



QUICK FACTS

Location Youngstown, Ohio
Founded 1908
Enrollment 15,194
Nickname Penguins
Colors Red & White
Home Arena Beeghly Center
Capacity 6,300
League Horizon League
President Dr. Cynthia Anderson
Faculty Representative Dr. Chet Cooper
Director of Athletics Ron Strollo

TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach Jerry Slocum
Alma Mater The King's (N.Y.), 1975
Record at YSU 49-100/Sixth Season
Career Record 629-425/36th Season
Assistant Coaches
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Brian DePaoli Clarion, 2000
Byron Thorne PSU-Behrend, 1994
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2009-10 Record 8-22
Conference Record/Finish 2-16/10th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 3/8
Starters Returning/Lost 1/4
Newcomers 12

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Ashen Ward 22-23
Damian Eargle 24
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Tre Brewer 25
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2010-11 SEASON NOTES

Guins Begin 81st Season

The 2010-11 basketball campaign will be the 81st season of men's basketball at Youngstown State University.

Rockin' Beeghly Center

This season, the Penguins will play 16 home games in the friendly confines of the Beeghly Center. The 16 home contests are the most regular-season home games since the 1991-92 season when the Guins competed as an independent.

Sulskis' 1,000-Point Countdown

With 919 career points, senior Vytas Sulskis is just 81 points shy of becoming the 32nd player in YSU history to record 1,000 career points. The last player to reach 1,000 career points was John Barber in 2008.

At Home Early

The Penguins open the campaign with four of their first five contests in the Beeghly Center beginning with a season-opening tilt against Samford on Friday, Nov. 12, followed by hosting Mid-American Conference member Buffalo, Tuesday, Nov. 16.

It marks the first time since 1979-80 that the Guins will play four of their first five

games at home.

After a quick trip up Interstate 76 to visit Akron, who played in the postseason College Basketball Invitational, on Saturday, Nov. 20, the Guins return home to entertain MAC foe Toledo, Wednesday, Nov. 24 and Saint Francis (Pa.), Saturday, Nov. 27. The final two contests in November will also be the first two doubleheaders with the YSU women's program.

MAC Attack

The Guins play four teams from the Mid-American Conference. Akron, Buffalo Kent State and Toledo are on the slate early in the year.

Tough Schedule

The Penguins have never been shy about scheduling tough opponents and 2010-11 is no different. This season, the Guins will play nine 20-win teams and six programs that made the 2010 postseason.

Big Name Opponents

Over the last five seasons, the Penguins have made it a habit to schedule teams from BCS conferences. This season, the Guins visit NC State from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Since 2006-07, the Guins have faced teams from the Atlan-

tic Coast Conference (Maryland and NC State), Big East (Pittsburgh and Notre Dame), Big Ten (Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State) and Pac-10 (UCLA).

Not Your Vytas, Our Vytas

Not only is senior Vytas Sulskis approaching the career 1,000-point plateau, he will be moving up the YSU career 3-point chart as well. Sulskis ranks tied for sixth entering the year with 126 career 3-pointers made and needs just 10 more to move in to fifth place past Doug Underwood (2001-04). Sulskis is averaging 42 3-pointers made each season. If he maintains that average, he will finish with 168 career 3-pointers and rank second all-time.

29 is Our Number

The Penguins play 29 regular-season games for the fifth consecutive year and just the sixth time in school history.

18 League Games

The 18 conference games will tie a school record. This is the fourth straight season YSU will play 18 conference games. As members of the Mid-Continent Conference, YSU played 18 games three times (1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96).

Eargle Eligible

After sitting out the 2009-10 season to fulfill NCAA transfer requirements, sophomore Damian Eargle is now eligible. Eargle transferred from Greensboro, where he averaged 9.2 points and 5.6 rebounds and was named to the Southern Conference All-Newcomer Team. Eargle led the SoCon with 57 blocked shots.

Open League Play on the Road

For the second straight season, the Guins begin the month of December by opening Horizon League play on the road with a trek through Wisconsin. The Guins visit Milwaukee on Thursday, Dec. 2, and Green Bay, Saturday, Dec. 4.

Bracket Busters

YSU is again among the pool of teams involved in ESPN's BracketBuster concept. The Penguins will play at home on Saturday, Feb. 19. The opponent and time will be announced at a later date.

