

THRINZER 2086



COREY CALABRIA

Any team worth its salt is going to throw minutes at you like they're going out of style. You're a game-changing player, Corey, and you know that. The league knows that. But allow me to assume that you're not just looking for playing time, you're looking to shine. You're looking to dazzle, to inspire. To be the centerpiece of a team. To see your face on sports hype videos packages. To see entire student bodies wearing your jersey. To have a concession stand food item named after you.

Calabrian Chili Fries.

What Pitt offers you is more the "EXACT ROLE" of someone who's come before. Because there's never been someone like you.

Ours is a roster of great role players. Guys who can dish it out and give shooting support to an All-American. We just need that centerpiece.

Texas Tech has Nuutinen and Lott. UVA has Dewhurst. UMass has Edwards and Runkauskas. TAMU has Williams.

Each of them poised to be the poster child of their teams in 2086. Their faces already dawn the marketing materials and collateral for the 2086 season. Hype for their next big step permeates around campus. Those schools already have their guy.

We just found ours.

Corey, you'll become The Franchise overnight. Leading us in minutes, yes, but also points, rebounds and every advanced stat there is. The two I called out are the areas we are hurting the most. Our departures leave us with 24 ppg to make up, about a third of our 2085 production. We could try to make that up with a next-man-up mentality, but I'd rather hand the keys to a program-altering talent looking to shine bright. Our rebounding was our achilles heel down the stretch, something your tenacity and size will immediately fix. At Pitt, you'll gobble boards and points like nowhere else and show the world what a walking double-double looks like.

I'll slot you in the starting small forward position with Turner in the 4 spot and Bailey at 2 guard like he was last year. Having a do-everything player in our most important position will offer up all kinds of diversity on offense. In the wing-screen series of my 41-motion offense, you'll set brick wall screens to make use of your three-way scoring. Dive to the basket off a pick-and-roll, show off your post game on a switch or take the open shot if the defense leaves you open. Simple, effective. You'll touch the ball every time down, pulling in double-teams and creating hundreds of kick-out 3-point opportunities all season long. With your unreal combo of size and athleticism, I'm going to need to get a new playbook!

Welcome to 28 minutes per game and an ACC program as your kingdom.

And some of the Corey's Chocolate Cones.

With you, Pitt turns into a win factory. We're already poised to ascend the ACC this year as the 21st strongest returning talent. Recall, this talent is mostly young role players too. Strong, efficient, smart role players that shoot lights out. We had top 20 marks in 3-point shooting in the league last year and popped from 9 wins in 2084 to 22 in 2085, with a triumphant return to the NT and an opening round dub to boot. This core is getting another year's worth of experience, weight training and shootaround practices. They'll be ready to make a splash with you at the helm.

For when you need your rest, Pitt's got you covered as well. Refuel in the athletes-only dining hall at The Pete. Use your Pitt ID to get free bus rides around town and free admission to Pitt sporting events all year round. Relax on the lawn at Schenley Park during all seasons with a significant other or with buddies and a frisbee.

Pitt takes care of your mind, too. Ranked the #36 public school in the country, Pitt offers over 100 undergrad programs, dozens ranking in the nation's top 10. We're an elite university offering exclusive benefits to student-athletes like Academic Support Services for Student Athletes (ASSSA) and our Life Skills Center.

Your kingdom awaits, Corey.

Along with some Calabria Corn Dogs.