

2021-22 AUBURN MEN'S BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 0-0 • Home: 0-0 • Away: 0-0 • Neutral: 0-0 SEC: 0-0 • Home: 0-0 • Away: 0-0

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Nov. 5	SOUTHERN INDIANA (EXH.)	7 p.m.
Nov. 9	MOREHEAD STATE (SEC Network+)	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	ULM (SEC Network+)	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	at USF	6 p.m.
Nov. 24	! vs. UConn (ESPN)	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	! vs. Loyola Chicago/Michigan State (ESF	PN2)
		11 a.m./2 p.m.
Nov. 26	! vs. TBA (ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU)	TBA
Dec. 1	UCF (SEC Network+)	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	YALE (ESPNU)	1 p.m.
Dec. 11	% Nebraska	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 14	NORTH ALABAMA (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Saint Louis (CBS Sports Network)	8 p.m.
Dec. 22	MURRAY STATE (SEC Network)	5 p.m.
Dec. 29	* LSU (ESPNU)	6 p.m.
Jan. 4	* at South Carolina (SEC Network)	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	* FLORIDA (ESPN2/U)	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	* at Alabama (ESPN/2/U)	8 p.m.
Jan. 15	* at Ole Miss (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	* GEORGIA (ESPNU)	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	* KENTUCKY (CBS)	12/12:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	* at Missouri (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	\$ OKLAHOMA (ESPN/2)	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	* ALABAMA (ESPN/2)	8 p.m.
Feb. 5	* at Georgia (SEC Network)	12 p.m.
Feb. 8	* at Arkansas (ESPN/2)	6 p.m.
Feb. 12	* TEXAS A&M (SEC Network)	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	* VANDERBILT (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Feb. 19	* at Florida (ESPN/2)	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 23	* OLE MISS (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	* at Tennessee (ESPN/2)	11 a.m./3 p.m.
Mar. 2	* at Mississippi State (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
Mar. 5	* SOUTH CAROLINA (SEC Network)	12 p.m.
Mar. 9-13	* at SEC Tournament	TBA

All Times Central // Schedule Subject To Change

- ! Battle 4 Atlantis (Paradise Island, Bahamas)
 - % Holiday Hoopsgiving (Atlanta, Ga.) \$ - Big 12/SEC Challenge
 - * Southeastern Conference Game
 - % Holiday Hoopsgiving (Atlanta, Ga.)

GAME NOTES



Auburn Tigers (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Head Coach: Bruce Pearl, 27th Season (600-237), 8th Season at AU (138-92)





Morehead State Eagles (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Head Coach: Preston Spradlin, 5th Season (69-77), 5th Season at MSU (69-77)

Date/TimeSite/Venue	_Nov. 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (CT) _ Auburn, Ala./Auburn Arena	Series H	istory
TV	SEC Network+	Overall	First Meeting
PxP	Brit Bowen	at Auburn, Ala.	0-0
Analyst	Joe Ciampi	at Morehead, Ky.	0-0
Radio		Neutral Site	0-0
PxP	Andy Burcham	Last Meeting	N/A
Analyst	Sonny Smith	Streak	N/A

- » Auburn is set to open the 2021-22 season as it hosts 2021 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Champions Morehead State on Nov. 9 at Auburn Arena. The Eagles lost in the first round of the 2021 NCAA Tournament to West Virginia.
- » The Tigers are 84-31 in season openers all-time, including 40-7 in their last 47 lid-lifters. Last season, the Tigers defeated Saint Joseph's, 96-91, in overtime in the opening round of the Fort Myers Tip-Off.
- » Auburn is a perfect 7-0 to open the season under head coach Bruce Pearl with an average margin of victory of 16 points.
- » The Tigers return three starters and 12 letterwinners from last season's 13-14 squad. The returning starters include guard Allen Flanigan (14.3 ppg, 5.5 rpg), guard Devan Cambridge (8.9 ppg, 3.6 rpg) and forward Jaylin Williams (10.9 ppg, 4.7 rpg).
- » Four of Auburn's top 6 scorers from last season including a pair of NBA Draft picks in guard Sharife Cooper (20.2 ppg, 8.0 apg) and forward JT Thor (9.4 ppg, 5.0 rpg). Thor was a first round pick of the Charlotte Hornets, while Cooper was a second rounder to the Atlanta Hawks
- » Bruce Pearl is entering his 32nd year in college basketball, including his 27th as a head coach and eighth at Auburn.

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	PROBABLE AUBURN STARTERS (2020–21 STATS)											
Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Hometown (Last School)	PPG	RPG	APG	Blk	Stl	FG% FT%
<u>1 03.</u> G	35	Devan Cambridge	6-6	210	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillcrest Prep [Ariz.])	8.9	3.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	37.6% 58.3%
G	12	Zep Jasper	6-0	185	Sr.	Augusta, Ga. (College of Charleston)	15.6	3.7	2.6	0.1	0.7	43.7% 87.5%
G	1	Wendell Green Jr.	5-11	175	So.	Detroit, Mich. (Eastern Kentucky)	15.8	3.4	5.0	0.1		39.6% 76.9%
F	10	Jabari Smith Jr.	6-10	220	Fr.	Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek HS)	15.0		5.0		1.0	37.076 70.776
F/C	13	Walker Kessler	7-1	255	So.	Newnan, Ga. (North Carolina)	4.4	3.2	0.3	0.8	0.5	57.8% 53.7%
<u>1 / C</u>	0	K.D. Johnson	6-0	204	So.	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia)	13.5	2.8	1.1	0.1	- 0.5	42.2% 61.5%
F	2	Jaylin Williams	6-8	230	So.	Nahunta, Ga. (Brantley County HS)	10.9	4.7	2.0	1.7	0.6	51.8% 63.3%
F.	5	Chris Moore	6-6	230	So.	West Memphis, Ark. (West Memphis HS)	2.8	2.0	0.4	0.2		56.3% 57.9%
C	23	Babatunde Akingbola	6-10	245	Jr.	Ogun, Nigeria (McEachern HS [Ga.])	1.9	2.6	0.1	0.9	0.3	47.7% 34.8%
G	24	Lior Berman	6-4	215	Jr.			33.3% 1.000%				
C	44	Dylan Cardwell	6-11	256	So.	Augusta, Ga. (McEachern HS)	3.8	3.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	70.5% 57.1%
	PROBABLE MOREHEAD STATE STARTERS (2020–21 STATS)											
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Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Hometown (Last School)	PPG	RPG	APG	Blk	Stl	FG% FT%
F	4	Johni Broome	6-10	235	Fr.	Plant City, Fla. (Tampa Catholic HS)	13.8	9.0	0.6	1.8	0.6	57.1% 61.8%
G	5	Skyelar Potter	6-3	198	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Wright State)	12.0	5.8	1.1	0.1	0.6	45.4% 78.9%
G	21	Tray Hollowell	6-3	180	Gr.	Hopkinsville, Ky. (Wofford)	11.1	3.6	2.0	0.1	0.7	40.1% 71.4%
G	24	Jake Wolfe	6-5	200	R-Jr.	Aurora, III. (Lipscomb)	6.7	2.9	1.1	0.1	0.5	40.3% 74.6%
G	55	Ta'lon Cooper	6-4	190	So.	Spartanburg, S.C. (Dorman HS)	8.2	2.1	3.7	0.5	0.9	41.0% 60.9
F	2	Jaylen Sebree	6-7	200	Jr.	Hopkinsville, Ky. (Florida Atlantic)	2.4	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.6	40.3% 40.0%
G	3	Drew Thelwell	6-3	185	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (The Master's Academy HS)						
F	11	Jaylon Hall	6-5	190	R-Jr.	Houston, Texas (Wright State)	9.4	2.5	2.3	0.8	0.1	46.4% 70.2%
F	13	Julius Dixon	6-7	202	So.	Fayetteville, Tenn. (Fayetteville HS)	3.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	41.2% 50.0%

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(probable starters in orange)

	•	K.D. JOHNSON	SO » G » 6-0 » 204 » Atlanta, Ga. » Georgia • Dynamic SEC transfer averaging 13.5 points, 2.8 rebounds, 1.9 steals	Career-Highs Pts24 Reb 7
	U	2021-22 GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT% Career 16-0 13.5 2.8 1.2 .422 .615	and 1.2 assists per game in 16 games played while at UGA last season. • Made his collegiate debut vs. Auburn in 2020-21 (21 pts and 7 rebs).	Ast4 Stl4 Min29
	1	WENDELL GREEN JR. GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT%	SO » G » 5-11 » 175 » Detroit, Mich. » Eastern Kentucky • 2020-21 CollegeInsider.com Kyle Macy Freshman All-America	Career-Highs Pts30 Reb7
	-	2021-22 - </td <td>Team, All-ASUN First Team & ASUN All-Newcomer Team selection. Ranked 4th in the ASUN in scoring, 2nd in assists and 8th in steals.</td> <td>Ast15 Stl6 Min39 Career-Highs</td>	Team, All-ASUN First Team & ASUN All-Newcomer Team selection. Ranked 4th in the ASUN in scoring, 2nd in assists and 8th in steals.	Ast15 Stl6 Min39 Career-Highs
	2	JAYLIN WILLIAMS GP-GS PPG RPG BPG FG% FT%	SO » F » 6-8 » 230 » Nahunta, Ga. » Brantley County HS Inside outside threat for the Tigers averaging 10.9 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.4 blocks per game last season.	Pts24 Reb11 Ast8
		2021-22	Started all 27 games and was one of team's go-to options offensively.	Blk 5 Min 37 Career-Highs
	5	CHRIS MOORE GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT%	SO » F » 6-6 » 230 » West Memphis, Ark. » West Memphis HS • Appeared in 25 games off the bench last season averaging 2.8 points, 2.0 rebounds and 0.5 assists per game.	Pts11 Reb6 Ast2 (2x)
r S		2021-22	Great finisher around the rim.	Blk 1 (6x) Min 18 Career-Highs
	10	JABARI SMITH GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT%	FR » F » 6-10 » 220 »Tyrone, Ga. » Sandy Creek HS • Blue chip freshman. The highest-rated player to sign in program history. (No. 4 player in the country in the Class of 2021 by Rivals).	Pts Reb Ast
		2021-22	• 2021-22 Preseason All-SEC Second Team selection.	Blk
	12	ZEP JASPER GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT%	SR » G » 6-0 » 185 » Augusta, Ga. » Col. of Charleston • 2020-21 All-Colonial Athletic Association Second Team and CAA All-Defensive Team selection averaging a team-best 15.6 ppg.	Career-Highs Pts38 Reb7 (2x) Ast 6
	1 4	2021-22 - - - - - - Career 83-63 8.6 2.3 1.7 .416 .848	Nicknamed the "Honey Badger" for his on-ball defense.	Stl3 (3x) Min42
25	13	WALKER KESSLER GP-GS PPG RPG BPG FG% FT%	SO » F/C » 7-1 » 255 » Newnan, Ga. » North Carolina • 2022 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year Watch List.	Career-Highs Pts20 Reb12 Ast3
	1)	2021-22 - - - - - - Career 29-0 4.4 3.2 0.9 .578 .537	Set all-time ACC Tournament freshman record with eight blocks in a second-round win over Notre Dame at UNC last season.	Blk8 Min24
	1/	PRESTON COOK GP-GS PPG RPG BPG FG% FT%	SR » G » 6-4 » 200 » Auburn, Ala. » Auburn HS • Local product, who appeared in 9 games off the bench last season.	<u>Career-Highs</u> Pts2 (4x) Reb2
	17	2021-22	• Earned a scholarship spot on this year's roster.	Ast2 Stl1(2x) Min3(2x)
	22	ALLEN FLANIGAN	JR » G » 6-6 » 220 » Little Rock, Ark. » Parkview Magnet HS • 2021-22 Preseason All-SEC First Team selection.	<u>Career-Highs</u> Pts24 Reb10
		GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT% 2021-22 Career 58-30 8.4 4.0 1.5 .439 .704	 Recovering from a successful procedure to repair his right Achilles. Son of assistant coach and former AU All-SEC guard Wes Flanigan 	Ast6 (2x) Blk1 (7x) Min37
	22	"STRETCH" AKINGBOLA	JR » C » 6-10 » 245 » Ogun, Nigeria » McEachern HS • Selected to participate in the SEC Basketball Leadership Council in	Career-Highs Pts7 Reb 8
	23	GP-GS PPG RPG BPG FG% FT% 2021-22 Career 40-0 1.3 1.8 0.8 .458 .348	September. • Averaged 1.9 points, 2.6 rebounds, 0.9 blocks per game last season.	Ast2 Stl2 (2x) Min 26
69	24	LIOR BERMAN	JR » G » 6-4 » 215 » Birmingham, Ala. » Mountain Brook HS • Scored a career-high 6 pts at South Carolina last season (Jan. 23).	Career-Highs Pts6 Reb1(2x)
	Z 4	GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT% 2021-22	• Teammates with Auburn sophomore guard Carter Sobera in high school.	Ast1 Stl6
	25	CHANDLER LEOPARD	JR » G » 6-3 » 195 » Athens, Ala. » Athens HS · Works hard defensively and is a great part of the scout team.	Career-Highs Pts3 Reb 1
	25	GP-GS PPG RPG APG FG% FT% 2021-22 Career 2-0 1.0 1.0 0.0 .500 .000	Trong hard defensively and is a great part of the second team.	Ast Stl Min 3
60	22	CHASE MAASDORP	SR » G » 6-0 » 170 » Lakewood Ranch, Fla. » Out-of-Door Academy • Veteran member on the team.	Career-Highs Pts4 Reb 1
	33	GP-GS PPG RPG APG FFG FTM 2021-22 - - - - - - - Career 13-0 0.5 0.2 1.0 .286 .250	Veteral member on the team.	Ast Blk Min 4
	25	DEVAN CAMBRIDGE	JR » G » 6-6 » 210 » Nashville, Tenn. » Hillcrest Prep • Appeared in all 27 games last season and earned 19 starts.	Career-Highs Pts26 Reb10
	22	GP-GS PPG RPG BPG FG% FT% 2021-22 -	Scoring in double figures on 14 occasions including 11 of his last 16 games.	Ast3 Stl3 (3x) Min38
99	ЛЛ	DYLAN CARDWELL	SO » C » 6-11 » 256 » Augusta, Ga. » McEachern HS • Shot a team-best 70.5 percent from the floor last season.	Career-Highs Pts10 Reb 8
	44	2021-22 GP-GS PPG RPG BPG FG% FT% Career 27-0 3.8 3.6 0.6 .705 .571	• Wants people to call him "RED" this year (which stands for Rebounding, Energy and Defense).	Ast3 Blk2 (5x) Min29

2021-22 NUMERIGAL ROSTER

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Hometown (Last School)
0	K.D. Johnson	G	6-0	204	So.	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia)
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14	Preston Cook	G	6-4	200	Sr.	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS)
20	Carter Sobera	G	6-5	200	So.	Birmingham, Ala. (Mountain Brook HS)
21	Ty Cressman	F	6-7	237	So.	Greensboro, N.C. (Bishop McGuinness HS)
22	Allen Flanigan	G	6-6	220	Jr.	Little Rock, Ark. (Parkview Magnet HS)
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25	Chandler Leopard	G	6-3	195	Jr.	Athens, Ala. (Athens HS)
31	Michael Whitmore	G	5-10	160	Fr.	College Park, Ga. (Lee University [Tenn.])
33	Chase Maasdorp	G	6-0	170	Sr.	Lakewood Ranch, Fla. (The Out-of-Door Academy)
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Head Coach: Bruce Pearl (8th Season)

Assistant Coach: Ira Bowman (4th Season)

Assistant Coach: Wes Flanigan (4th Season)

Assistant Coach: Steven Pearl (8th Season)

Director of Operations/Chief of Staff: Chad Prewett (8th Season)

Recruiting Coordinator/Assistant to the Head Coach: Mike Burgomaster (6th Season)

Athletic Trainer: Clark Pearson (12th Season)

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Damon Davis (12th Season)

Director of Player Development: Marquis Daniels (3rd Season)

Video Coordinator: Ian Borders (4th Season)

2021–22 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Last School)
23	Babatunde Akingbo	la C	6-10	245	Jr.	Ogun, Nigeria (McEachern HS [Ga.])
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ROSTER BY CLASS

Freshmen (2) - Jabari Smith and Michael Whitmore

Sophomores (8) - Dylan Cardwell, Ty Cressman, Wendell Green Jr., K.D. Johnson, Walker Kessler, Chris Moore, Carter Sobera and Jaylin Williams

Juniors (5) - Babatunde Akingbola, Lior Berman, Devan Cambridge, Allen Flanigan and Chandler Leopard

Seniors (3) - Preston Cook, Zep Jasper and Chase Maasdorp

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Auburn, Ala.
Founded	1856
Enrollment	30,737
Nickname	Tigers
Colors	Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
Conference _	Southeastern (SEC)

ADMINISTRATION

President	Dr. Jay Gogue
Director of Athletics	Allen Greene
Athletics Phone	855-282-2010

BASKETBALL STAFF INFORMATION

Head Coach	Bruce Pearl
Head CoachBo	ston College '82
Career Record	600-237 (.717)
Seasons	26
Record at Auburn	138-92 (.557)
Seasons	7
Assistant Coach	Ira Bowman
Alma Mater	
Assistant Coach	Wes Flanigan
Alma Mater	Auburn '97
Assistant Coach	
Alma Mater	
Director of Operations	
Alma Mater	Troy State '94
Assistant Director of OpsM	
Alma Mater	Miami ′16
Athletic Trainer	
Alma Mater	Kentucky '96
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Damon Davis
Alma MaterWe	estern Illinois '03
Director of Player Development_	
Alma Mater	Auburn '03
Video Coordinator	
Alma Mater	

PROGRAM INFORMATION

First Year of Basketball	1905-06
All-Time Record	_ 1405-1226-1 (.534)
All-Time SEC Record	629-759 (.453)
SEC Championships	_3 (1960, 1999, 2018)
SEC Tournament Titles	2 (1985, 2019)
NCAA Tournament Appears	ances 10
NCAA Tournament Record	
All-Americans	13
All-SEC Selections	93

TEAM INFORMATION

2020-21 Record	13-14
SEC Record / Finish	7-11 / 2nd
Home / Away / Neutral	_8-5 / 3-8 / 2-1
Associated Press Final Ranking_	N/A
USA Today Final Ranking	N/A
Letterwinners Returning / Lost _	12 / 6
Starters Returning / Lost	3/2
Newcomers	6

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MORE NOTABLES

INSIDE THE SERIES

Auburn and Morehead State are meeting for the first time on the hardwood. The Eagles are one of three first-time opponents on Auburn's schedule next to Yale (Dec. 4) and Nebraska (Dec. 11). The Tigers are 21-2 against current members of the Ohio Valley Conference with the most recent win, a 93-88 victory over Murray State, coming in December 2018.

SEASON OPENERS

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FRESH FACES

Auburn rolled out a starting lineup in Friday's exhibition game that featured four newcomers with transfers Zep Jasper, Wendell Green Jr. and Walker Kessler and freshman Jabari Smith. K.D. Johnson, another transfer, played significant minutes and scored 12 points off the bench. The Tigers are having to replace four of their top six scorers from last season.

OUOTABLE

"These guys are good," Auburn Head Coach Bruce Pearl said. "I get a chance to walk into my locker room and tell my players that this is what an NCAA tournament team looks like. The stuff they run is hard to guard, it's well thought out. They shoot the 3-ball extremely well. And they've got an inside game as well.

"Southern Indiana was a great test for us, exposed a lot of things that we weren't doing very well. Our kids played hard, they tried to play together, but we'll have to play better both offensively, defensively and in transition to be able to beat this opponent."

AP POLL

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Gonzaga (55)	0-0	1562
2	UCLA (8)	0-0	1459
3	Kansas	0-0	1427
4	Villanova	0-0	1332
5	Texas	0-0	1315
6	Michigan	0-0	1255
7	Purdue	0-0	1213
8	Baylor	0-0	992
9	Duke	0-0	963
10	Kentucky	0-0	894
11	Illinois	0-0	86
12	Memphis	0-0	83
13	Oregon	0-0	775
14	Alabama	0-0	713
15	Houston	0-0	694
16	Arkansas	0-0	673
17	Ohio State	0-0	58
18	Tennessee	0-0	563
19	North Carolina	0-0	547
20	Florida State	0-0	38
21	Maryland	0-0	294
22	Auburn	0-0	267
23	St. Bonaventure	0-0	238
24	UConn	0-0	16
25	Virginia	0-0	125
23	viigiilia	0-0	120

Others receiving votes: Michigan State 87, Indiana 41, USC 30, Arizona 26, Virginia Tech 25, Oklahoma State 25, Xavier 22, Texas Tech 17, Richmond 13, Rutgers 11, Colorado State 11, Belmont 7, LSU 7, St. John's 5, Mississippi State 5, Syracuse 5, San Diego State 5, Drake 4, Colorado 4, BYU 3, Louisville 3, Notre Dame 3.

PLAYER TO WATCH: ZEP JASPER

Senior guard Zep Jasper is one of four transfers on this year's squad and one of the best on-ball defenders in the country. The College of Charleston transfer was a 2020-21 All-Colonial Athletic Association Second Team and CAA All-Defensive Team selection averaging a team-best 15.6 points per game last season. Nicknamed the "Honey Badger," he can play multiple positions for the Tigers and is a relentless worker on the court. Jasper was one of four players to score in double figures (11 points) in the team's exhibition win over Southern Indiana.



USA TODAY COACHES POLL

Rank 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	School Gonzaga (29) UCLA (2) Kansas Villanova Texas Michigan Purdue Baylor Duke Illinois Kentucky Oregon Alabama Houston Arkansas Memphis Tennessee	Record 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-	Points 771 709 705 658 634 627 578 542 490 466 438 382 360 343 340 337 280
16	Memphis	0-0	337

Others receiving votes: Michigan State 55, Texas Tech 46, USC 38, West Virginia 18, Indiana 13, Loyola Chicago 9, Virginia Tech 9, Oklahoma State 8, Arizona 8, Creighton 7, Syracuse 6, Colorado State 5, Drake 4, Iowa 3, Richmond 3, Notre Dame 3, Rutgers 2, LSU 2, Colorado 2, Xavier 1, Nevada 1, Butler 1, Boise State 1.

2020-21 SEASON STATISTICS



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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	13-14	8-5	3-8	2-1
CONFERENCE	7-11	4-5	3-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-3	4-0	0-2	2-1

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	тот
Auburn	941	1119	24	2084
Opponents	951	1092	21	2064

Team Box Score

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No.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2	COOPER, Sharife	12-12	398:13	33.2	72-184	.391	13-57	.228	85-103	.825	8	43	51	4.3	32	1	97	50	3	12	242	20.2
22	FLANIGAN, Allen	27-27	821:19	30.4	122-268	.455	44-130	.338	97-125	.776	27	122	149	5.5	62	0	78	89	5	24	385	14.3
24	POWELL, Justin	10-7	275:11	27.5	36-84	.429	19-43	.442	26-34	.765	9	52	61	6.1	11	0	47	26	0	9	117	11.7
23	WILLIAMS, Jaylin	27-27	712:43	26.4	116-224	.518	32-94	.340	31-49	.633	36	91	127	4.7	66	0	54	49	39	18	295	10.9
1	JOHNSON, Jamal	27-13	688:53	25.5	80-222	.360	56-155	.361	38-52	.731	15	52	67	2.5	56	0	36	25	4	22	254	9.4
10	THOR, JT	27-27	628:15	23.3	84-191	.440	22-74	.297	63-85	.741	44	92	136	5.0	55	1	23	42	37	22	253	9.4
35	CAMBRIDGE, Devan	27-19	682:60	25.3	86-229	.376	41-143	.287	28-48	.583	28	69	97	3.6	46	0	20	37	15	24	241	8.9
44	CARDWELL, Dylan	27-0	408:57	15.1	43-61	.705	1-1	1.000	16-28	.571	49	49	98	3.6	57	1	13	41	17	12	103	3.8
0	JONES, Tyrell	7-3	79:56	11.4	6-24	.250	3-13	.231	8-12	.667	0	9	9	1.3	9	0	8	14	1	4	23	3.3
5	MOORE, Chris	25-0	281:23	11.3	27-48	.563	6-15	.400	11-19	.579	28	23	51	2.0	28	0	12	18	6	8	71	2.8
13	AKINGBOLA, Babatunde	27-0	294:53	10.9	21-44	.477	1-4	.250	8-23	.348	35	34	69	2.6	49	0	5	16	25	9	51	1.9
4	FRANKLIN, Javon	23-0	123:25	5.4	11-29	.379	2-8	.250	5-10	.500	15	22	37	1.6	8	0	4	9	11	3	29	1.3
12	BERMAN, Lior	11-0	29:17	2.7	4-12	.333	4-11	.364	1-1	1.000	0	2	2	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	1.2
25	LEOPARD, Chandler	3-0	04:18	1.4	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
33	MAASDORP, Chase	3-0	03:12	1.1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.7
14	COOK, Preston	9-0	17:06	1.9	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.4	2	0	2	3	0	1	2	0.2
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Tot	al	27	5450		711-1628	.437	245-751	.326	417-589	.708	349	714	1063	39.4	482	3	400	439	163	168	2084	77.2
Op	ponents	27	5450		748-1708	.438	198-606	.327	370-540	.685	333	647	980	36.3	535	17	340	370	101	236	2064	76.4

Team Statistics

	AUB	OPP
Scoring	2084	2064
Points per game	77.2	76.4
Scoring margin	+0.7	-
Field goals-att	711-1628	748-1708
Field goal pct	.437	.438
3 point fg-att	245-751	198-606
3-point FG pct	.326	.327
3-pt FG made per game	9.1	7.3
Free throws-att	417-589	370-540
Free throw pct	.708	.685
F-Throws made per game	15.4	13.7
Rebounds	1063	980
Rebounds per game	39.4	36.3
Rebounding margin	+3.1	-
Assists	400	340
Assists per game	14.8	12.6
Turnovers	439	370
Turnovers per game	16.3	13.7
Turnover margin	-2.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.9
Steals	168	236
Steals per game	6.2	8.7
Blocks	163	101
Blocks per game	6.0	3.7
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	2	-
Attendance	23712	22951
Home games-Avg/Game	13-1824	11-2086
Neutral site-Avg/Game	1	3-162

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/26/2020	vs Saint Joseph's	Wot	96-91	198
11/27/2020	vs Gonzaga	L	67-90	288
11/30/2020	at UCF	L	55-63	1944
12/04/2020	South Alabama	W	90-81	1824
12/12/2020	vs Memphis	w	74-71	0
12/15/2020	Texas Southern	W	80-63	1824
12/19/2020	Troy	w	77-41	1824
12/22/2020	Appalachian St.	w	67-53	1824
12/30/2020	Arkansas	L	85-97	1824
01/02/2021	at Texas A&M	L	66-68	907
01/06/2021	at Ole Miss	L	61-72	853
01/09/2021	Alabama	L	90-94	1824
01/13/2021	at Georgia	w	95-77	1638
01/16/2021	Kentucky	W	66-59	1824
01/20/2021	at Arkansas	L	73-75	4400
01/23/2021	at South Carolina	W	109-86	3250
01/26/2021	Missouri	w	88-82	1824
01/30/2021	at Baylor	L	72-84	2350
02/02/2021	Georgia	L	86-91	1824
02/06/2021	Ole Miss	Lot	84-86	1824
02/09/2021	at Vanderbilt	w	73-67	95
02/13/2021	at Kentucky	L	80-82	3075
02/20/2021	at LSU	L	80-104	2384
02/23/2021	Florida	L	57-74	1824
02/27/2021	Tennessee	w	77-72	1824
03/02/2021	at Alabama	L	58-70	2055
03/06/2021	Mississippi St.	w	78-71	1824