

# 2009 NBA DRAFT PICK



NIVINS

**AHMAD NIVINS '09**  
**FORWARD, DALLAS MAVERICKS**

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## 2008-09 SAINT JOSEPH'S PLAYER BIOS



### AHMAD NIVINS

Forward • 6-9 • 242  
Jersey City, N.J. • S t . Anthony

**Overall:** 19.2 ppg; 11.8 rpg; 1.8 bpg; 1.0 apg

**A-10:** 19.5 ppg; 12.5 rpg; 1.7 bpg; 1.1 apg

**2009 NBA DRAFT PICK - Dallas Mavericks (56th overall)**

**2008-09 ATLANTIC 10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**2008-09 ASSOCIATED PRESS HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICA**

*2008-09 Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team Selection • Three-time All-Conference (2006-07 and 2008-09 First Team; 2007-08 Third Team) • 2008 Atlantic 10 All-Tournament Team • NABC All-District (2006-07 and 2008-09 First Team; 2007-08 Second Team) • USBWA All-District Team (2008-09)*



**Career:** Third leading scorer in school history with 1,789 points and sixth in rebounds with 955... One of only five players in SJU history to rank in the top 10 all-time in both categories... Holds the SJU records for career field goal percentage with 62.7 percent and in free throws made with 561... Also owns the single-season record for field goal percentage with 64.7 set in 2007-08... Is one of three players in Hawk history to record over 1,700 points and 800 rebounds... Had 33 double-doubles in his career... Became 28th player in SJU history to be chosen in the NBA Draft, selected by the Dallas Mavericks with the 56th overall pick.

**2008-09:** Atlantic 10 Player of the Year... Chosen to the All-Conference First Team for the second time... All-Defensive Team selection... Led the Atlantic 10 in rebounds (11.8), field goal percentage (61.2%) and minutes played (39.3), and was third in scoring (19.2)... Became just the second player in conference history to lead the league in FG percentage for three consecutive years... Owned a league-best 22 double-doubles this season and registered 33 in his career... Earned Player of the Week honors from the Atlantic 10 five times and from the Big 5 four times... Poured in 24 points and knocked down 14 of 17 free throws against Xavier... Recorded 21 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks against UMass... Amassed game highs in points (22) and rebounds (11) at Saint Louis... Scored a game-high 21 points and pulled down 12 rebounds with three blocks at UMass... Registered 20 points, 17 rebounds and three blocks against Penn... Scored a career-high 34 points and grabbed 16 rebounds against Duquesne... Posted 25 points and 10 rebounds against Charlotte... Recorded first 20-20 game with 28 points and a career-high 20 rebounds against Rhode Island in a career-high 54 minutes played... Had 26 points and 16 rebounds against Cornell... Poured in 20 points and pulled down 17 rebounds at Lehigh... Did not foul out of any game during the season.

**2007-08:** Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Third Team... Earned NABC All-District Second Team honors while being chosen to the All-Big 5 Second Team... Hawks' leading shot blocker and second leading scorer and rebounder... Averaged 14.4 points and 5.8 rebounds... Blocked 1.2 shots per game... Bettered his SJU record for field goal percentage in a season with 64.7... Earned a spot on the A-10 All-Championship Team... Posted a career-best game at UMass, scoring 31 points (13-for-18 FG), grabbing 12 rebounds and blocking a personal-best six shots... Scored 51 points and pulled down 24 rebounds in two games vs. UMass... Had 25 points vs. Penn State, hitting 8-of-12 shots... Scored double figures in all but four games... Scored 20 points at Siena... Posted three double-doubles on the season... Big 5 Player of the Week (Jan. 14).

**2006-07:** Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference First Team and the All-Big 5 First Team... Chosen to the NABC All-District 3 squad... Received the John P. Hilferty Award as Saint Joseph's MVP... Leading scorer (16.6) and rebounder (7.6)... Averaged 17.6 ppg in conference play... Set the school's single-season record for field goal percentage (63.1)... Had 27 points on 10-for-11 shooting at Richmond... Recorded five double-doubles... Scored 20-plus points in eight games... Tied career-high with 28 points and 11 rebounds vs. URI... Tallied 27 points at Richmond, while making 10-of-11 shots... Grabbed 11 rebounds at Villanova... Scored team-high 20 points at Temple... Named to the All-Tournament Team at both the NABC Classic and the Aeropostale Holiday Festival... Put together back-to-back 20-plus point games at NABC Classic, including a then career-high 28 points against Bellarmine... Player of the Week in the Big 5 (Jan. 15, Jan. 8) and Atlantic 10 (Dec. 9).

**2005-06:** Atlantic 10 All-Rookie selection... Averaged 6.1 ppg and shot 61.3 percent from the field... Was second on the team with 5.0 rebounds... Scored in double figures five times... Had first double-double with 12 points-12 rebounds vs. Xavier... Established a then career-high with 17 points on 7-for-10 shooting at Bucknell... Had 14 points at Davidson, while shooting 10-for-10 from the foul line... Notched five blocks vs. Drexel and Saint Louis and four against #4 Villanova... Started his first four collegiate games and 12 of his first 13... Missed two of the last three contests with an ankle injury.

**Personal:** Participated in the 2007 USA Basketball Pan Am Games Trials... Was a baseball player (pitcher) until his first year in high school... Graduated in May 2009 with his bachelor's degree in sociology... Born February 10, 1987

### Ahmad Nivins' Career Stats

YEAR	GP-GS	MIN	MPG	FG-A	PCT.	3PT-A	PCT.	FT-A	PCT.	REB	AVG.	PF	DQ	A	TO	BL	S	PTS	AVG.
2005-06	30-12	680	22.7	68-111	.613	0-1	.000	48-68	.706	149	5.0	85	4	8	41	39	12	184	6.1
2006-07	31-31	1083	34.9	176-279	.631	0-1	.000	164-242	.678	235	7.6	89	3	11	77	32	32	516	16.6
2007-08	33-33	1112	33.7	165-255	.647	0-0	.000	146-197	.741	193	5.8	93	4	16	76	39	22	476	14.4
2008-09	32-32	1259	39.3	205-335	.612	0-1	.000	203-258	.787	378	11.8	70	0	32	87	56	26	613	19.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126-108</b>	<b>4134</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>614-980</b>	<b>.627</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>561-765</b>	<b>.733</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1789</b>	<b>14.2</b>