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The EuStachy Code

Another Look at Larry Eustachy's Destruction of USM Basketball

Nearing the mid-point of sixth season as head men's basketball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, Larry Eustachy's career USM record is a much-to-be-desired 84 wins and 84 losses. The fact that about 20 of these 84 wins have come against William Carey, Spring Hill, Loyola-New Orleans, Dillard-New Orleans, Belhaven, Reinhardt and Blue Mountain means that Eustachy's USM record shrinks by 20%-25% on the wins side when accounted for properly.

This reports eyes a heretofore unseen dimension of Eustachy's destruction of USM's number two sport – that of the seemingly inordinate degree of roster turnover that has occurred since Eustachy took the reins in 2004-05. Below is a list of the names of players who have played basketball for Larry Eustachy at USM since that first year. The list contains a whopping **52** names, from Mildon Ambres to Maros Zufa.

USM Basketball Players Under Larry Eustachy
Ambres, Mildon
Arnold, Daryl
Awaji, Buchi
Ayarza, Josimar
Bain, Gijo
Barnes, Josh
Beasley, Courtney
Benite, Vitor Alves
Bolden, Maurice
Branch, Kevin
Brewer, Bryson
Brown, Dwayne
Brown, Solomon
Carlisle, Richard
Carruth, Rashaad
Clyburn, Jerome
Cooks, Brandon
Cornwell, David
Craft, Craig
DeWitt, Keith
Dodson, Darnell
Dotson, Demar
Flowers, Gary
Ford, Michael
Forte, Jason
Franklin, Alahjah

Green, DeWayne
Hall, Travis
Haywood, David
Hill, Jarvis
Horton, R.L.
Jackson, Trency
Jenkins, Cedric
Johnson, Angelo
Johnson, Greg
Johnson, Jasper
LaMonte, Kyle
Lewis, John
Lino, Gustavo
McCauley, Rodney
McGill, Rashard
Mills, Jonathan
Mitchell, Shakiem
Newbill, D.J.
Ortiz, Kenneth
Page, LaShay
Partee, Kayland
Pelham, Torye
Pelton, Kendaris
Pennington, LeVanne
Phillips, Ahyaro
Quinn, Tyler
Richardson, Sam
Robbins, Christian
Simpson, Shaun
Singleton, Jarekus
Smith, Cory
Stephens, Andre
Stiggers, Dante
Stone, Sai'Quon
Turner, Wayne
Visockis, Donatas
Watson, Neil
Wierson, Hank
Williams, Kody
Wise, Jeremy
Zuffa, Maros

According to the NCAA, Division 1 men's basketball rosters are limited to 13 scholarship players. With the 52 *unique* names listed in the table above, Eustachy could have stocked 4 season's rosters completely with unique players only. Thus, the low level of commitment he

has shown to those young men who have chosen to join "the USM family" in this way is quite disturbing. A 22-March-09 [OPPOSING VIEWS column](#) goes even further, referring to the 30% turnover on college basketball rosters as an unethical, sleight of hand practice. In Eustachy's case, with 8.7 new players per year, roster turnover for USM under Eustachy averages an astounding 66.9% per year over his first six years. With data like those above, one cannot help but wonder how many young lives Larry Eustachy has altered in a negative way since coming to Hattiesburg about six years ago.

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On 16-Dec-2011, Larry Eustachy and USM reinstated Darnell Dodson to the USM basketball team. Dodson joined USM in January-2011, but later was dismissed from the program after pleading guilty to grand larceny. With the addition to Dodson, the total number of *unique* players that has cycled through Eustachy's USM program rises to **67**, meaning that one could stock **5.2** separate teams (with 13-man rosters) with his cumulative roster. Also, at the beginning of this year, Eustachy added an average of **8.3** *new players* to his USM roster on an annual basis. Now, with Dodson, that average is **8.4** new players per year. This figure indicates that Eustachy's USM roster turnover rate averages a whopping **64.6%** per year. Lastly, the Opposing Views column linked above refers to roster turnover after accounting for seniors and playing turning pro early. Even if one were to attribute half of Eustachy's USM turnover to seniors and turning pro early, the latter of which rarely happens at USM, Golden Eagle turnover still easily surpasses the 30% warning level described in that Opposing Views column.

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Now in season #8, Eustachy is adding a number of new players to his Golden Eagles basketball team. These are listed in green in the table above. The table above adds seven new Golden Eagles to Larry Eustachy's cumulative roster at USM. Thus, the total number of *unique* players that has cycled through Eustachy's USM program rises to **66**, meaning that one could stock **5.1** separate teams (with 13-man rosters) with his cumulative roster. Also, prior to this year, Eustachy added an average of **8.4** *new players* to his USM roster on an annual basis. Now, that average is **8.3** new players per year. This figure indicates that Eustachy's USM roster turnover rate averages a whopping **63.8%** per year. Finally, heading into season #8, Eustachy's USM teams are **117-104** *overall*, yet only **93-104** *against Division I competition*. Today, these records are **121-106** *overall*, yet only **96-106** *against Division I competition*.

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Now in season #7, Eustachy is adding a number of new players to his Golden Eagles basketball team. These are listed in red in the table above. The table above adds seven new Golden Eagles to Larry Eustachy's cumulative roster at USM. Thus, the total number of *unique* players that has cycled through Eustachy's USM program rises to **59**, meaning that one could stock **4.5** separate

teams (with 13-man rosters) with his cumulative roster. Also, prior to this year, Eustachy added an average of **8.7** *new players* to his USM roster on an annual basis. Now, that average is **8.4** new players per year. This figure indicates that Eustachy's USM roster turnover rate averages a whopping **64.6%** per year. Finally, [heading into](#) season #7, Eustachy's USM teams are **95-94** overall, yet only **74-94** against Division I competition. Today, these records are **99-94** overall, yet only **77-94** against Division I competition.