
So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by scrappy - 2008/04/29 07:43

Vitos blog make it sound as if we are content to stay put where we are. What do you guys think of that. I was wanting a center in this group, but I suppose a pwoer forward will have to do (Ok, Knox is a center, but his numbers don't lead me to believe he can contribute).

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by CMJ - 2008/04/29 10:00

I suppose it's better to sit on one than waste a scholarship on a project.

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by GrandGreen - 2008/04/30 16:02

Kind of peculiar, seem to be getting different stories. First, NT had offered and now they are going to save their last scholarship. Apparently, those two recruits that were mentioned as possibilities were not deemed good enough to offer. It is amazing that fans can get so fired up over possible recruits that were borderline at best. This happened a lot in DD football recruiting. A name of potential recruit would be floated and fans would be excited when he finally committed. Never-mind, that he had no other offers and was at best a stretch at the 1A level.

Based on recruiting so far, I would give this class at best a C. A definite project out of high school and two junior college players who at least fulfill big gaps on the team. The point guard did not appear to be highly recruited but if he can break the press, he will be well worth the scholarship. I still don't understand how last years team full of capable guards had so much trouble when being pressed. The jewel of the class on paper is definite Tramiel(sp)and hopefully he can be an upgrade over Quincy Williams at the 4 spot.

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by SUMG - 2008/04/30 18:25

I agree with Grand...this class is a "C" grade, at best. Just a year after a NCAA tourney appearance, we sure seemed to have pissed all that momentum away.

Personally, I'd like for us to use that other scholarship. Every year, under JJ...it seems that we are lacking in big men. And, it's such, that if our good big men (usually we have two).....get hurt or in foul trouble, we're screwed.

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by CMJ - 2008/04/30 18:45

I don't think you can ever really grade a class until they've played for a year or two. It LOOKS like a C, but we'll see.

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by GrandGreen - 2008/04/30 22:36

You are absolutely right, but that kind of limits discussion. I don't think you will get a lot of interest in rating the 2003 class now.

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by CMJ - 2008/05/01 00:34

That was Watson's class right? Gotta give it at least a B+ don't you? :D

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by GrandGreen - 2008/05/02 01:13

I will play. No I would give it about a c+. It did contain Watson but the highlight was Mark Wilson a first team juco All American that left the team before the start of the season and Shawson Johnson. Shawson was a heck of a player but giving a player a two year ship for playing one semester was very strange. The class also contained jucos Michael Jones and Marcus Mitchell who contributed. This is a good example of a class that I would have rated much higher in the recruiting year than in hindsight.

Actually my example should have been 2004 which would have been the class that just completed eligibility. That class was Kendrick Davis, Michael Sturns and Quincy Williams. I would give that class a B both when recruited and after. Williams and Davis were both solid contributors and Sturns probably had as much talent as any recent recruits. It would have been very interesting if Sturns would have stayed for his final year.

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by CMJ - 2008/05/02 08:41

Yeah, that 2004 class was quite good. All 3 of those guys were solid contributors for multiple seasons. I wish Sturns had been more of a team player, but he helped us alot during the championship season. Q was one of my favorite players the last few years and Kendrick was one of our most clutch guys I can think of.

I'm trying to remember...which class had Rich? Was that 2005?

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Re:So from Vito\'s blog late last night.....

Posted by censored by laurie - 2008/05/06 14:56

2002 - Sam Byrd, Michael DeGrate, Scott Roniger, Ty Thomas, Ron Harris, Shawson Johnson
2003 - Mike Jones, Calvin Watson, Mark Wilson, Marqus Mitchell
2004 - Isaac Hines, Jeffery Simpson, Quincy Williams, Michael Sturns, Kendrick Davis
2005 - Lionel Brown, Justin Howerton, Harold Edwards, Harold Stewart, Rich Young, Keith Wooden
2006 - Ben Bell, Johnathon Jackson, Curtis Muse, Collin Mangrum, Collin Dennis, Rod Flemings
2007 - Josh White, Ryan McCoy, Adam McCoy, Tristan Thompson, Kedrick Hogans, Dez Willingham, George Odufuwa
2008 - Eric Tramiel, Dominique Johnson, Ben Knox

Anyone want to say this doesn't look like JJ's worst class so far? The APR hit hurts significantly as one more impact player would strengthen things out significantly...but 2 JUCOs and a major project is not what I would've imagined for this season's class.

Of course...this class is just "on paper" so far...and "on paper" the 2002 and 2006 classes looked amazing...and perhaps the most understated, 2004, proved to be the best. Here's hoping!

My Ranking -

1. 2004
2. 2007
3. 2003
4. 2006 (simply b/c the jury is still out on Collin Mangrum)
5. 2005 (less star power than 2002, but it did bring in 2 four year contributors)
6. 2002
7. 2008

