

= 2012 ? 13 Harvard Crimson men 's basketball team =

The 2012 ? 13 Harvard Crimson men 's basketball team represents Harvard University during the 2012 ? 13 NCAA Division I men 's basketball season . The Crimson , led by sixth year head coach Tommy Amaker , played their home games at Lavietes Pavilion and are members of the Ivy League .

Harvard entered the season as the two @-@ time defending Ivy League Champion , but its roster was greatly changed due to graduation and the 2012 Harvard cheating scandal that led to the withdrawal of two star players . With reduced expectations , the team entered the season expected to finish second in conference . During the season , the team swept the three opponents that are also from Boston . The win against Boston College , gave Amaker his sixth victory against no defeats over Atlantic Coast Conference foes . Despite the team 's turmoil , it prevailed to win the 2012 ? 13 Ivy League men 's basketball season regular season championship , earning the team an automatic bid to the 2013 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament , where it won the school 's first ever NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament game . The tournament victory over # 3 seed New Mexico was also the school 's first victory over a top 10 ranked team .

The team was led by Wesley Saunders who was unanimous First Team All @-@ Ivy and Ivy League Rookie of the Year Siyani Chambers who was also a first team honoree . Both Steve Moundou @-@ Missi and Laurent Rivard earned honorable mention All @-@ Ivy recognition . Harvard tied an Ivy League single @-@ season team record with 13 combined Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week Awards .

= = Roster = =

= = Preseason = =

Prior to the season , Harvard won all four games on its international training trip to Italy . The team announced that senior Christian Webster and junior Laurent Rivard would serve as captain . The Crimson only returned one starter from the prior year . Harvard 's two captains from the prior season , Keith Wright and Oliver McNally were seniors . Wright had been the Ivy League Men 's Basketball Player of the Year in 2011 . Wright , the Crimson all @-@ time leader in blocked shots , signed with Uppsala Basket of the Swedish Basketball League , and McNally , signed with the Moncton Miracles of the National Basketball League of Canada . The team welcomed five freshmen and ten returning players .

The Ivy League media selected Harvard as the preseason runner @-@ up to Princeton , giving the team the only first place vote that did not go to Princeton . Jeff Goodman of CBS Sports also selected Princeton first and Harvard second with his preseason predictions , noting that Harvard had been his preseason favorite until the September cheating scandal that involved about 125 athletes and students ensnared Kyle Casey and Brandyn Curry , leading to their withdrawal . Casey and Curry had been first @-@ team and second @-@ team All @-@ Ivy selections respectively for the 2011 ? 12 Ivy League men 's basketball season , respectively . Both players withdrew from school in hopes of preserving their final year of athletic eligibility following the investigation .

Harvard appeared on 14 televised games in the regular season . Of these 14 , six came on the NBC Sports Network . In addition , the team had four games broadcast on four different ESPN networks . Its February 23 game against Yale was televised by CBS Sports .

= = Schedule = =

Harvard 's November 14 contest against Massachusetts was televised on ESPN as part of the network 's Tip @-@ Off Marathon . Harvard lost the contest 67 ? 64 . On December 4 , the team defeated Boston College for its fifth consecutive victory against Boston College Eagles men 's basketball , making Amaker a perfect 6 ? 0 against the Atlantic Coast Conference . The team also

defeated cross @-@ town rivals MIT and Boston University as well as in @-@ state rival Holy Cross . Harvard 's contest against Columbia that was originally scheduled for February 9 at 7 : 00 PM at Levien Gymnasium in Manhattan was postponed until February 10 at 2 : 00 PM due to the February 2013 nor 'easter ( also known as Winter Storm Nemo ) .

Harvard had cruised to a 9 ? 1 record in conference play and then fell to 7 ? 2 Princeton on March 1 . The following night , Princeton defeated Dartmouth and Harvard lost to Penn to give Princeton the lead in the conference race . Harvard earned the Ivy League Championship with wins on March 8 and 9 over Columbia and Cornell to finish at 11 ? 3 in conference as Princeton was swept on the same nights to Yale and Brown to fall to 9 ? 4 in conference .

On March 21 in the 2013 NCAA Tournament , Harvard earned the school 's first NCAA Tournament victory and its first victory over a top 10 opponent when it defeated number three seeded New Mexico ( # 10 AP Poll / # 10 Coaches ' Poll ) . The victory was the first by an Ivy League team in the tournament since the 2009 ? 10 Cornell Big Red men 's basketball team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen . Two days later , the team lost to Arizona , ending its season .

N.B. Source :

= = = In season = = =

Each week the Ivy League selects a player of the week and a rookie of the week . Led by Wesley Saunders ' 5 Ivy League Player of the Week Awards and Siyani Chambers ' 6 Rookie of the Week Awards , Harvard tied the Ivy League record with 13 single @-@ season weekly recognitions .

= = = All @-@ Ivy = = =

Siyani Chambers was named the unanimous choice for Ivy League Rookie of the Year and the first freshman to be first team All @-@ Ivy . Chambers and Saunders were the first Harvard teammates selected together as first team All @-@ Ivy . The following players earned Ivy League postseason recognition :

First Team All @-@ Ivy

^ Wesley Saunders , ( So . , G / F - Los Angeles )

Siyani Chambers , ( Fr . , G - Golden Valley , Minn . )

Honorable Mention All @-@ Ivy

Steve Moundou @-@ Missi , ( So . , F - Yaounde , Cameroon )

Laurent Rivard , ( Jr . , G - Saint @-@ Bruno @-@ de @-@ Montarville , Québec , Canada )

^ Unanimous Selection

On March 12 , the U.S. Basketball Writers Association named Saunders to its 2012 ? 13 Men 's All @-@ District I ( ME , VT , NH , RI , MA , CT ) Team , based upon voting from its national membership . The National Association of Basketball Coaches announced their Division I All ? District teams on March 26 , recognizing the nation 's best men 's collegiate basketball student @-@ athletes . Selected and voted on by member coaches of the NABC , 240 student @-@ athletes , from 24 districts were chosen . The selections on this list were then eligible for the State Farm Coaches ? Division I All @-@ America teams . Saunders and Chambers were among the District 13 first team selections .