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numbers are up to 12.3 points and nearly 10 boards per game.

Joining Jones down low is Jason Collier, who entered Indiana to much fanfare three years ago but transferred to Georgia Tech last season, reportedly because of an adversarial relationship with Hoosiers head coach Bobby Knight

"Things didn't work out at Indiana, but he's matured a lot since then." Cremins said.

Collier earned all-ACC honors after scoring 17.5 points and pulling down seven rebounds per game this season, although the Yellow Jackets managed just a .500 record after losing to North Carolina in the first round of the ACC Tournament on Friday.

"It's been a difficult year for us, but we're still hanging in there." Collier said. "This will be good for us, because it's a postseason tournament, and it helps playing in March."

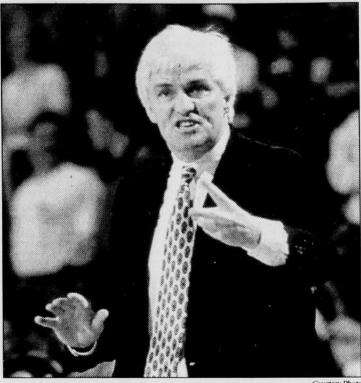
Despite being 7 feet tall and 250 pounds, Collier is fourth in three-point attempts on the team this

season. Tagged with the unenviable task of shadowing Collier tonight for Oregon is 6-foot-8 A.D. Smith.

"I think he'll be a little similar to Bobby Lazor, being a real skilled big man who can shoot the ball," Smith said in reference to Arizona State's all-Pac-10 forward. "They're a real tough team from a tough conference. Their big men are probably the strength of their team, and if our big men can at least neutralize them, we feel pretty confident that we can play with those guys."

Smith's teammate Mike Carson, who will be guarding Jones, agrees.

"I don't think it's any different from what we've seen in the Pac10, with guys like [Arizona's A.J.] Bramlett and [Washington's] Todd MacCulloch, who is able to score 30 points a night," Carson said. "We've got to make sure that we lock up Collier on the perimeter and make sure we keep Jones off the boards and try to get him in foul trouble, because he likes to jump and block shots."



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Georgia Tech head coach Bobby Cremins has led his team to a .500 record this year.

