

Jason Parker earns spot on Olympic team

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Sergeant First Class Jason Parker, 1996 Xavier graduate and seven-time rifle All-American, scored 3124.1 total points at the U.S. Olympic team trials this week to earn his fourth spot on a U. S. Olympic team.



Parker will represent his country in the men's 50-meter rifle three position in the upcoming 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. He previously competed in the 2000, 2004, and 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

In the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney he posted his best Olympic finish in men's 10-meter air rifle by placing fifth in the finals, falling .7 points short of the bronze medal. He finished eighth in the same event in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece. In the 2008 Beijing games he finished 23rd in the men's 10-meter air rifle and 22nd in the men's small-bore rifle 50-meter three position, the same event he will be competing in the London games.

Sergeant Parker was a member of Xavier's rifle team from 1992-1996, and is a 2002

inductee of the Xavier Athletic Hall of Fame.

In his time at Xavier he earned seven All-American citations as a member of the rifle team, the most for any shooter in school history. He was an All-American in small-bore as a freshman in 1993 and then earned honors for both small-bore and air rifle in his final three seasons.