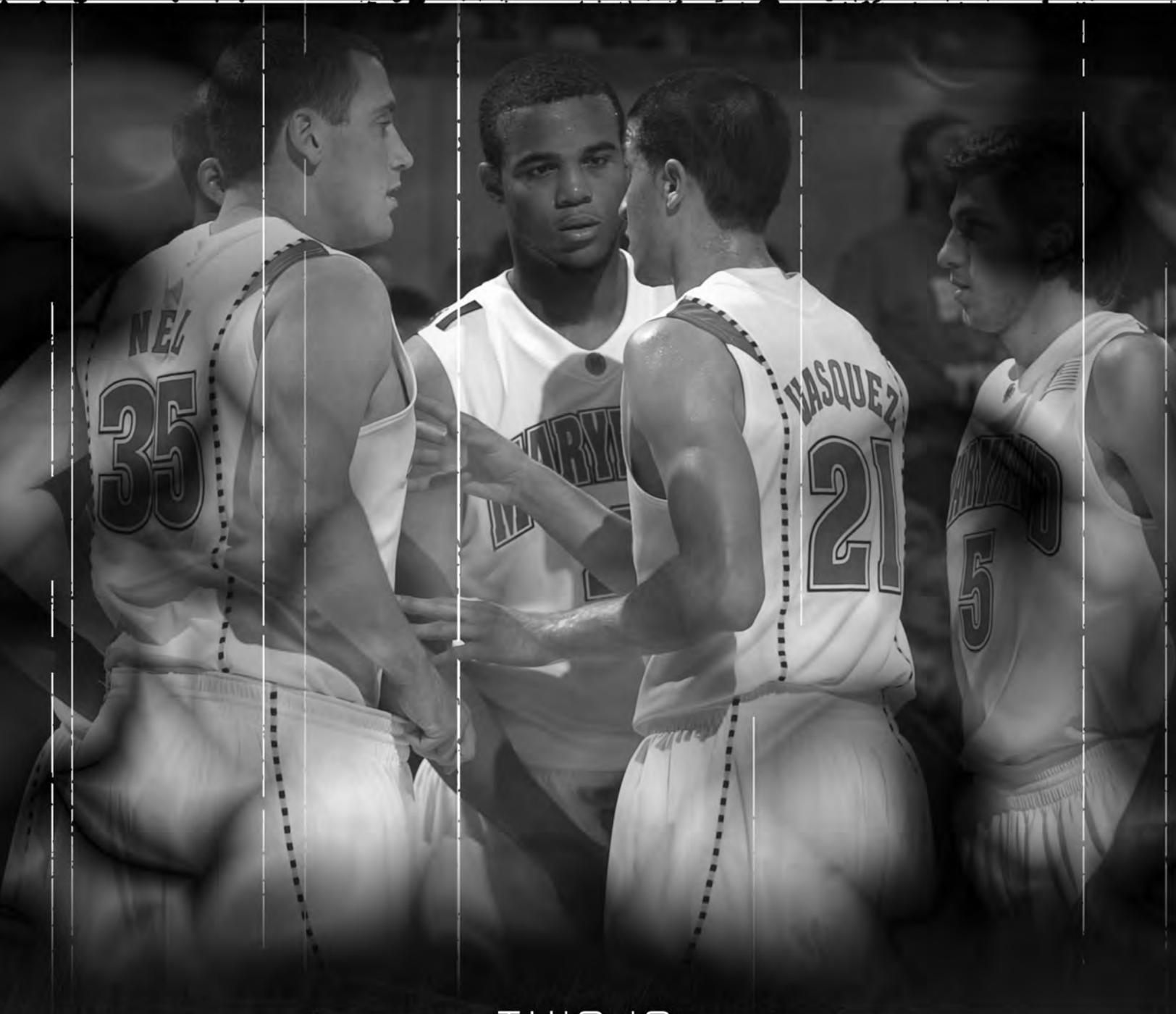


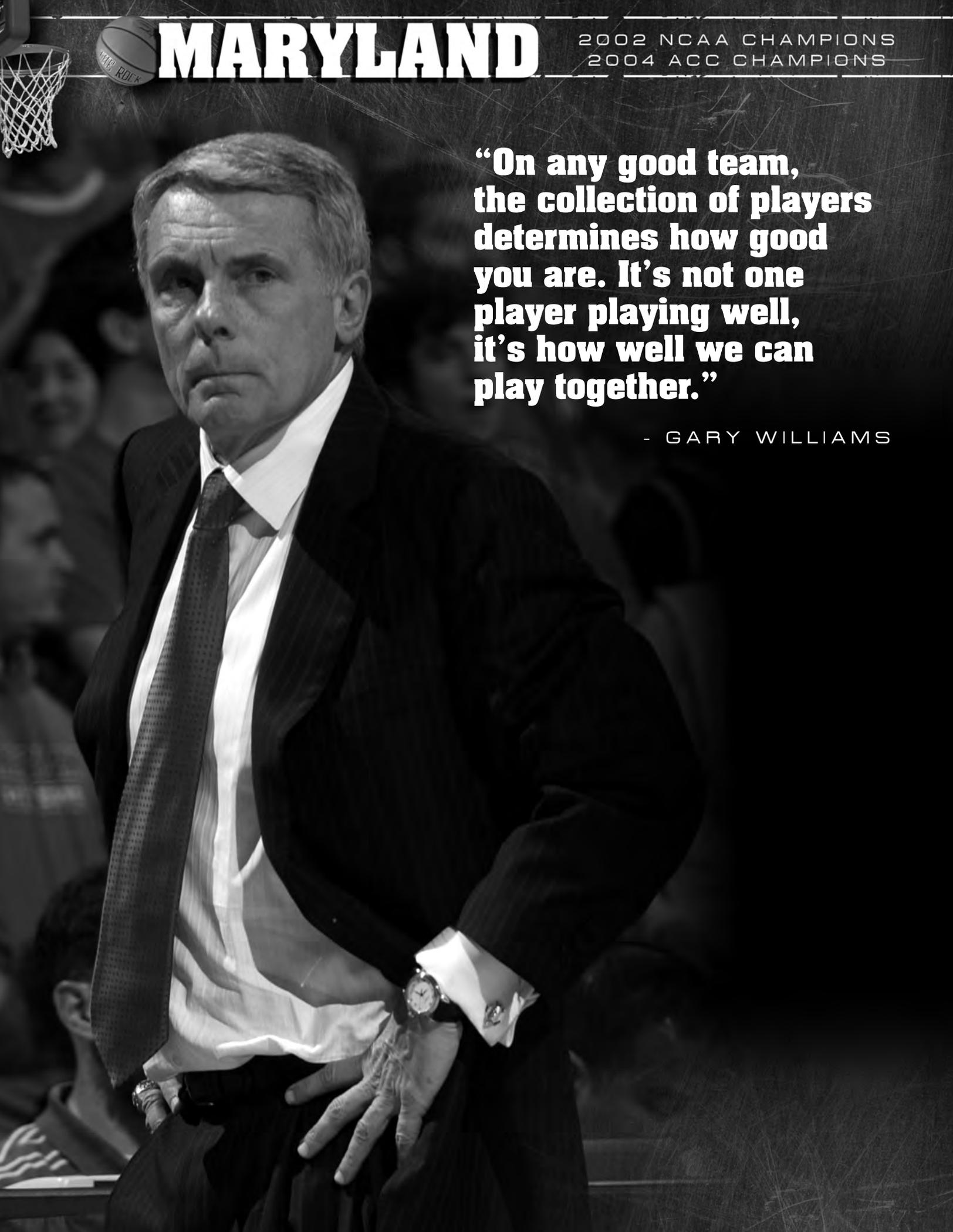
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Basketball is just like anything else in a collegiate setting – it's all about the maturation process and making the most of your opportunity to learn.

For the University of Maryland men's basketball team, Gary Williams is hoping his talented but inexperienced group of six freshmen and three sophomores from last season have turned into six sophomores and three juniors who are now talented and experienced.

Williams' 20th season at his alma mater will feature one of the top backcourts in the Atlantic Coast Conference, with a wealth of explosive talent, ball-handling and a flair for the exciting. It will also feature a frontcourt with talent but youth that will need to emerge after the graduation of James Gist and Bambale Osby.

For this team to be playing deep into March, Williams and his staff will be molding and guiding this group into the type of squad that will be better than the sum of its parts, and better in March than it was in November. Basically, the type of team that has made Gary Williams one of the most respected coaches in the nation for all of his 31 years in the college game.

"Last year, we had probably the most freshmen we've ever had here," Williams says of his 19-15 team that tied for fifth in the ACC with an 8-8 league mark. "We didn't have a big bank of experience to call on when things got tough.

"We lost some games in the second half that I thought we could have won. Hopefully, that experience will translate into understanding how hard we have to work, how important it is to execute.

"Those things usually come with experience, so hopefully they will," he says. "We're young in terms of having one senior in Dave Neal. But in terms of experience, especially in the backcourt, we're an experienced team.

"When you have the minutes played of Eric Hayes, Greivis Vasquez and Landon Milbourne, that gives you three perimeter players who went through every tough situation last year. Part of being a good player is to be able to give those experiences to those players who don't have that amount of experience. Hopefully, that will happen."

Part of the excitement in College Park for the 2008-09 season will be living the experience of Williams' 20th season as the Terrapins head coach. The future Hall of Fame coach enters the year as one of only seven active coaches with 600 wins at the Division I level. He begins the season only three victories away from posting his 400th at Maryland.

Long known as a teacher of the game who brings his teams along over the course of a year, Williams knows the success of this group of Terrapins is somewhat dependent on its ability to grow during the season.



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Eric Hayes

"I think a key will be the development of our inside players," says Williams. "That will be a gradual thing during the year. It's going to take some time."

"But at the same time, our perimeter people are good enough to get us through that tough stretch early. On any good team, the collection of players determines how good you are. It's not one player playing well, it's how well we can play together."

"I think it's especially true this year with only one senior. But we've got guys who've got some experience and who know what it takes to win. We beat the number-one team in the country last year. But we had some games at home we should have won that we lost in the second half. So hopefully, those two experiences will help."

Backcourt

Depth, experience and talent abound on the Maryland perimeter this season. Last year's starting duo of **Greivis Vasquez** and **Eric Hayes** return a year stronger, a year wiser and a year better.

Vasquez and Hayes finished first and sixth in the ACC last year in assists per game, and also finished second and eighth, respectively, in the league in minutes per game. They will be backed by sophomores **Adrian Bowie** and **Cliff Tucker**, along with last year's Player of the Year in Baltimore, freshman **Sean Mosley**.

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"Adrian and Cliff also played key minutes for us, especially when Eric was out. So I expect them to go from where they left off."

"Then we have an interesting player in Sean Mosley. He's a very skilled and experienced player for a freshman. I think he's going to have some impact in our program. He's 6-4, but has ball-handling skills, so we'll see how he fits in."

Vasquez has recovered from off-season ankle surgery and returns as the Terrapins' leader from last year in scoring (17.0 points per game, fifth in the ACC) and assists (6.8 per game, seventh in the nation). His entertaining, electric style has made him a favorite of Terrapin fans in only two seasons in College Park.

"Greivis has tremendous love of the game," says Williams. "It's very important for him that we win. Any great player has that passion and attitude about winning. It's hard to put that into a player."

"Greivis has that, and hopefully it's contagious. He's unique in that he's 6-5, a very good ball-handler and sees the court very well. He's worked hard to become a better outside shooter over the summer. He can be a great leader because of his passion for the game."

Hayes has been a steady influence in the backcourt during his two seasons, earning more than 1,800 minutes in those two years. An outstanding shooter, he has averaged .392 shooting from 3-point range and .875 from the free throw line in his career thus far. He is a guard who takes advantage of the court sense gained from playing for his father while at Potomac High School in nearby Woodbridge, Va.

Bowie played his best basketball at the end of the season last year, taking full advantage of the learning process. He started both games in the NIT last year and averaged 16.5 minutes per game over Maryland's final six outings. Two of his five games in double figures in points came during that



stretch. He is also a capable ball-handler, committing only eight turnovers in the Terps' final 13 games last year.

Tucker is another of Maryland's bigger guards at 6-6, and has an ability to both be an effective scorer (.491 shooting from the floor last year) and a solid floor player. He picked up 74 rebounds, 44 assists, 11 blocks and 21 steals in 32 games played last year, averaging just under 16 minutes per game. He is an athletic player who was a two-sport standout in basketball and football at Chapin High School in El Paso, Texas.

Mosley comes to Maryland with outstanding credentials after a standout career at St. Frances Academy in Baltimore. He was the 2008 Gatorade Player of the Year in Maryland and finished his career as the second-leading scorer in Maryland high school history with 2,933 points. He averaged 24.2 points and 7.5 rebounds as a senior, just after posting averages of 23.5 points and 9.8 rebounds as a junior.

Those five guards will give Williams and his staff a number of options in terms of different combinations and configurations for the offense and defense this season.

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"I've always liked to press. Our depth in the backcourt probably will allow us to press more than we have in the last few years."



Landon Milbourne

Frontcourt

Maryland opens the 2008-09 season with an experienced hand at small forward in **Landon Milbourne**. The 6-7 forward started 29 games for the Terrapins as a sophomore and improved his minutes from 4.8 to 24.7 and his scoring average from 1.0 to 8.2 between his freshman and sophomore years. He also knocked down 22 3-pointers last year and had 14 games in which he scored in double figures.

Milbourne is another of the players Williams is counting on to turn their on-court experience from a year ago into improved and more effective play this season.

As much as Vasquez and Hayes emerged as a formidable duo in the backcourt last year, that was similar to the impact that seniors James Gist and Bambale Osby had on the front line for the Terrapins a season ago.

Those two players finished second and third in the ACC in blocked shots last year, putting Maryland fifth in the nation as a team in that category. After a tremendous four-year career in College Park, Gist was drafted on the second round of the 2008 NBA Draft by San Antonio. Osby was another of the league's most improved players by the end of last season, providing an anchor defensively and a weapon on the blocks offensively for the Terps.

But with graduation comes opportunity in college basketball, and now is the time for **Jerome Burney**, **Braxton Dupree**, **Dave Neal** and **Steve Goins** to turn the chance to play into effective minutes for the Terrapins.

"This is one of the things we have to find out in the pre-season, exactly where players like Jerome and Braxton are in terms of their development," says Williams. "Each guy, basically, has had a year to play, now they have to step up."

"You have guys like James Gist and Bambale Osby, naturally they're not going to get as many minutes as those two guys. Now they're gone, so here comes these two. We'll have to see what they can do, along with **Dino Gregory**."

Neal, a 6-7 forward, is the lone senior on the squad and has used his intelligence and strength to his advantage, according to Williams. He has seen limited time in his three seasons due to injuries, but has played key minutes in his 62 games.



Dave Neal



Jerome Burney

"Dave has quietly been in some big situations in games," says Williams. "People overlook the importance of that sometimes. His experience will be important for our younger inside players, especially early in the season."

"Dave knows how to play. He's a very cerebral player in terms of knowing what we're trying to accomplish and being able to pass the ball. At that 6-7 size, he's very strong. He could play valuable minutes for us as the year goes along."

Burney is beginning his third season in the program, having redshirted the 2006-07 season due to a preseason injury. He saw improved playing time late in the season, appearing in each of the Terps' final seven games of the season. He posted five rebounds in 12 minutes at Miami and had six points and four blocks in 16 minutes against Clemson in March.

Dupree is a solid and strong athlete who uses his strength in the paint. He had eight starts last season, including a 14-point, five-board effort against Lehigh, following by a 10-point outing against Illinois in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. He also had six points and five boards in 14 minutes in the NIT first-round game at Minnesota.

Gregory has played both the small forward and power forward spots for Maryland in the past, but Williams feels he's better suited to play the power forward. Gregory appeared in 14 games last season as a freshman out of a quality Mount St. Joseph's program in Baltimore.

Goins was a late addition in the recruiting season for Maryland, but his 6-10, 260-pound size and his athletic ability attracted the Terps. He averaged 14 points and 11 rebounds at Curie High School as a senior and has been tabbed by high school and AAU observers as the sleeper pick coming out of the rich Chicago metropolitan area.

Walk-on **David Pearman**, a 6-foot-6 small forward, also returns for his sophomore season and will provide depth to the frontcourt.



Braxton Dupree

Coaching Staff

For the first time in a couple seasons, Williams will have the same group of assistant coaches helping prepare this team. Chuck Driesell and former Terp standout Keith Booth each return, while Robert Ehsan is on his fourth season on the staff and has progressed from graduate assistant to assistant coach.

"We're solid in that our staff is the same," says Williams, who has had key assistants take head-coaching positions recently. "We were together last year, coaching these guys. There's no getting to know anybody for the players."

"A lot of guys got head coaching jobs, and we went through a lot of changes in the staff for three years."

The continuity will hopefully pay off in a season in which Williams feels it will be important to have the team progress over the course of the year.

"I think if we can stay healthy, we're going to be the type of team that really gets better," he says. "I've had teams like this before. I think we have the attitude that we'll work hard all year. If you have that attitude, that's what happens."

"When you play in November, you could be the best team in the country at that point. But if you stay that way, there will be 50 teams that will pass you. If you're a good team in basketball, you continue to get better. Sometimes, it's the games that make you better, it's not just practice."



Cliff Tucker



Gary Williams



Adrian Bowie

Schedule

The Atlantic Coast Conference has been the top league in the nation in four of the last five seasons in terms of RPI. Once again, the league is loaded with outstanding teams, led by consensus preseason No. 1 pick North Carolina.

With the rotation of the schedule, Maryland has the dubious honor of being the only team in the league that faces both North Carolina and Duke in a home-and-home series. The Terps also play a home-and-home pairing against improving Miami, another team getting Top-25 mention by some observers.

Virginia and Georgia Tech are the other ACC teams Maryland will face twice this season. The Terps play Boston College, Wake Forest and Virginia Tech once each in Comcast Center, and will play single road games in league against NC State, Florida State and Clemson.

After opening the season at home on Nov. 14 against Bucknell, one of the highlights of the non-conference schedule have Maryland playing in Orlando, Fla., at the Old Spice Classic, an eight-team, three-day event that features six teams that appeared in the postseason a year ago.

Maryland will open against Michigan State and have Gonzaga and Oklahoma State on its side of the bracket. Georgetown and Tennessee are also in the field.

The Terps host Michigan in this season's ACC/Big Ten Challenge, then travel to Washington's Verizon Center to play George Washington in the annual BB&T Classic. Following those games, Maryland has a seven-game homestand that ends on Jan. 10 with Georgia Tech coming to Comcast Center to open the league season.

"We're fortunate we have the Big Ten game with Michigan here this year," says Williams. "That gives us a good home game. We also play Charlotte here this year, and they were tough for us last year down there."

"We're probably in as good a tournament as there is in the country this year. It will be a tough tournament, but most teams play in these events now. You need that in November, and it gives you a great deal of exposure."



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| 32 | Jerome Burney | F | 6-9 | 222 | So.-1V | Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake) |
| 4 | Braxton Dupree | C | 6-8 | 260 | So.-1V | Baltimore, Md. (Calvert Hall) |
| 25 | Steve Goins | C | 6-10 | 260 | Fr.-HS | Chicago, Ill. (Curie HS) |
| 33 | Dino Gregory | F | 6-7 | 227 | So.-1V | Baltimore, Md. (Mount St. Joseph) |
| 5 | Eric Hayes | G | 6-4 | 184 | Jr.-2V | Woodbridge, Va. (Potomac) |
| 1 | Landon Milbourne | F | 6-7 | 207 | Jr.-2V | Roswell, Ga. (Oak Hill Academy) |
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| 35 | Dave Neal | F | 6-7 | 263 | Sr.-3V | McLean, Va. (Bishop O'Connell) |
| 23 | David Pearman | G/F | 6-6 | 188 | So.-1V | Columbia, Md. (Oakland Mills) |
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Assistant Coaches: Chuck Driesell, 3rd Year at Maryland (Maryland, '85), Keith Booth, 5th Year at Maryland (Maryland '03), Robert Ehsan, 4th Year at Maryland (UC Davis '04)

Director of Basketball Operations: Troy Wainwright, 13th Year at Maryland (UMUC '04)

Director of Basketball Student Services: Joe Harrington, 2nd Year at Maryland (Maryland '68)

Athletic Trainer: J.J. Bush, 36th Year at Maryland (Florida State '69)

Squad Breakdown Terps By Class

Seniors (1): Neal

Juniors (3): Hayes, Milbourne, Vasquez

Sophomores (6): Bowie, Burney, Dupree, Gregory, Pearman, Tucker

Freshmen (2): Goins, Mosley

Terps By State

Georgia (2): Burney, Milbourne

Illinois (1): Goins

Maryland (5): Bowie, Dupree, Gregory, Mosley, Pearman

Texas (1): Tucker

Virginia (2): Hayes, Neal

Venezuela (1): Vasquez

Terps By Height

6-10 (1): Goins

6-9 (1): Burney

6-8 (1): Dupree

6-7 (3): Gregory, Milbourne, Neal

6-6 (4): Mosley, Pearman, Tucker, Vasquez

6-4 (1): Hayes

6-2 (1): Bowie

