

Coaching Staff



MIKE KATZ - Head Coach

The 2007-08 OUA and CIS coach of the year, Mike Katz begins his fifth season on the sidelines for his alma mater, the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. Katz played three years for the Blues and graduated in 1972 with a B. Comm. In 2007-08, Katz led the squad to its best ever season record of 17-5 and a second place finish overall in the OUA conference. Since Katz's arrival in 2004, the team had posted a 93-55 overall record, two playoff victories and a top 5 ranking.

Prior to joining the Varsity Blues, Katz led the Humber College men's basketball team for 19 seasons, amassing an overall record of 503-175. During that time, he led the Hawks to the Final Four every year, winning seven provincial championships and five national titles while also producing seven all-Canadian players. Katz is also a four-time OCAA coach of the year and a three-time CCAA coach of the year. He was inducted into the Humber Varsity Hall of Fame in 2004.

Katz was also the assistant coach of the Canadian national basketball squad and took part in the 2000 Olympic Games and the 1993 and 2002 World Championships. In 1997, he guided Canada's team to a silver medal at the World University Games in Sicily. Katz was also the head coach of the Ontario provincial team from 1986 to 1989, capturing one gold and one silver medal.



RICK DILENA - Assistant Coach

Rick Dilena returns to the Blues staff for his fifth season as an assistant coach. Prior to coaching the Blues, Dilena spent seven years as the men's basketball head coach at Seneca College. Known as a tireless recruiter and exceptional motivator, Dilena is teaming up with Blues' head coach Mike Katz for the second time, having worked with him from 1988 to 1995 at

Humber College, where their combined coaching efforts resulted in four national championships. Dilena is a graduate of York University.



JAMA MAHLALELA - Assistant Coach

Jama Mahlalela returns for his fourth year as an assistant coach for U of T. Mahlalela, a former varsity basketball star and team captain of the UBC Thunderbirds, is eager to pass on his brilliant sense of the game. Mahlalela has experience playing at nationals and brings with him a Canada West title. He is the founder of Concrete Hoops Basketball Camps and also finds time to run international

exchange camps between Toronto and Swaziland. The camps focus on youth engagement and AIDS prevention. Aside from his work with U of T, Mahlalela is the coordinator of basketball development for the Toronto Raptors.



BEN KATZ - Assistant Coach

Ben Katz a former McMaster Marauder and Varsity Blues standout, joins his father Mike for a second season as a member of the Varsity Blues coaching staff. This OUA first team all-star in both the east and west division spent the 2006-07 season as a member of the Varsity Blues while completing graduate courses at U of T. In 2006-07, Ben averaging 29 minutes per game, Ben

led the team in points per game (13.1), was second in rebounding (104) and third in assists (43). His well-rounded game and competitive work ethic will help him guide the youthful Blues squad.

NIRTAL SHAH – Head Therapist
MATT BONNEAU – Student Therapist
THEO BARKER – Student Therapist



ANDREW SUMMERVILLE - Assistant Coach

This will be Andrew Summerville's third season with the Varsity Blues men's basketball program. Summerville brings a wealth of coaching experience from both the United States and Australia. He has coached in 10 Australian state championships, most notably the 1998 Australian Basketball Association

Championship, where he helped lead the Southern District's Spartans (Brisbane) to a championship title. In 2006, he led ABA's Bundaburg Bulls to their best season yet (20 – 5), and he also spent valuable time as an assistant coach with the Australian National Basketball League's Brisbane Bullets in 2004. As the former assistant coach at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee, Summerville helped guide the then fourth-ranked Red Hawks to an appearance at the NAIA national tournament.



MIKE DEGIORGIO - Assistant Coach

Former Blues captain and most valuable player, Michael De Giorgio joins the Blues bench following up his graduation. De Giorgio, a 2007-08 OUA first team all-star, was instrumental in helping the team achieve their unprecedented No. 5 national ranking in his final season. An academic all-Canadian, he averaged 30.7 minutes per game

and was ranked third in the OUA and CIS in assists-per-game (7.23) in 2007-08. De Giorgio is also a role model to younger players, having volunteered at GTA school community clinics and at summer camps in his spare time. He is currently studying to become a teacher at OISE.



JOSH SUTEIR - Manager

Suteir joins the Varsity Blues staff for his second year as the team's manager. Suteir was an assistant coach at Ashbury College in Ottawa, where he helped lead the team to the National Capital 'A' title and a berth at the OFSSAA championship.

QUICK FACTS

- U of T is the largest university in Canada and is recognized as a global leader in teaching and research.
- U of T professors receive nearly 25 per cent of all national awards, although they total just over 7 per cent of Canadian professors.
- Successful graduates include prime ministers, premiers, actors, film producers, astronauts, acclaimed writers, software pioneers and Nobel Prize winners.

- Extracurricular options at U of T abound, with close to 300 officially recognized academic, athletic, religious and volunteer-oriented student clubs.

- U of T's diverse community includes over 6,000 international students – almost 10 per cent of the student body.

- Researchers at U of T have isolated the genes that cause early onset Alzheimer's disease and cystic fibrosis, discovered the role of insulin in controlling diabetes, developed the chemical laser and created Canada's first jet engine.

- In the midst of the largest capital expansion in 40 years, U of T is building over one million square feet of classrooms, libraries, research labs, residences and athletic facilities.

- U of T's library system, with over 15 million holdings, ranks among the top four research libraries in North America.

- The athletics and recreation programs at U of T are bolstered by the development of the new Varsity Centre, a 5,000-seat stadium with state-of-the-art artificial turf field, eight-lane track and bubble for winter use.

- U of T boasts many other tremendous athletic facilities, including the newly expanded Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre at the University of Toronto Mississauga and the beautiful new University Playing Fields at the University of Toronto Scarborough, home to the Varsity Blues baseball team.

2008-09 SCHEDULE

Oct. 31	Toronto at Ryerson	8:00 p.m.	Jan. 16	Queen's at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	McMaster at Toronto	8:00 p.m.	Jan. 17	RMC at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Lakehead at Toronto	8:00 p.m.	Jan. 23	Laurentian at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Toronto at Windsor	8:00 p.m.	Jan. 24	York at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	Toronto at Western	3:00 p.m.	Jan. 31	Toronto at Queen's	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Toronto at Laurier	8:00 p.m.	Feb. 6	Ottawa at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 22	Toronto at Waterloo	8:00 p.m.	Feb. 7	Carleton at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Brock at Toronto	8:00 p.m.	Feb. 13	Toronto at York	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 29	Guelph at Toronto	8:00 p.m.	Feb. 14	Toronto at Laurentian	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Toronto at Carleton	8:00 p.m.	Feb. 21	Ryerson at Toronto	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Toronto at Ottawa	8:00 p.m.			

CIS ALL-CANADIANS

1996-97	Eddy Meguerian
1991-92	Rob Wilson
1987-88	Fred Murrell

OUA CHAMPIONSHIPS

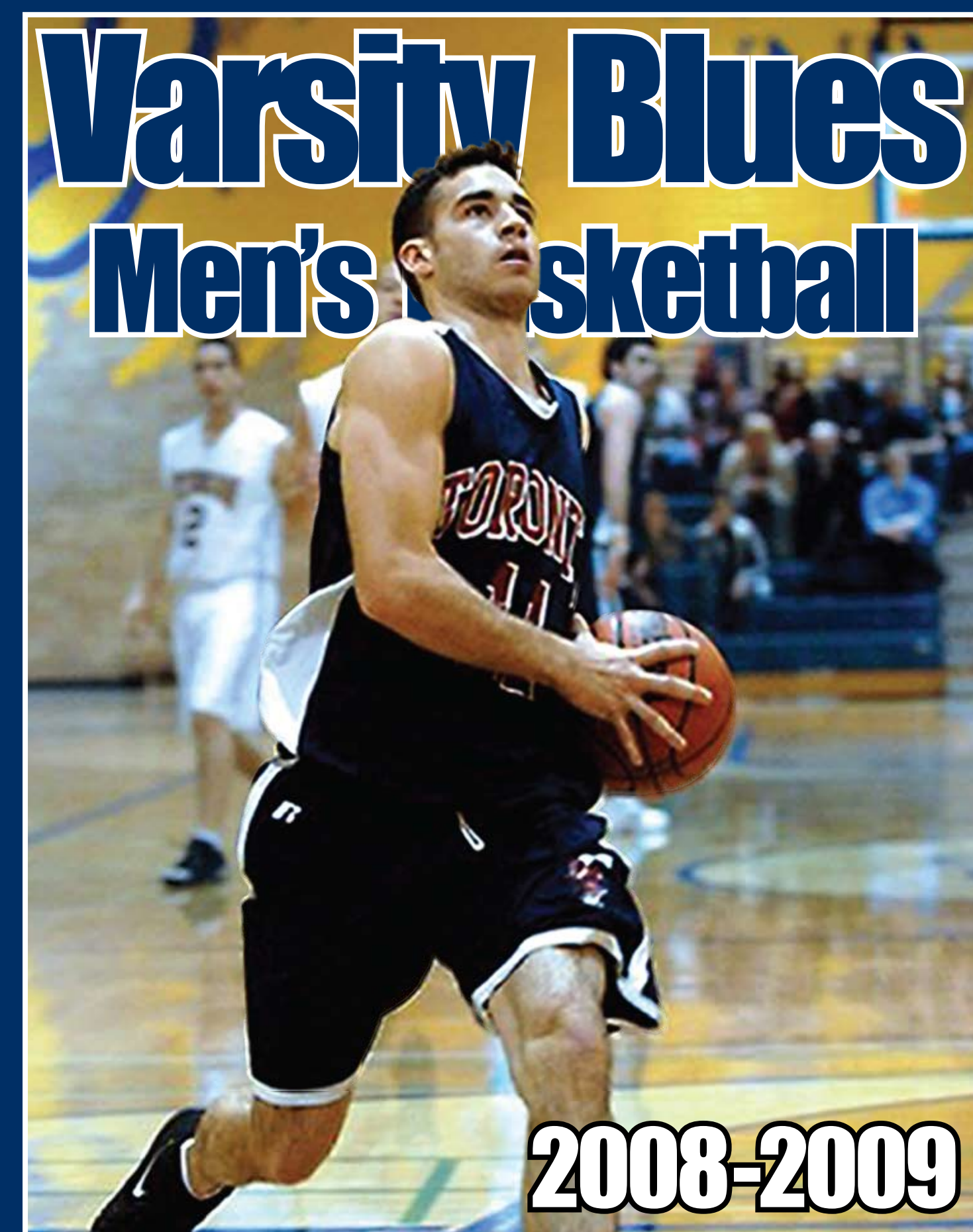
(Wilson Cup)

1995, 1958, 1940, 1939, 1937, 1935, 1929, 1928, 1925, 1921, 1920, 1913, 1911, 1909

OUA ALL-STARS

2007-08	Michael De Giorgio, Rob Paris
2006-07	Ben Katz, Mike Williams
2005-06	Mike Williams
2004-05	Kenny Hilborn, Mike Williams
2003-04	Kenny Hilborn
2001-02	Tom Grochmal
2000-01	Tom Grochmal
1999-00	Jon Reid
1998-99	Reid Beckett, Vidac Curic
1997-98	Reid Beckett, Vidac Curic
1996-97	Jason Dressler, Jason Gopaul, Eddy Meguerian
1995-96	Jason Dressler, Eddy Meguerian, Carl Swantee
1994-95	Jason Dressler, Eddy Meguerian, Carl Swantee
1993-94	Roland Semprie, Carl Swantee
1992-93	Scott Bleue
1991-92	Linas Balaisis, Rob Wilson
1990-91	Gunars Balodis, Scott Bleue, Rob Wilson
1989-90	Mark Harvey
1988-89	Mark Harvey, Nick Saul, Rob Wilson
1987-88	Mike Forestell, Mark Harvey, Fred Murrell
1986-87	Sam Hill, John Karpis
1985-86	Roger Rollocks, Wayne Shaw
1984-85	Ronald Davidson, Fred Murrell, Roger Rollocks

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Men's Basketball

A Tradition of Excellence

The University of Toronto Varsity Blues men's basketball team captured the inaugural Ontario men's intercollegiate championship in 1908-09. Nearly a century later, the Varsity Blues continue to chase the province's top men's basketball prize.

U of T has collected the conference crown 14 times, second-best in the OUA, and last brought home the Wilson Cup in 1995. In 1996, the Varsity Blues were the OUA East champions and Wilson Cup finalists.

Along with team accolades, Varsity Blues basketball also attracts some of the top high school student-athletes from Ontario and across the country. Since 1985, 46 Varsity Blues have been named OUA all-stars, including former standouts Eddy Meguerian, Rob Wilson and Fred Murrell, who also earned all-Canadian honours. In the past 15 years, a number of Varsity Blues have spent time with the Canadian national team, including Meguerian, Wilson, Mark Harvey and Jason Dressler.

The Varsity Blues have also been to the post-season 12 times in the past 17 years, including three straight trips to the 'Final Eight', the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship, from 1995 to 1997.

As part of the Varsity Blues family, men's basketball is one of 44 men's and women's teams in 26 sports offered by U of T. The breadth of the Varsity Blues experience and legacy are unmatched at a Canadian university.

In 2004-05, the Varsity Blues welcomed new head coach Mike Katz, who brought a wealth of experience and past success from his time at Humber College and with the Canadian national team. Since then, under Katz's and his staff's leadership, the Blues have finished in the top three the past three seasons in the OUA East conference, with a combined league record of 57-31 and two playoff victories. In addition, Katz earned 2007-08 OUA and CIS coach of the year honours.



2008 Season Preview

With the departure of 2007-08 OUA East first team all-star Mike DeGiorgio, the Varsity Blues men's basketball team will look for solid and consistent play from fourth-year guards Nick Magalas and Rob Paris. The duo will be counted on to fill the void and provide the necessary leadership to push the 2008-09 Varsity Blues to the top of the OUA again this season.

Magalas and Paris led the team in scoring last year and have all the assets to set the OUA on fire this year: perimeter shooting, speed, leaping ability and aggressive play at both ends of the floor. They are consistent three-point shooters with the ability to attack the rim and finish in traffic.

6-foot-7 veterans Nick Snow and Ahmed Nazmi are the mojo in the middle for the Blues. They are a tough matchup for any team as both are at home in the paint or on the perimeter. Snow was a high-touted

recruit from London, Ont., and finished third on the team in scoring last season with a solid mid-range and low post game. Nazmi developed into a solid forward and has increased his level of productivity for the Blues with added playing time last season.

Backing up Snow and Nazmi will be second-year big man Andrew Wasik. Wasik has proven that he has what it takes to battle in the post with the top players in the OUA. He is a great low post player whose imposing size and strength in the key will give the Blues solid scoring opportunities and a defensive presence around the basket.

Looking to step up this year are Justin Holmes, Anthony DeGiorgio, Drazen Glisic and Sebastian Magalas. Holmes is an athletic leaper who can shoot off the dribble while DeGiorgio will look to step in and make an impact at the point guard position. Glisic is a long athletic post player who is a great rebounder and shot blocker while Magalas, like his brother Nick, is an unselfish point guard with exceptional passing prowess.

There are six new faces on this year's Blues

squad. Jahmal McQueen is a talented athlete who can play inside and out. He has the ability to score from anywhere on the floor and is an exciting player to watch in transition. Ben Garvin has been on the Blues radar for over two years. He is a wing player who is capable of playing inside if needed. He can shoot the three and defend multiple positions.

Arun Kumar is a shooting guard with a great perimeter shot. He is quick at both ends of the floor and fits well in the Toronto system. Junior Toby is a long athletic post who has huge potential. He can block shots and will be a big defensive presence in the key. He has good touch around the hoop and is an exciting finisher. Patryk Moskal is a shooter with good range who will look to develop this year. Rounding out the fresh faces this season is first-year transfer student Patrick Sewell. Sewell will add some experience at the wing position. He is an athletic player who is a former national player of the year in the CCAA while at Fanshawe College. He can shoot the ball, defend and is a great rebounder.



#3 Anthony DeGiorgio



#12 Benjamin Garvin



#33 Drazen Glisic



#31 Justin Holmes



#34 Arun Kumar



#22 Nickolas Magalas



#4 Sebastian Magalas



#23 Jahmal McQueen



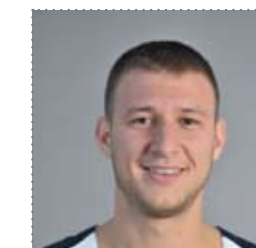
#32 Patryk Moskal



#20 Ahmed Nazmi



#11 Robert Paris



#21 Patrick Sewell



#13 Nick Snow



#40 Evaristus Toby



#10 Andrew Wasik

#	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	ELIG.YR	PROGRAM	HOMETOWN
3	Anthony DeGiorgio	Point Guard	6'1	3	FPEH	Toronto, ON
4	Sebastian Magalas	Point Guard	6'1	2	FPEH	Burlington, ON
10	Andrew Wasik	Centre	6'7	2	Commerce	Burnaby, BC
11	Robert Paris	Guard	6'0	4	Philosophy	St. Catharines, ON
12	Benjamin Garvin	Forward	6'3	1	Commerce	Holland Landing, ON
13	Nick Snow	Forward	6'8	4	FPEH	London, ON
20	Ahmed Nazmi	Forward	6'5	4	Arts and Science	Cairo, EGY
21	Patrick Sewell	Forward	6'3	4	FPEH	London, ON
22	Nickolas Magalas	Point Guard	6'0	4	Religion	Burlington, ON
23	Jahmal McQueen	Forward	6'6	1	Arts and Science	Oakville, ON
31	Justin Holmes	Guard	5'11	2	Arts and Science	Toronto, ON
32	Patryk Moskal	Point Guard	6'0	1	FPEH	Oakville, ON
33	Drazen Glisic	Forward	6'6	2	FPEH	Sarajevo, BIH
34	Arun Kumar	Point Guard	6'0	1	Economics	Hamilton, ON
40	Evaristus Toby	Centre	6'6	1	Arts and Science	Pickering, ON

