



33 Louis Birdsong

▶ Class: Senior	▶ Height / Weight: 6-6 / 230
▶ Hometown: Baltimore, Md.	▶ Position: Forward
▶ High School: Mount St. Joseph's	

Louis Birdsong is in his fourth season with the Patriots... Is a strong inside player with tremendous athleticism. Among Mason's all-time leaders in blocks and field-goal percentage as well as games played.

2009-10: Had five points and four rebounds against Liberty in the season opener and matched that output against Hofstra (1/4) while having a season-high three blocks... Tied a career-high with three assists against VMI... Had 11 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three blocks against Delaware... Had nine points, four boards and two blocks vs. JMU... Had 13 points and five boards while going 5 of 6 from the field against VCU (Feb.9)... Had three blocks in the first half against VCU in the CAA Tournament to reach 100 blocks for his career... After playing in the CIT took over sole possession of third place on the school's all-time list for games played.

2008-09: Played in all 33 games with 32 starts... Missed lone start by giving way to a teammate on Senior Night... Led the team in blocks and his 36 were the 15th-highest single-season total in school history... Was seventh in the CAA in blocks... Was third on the team in steals and field-goal percentage... Led or tied for the team lead in team in scoring three times, rebounding five times, steals eight times and blocks 16 times... Set a career-high with 19 points at East Carolina (11/22) on a career-high nine field goals... Previous career high was 15 points set at Hampton (11/20)... Had 10 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals against Mount St. Mary's (11/25)... Set career high with four blocks at Liberty (12/1) while scoring 12 points and grabbing seven rebounds... Made first career 3-pointer while scoring 11 points against Radford (12/19)... Was 7 of 9 from the field against James Madison (1/17) leading the team in scoring with 15 points... Had 11 points and eight rebounds in win over Delaware (1/27)... Tied career high with four blocks against Drexel (2/18), including three in the final seven minutes... Had season-high nine rebounds against James Madison (3/7) and then matched it the next night against Towson (3/8).

2007-08: Played in all 34 games with 28 starts... Led the team in blocks... Had career-high 14 points and nine rebounds in Mason's win at Florida International... Had 13 points and six rebounds with two blocks in win over South Carolina, being named ESPN's Player of the Game... Had 12 points and eight rebounds with one assist, one block and one steal against East Carolina while playing a career-high 36 minutes... Had 10 points with career-high two steals against Hampton... Had 11 points and two steals against Northeastern... Had nine points, five rebounds, three assists and two blocks in win over Drexel... Had 11 points in victory over Liberty... Scored in double figures with 10 points at Delaware... Had seven points, six rebounds and three blocks against UNC Wilmington (2/16)... Had 10 points, eight rebounds and two assists against Delaware (2/20)... Had eight points and five rebounds against Northeastern in CAA Tournament... Had 10 points, five rebounds and a block on 5 of 7 shooting against UNC Wilmington in the CAA Tournament Semifinals... Had six points, one rebound and one steal in just 19 minutes of action against William & Mary in the CAA Championship Game... Had a block in 16 of the final 21 games and 24 of 34 games this season.

2006-07: Tied for team lead in rebounding in CAA Tournament (5.0) while shooting 52.9 percent from the field... ... Earned first collegiate start at Holy Cross and set career high for rebounds by grabbing 11 boards... Set a career high with 27 minutes played at Drexel... Set career-high in first CAA Tournament game with 11 points... Became first Mason player to foul out all year when he picked up fifth personal in closing minutes against Old Dominion in CAA Tournament semifinals, Mason's 32nd game... Played six minutes in first collegiate game at Cleveland State... Took one shot and had one rebound... Scored first collegiate basket at Hampton with a three-point play... Had two assists in that contest... Played 10 minutes with two rebounds at Creighton... Played six minutes against Florida International... Set then-career highs at Duke in points (nine) and field

goals (four)... Broke those marks at James Madison with 10 points, five field goals... Had career-high two steals at Towson... Was 16 of 21 from the free throw line giving him the team's best free throw percentage.

High School: Played basketball at Mount Saint Joseph in Baltimore, leading the Gaels to the Baltimore Catholic League (BCL) title... Set a school record for wins when Mount Saint Joseph went 38-1 and finished the season ranked eighth in the nation (USA Today)... Was ranked as high as fifth before a season-ending loss to the nation's fourth-ranked team in the Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament (ACIT) Championship game... As a senior, named BCL Player of the Year and BCL Tournament MVP... Selected Baltimore City All-Metro Player of the Year... Was named All-Tournament in both the ACIT Tournament and Gonzaga D.C. Classic Tournament... Scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in BCL title game... As a junior, named first-team All-Baltimore Catholic League, Baltimore City All-Metro and Gonzaga D.C. Classic All-Tournament team.

Personal: Full name is Louis Edward Birdsong Jr.... Born September 9, 1988... Parents are Peach Payne and Louis E. Birdsong Sr... Has an older sister, Crystal... A 2006 graduate of Mount Saint Joseph High School... Also recruited by Virginia Commonwealth, Old Dominion, Xavier, East Carolina, Winthrop, Marshall, Ball State, Loyola (Md.), Buffalo and Centenary... Enjoys listening to music... Major is Art and Visual Technology

CAREER HIGHS

PTS: 19, at East Carolina (11/22/08)
REB: 11, at Holy Cross (12/21/06)
FG: 9, at East Carolina (11/22/08)
3-PT FG: 1, four times, last vs. Drexel (2/18/09)
FT: 6, at Florida International (12/21/07)
ASSISTS: 3, five times, last vs. Delaware (1/27/10)
STEALS: 3, vs. VCU (1/29/08)
BLOCKS: 4, twice, last vs. Drexel(2/18/09)
MINUTES: 36, at Delaware (1/9/08)