

A taste of the new generation All-Americans

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The marquee names (Elliott, Ellison, Ferry) are gone from the college game, and this is the year when the unknown and the underrated step out of the shadows.

Center, First Team: Alonzo Mourning's defense is already NBA-friendly, as his NCAA-best 169 blocks will attest. The Georgetown sophomore just needs to be more active on offense (13.2 ppg). **Second Team:** Brian Williams, the former ACC Freshman of the Year at Maryland, is now a sophomore at Arizona. His

quickness and defense complement an excellent shooting touch. **Others to Watch:** Dwayne Schintzius (Florida, senior), Carl Herrera (Houston, junior), Scott Williams (North Carolina, senior).

Power Forward, First Team: Lionel Simmons, if the La Salle senior can repeat last year's 28.4 ppg, will become the fifth collegian to score more than 3,000 points. The shot-blocker also averaged 11.4 rebounds last year. **Second Team:** Syracuse senior Derrick Coleman is a jumping-jack (127 blocks). His inside play, both offensively (16.9 ppg) and de-

fensively (11.4 rpg), is unquestioned, but his shooting range and attitude are another story. **Others to Watch:** Larry Johnson (UNLV, junior), Hank Gathers (Loyola Marymount, senior), Brian Shorter (Pittsburgh, junior).

Small Forward, First Team: Mississippi senior Gerald Glass burst on the SEC scene last year. The prolific scorer (28.0) is also quick and bangs the boards (8.5). **Second Team:** Down-and-dirty Stacey Augmon is the best collegiate defender, both inside and outside. The UNLV junior also goes to the boards (7.4). **Others to Watch:** Stephen Thompson

(Syracuse, senior), Chris King (Wake Forest, sophomore), Willie Burton (Minnesota, senior).

Shooting Guard, First Team: Temple junior Mark Macon is virtually unstoppable one-on-one. He has downtown range (18.3) and can penetrate and pass. **Second Team:** Illinois senior Kendall Gill was the glue of last year's Final Four team. Among the nation's best outside shooters and defensemen, Gill provides all the intangibles. **Others to Watch:** Rodney Monroe (N.C. State, junior), Todd Day (Arkansas, sophomore), Rick Fox (North Carolina, junior).

Point Guard, First Team: LSU sophomore Chris Jackson's unbelievable quickness and shooting range led to a freshman season (30.2 ppg) like no other. He should be even more creative this year, moving to point guard and gaining a better supporting cast. **Second Team:** Oregon State senior Gary Payton should become the NCAA's top career assist man this year (8.1 per game). His outside game is much-improved (20.1 points). **Others to Watch:** Rumeal Robinson (Michigan, senior), LaBradford Smith (Louisville, junior), Bimbo Coles (Virginia Tech, senior).

Duke

season for his offensive abilities. An extra-thin scorer, the frosh from Allentown, Pa., can drain the outside jumper, but can also drive to the basket against quick guards.

Seniors Brickey and Alaa Abdelnaby and sophomore Christian Laettner will most likely start in the frontcourt for the Blue Devils.

As displayed by his spectacular dunks, Brickey's athletic ability may not have an equal in the conference, but the 6-5 forward has lacked the offensive range that would put him among the league's elite players. That may be a thing of the past, though.

"This summer, I've worked a lot on my shots from 15 to 17 feet, and I feel very comfortable taking that," Brickey said.

The emergence of Brickey would be a big lift for Laettner. After his outstanding game against Georgetown, pressure-packed praise has been heaped on the young power forward and unfair comparisons to Ferry

have been drawn.

Krzyzewski will use Laettner inside and ask his sophomore for 14-16 points of night-in and night-out production from the low post.

Duke needs Abdelnaby to rebound and stay out of foul trouble at the center position. The Blue Devils aren't particularly deep there, with Crawford Palmer being the top reserve.

Expect Krzyzewski's troops to develop over the season and if a "go-to" guy emerges (Laettner, Brickey or Henderson?), challenge for the ACC crown down the stretch.

The departure of Ferry, Snyder and John Smith from a team that won 28 games a year ago leaves a comparison to the 1987 Duke team, which lost five starters from the '86 37-3 team. The '87 Blue Devils improved throughout the season and jelled into a tough 24-9 NCAA Tournament team. Expect a typical 20-win season and another NCAA berth, but from the not-so-typical '89 Duke team.

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