

# Gary not so Mary as probation slows Terps

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The three-year probation levied against the University of Maryland's basketball program bars the Terrapins from postseason play for the next two years, but offseason losses of key personnel make such an invitation unlikely anyway.

The Terps, 19-14 overall and 6-8 in the ACC a year ago, return only one starter from a team that lost in the second round of last season's National Invitational Tournament. Second-year head coach Gary Williams, a 1968 graduate of Maryland, will have to look for new motivational tools in light of the tough NCAA sanctions.

"As a Division I head college basketball coach, this is the biggest challenge," Williams said. "But, if you can get by not playing in the NCAA (Tournament), and not being able to play in the ACC Tournament, and not being on TV — other than that it's great."

## Maryland

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
3	M. Roe	G/F	6-6	198	Sr.
12	M. Downing	G	6-0	180	Jr.
21	G. Smith	F	6-7	220	Jr.
22	K. McLinton	G	6-3	185	So.
24	K. Chamberlain	F	6-8	205	So.
33	E. Burns	F	6-8	234	So.
40	V. Broadnax	F	6-3	181	Jr.
42	W. Williams	G/F	6-8	203	Jr.
43	C. Lewis	C	6-9	223	Sr.
45	E. Kjome	F	6-7	205	Jr.
52	M. McGlone	F	6-7	240	Fr.

**Head Coach:** Gary Williams (Maryland, 1968). Overall Coaching Record: 226-142 in 12 years. Record at Maryland: 19-14 in 1 year

Williams' problems begin on the inside (but certainly don't end there) with the departure of big men Tony Massenburg and Jerrod Mustaf from last year's upstart squad.

Massenburg, a second-team All-ACC selection as a senior, went on to the NBA's San Antonio Spurs. Mustaf, a third-team ACC pick, opted for the NBA two years early and became the New York Knicks' first-round draft pick.

"Inside, we lose 40 points and 20 rebounds a game in Massenburg and Mustaf," Williams said.

In addition, junior forward Jesse Martin, who averaged 9.9 points per game last season, is sitting out the 1990-91 season to concentrate on his studies.

Unfortunately for the Terps, senior center Cedric Lewis, who averaged just over three points a game last year, is Maryland's most experienced inside player. But junior floor captain Walt Williams expects big things from Lewis this season.

"I think Cedric Lewis will surprise a lot of people this year offensively," Williams said. "He worked hard

offseason, and I think he'll do very well."

Gary Williams said that Lewis, previously noted only for his shot-blocking ability, must take a more active role in the Terps' offense. "He's going to be given the opportunity to shoot the ball 10-15 times a game," the coach said.

Joining Lewis on the inexperienced frontline will be Garfield Smith, a 6-foot-7 junior college transfer from Coffeyville CC in Kansas. Smith, a versatile player who can man either forward spot, averaged 16.1 points and eight rebounds for Coffeyville last season. Evers Burns, a 6-8 sophomore who played in 28 games last year, is the other likely frontcourt starter.

Backing up Lewis, Smith, and Burns on the frontline will be Eric Kjome, a 6-7 junior who recently completed two years of service with the U.S. Air Force. Junior forward Vince Broadnax should also see some playing time, as well as Mark McGlone, the sole freshman recruit on this year's squad.

In the backcourt, the Terrapins have two highly-respected guards, but the transfer of senior Teyon McCoy to the University of Texas will cause serious depth problems. The guard tandem of junior Walt Williams and senior transfer Matt Roe should be the most stable part of the Terps' young squad.

Williams, the 6-8 point guard, is excited about the addition of the sharp-shooting Roe from Syracuse.

"As we get into the season, he will gain a lot of respect," Williams said. "I think he will take a lot off pressure off of me, because defensively they're going to have to honor his jump shot."

Gary Williams is also very high on Roe. "Matt's a pretty tough player," he said. "Defensively, he's not the quickest guy in the world, but he's a very solid big guard."

Roe averaged 11 points during the 1988-89 season at Syracuse, and Gary Williams believes his stint with the Orangemen will help the young Terps. "He gives us maturity and leadership," the coach said. "He was on a team that played for the national championship at Syracuse. We need that type of positive thing."

Flanking Roe in the Terps' unusually tall backcourt will be Walt Williams, dubbed "Wizard" by his appreciative teammates. Williams did it all last year, averaging 12.7 points, 4.5 assists, 4.2 rebounds and one blocked shot. "I think he is one of the best all-around players in the conference," Gary Williams said.

Sophomore Kevin McLinton will relieve Williams and Roe in the backcourt. McLinton started three games for Maryland last season before suffering a stress fracture. Junior college transfer Matthew "Cougar" Downing, noted for his quick first step and outside shooting proficiency at Dodge City (Kan.) CC, will see action.

For the Terps to have any success against ACC competition, they must sustain some degree of inside success in

order to open up 3-point shots for Williams, Roe and others.

"I think we're going to be more of a perimeter shooting team this year than we were last year," Walt Williams said. "I think our guards are going to have to do a lot more scoring."

Another key to Maryland's attack,

Gary Williams said, will be the play of the young bench. "We'll be playing a lot of people who really have not played a great deal before," he said. "But I think we have a good nucleus in Walt Williams, Cedric Lewis and Matt Roe."

Without any hope of postseason competition, the team will have to play

for pride.

"We don't want sympathy from anyone — we just want to play," Gary Williams said. "Hopefully, we will be good enough to do some damage in the league as the year goes on."

"I'm going to try and coach my butt off — it's as simple as that."

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