peterson Rec
- 9:15 pm Doors open Alumni Hall
- 9:40 pm Slam Dunk Contest -Semi Finals
- 9:55 pm 3 on 3 Semi Finals
- 10:15 pm Shootout Semi Finals
- 10:25 pm Al McGuire
- 10:35 pm 3 on 3 Finals
- 10:50 pm Shootout Finals
- 11:20 pm Slam Dunk Finals
- 11:30 pm Banner Contest Finals
- 11:45 pm Video Show
- 12:00 am MIDNIGHT MADNESS!!!!

by Kerry Anne Ryan

When NBC sports analyst Al McGuire comes to Providence College to celebrate "Midnight Madness" this Saturday, he'll bring along the energy, wit and vitality millions have experienced on TV since 1977.

McGuire, the featured guest and speaker for this year's "Midnight Madness" celebration, was recently interviewed by WDOM. Providence College radio, WDOM (91.3 FM) will air the interview, conducted by WDOM General Manager Shawn Palmer, Sports Announcers John McAleavey and Steve Mullin and Assistant PC Basketball Coach Larry Shyatt, this Friday at 5:15

p.m.

McGuire, who was interviewed in his hotel room in New York, seemed enthusiastic and upbeat about the tradition and excitement of the "Midnight Madness" celebration.

"It's really a nice setting and a nice happening," he said.

But he remained cautiously optimistic about the Friar's upcoming season.

"I think you guys have the best guard combination in the Big East," he said. "But I think that NC State might edge you as far as the country."

"If (Marty) Conlon would put a little weight on and go the extra nine yards, if he can kind of have a big year for you, I look for you to go back to the NCAA. But it could be close, a close call. I think that you could end up in fourth, but you'd have to really have low

injuries, and have the ball go in the last three or four seconds of the game or stay out when their team is taking a shot.

"I like your club. Your club's not a Final Four club. In a stretch it could be a Sweet 16, and that's really thinking of 'Camelot.' That's about as far as you can go. But it's a nice, solid club and don't forget you got out of the gate fast last year with 13 wins. That's not going to happen this year."

A former collegiate basketball coach at Marquette University, McGuire broke into the television basketball commentary scene in 1977. Known for his explosive actions on the court as a coach, McGuire transferred all of his energy and basketball-continued on p2

Intramurals at Midnight

by Mark Jessup

3 on 3 Tournament:

The 3 on 3 Tournament kicks off the Midnight Madness festivities on Thursday, October 12. This will be followed by a Hot-Shot contest on Friday afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. The tournament's first seed is the Hop Lites led by burly post player, Shane "the Adonis" Todd. He is a naturally gifted athlete blessed with a feathery touch and bruising inside moves. A close second seed is another group of sophomores who call themselves, We're All Distraught. This talented group could be more appropriately named, We're All Don Juans. They are led by Chris "Romeo" Woods. Tim Archer, IAB confidant, was quoted as saying, "their basketball skills are only rivaled by these more romantic

talents." The third seed is the veteran squad of Karl and the Mailmen. The team is driven by the unstoppable Tony Johnson who bears a striking resemblance the Mailman himself. Rounding out the top four is yet another group of sophomores, Matt Rice, Michael Corbi, and Michael Simms. This is the team no one wants to play. The fifth team is definitely worthy of mention and is aptly named Three Guys Who Shoot A Lot. Often accused of building their own gym, this team could go all the way to Greensboro if the bricks fall softly.

Hot Shot Contest:

The man to beat, in any contest, is always the previous tournament's winner. This year, that man is Kevin Cooligan. Cooligan scorched the nets on

his way to claiming the first annual Midnight Madness Hot Shot Shoot-Out. This year's contest is not without competition. Other marksman who have staked a claim on this year's title include Tony Johnson, Jeff Ferreiri, Bill Costa, and Brendan O'Neill. Johnson has vowed to show everyone he has the range and ability he claims to have. Ferreiri and Costa are an interesting pair who team during the regular season to provide devastating outside firepower for their team. However their individual competition may hurt them. From personal experience I have witnessed some devastating performances by this man, especially two years ago in the A League play-offs. But, this contest is not over before it begins, not by a long shot.

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ball knowledge into his analysis of the game.

McGuire has a simple philosophy about how to announce a game and what to avoid.

"Never say what's not on the picture," he said. "If it takes more than five seconds, you can't do it. And work with Dick Enberg! The first two things are very important. Too many analysts get on there and try to show you how much they know. If the picture says it, do it."

McGuire had a definite opinion about former PC hoops coach Rick Pitino, who recently took over the University of Kentucky coaching helm this summer.

"Rick has to act and be positive," he said. "He's a proven quality in round-ball hoops. The biggest part of his job down in the 'Big Blue' in Lexington is that he has a three-year honeymoon. He doesn't have to produce for three years. It's impossible to produce."

"I think that this year they'll win five games or six possibly, and that would be an exception. It's a long way back, and I think he

owed it to his family to take this position. This guarantees Rick and his family financial independence. Kentucky will be back, but it will never be the Kentucky of yester-year.

"Basketball and Kentucky is more than a sport, it's a religion. It was the running of the Kentucky Derby 28 times a year."

Coach Shyatt, the brain-storm behind this year's "Midnight Madness" celebration, is looking forward to a profitable year for the Friars.

"The coaches that preceded us, Coach Pitino and Coach Chiesa, probably left us with the best character of any group I've been with in 16 years," he said. "I mean, real workers."

But Shyatt seems especially enthused about the addition of McGuire to the "Midnight Madness" roster.

"You're gonna knock the socks off our town!" he said to McGuire during the interview.

McGuire philosophizes about much, much more in today's basketball world during the interview, which can only be heard on WDOM (91.3), this Friday at 5:15 p.m.

Scoop Says...

By Jeffrey R. Coughlin

As I hope everyone is aware, Midnight Madness is this Saturday. This is everyone's first chance to show their support for the Friars Basketball team. I hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity as a strong showing will set the team in the right direction for the season.

Providence College is very fortunate to have such a large celebration for their first practice of the season. Our Midnight Madness is rivaled by very few other schools, so make sure you're in Alumni Gym Saturday night for the festivities.

If everyone could just think back to last year's Midnight Madness, then I'm sure you wouldn't miss this year's. Al McGuire is sure to rouse everyone into a PC Basketball frenzy. After everything is said and done, this is sure to be on everyone's list of most memorable events of

the year. All the fun and excitement is sure to be back this year, better than ever.

I was lucky enough to be a freshman here when the Friars marched to the Final Four. The team's victories in the tournament culminated with a decisive trouncing of Georgetown to gain a bid to New Orleans. Even back then the Quad was the place to celebrate. Yelling and screaming. Toilet paper strewn in the trees. Everything was out of control. The same promise and possibility surrounds this year's team.

Coach Rick Barnes has assembled a team destined for the top of the Big East. The chemistry of this year's squad is ionic. The experience of the seniors is sure to bring excitement to the court. So come kick off the Friar Basketball season with us this Saturday. Don't miss it!

1989-90 Men's Basketball Schedule

November

2 Thur.	Marathon Oil (exhibition)	8:00 pm
14 Tues.	Isreali National (exhibition)	8:00 pm
24 Fri.	FLEET BASKETBALL CLASSIC	7:00pm
25 Sat.	FLEET BASKETBALL CLASSIC	7:00 pm

(New Hampshire, Bowling Green, Jacksonville)

30 Thurs.	Monmouth	8:00 pm
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December

2 Sat.	Holy Cross	8:00 pm
6 Wed.	Clemson (at Greensboro)	7:00 pm
9 Sat.	at Rhode Island	8:00 pm

(Providence Civic Center)

21 Thurs.	Boston College	7:30 pm
23 Sat.	Utah	2:00 pm
27 Wed.	Brooklyn College	8:00 pm
30 Sat.	UNC-Ashville	8:00 pm

January

6 Sat.	Georgetown	3:00 pm
9 Tues.	Seton Hall	8:00 pm
13 Sat.	Villanova	8:00 pm
15 Mon.	at Seton Hall	8:00 pm
20 Sat.	at Syracuse	8:00 pm
24 Wed.	St. John's	7:00 pm
27 Sat.	at Boston College	8:00 pm
30 Tues.	at Villanova	8:00 pm

February

3 Sat.	Connecticut (Homecoming)	8:00 pm
10 Sat.	at Pittsburgh	8:00 pm
13 Tues.	Georgetown	8:00 pm
17 Sat.	at St. John's	8:00 pm
19 Mon.	at Connecticut	7:30
21 Wed.	Miami	8:00 pm
25 Sun.	Syracuse	2:30 pm
28 Wed.	Mississippi Valley State	8:00 pm

March

3 Sat.	Pittsburgh	8:00 pm
8-11	Big East Tournament (New York)	

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BIG EAST Outlook: Who'll be at the TOP?

by Steve McCorry and Tom McCormack

1. Georgetown Hoyas
(29-5, Big East 13-3)
Coach: John Thompson

The Hoyas are coming off an excellent year. They not only placed first in the Big East but also reached the final eight in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. This year, Georgetown will be without the help of second team All-American guard Charles Smith, and forward John Turner. However, the team will still remain a power in the Big East. Once again they will have the multi-talented center, Alonzo Mourning as well as sophomore Dikembe Mutombo. The shot blocking team of Mourning and Mutombo was responsible for 244 of Georgetown's record 309 blocked shots during the season. Three year veteran guard Dwayne Bryant will take over Smith's spot as the playmaker for the Hoyas. All this, along with the return of regular guard Mark Tillmon, adds up to another successful year for John Thompson and his Hoyas.

2. Seton Hall Pirates
(31-7, Big East 11-5)
Coach: P.J. Carlesimo

Last year's dream season was the best in Seton Hall basketball history. Led by players such as Andrew Gaze, Daryl Walker, and Ramon Ramos, the Pirates came within a game of capturing the national championship. This year, Seton Hall will be forced to rely on newcomers and non-starters due to the loss of many impact players from last year's squad. Coach Carlesimo will rebuild around seniors Michael Cooper, Frantz Volcy, and second year junior Anthony Avent. Avent sat out last year under the Proposition 48 clause, but the muscular forward is expected to make big contributions to this year's team. Carlesimo must also construct a new backcourt out of guards Trevor Crowley,

Oliver Taylor and a group of freshmen. Although this will mainly be a rebuilding year for the Pirates, opponents should be wary of this young, aggressive team coming off a superb year.

3. Syracuse Orangemen
(30-8, Big East 10-6)
Coach: Jim Boeheim

This year the Orangemen will be without their "General": All-American guard Sherman Douglas and outside shooting threat Matt Roe. Despite these losses, Syracuse will still have star forwards Derrick Coleman and Billy Owens to establish themselves once again as a threat in the Big East. The Orangemen will also continue to have the talents of scoring specialist Stephen Thompson at guard. Coach Boeheim's main concern this year is finding a point guard to replace the amazing Douglas. If a suitable replacement can be found, and other players play up to their potential, expect another solid season from the Syracuse Orangemen.

4. Pittsburgh Panthers
(17-13, Big East 9-7)
Coach: Paul Evans

The Panthers will have the same starting five as a year ago. The same team that achieved seventeen victories and an NCAA Tournament bid, despite having what many believed to be the second most difficult schedule in the nation. Junior Sean Miller is expected to turn out another fine year and should become the school's career assist leader by mid-season. Much is hoped for from forward Brian Shorter as well. He made the Big East All-Rookie team a year ago. Along with senior Rob Brookin, and juniors Darelle Porter, Bobby Martin, and Jason Matthews, this Pitt team should be a strong contender for this year's Big East title.

5. Providence Friars
(18-11, Big East 7-9)

Coach: Rick Barnes

Rick Barnes is embarking on his second season as coach of the Providence Friars. Coach Barnes has to cope with the losses of forwards Darryl Wright, Cal Foster, and guard Matt Palazzi. Leading the Friars will be senior guard Carlton Screen along with Marty Conlon and Eric Murdock. Murdock and Screen were prominent ball stealers throughout last season, and both proved to be great one on one defenders. Strong showings are also anticipated from senior Abdul Shamsid-Deen and Quinton Burton. Providence was a tough team last year and should once again be able to handle anything the Big East can throw at them. Look for another successful year from the Providence Friars.

6. Villanova Wildcats
(18-16, Big East 7-9)
Coach: Rollie Massimino

The highly emotional Coach Massimino will be leading his seventeenth Wildcat team this year. The veteran coach will have to deal with the loss of star forward Doug West, along with contributing players Gary Massey and Kenny Wilson. The return of 7'-3" center Tom Greis and forward Rodney Taylor for their senior years will help the 'Cats overcome some of these obstacles. A large asset to the squad and future Villanova team is their highly touted freshman class. This group is composed of three prep All-

Americans as well as a two time New Jersey Player-of-the-Year. With all this, Villanova should be a team to contend with for many seasons to come.

7. St. John's Redmen
(20-13, Big East 6-10)
Coach: Lou Carnesecca

Despite a poor showing in the Big East, the Redmen were still able to capture the National Invitation Tournament banner last year. The star will once again be senior forward Jayson Williams who earned second team Big East honors last year. Although losing starter Matt Brust, St. John's will still retain most of its starting lineup from last season. Malik Sealy and Robert Werdann are expected to be the main contributors in this year's team. A blind hope for Redmen fans is that talented playmaker Greg "Boo" Harvey regains his academic eligibility to play. Coach Carnesecca has taken his team to a post season tournament in every one of his twenty-two years as head coach. With the talented players he has this year, the Redmen should be able to extend this post-season streak.

8. Connecticut Huskies
(18-13, Big East 6-10)
Coach: Jim Calhoun

The Huskies, in order to be successful, must overcome the loss of prominent forward Cliff Robinson to graduation. Robinson, who averaged twenty points and seven rebounds

a game, will be sorely missed by this young team. Now a team consisting of only one senior. Sophomore Chris Smith showed a lot of heart last year as major part of the Husky offense at guard. A lot is riding on Smith's shoulders this year, along with playmaker senior Tate George. Good things are also expected from frosh forward Scott Burrell who was the 1989 Gatorade Circle of Champions Player of the Year in Connecticut. The Huskies are basically a young team, that will have a difficult time competing with the stronger teams in the Big East.

9. Boston College Eagles
(12-17, Big East 3-13)
Coach: Jim O'Brien

Coach O'Brien will have a tough time replacing guard Dana Barros who was the winner of the conference scoring title the past two seasons. He will also be without the help of Steve Benton, a major contributor to last year's team. The Eagles didn't perform well last year and now, with the loss of their two best players, not much is expected from them in the upcoming season. O'Brien will be looking to his two junior forwards, Doug Able and Corey Beasley to lead this new Eagle team. Sophomore Brian Edwards is expected to fill the vacancy left by Barros. Even with the additions of these talented players, this year's Boston College is much too inexperienced to successfully compete in the Big East.

Friar Trivia:

- ...Only one Friar team (Rick Pitino's Final Four team won 25) in the past 11 won more games than last year's squad.
- ...The Friars were 6-6 in road games after losing every road game the year before.
- ...1988-89: 13-0 in first 13 games...5-10 in final 15 games...3-8 in final 11.
- ...13-0 for first time since 1964-65: just second time in history.
- ...Only the 1964-65 (19-0) team started BETTER.
- ...The last time PC won 13 straight was 1976-77 season (14).
- ...PC teams have won 13 straight games just seven times in history.
- ...Only fifth PC team to win 13 straight in one season.
- ...3-0 was best ever start in BIG EAST play (only second team in PC's 10 years of BIG EAST play to win first game).
- ...The three-game BIG EAST win streak was the fourth longest ever.
- ...Providence has just three BIG EAST streaks of four or more.
- ...Only two opponents (Syracuse/UCONN) had fewer turnovers than PC.

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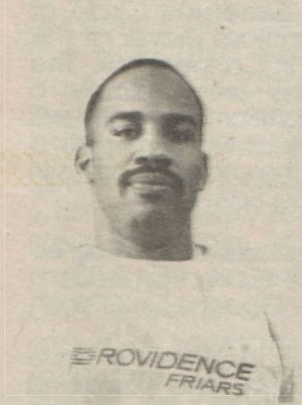
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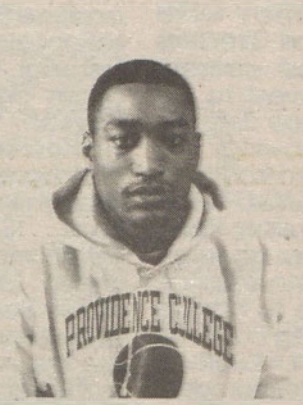
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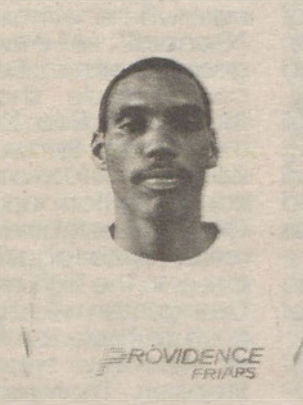
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Detroit, Mich
High School:
San Jacinto J.C.
Position:
power forward
Height:
6-8
Pts/Reb:
5.2/2.1
On Midnight Madness:
"That's the night that we come out and show that we work hard and we are ready to represent the school on the court"

#23 Greg Bent (Sr)



Hometown:
East Orange, N.J.
High School:
Clifford Scott
Position:
power forward
Height:
6-8
Pts/Reb:
2.3/1.2
On Midnight Madness:
"It's a time to play your hardest and let the fans know you're there for them for the year"

#24 Marques Bragg (So)



Hometown:
Columbia, Md
High School:
Hammond
Position:
small forward
Height:
6-5
Pts/Reb:
1.3/0.8
On Midnight Madness:
"Midnight Madness means that everyone can come together and start a great season"

#15 Quinton Burton (Sr)



Hometown:
Bronxville, N.Y.
High School:
Stepinac
Position:
Power Forward
Height:
6-10
Pts/Reb:
14.3/7.0
On Midnight Madness:
"It means to me that the fans appreciate all that we do...it makes us think about what we're working for"

#30 Marty Conlon (Sr)



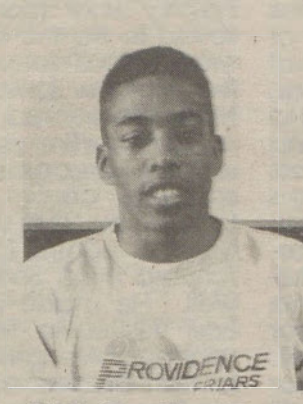
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Bridgewater, N.J.
High School:
Raritan
Position:
off guard
Height:
6-2
Pts/Reb:
16.2/4.7
On Midnight Madness:
"It's just real exciting for everyone, the fans, players and coaches"

#14 Eric Murdock (Jr)



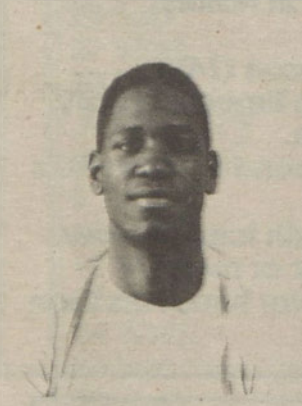
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Bridgeport, CT
High School:
St. Joseph's
Position:
power forward
Height:
6-8
Pts/Reb:
2.1/1.4
On Midnight Madness:
"I think it means a new year for the Friars, we'll get the fans into it, and let the fans know what the '89 Friars are all about"

#55 Marvin Saddler (So)



Hometown:
Brooklyn, N.Y.
High School:
Xaverian
Position:
point guard
Height:
6-0
Pts/Reb:
11.5/2.0
On Midnight Madness:
"I think Midnight Madness allows the fans, players and coaches a chance to look to the future"

#11 Carlton Screen (Sr)



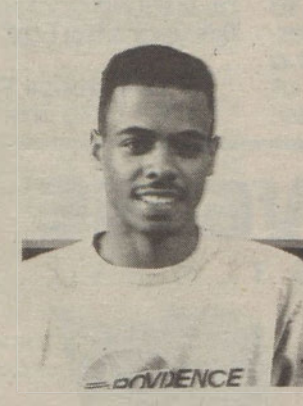
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Staten Island, N.Y.
High School:
Tottenville
Position:
center
Height:
6-11
Pts/Reb:
6.5/3.6
On Midnight Madness:
"I think it means the start of a new season, a new era, and a chance for us to go to the final four once again"

#25 Abdul Shamsid-Deen (Sr)



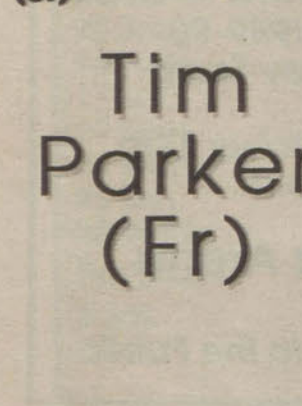
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Trumbull, CT
High School:
St. Joseph's
Position:
off guard
Height:
6-3
Pts/Reb:
2.7/0.9
On Midnight Madness:
"It's a chance to get the fans involved with us...and for them to follow us this season"

#33 Chris Watts (Jr)



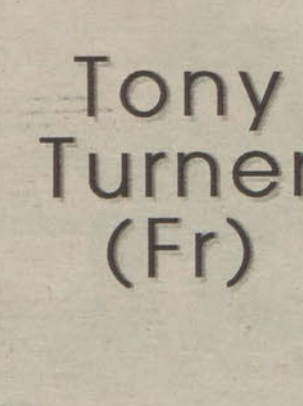
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Roxbury, Mass
High School:
Dover Sherborn
Position:
point guard
Height:
6-1
Pts/Reb:
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On Midnight Madness:
"I think Midnight Madness represents what college basketball is about—the fun, the intensity, and just a good old grand time."

Trent Forbes (Fr)



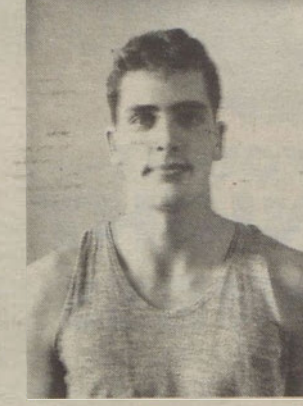
Hometown:
Saratoga Spr., N.Y.
High School:
Saratoga Springs
Position:
off guard
Height:
6-3
Pts/Reb:
36.0/11.0 (HS)
On Midnight Madness:
"I think it means alot for the freshmen, to get used to what the crowds going to be like, get the fans into it, and get the team hyped for a new and winning season"

Tim Parker (Fr)



Hometown:
College Park, Ga
High School:
Banneker
Position:
small forward
Height:
6-7
Pts/Reb:
19.0/9.0 (HS)
On Midnight Madness:
"(With a wide smile) The beginning of something special"

Tony Turner (Fr)



Hometown:
Sayville, N.Y.
High School:
Sayville
Position:
guard
Height:
6-3
Pts/Reb:
NA
On Midnight Madness:
"I think it's a chance for the fans to really get involved with the season."

Pete Werner (Fr)