

# Terps' Wade looks to pick up pieces

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The Maryland Terrapin program fell and fell hard. But they hired a miracle worker and he began the resurrection. Last year, he returned Maryland to the promised land and lost only two players to graduation. So why are the Terrapins picked to return to the ACC cellar?

That's just one more in a long list of mysteries surrounding head coach Bob Wade.

After the program suffered through the Len Bias drug scandal, Maryland needed someone to clean up the mess left by Lefty Driesell. Dipping into the high school ranks, they couldn't have found anyone with better credentials than Bob Wade.

In 11 years at Dunbar High School in Baltimore, he won nine state championships and claimed three No. 1 national rankings. While compiling an overall record of 272-24 (.919), his teams from 1981-85 went 119-1. Thirty-six of his players have gone on to play major college ball — including Reggie Williams, David Wingate and Mugsy Bogues.

On the wave of the scandal, Wade suffered through a 9-17 record in his first year, including 0-14 in the ACC. However, he immediately began righting the program by bringing in Brian Williams, one of the most highly recruited big men in the country.

Last year, behind Williams, Keith Gatlin and Derrick Lewis, Wade led the team to a fifth place ACC finish, an 18-13 record and a NCAA bid. The program seemed back on track toward regaining its spot as an ACC powerhouse.

However, the undercurrent of discontent that has surrounded Wade's tenure began to surface. The media and fans had been criticizing Wade's bench coaching since he began. But now the players were demonstrating their unhappiness, causing Wade to lose six of his top seven scorers.

Besides losing Lewis and Gatlin to

## Terrapin Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown
23	***Dave Dickerson	F	6-6	200	Sr.	Olar, S.C.
21	***John Johnson	G	6-4	170	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn.
5	**Mitch Kasoff	G	6-1	175	Jr.	Pikesville, Md.
43	*Cedric Lewis	F	6-9	200	So.	Temple Hills, Md.
14	Jesse Martin	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Roxbury, Mass.
25	**Tony Massenburg	F	6-9	230	Jr.	Sussex, Va.
32	Jerrold Mustaf	F-C	6-10	225	Fr.	Greenbelt, Md.
22	***Greg Nared	G	6-4	190	Sr.	Wilmington, Ohio
42	Walt Williams	F	6-8	190	Fr.	Temple Hills, Md.

\*Denotes Letters Won

### Head Coach

Bob Wade (Morgan State, 1967)

### Assistants

Ron Bradley (Eastern Nazarene, 1973)

Jeff Adkins (Maryland, 1985)

Ralph Lee (Xavier, 1986)



graduation, Rodney Walker will not play. Mark Karver transferred to George Washington and Steve Hood took his 7.8 points and 2.5 rebounds a game to join Driesell at James Madison. Hood started 21 games, but found himself in Wade's doghouse during the latter half of the season.

But the biggest defection was Williams' surprise decision to return home to California and attend Arizona. A starter in all 29 games he played as a freshman, Williams averaged 12.5 points and six rebounds per game. More importantly, he was the Terrapins' foundation for the future.

Williams' choice was so mysterious that the ACC Basketball Handbook spent three pages discussing it and still couldn't reach a concrete conclusion. Williams eventually came out and said that he "had philosophical differences" with Wade and "wasn't developing enough" as a player.

Wade strongly disputed Williams' charges.

"I thought, and a lot of other people thought, that Brian grew with every game we played," Wade said. "By the last game of the year against Kentucky he outplayed Leron Ellis, who was the most heralded player coming out of high school last year, and he outplayed Kentucky senior Robert Lock.

"I thought he had as good a freshman year as J.R. Reid or Sam Ivy."

Because he transferred, Williams will sit out a season and will now come out in the same class with Georgetown's Alonzo Mourning and Syracuse's Billy Owens.

"I was shocked when Brian said he wanted to leave," Wade said. "He had a very good future at Maryland and in the ACC, which is one of the best conferences in the country.

"We tried to tell him he was going to be a featured player in a great league for three more years. Had he stayed and finished with his class, in our opinion, he would have been in a great position to be one of the top seven players coming out of college his senior year."

Wade admitted that the program was in "rough" shape after Williams' decision. That sea only became rougher when senior Rudy Archer was ruled academically ineligible. The former junior college All-American averaged 12.7 points and 5.5 assists, which would have made him the Terps' leading returnee in both categories. Wade was counting on Archer to lead the team this year from the point guard spot.

Teyon McCoy, the other experienced guard, decided to redshirt this season, despite being expected to take

over for Archer. This leaves no natural point guard for Wade.

Another senior, John Johnson, who Wade is counting on for leadership, also expressed displeasure during the offseason.

"A lot of people didn't do as well as everybody thought they would last year," Johnson said. "I think we expected to have a better season than we did. I was just a lack of communication between Coach Wade and the team. We didn't know our roles as players. Some people didn't know if they were supposed to shoot or not."

In the midst of this, Wade still managed to pull in what most say is the second best recruiting class in the ACC. His connections helped him recruit 6-10, 225-pound Jerrod Mustaf and 6-8, 190-pound Walt Williams, both from the Washington D.C. area. He also landed 6-4 Jesse Martin from Massachusetts.

Mustaf averaged 22 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks a game in helping DeMatha win the Washington city high school championship. He made nearly every high school All-America team.

Wade has said that Mustaf can play all five positions on the court, hit the 15-foot shot and has good inside strength and vision.

"Jerrold's a very gifted young man," Wade said. "He gives us tremendous versatility. He can play with his back to the basket and facing it, and he can run and put the ball on the floor like a point guard. I'd say he's in the mold of a Danny Manning."

Wade also had high praise for Williams, who turned down North Carolina to stay close to home.

"He's a Reggie Williams type," Wade said. "When the game is over you don't realize he has scored 25 points and has 10 rebounds because he is very quiet, like Reggie. He passes well and is able to get his shot off in a crowd."

In his senior year, Walt Williams averaged 22 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, five blocks, and four steals a game. That was good enough to earn him Washington's Metro Player of the Year over Mustaf, according to two publications.

"I've seen him bring the ball down the floor, fill the lane, and play with his back to the basket," Wade said. "He gives us a lot of versatility at the small forward and shooting guard

spots where we needed some help."

Maryland's success will hinge on the play of the freshmen, who Wade feels can have an immediate impact, and the rediscovery of several players who became lost in the shuffle last year.

With the loss of Archer and McCoy, inexperienced senior Greg Nared will take over the point guard spot. Nared played only 3.4 minutes a game last year, averaging less than a point a game and shooting 18 percent from the field. He has yet to prove that he can play college ball.

This shifting leaves the shooting guard spot to Johnson. Last year, Johnson lost his former starting spot and saw his playing time plummet to just 8.1 minutes a game.

Freshman Martin will provide backup, along with junior Mitch Kasoff. Martin averaged 19 points, 13 rebounds and four assists his senior year. However, he played mainly with his back to the basket, which could slow his transition.

Senior Dave Dickerson will probably start at small forward, but look for Williams to see a lot of playing time. The 6-6 Dickerson started all 26 games two years ago, averaging 8.3 points and 5.6 rebounds. Last year, he started only six games and fell to 4.5 points (still making him the second-leading returning scorer) and 2.1 rebounds, but did shoot 54.5 percent from three-point range.

Dickerson, a captain, said, "We don't want to look back and dwell on the ups and downs that we've had as a team. We want to put that behind us and work on improving ourselves for this year."

In the middle of this chaos, junior Tony Massenburg stands as the lone constant. The 6-9 Massenburg will play either center or power forward, depending on Mustaf's development. Wherever he plays, Wade can count on a quality year.

Massenburg became eligible in the second semester last year and scored 25 points against South Carolina in his first game. A power player with 20-foot range, he went on to average 10.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

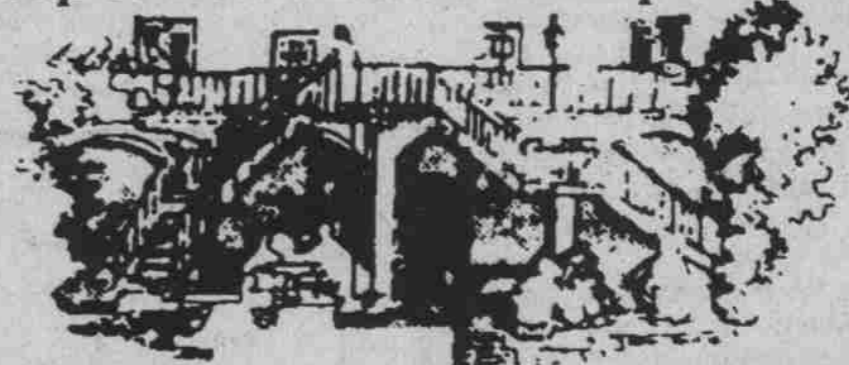
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