

2020-21 UK MEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL

Location	Lexington, Ky.
Enrollment	30,277
Founded	1865
Colors	Blue & White
Nickname	Wildcats
Conference	Southeastern
All-Time Record	2,318-712-1 (.765)
Arena	Rupp Arena (20,500)
Arena Record	610-71, .896 (44 years)
NCAA Championships	8 (1948, '49, '51, '58, '78, '96, '98, 2012)
NCAA Runners-up	4 (1966, 1975, 1997, 2014)
NCAA Tournament Record	129-52 (.713)
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance [^]	2019, NCAA Elite Eight
Joe Craft Center Ticket Office	800.928.CATS
Rupp Arena Ticket Office	859.233.3535

ADMINISTRATION

President	Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama, '71)
Faculty Representative	Joseph L. Fink III (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, '70)
Athletics Director	Mitch Barnhart (Ottawa, '81)
Basketball Administrator	Kevin Sergent (North Carolina, '04)
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BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach	John Calipari (Clarion, '82)
Overall College Coaching Record	NCAA Total: 733-215 (28 years) .773 On-Court Total: 775-217 (28 years) .781 Kentucky: 330-77 (11 years) .811
NCAA Appearances (Record)	18 (47-17) On-Court Total: 20 (56-19)
Associate to the Head Coach	Tony Barbee (UMass, '93)
Assistant Coaches	Bruiser Flint (Saint Joseph's, '87) Joel Justus (UNC Wilmington, '04) Jai Lucas (Texas, '11)
Special Asst. to the Head Coach/ Basketball Operations	John Robic (Denison, '86)
Associate AD/Basketball Operations	Chris Woolard (UCLA, '97)
Director of Basketball Administration	Will Barton (UK, '12)
Equipment Manager	Mark Evans (UK, '13)
Recruiting Analyst	Brady Kennedy (UK, '16)
Strength and Conditioning Coach	Robert Harris (Kentucky State, '09)
Head Athletic Trainer	Geoffrey Staton (North Carolina, '07)
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Team Physicians	Dr. Scott Mair; Dr. Robert Hosey
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2019-20 REVIEW

Record: 25-6 (15-3)
Home: 16-2, Away: 8-2, Neutral: 1-2
SEC Postseason Record: Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic
NCAA Postseason Record: Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic

2020-21 PREVIEW

Starters Lost: 5

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	PPG	RPG
0	Ashton Hagans	G	6-3	So.	11.5	6.4*
3	Tyrese Maxey	G	6-3	Fr.	14.0	4.3
4	Nick Richards	F	6-11	Jr.	14.0	7.8
5	Immanuel Quickley	G	6-3	So.	16.1	4.2
23	EJ Montgomery	F	6-10	So.	6.1	5.4

Other Players Lost: 4

1	Nate Sestina	F	6-9	Gr.	5.8	3.8
2	Kahlil Whitney ⁺	F	6-6	Fr.	3.3	1.7
10	Johnny Juzang [#]	G	6-6	Fr.	2.9	1.9
33	Ben Jordan [%]	F	6-9	So.	0.0	0.0

Players Returning: 5

11	Dontaie Allen [^]	G	6-6	R-Fr.		
12	Keion Brooks Jr.	F	6-7	So.	4.5	3.2
13	Riley Welch [%]	G	6-0	Sr.	0.0	0.0
14	Brennan Canada [%]	F	6-6	So.	0.0	0.0
20	Zan Payne ["]	G/F	6-4	R-So.		

Newcomers: 10

0	Jacob Toppin [~]	F	6-8	So.	5.1	3.9
2	Devin Askew	G	6-3	Fr.		
3	Brandon Boston Jr.	G	6-7	Fr.		
5	Terrence Clarke	G	6-7	Fr.		
10	Davion Mintz [@]	G	6-3	Gr.	9.7	3.0*
21	Cam'Ron Fletcher	F	6-6	Fr.		
23	Isaiah Jackson	F	6-9	Fr.		
30	Olivier Sarr [!]	F	7-0	Sr.	13.7	9.0
55	Lance Ware	F	6-9	Fr.		
25	Kareem Watkins [%]	G	5-8	Fr.		

^{*}Assists per game; [^]Redshirted last season; ⁺Left team after 18 games;
[#]Transferred at the end of the season; [~]Stats are from freshman season at Rhode Island; [@]Stats are from junior season at Creighton; [!]Stats are from junior season at Wake Forest; [%]Walk-on; ["]Did not appear in any games in 2019-20

Starters Returning/Lost: 0/5

Players Returning/Lost: 5/9

Top Returning Scorer: Keion Brooks Jr. - 4.5 ppg
Top Returning Rebounder: Keion Brooks Jr. - 3.2 rpg
Top Returning FG% (min. 50 FGA): Keion Brooks Jr. - 47.2%
Top Returning FT% (min. 25 FTA): Keion Brooks Jr. - 63.0%
Percentage of Minutes Returning: 7.62%
Percentage of Points Returning: 5.98%
Percentage of Rebounds Returning: 8.71%
Percentage of Assists Returning: 1.44%
Percentage of Blocks Returning: 8.50%
Percentage of Steals Returning: 8.02%

2020-21 KENTUCKY BASKETBALL ROSTER

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Jacob Toppin	F	6-9	194	So.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (University of Rhode Island)
2	Devin Askew	G	6-3	198	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Mater Dei High School)
3	Brandon Boston Jr.	G	6-7	185	Fr.	Norcross, Ga. (Sierra Canyon High School)
5	Terrence Clarke	G	6-7	194	Fr.	Boston (Brewster Academy)
10	Davion Mintz	G	6-3	196	Gr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Creighton University)
11	Dontaie Allen	G	6-6	198	R-Fr.	Falmouth, Ky. (Pendleton County High School)
12	Keion Brooks Jr.	F	6-7	205	So.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (La Lumiere School)
13	Riley Welch	G	6-0	185	Sr.	Littleton, Colo. (College of the Desert)
14	Brennan Canada	F	6-6	198	So.	Mount Sterling, Ky. (George Rogers Clark High School)
20	Zan Payne	G/F	6-4	215	R-So.	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic High School)
21	Cam'Ron Fletcher	F	6-6	215	Fr.	St. Louis (Vashon High School)
23	Isaiah Jackson	F	6-10	206	Fr.	Pontiac, Mich. (Waterford Mott High School)
25	Kareem Watkins	G	5-8	145	Fr.	Camden, N.J. (Kingsway Regional High School)
30	Olivier Sarr	F	7-0	237	Sr.	Bordeaux, France (Wake Forest University)
55	Lance Ware	F	6-9	223	Fr.	Camden, N.J. (Camden High School)

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Pronunciation Guide

DONTAIE Allen - DON-tay

Devin Askew - ASK-you

KEION Brooks Jr. - KEY-on

CAM'RON Fletcher - CAM-run

JAI Lucas - jay

OLIVIER Sarr - oh-LIV-ee-ay

Jacob TOPPIN - TOPP-in

DAVION MINTZ - DAY-vee-on mints

FROM THE OFFSEASON NOTEBOOK

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

Big Blue Nation will always wonder where the 2019-20 season would have ended had the season not come to an abrupt end due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wildcats enjoyed an excellent season in year No. 11 in the John Calipari era. UK posted a 25-6 record and won its sixth Southeastern Conference regular-season championship under Calipari and first since 2017.

More importantly, Kentucky was playing its best basketball down the stretch. Following a two-game skid in Las Vegas, the Wildcats reeled off victories in 17 of their next 20 games with impressive wins over Louisville, Texas Tech, LSU and Auburn.

Perhaps the biggest boost of momentum was the final game of the regular season. Facing all sorts of adversity -- coming off a devastating loss to Tennessee, playing without starting point guard Ashton Hagans and with SEC Player of the Year Immanuel Quickley on the bench with five fouls -- UK rallied from an 18-point deficit to win. The win was the second-biggest comeback of the Calipari era and the largest on the road. It appeared to be the perfect springboard into the postseason as UK eyed a favorable seed for the NCAA Tournament.

Unfortunately the postseason never happened. The SEC Tournament and NCAA Tournament were canceled before the Wildcats ever took the floor, abruptly ending what was shaping up to be a magical season.

Kentucky finished the season No. 8 in the Associated Press Top 25 and No. 7 in the USA Today Coaches Poll. UK was No. 21 in the NCAA Evaluation Tool with a 9-3 record vs. quadrant one and quadrant two teams.

The Wildcats also stepped up in their biggest games and toughest environments. Not only was UK 4-2 vs. AP Top 25 teams at the time of the game, Kentucky was 8-2 in true road games. The Wildcats were in every game in 2019-20, something few other teams can say. UK lost its six games by a combined 32 points, an average margin of 5.3 points. Of Kentucky's six losses, five were to teams in the top two quadrants.

Quickley and junior Nick Richards emerged as two of the best individual stories of the 2019-20 season. The former emerged from a role player as a freshman to one of the nation's best scorers, starting the season on the bench but ending it as the SEC Player of the Year and an All-American candidate. Richards went from an inconsistent reserve to one of the best big men in the country en route to All-SEC First Team honors.

"I felt this was a vibe that my best teams have had," Calipari said. "Things that hap-

pened down the end of the stretch, fate intervenes sometimes. Sometimes good, sometimes bad. How do you respond to it? This team and individuals on the team responded so positively that it was crazy. Our energy, our vibe, their togetherness. I looked at my staff and said, 'Guys, we could be winning this whole thing.'"

MAJOR ROSTER OVERHAUL IN STORE AFTER NBA DRAFT DECISIONS

With an unmatched ability to prepare and produce players for the NBA Draft, Kentucky is used to major roster overhauls on an annual basis. But the one the Wildcats are facing in 2020-21 may be their most challenging yet.

UK will bid farewell to nine players, five starters and eight of the top nine scorers from the 2019-20 roster. Nick Richards, Immanuel Quickley, Ashton Hagans, EJ Montgomery and Tyrese Maxey all declared for the NBA Draft, which has been pushed back to Nov. 18 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nate Sestina's college eligibility expired, Johnny Juzang transferred, Ben Jordan returned to baseball full time and Kahlil Whitney departed for a professional career midseason.

That leaves the Wildcats with just one scholarship player who played in 2019-20: Keion Brooks Jr., who averaged 4.5 points and 3.2 rebounds in 31 games, including six starts.

UK will be tasked with replacing 94% of its scoring from last season -- most of the Calipari era -- 92.4% of its minutes, 91.3% of its rebounds, 98.6% of its assists, 92.0% of its steals and 91.5% of its blocks.

Dontaie Allen, a highly touted signee in the 2019 class, is also back but redshirted last season as he recovered from a knee injury from high school. Zan Payne is fully recovered from a high school knee injury that prevented him from playing his first two seasons.

According to a recent NCAA survey, UK's three scholarship returners is among the nation's least amount of returning experience.

Walk-ons Brennan Canada and Riley Welch will also return.

The good news: Help is on the way ...

UK SIGNING CLASS RANKED CONSENSUS NO. 1

If it's not an annual certainty at this point, it's at least become a yearly expectation for John Calipari to reel in a top-ranked recruiting class every season. He's *only* done it in *every* year at Kentucky.

This year's group is no exception.

The six-man signing class includes guards Devin Askew, Brandon Boston Jr., Terrence Clarke and Cam'Ron Fletcher and forwards Isaiah Jackson and Lance Ware. The Wildcats

also added three high-impact transfers (more on them to follow) and walk-on guard Kareem Watkins but they are not included in the official signing class rankings.

As for those rankings, UK finished atop them all. ESPN, 247Sports and Rivals each tabbed the Wildcats' haul the No. 1 class in their final team rankings. The Recruiting Services Consensus Index, which tallies major recruiting rankings and plugs them into a formula to calculate a consensus ranking, also ranked it the top class in the country.

With two players rated consensus top-10, five-star prospects and all six of the scholarship signees tabbed four- or five-star players, UK formed its 12th straight top-three signing class under Calipari. Of those 12 classes, eight have been tabbed No. 1 in the final rankings by at least one of the three major recruiting services, the best mark of any team and coach.

Boston, a consensus five-star prospect, is ranked the highest in UK's class. The 6-foot-7 guard out of Norcross, Georgia, is tabbed as high as No. 5 in the Rivals rankings. Boston is UK's highest rated signee since Skal Labissière in 2015 (No. 1 in Rivals, No. 2 in ESPN and 247Sports).

Clarke, a 6-7 guard, is just behind Boston in the rankings. The Boston native is also a consensus five star and is ranked as high as No. 8 by Rivals.

Also picking up five-star ratings by at least one of the three major services were Askew, who earned the elite status from ESPN, and Jackson, who earned the distinction from Rivals

Fletcher and forward Ware were consensus four-star prospects.

UK ADDS THREE TRANSFERS

Kentucky's reinforcements won't just be freshmen; the Wildcats have added three high-impact transfers.

UK added Wake Forest forward Olivier Sarr, Creighton guard Davion Mintz and Rhode Island forward Jacob Toppin. Mintz will have immediate eligibility as a graduate transfer and waivers for Sarr and Toppin for immediate eligibility were both granted by the NCAA.

Sarr, at 7-feet, 255 pounds, enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2019-20 at Wake Forest, averaging 13.7 points, 9.0 rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game. He shot 52.7% from the floor, made the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Third Team and was the runner-up for the 2020 ACC Most Improved Player award.

Sarr is widely regarded as one of the nation's top transfers. He totaled 664 points, 496 rebounds and 81 blocks with 31 starts in three seasons at Wake Forest. He considered

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entering the NBA Draft before the coaching change in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Sarr should provide UK with an elite rim protector with considerable size and good athleticism.

A native of Bordeaux, France, Sarr blossomed in his third season with the Demon Deacons. He led the team with 11 double-doubles and 33 blocks, scored in double figures in 23 games and was a two-time ACC Player of the Week. Sarr was particularly good late in conference play, finishing on a six-game double-figure scoring run with three double-doubles.

A 6-3 guard out of Creighton, Mintz played in 97 games with 79 starts for the Bluejays. He is expected to add valuable leadership, experience and depth, having totaled more than 100 assists in each of his last two active seasons -- 259 total in his three-year career -- with a 35.0% mark from behind the 3-point line.

Mintz redshirted in 2019-20 after battling an ankle injury in the preseason and then re-aggravating it in practice upon his return, but he started all but one game in the previous two seasons. He started all 35 games for Creighton in 2018-19, averaging 9.7 points, 3.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds in 28.8 minutes per game. Mintz was regarded as the Bluejays' best defender and ranked second on the team with 40 steals.

In his junior season, Mintz scored in double figures in 16 games with a career high of 21 points vs. No. 21 Marquette. He also played all 45 minutes vs. No. 14 Villanova and totaled 19 points, eight rebounds and four assists. He was expected to be a key part of the 2019-20 Creighton squad that went 24-7 and won a share of the Big East title. As a sophomore, Mintz led the Big East and ranked 15th nationally with a 2.83 assist-to-turnover ratio. In 10 games vs. ranked opponents in 2017-18, he totaled 38 assists with just 10 turnovers.

Toppin, a 6-8 forward, is the brother of Dayton's Obi Toppin, the consensus national player of the year in 2019-20. Like his brother Obi, who averaged 20.0 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game as a redshirt sophomore, Jacob possesses a high upside with good size and great athleticism.

Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Toppin became an immediate contributor for a Rhode Island team that went 21-9 on the season and finished 13-5 in the Atlantic 10. He scored in double figures five times in his freshman season, highlighted by 12 points and eight rebounds vs. Richmond, a potential at-large NCAA Tournament team this past season, and 12 points in 11 minutes vs. Saint Joseph's. He also performed well vs. his future SEC foes Alabama and LSU, scoring 11 points and 10, respectively, in nonconference play.

Toppin showed an ability to stretch the floor with 13 3-pointers, including three vs.

Alabama. He shot 42.6% from the floor.

Combining the seven-man freshman class with the three transfers, UK will welcome 10 new players to the roster this year, among the most in college basketball.

STAFF CHANGES: FLINT, LUCAS JOIN BENCH; BARBEE MOVES TO NEW POSITION AFTER PAYNE DEPARTURE

Kentucky's bench will look significantly different this season with the additions of Bruiser Flint and Jai Lucas and the departure of Kenny Payne.

Payne, UK's longtime associate head coach and assistant since 2010-11, accepted an assistant coaching position with the New York Knicks in August on Tom Thibodeau's staff. He joins former UK players Julius Randle and Kevin Knox in New York.

The departure of Payne offered Calipari the opportunity to alter some responsibilities and create a new position.

Tony Barbee has moved to a new position, the associate to the head coach, where he will play a central part in helping Calipari run the program. Barbee, who played a key role in Kentucky's game management and Xs and Os as an assistant, will take on increased responsibility in game planning, scouting opponents, and helping Calipari formulate the team's approach in practices and in games.

In terms of additions, Calipari first brought in Flint, a former Calipari assistant with more than 30 years of coaching experience, to fill Payne's assistant void and hired Lucas, a Texas assistant coach, to be an assistant coach/recruiting coordinator.

Joel Justus will remain in the other assistant role and longtime Calipari right-hand man John Robic will remain a special assistant to the head coach with basketball operations duties.

With a blue-collar background and an infectious personality, Flint is well known in the college basketball fraternity for his success in both recruiting and developing players. His honest, engaging approach has been the consistent variable behind 20 successful seasons as a Division I head coach at Drexel (2001-02 to 2015-16) and UMass (1996-97 to 2000-01), plus several prominent assistant coaching stops, including seven seasons at UMass under Calipari. He served the last three seasons as an assistant at Indiana.

Flint won 331 games as a head coach during his 20 seasons at the helm at UMass and Drexel. Four times he was named Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year (2002, 2004, 2009 and 2012) and National Association of Basketball Coaches District Coach of the Year (1998, 2007, 2009 and 2012).

Flint was a member of Calipari's staff

at UMass from 1989 through the 1995-96 season, helping build a national program in Amherst, Massachusetts, after 11 straight losing seasons. With Calipari and Flint on staff, the Minutemen made five NCAA Tournament appearances, including the 1996 Final Four run, to go along with five Atlantic 10 regular-season and five A-10 Tournament titles.

Lucas is a former McDonald's High School All American and now a highly respected coach. As an assistant, Lucas has been tasked with taking a lead role in Kentucky's recruiting efforts while filling the traditional on-court roles of an assistant, including helping with game and practice preparation and playing a key role in player development through practice and individual workouts. Additionally, as recruiting coordinator, he manages official and unofficial visits and is responsible for the recruiting strategy for the program.

Lucas spent the previous eight seasons at his alma mater on the University of Texas' coaching staff. A native of Houston, Lucas began his career as a special assistant of the basketball program under Rick Barnes for two seasons. Upon Shaka Smart's hiring, Lucas moved into the director of basketball operations role before being elevated to an assistant coach for the 2016-17 season. He is known in basketball circles for his high-level player development and a penchant for formulating strong relationships.

Also of note, DeWayne Peevy, UK's former deputy director of athletics who also served as the basketball administrator, was named director of athletics at DePaul in August. A longtime confidant of Calipari's, Peevy was in charge of Kentucky's schedule. Kevin Sergent, associate athletic director of compliance, is the new basketball administrator. Sergent and Robic will now oversee scheduling.

2020-21 SEASON TO BEGIN NOV. 25

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Division I Council approved moving the first contest date in Division I men's basketball to Nov. 25 for the 2020-21 season.

No exhibition games or closed scrimmages will be allowed before that date. Moving the start date back from Nov. 10 is intended to have contests begin when at least three-quarters of Division I schools will have concluded their fall terms or moved remaining instruction and exams online, creating a more controlled and less populated campus environment that may reduce the risk of COVID-19 that can occur between student-athletes and the broader student body population, the Division I Men's and Women's Oversight Committees said.

The maximum number of contests was reduced by four, given that the season will

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start 15 days later than originally scheduled. In men's basketball, teams can schedule 24 regular-season games and participate in one multiple-team event that includes up to three games; 25 regular-season games and participate in one multiple-team event that includes up to two games; or 25 regular-season games if a team does not participate in a multiple-team event.

With the adjustment in the playing calendar, Kentucky is in the middle of revising and restructuring its 2020-21 schedule. The full schedule is expected to be released soon but games vs. UCLA (CBS Sports Classic in Cleveland) on Dec. 19 and Texas (SEC/Big 12 Challenge at Rupp Arena) on Jan. 30 have been confirmed. Kentucky is hopeful to honor many of its previous nonconference games that were already announced.

The SEC has announced that this season's league slate will be comprised of 20 play dates that would accommodate an 18-game schedule with two open dates. Ten SEC schools -- one of them being UK -- will fill one of those open dates with the SEC/Big 12 Challenge. The SEC has established Dec. 29 and 30 as the new start dates for the conference schedule.

With the league scheduling framework set and the maximum number of games set, UK will have nine nonconference games -- if it plays in a multi-team event that includes three teams -- to work with. That includes the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

Wherever the nonconference slate ends up, the Wildcats know they will have a difficult SEC slate again this season. The league has earned 15 berths in the last two NCAA Tournaments, the conference's best two-year stretch. The SEC was slated for another impressive haul last season until the COVID-19 pandemic canceled the postseason.

Although dates have not been finalized yet, UK will play its permanent home-and-away opponents of Florida, Tennessee and Vanderbilt twice, plus host and visit both Auburn and Georgia.

Kentucky's league home schedule will include the five aforementioned teams as well as Alabama, Mississippi State, Missouri and Ole Miss. UK's road matchups will come against Arkansas, LSU, South Carolina and Texas A&M, in addition to Auburn, Georgia and the three permanent home-and-home opponents.

UK Athletics continues to work with university, SEC and state officials to determine capacity and attendance protocols for home games at Rupp Arena. As soon as those plans are developed and finalized, men's basketball season ticket holders will receive additional information about potential ticket options for the 2020-21 season, in lieu of their traditional season ticket renewal invoice.

Programs can begin preseason practice on Oct. 14 and will have 42 days to conduct a maximum of 30 practices. During this time, players can work out up to 20 hours per week, four hours per day, and must have one day off per week. This model is generally consistent with the normal preseason practice period but permits additional flexibility for all teams to begin full practice on Oct. 14, regardless of when their first scheduled game occurs.

NCAA Division I Council members also approved a transition practice period between current out-of-season activities and preseason practice. This transition period is designed to provide additional time for players to prepare for the upcoming season based on the mental and physical challenges basketball players are facing as a result of the pandemic. The transition period will occur Sept. 21-Oct. 13, and teams may participate in strength and conditioning activities, sport-related meetings and skill instruction for up to 12 hours a week, with an eight-hour limit on skill instruction. Players must have two days off per week during the transition period.

LA FAMILIA DOMINATES NBA PLAYOFFS, AKA THE KENTUCKY BUBBLE

Kentucky's collegiate success and the NBA's infusion of young and talented superstars have been synonymous for the last decade.

In the John Calipari era, 38 players have been selected in the NBA Draft, more than any other school. Included in the recent run are 29 first-round picks, three No. 1 overall selections (Anthony Davis, Karl-Anthony Towns and John Wall) and 21 lottery selections. A staggering 29 players from Kentucky were on NBA opening-day rosters (including two-way and inactive lists).

As it turns out, the NBA domination could get even stronger. Much stronger.

Former Kentucky players were one of the central storylines of an unforgettable and unique postseason setup at the ESPN Wide World of Sports at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Whether it was four players currently vying for an NBA championship in the NBA Finals, record-setting scoring performances, early 20-something-year-olds quickly becoming stars or Wildcats making game-winning plays, UK players had their fingerprints all over the NBA Playoffs.

The postseason began with 13 Wildcats on rosters for the NBA Playoffs, the most of any school in the country. But that was only the beginning of the story.

Jamal Murray ascended to superstar status with mind-blowing scoring performance after mind-blowing scoring performance. He led the Denver Nuggets to back-to-back series

wins and into the Western Conference finals after starting in a 3-1 hole, making all types of history in the process. Among the most noteworthy, he scored 142 points in a three-game stretch. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, only two other players have scored more points over a three-game span in the NBA Playoffs: Jerry West (1965) and Michael Jordan (1988).

Then there was Bam Adebayo's unforgettable block in game one of the Eastern Conference finals. Already being hailed as one of the game's best big men after a breakthrough season and a do-it-all run through the NBA Playoffs, Adebayo came up with one of the best blocks in postseason history when he stuffed Jayson Tatum at the rim in the final seconds of the first game of the series, which Adebayo's Miami Heat would go on to win.

Just a couple of nights later, Anthony Davis would add to the Kentucky highlight reel by checking off one of the few remaining things he had yet to do his career: a game-winning shot in the postseason. With the Nuggets giving the Los Angeles Lakers everything they could handle, Davis -- a 6-foot-10 forward -- popped out to the 3-point line and drilled the shot at the buzzer to give the Lakers a 2-0 series lead. They would ultimately advance.

And then there was Tyler Herro, who captivated NBA fans with an unwavering confidence seen in few rookies. He hit clutch shot after clutch shot during the postseason run, highlighted by a 37-point night vs. the Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference finals. According to StatMuse, he became the youngest player in NBA history to drop 30 points in a playoff game off the bench.

When Adebayo would later go on to score 30 points in that series, UK became the first school with four former players to score 30 or more points in the conference finals. And before the NBA Finals had even started, Kentucky alumni had already scored more points in this NBA Playoffs run than any other school in NBA postseason history.

The NBA Playoffs culminated with Davis and Rondo's Lakers defeating the Heat's Adebayo and Herro 4-2 in the NBA Finals. In winning his first NBA championship, Davis became just the eighth player all-time to win an NCAA title, an NBA ring and an Olympic gold medal. It was Rondo's second NBA championship.

On top of the four players in the NBA Finals, which was tied for the most of any school in NBA history, the Lakers are also coached by Frank Vogel, a former manager and video coordinator at UK, and Pat Riley, a UK Athletics Hall of Famer and All-American, leads the Heat as team president. Riley is one of only two people to win an NBA title as a player, as a coach and as an executive.

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FORMER UK PLAYERS RAKE IN NBA AWARDS

In addition to all the aforementioned NBA postseason success, the former Kentucky stars also raked in several season awards recently.

Anthony Davis was named to the All-NBA First Team for the fourth time in his career, plus he made the NBA All-Defensive First Team, his fourth overall NBA All-Defensive Team selection.

Joining Davis on one of the NBA All-Defensive squads were Bam Adebayo and Eric Bledsoe. They earned second-team status.

PJ Washington and Tyler Herro both made the NBA All-Rookie Second Team.

Voting for the awards was based on the NBA season prior to the NBA restart. Otherwise, former UK players may have collected a few more honors.

The latest awards are further proof that John Calipari's players are not only reaching the next level, they are succeeding when they do. His players have garnered 22 All-Star selections. Derrick Rose (from Memphis) was named league MVP in 2011. Five of his players have been tabbed All-NBA (Rose, John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins, Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns), three have been named NBA Rookie of the Year (Rose, Tyreke Evans and Towns), and 14 players from Calipari's first 10 teams at Kentucky have made the NBA All-Rookie teams.

UK has produced more All-NBA players, more NBA All-Rookie and more NBA All-Defensive players than any other school in the Calipari era.

WILDCATS SLATE TO PARTICIPATE IN 2020 NBA DRAFT COMBINE

With Kentucky players dominating the 2020 NBA Playoffs, the Wildcats will also be expected to be the story at the looming 2020 NBA Draft. It came as little surprise when five former Kentucky players -- Ashton Hagans, Tyrese Maxey, Immanuel Quickley Nick Richards and Kahlil Whitney -- were invited to participate in the 2020 NBA Draft Combine in a uniquely reformatted version due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kentucky leads all schools with four players set to participate in Hagans, Quickley, Richards and Whitney. Maxey, regarded as a lottery-level selection, similar to in-person NBA Draft Combine options, opted out of participating in this year's process.

The 2020 NBA Draft is set for Nov. 18 and will air on ESPN. The date is subject to change as circumstances warrant.

The NBA Draft Combine will be conducted both in NBA team markets and virtually, taking place in phases beginning in October through early to mid-November. The reimagined opportunity will provide players and the

league to go through interviews, individual on-court programs consisting of strength and agility testing, anthropometric measurements, shooting drills and a "Pro Day" video, all conducted in October at NBA team facilities nearest to the player's home or interim residence. Medical testing and examinations will be performed by NBA-affiliated physicians in the same market.

BROOKS SELECTED FOR NABC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COALITION

Keion Brooks Jr. was one of 11 Division I men's basketball student-athletes selected to serve on the newly-formed National Association of Basketball Coaches Player Development Coalition. The group is a diverse collection of players who are tasked with providing valuable perspective and feedback on college basketball-related issues.

In addition to creating a vehicle for student-athletes to address current issues, the Player Development Coalition will also provide members with numerous professional and personal development experiences. The coalition will meet quarterly and have regular opportunities to address the NABC Board of Directors and NCAA committees.

"The importance of the coalition is to make sure the players' voices are heard because the players are what make the NCAA go," Brooks said. "I also believe it's important to educate players beyond basketball, with social justice issues and how to carry yourself as a professional."

Members of the initial Player Development Coalition are North Carolina's Armando Bacot, Colorado's Evan Battey, Brooks, Harvard's Kale Catchings, Villanova's Collin Gillespie, Gonzaga's Corey Kispert, Michigan State's Joshua Langford, Duke's Wendell Moore Jr., TCU's RJ Nembhard, Syracuse's Bourama Sidibe and High Point's John-Michael Wright.

MERCER, TURNER HEADED INTO UK ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Kentucky basketball greats Ron Mercer (1996-97) and Wayne Turner (1996-99) are two of six former UK stars in the 2020 Hall of Fame class.

The UK Athletics Hall of Fame was started in 2005 to recognize and honor persons whose participation and achievements enriched and strengthened the University's athletics program. The charter class included 88 individuals who had previously had their jersey retired by UK.

There is a five-year waiting period after leaving UK to be eligible for inclusion into the Hall of Fame. A committee consisting of Hall of Famers, media members, campus representatives and current coaches and administra-

tors elects new inductees each year.

This year's honorees will be inducted during a Hall of Fame Weekend at a date to be determined.

Mercer was a member of the 1996 national championship team as well as the 1997 national runner-up team. He was an NCAA Consensus All-America First Team member in 1997 and a two-time NCAA Tournament All-Final Four Team selection.

After making the SEC All-Freshman Team in 1996, he was one of the top players in college basketball in 1997. In that season, he was named the NCAA Tournament West Regional Most Outstanding Player, SEC Player of the Year by both the league's coaches and the Associated Press, and the 1997 SEC Tournament MVP. He scored 725 points in his sophomore season, at the time the fifth most in a season in program history.

Mercer is a member of Kentucky's 1,000-point club (1,013). He declared for the 1997 NBA Draft after his sophomore season and was drafted sixth overall by the Boston Celtics. He played eight seasons in the NBA.

Turner was a member of the 1996 and 1998 national championship teams as well as the 1997 national runner-up team. He finished his career as UK's and the NCAA's all-time games played leader with 151 games (now ranks second), UK's all-time steals leader with 238, and a member of UK's 1,000-point club (1,170).

During his career, Turner helped the Wildcats to two SEC regular-season championships and three SEC Tournament titles.

Turner was named to the 1997 NCAA Tournament All-West Regional Team, the 1998 NCAA Tournament All-South Region Most Outstanding Player and the 1998 SEC Tournament MVP. He was also selected for the All-SEC Third Team and the SEC All-Tournament Team in 1999.

He played one season in the NBA.

CATS WIN NCAA ACADEMIC AWARD FOR APR SCORE SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR

The Wildcats received an NCAA award for placing in the top 10% of all men's basketball teams in the country in the NCAA's annual Academic Progress Rate. UK scored a 994 out of a 1,000.

It's the sixth straight year the men's basketball team has received the award and the seventh time since 2009.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success by the progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR measures academic eligibility, retention and graduation. The scores are a four-year composite, covering the 2015-16 through 2018-19

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school years.

Every Division I sports team across the nation calculates its APR each academic year, similar to a report card. Scholarship student-athletes each semester earn one point for remaining eligible and one point for staying in school or graduating.

UK has received a perfect 1,000 mark in six of the last seven single-year APR rates. The NCAA cut score to compete in the 2020-21 postseason is a 930 four-year APR. Teams scoring below 930 can face consequences intended to direct additional focus on academics. Those penalties can include practice restrictions and playing-season reductions.

FOUR WILDCATS MAKE SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Four players -- Keion Brooks Jr. (First Year), Tyrese Maxey (First Year), Zan Payne (Winter) and Nate Sestina (First Year) -- made the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

Any student-athlete who participates in a SEC championship sport or a student-athlete who participates in a sport listed on his/her institution's NCAA Sports Sponsorship Form is eligible for nomination to the Winter Academic Honor Roll. To make the SEC Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a grade-point average of 3.00 or above for either the preceding academic year (two semesters or three quarters) or have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above at the nominating institution.

The 2019-20 First-Year Academic Honor Roll is based on grades from the 2019 summer and fall terms, along with the 2020 spring term. A student-athlete must have a 3.0 grade-point average for the entire year to earn a place on the honor roll.

UK has earned 71 SEC Academic Honor Roll distinctions in John Calipari's nine seasons. The Wildcats received 45 all-time prior to his arrival.

RUPP RENOVATIONS CONTINUING

Originally announced when UK agreed to a new lease in December 2016 and formalized the agreement last year, upper-level chair-back seating and new club areas were installed to Rupp Arena last season with construction ongoing for club areas.

Two clubs for season ticket holders are on schedule to open for this season with a third scheduled to open in 2021-22. Fans in these new clubs will be able to enjoy first-class amenities before, during and after games. These new clubs are crucial to providing the funds necessary for both the new lease agreement and the ongoing renovation of Rupp Arena.

Club membership does not include a tick-

eted seat and club members may have seats throughout Rupp Arena. Season ticket holders may purchase club memberships to accompany their season ticket package. Club membership pricing and amenities will be announced as soon as details are finalized, and sales will begin shortly thereafter. Memberships will initially be offered to season ticket holders based on K Fund priority ranking.

This latest phase of Rupp renovations comes on the heels of the addition of a new center-hung scoreboard, ribbon boards, new sound system and lighting that have created a more dynamic game experience in Rupp.

The chair-back seating that was installed last season was undertaken in response to years of feedback from fans asking for more comfortable seating in the upper level. The seating was installed in sections 211-217 and 228-234.

After the seat renovations, Rupp Arena now seats 20,500.



KENTUCKY BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

JOHN CALIPARI

A “players-first” coach with a penchant for helping people reach their dreams, John Calipari, a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer, has guided six teams to the Final Four, led one to a national championship and helped 49 players earn selection in the NBA Draft during his 28-year college coaching career.

Calipari guided Kentucky to its eighth national championship and his first national title in 2012. In becoming only the second coach in NCAA history to lead three different schools to the Final Four, he has racked up nearly 800 on-court victories, 20 NCAA Tournament on-court appearances, six Final Fours and numerous national coach of the year honors.

From UMass to Memphis and now Kentucky, Calipari’s career has been successful throughout, but his most recent run in Lexington has been the best stretch of his career. During Calipari’s first 11 seasons at UK, he’s led all coaches in NCAA Tournament wins (31), Final Fours (four), Elite Eights (seven) and Sweet 16s (eight). He’s in the top three in total wins (330) in that time span.

In 2015, Coach Cal led college basketball’s first ever 38-0 team, and became one of just three coaches to make four Final Fours in a five-year span. At the end of the season, Calipari became the 96th coach to join the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

While building a program out of obscurity at Massachusetts, laying the foundation at Memphis and restoring luster at the sport’s greatest program at Kentucky, he totaled the second-most wins in NCAA history in the first 20 years of a college coaching career.

Quite honestly, though, Calipari’s on-court success overshadows a much more significant picture.

In his goal to lead a players-first program, he has helped more than 50 young men realize their dreams and reach the NBA level with 49 players earning NBA Draft selections, including a record five first-round draft picks in 2010. Two years later, six Wildcats heard their names called at the 2012 draft, the most in the two-round draft era. UK, with Calipari’s help, would tie those six picks again in 2015, including a record-tying four lottery selections. His four No. 1 overall picks are more than any other coach, and he’s had 38 players drafted during his first 10 drafts at Kentucky, including 29 first-round picks.

Calipari’s players have entered the league NBA-ready. His players have garnered 23 All-Star selections, with Anthony Davis winning the game’s MVP honor in 2017. Derrick Rose was named MVP in 2011. Five of his players have been tabbed, three have been named NBA Rookie of the Year and 14 players from Calipari’s first 10 teams at Kentucky made the NBA All-Rookie teams. UK has produced more All-NBA players, more NBA All-Rookie and more NBA All-Defensive players than any other school in the Calipari era.

Much like he did at UMass, where his players graduated at nearly 80%, Calipari has stressed academics. Fifteen of his last 18 seniors at Memphis earned their bachelor’s degrees, and all 18 players at UK who were eligible to graduate by the end of their senior years walked away with a diploma in hand, including four players who earned their degree in just three years. Calipari’s teams routinely have posted a combined team grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

Calipari has raised millions of dollars to help the lives of those in need in the Commonwealth and beyond. He has had a particular passion to assist those impacted by natural disasters. For instance, in 2010, he used a telethon to raise more than \$1 million for victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. He followed that up with telethons in 2012, raising \$1 million for victims of Superstorm Sandy, and in 2017, for victims of Hurricane Harvey. He also recently teamed up with the John McLendon Minority Scholarship Foundation to launch the McLendon Minority Leadership Initiative, a coach-driven initiative that will provide minorities a jump-start to their careers through practical experiences, opportunities to build their network and instilling the values of John McLendon.

Calipari launched his foundation in 2012, and since then the foundation has worked with several key partners and donated more than \$1.5 million, a figure that does not include matching funds that have been contributed from individuals and corporations. In 2013, Calipari initiated hosting an annual alumni weekend around his basketball fantasy experience with the intent to raise money for charity. After generating \$350,000 for selected organizations and charities during the inaugural game, the

weekend has generated millions of dollars for charity since its inception.

In 2017, Coach Cal was named the head coach of the 2017 USA Basketball Men’s U19 World Cup Team, which finished third at the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup in Cairo.

Author of five books, including the New York Times Best Seller “Players First: Coaching from the Inside Out,” Calipari is a master of communication and maximizing talent. He lives by the motto that “it’s never a matter of how far you have fallen, but instead it’s about how high you bounce back.”

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: Feb. 10, 1959

Wife - Ellen

Children - Erin Sue, Megan Rae, Bradley Vincent

EDUCATION

Clarion State (1982)

HEAD COACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts (1989 - 96)

New Jersey Nets (NBA) (1997 - 99)

University of Memphis (2001 - 09)

University of Kentucky (2010 - present)

COACHING AWARDS

- 2020 NABC District 20 Coach of the Year
- 2020 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2020 SEC Coach of the Year (Coaches)
- 2019 The Sporting News Coach of the Decade
- 2018 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 'Service Above Self' Honoree
- 2018 NABC Metropolitan Award
- 2015 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2015 AP National Coach of the Year
- 2015 Naismith National Coach of the Year
- 2015 NABC National Coach of the Year
- 2015 The Sporting News National Coach of the Year
- 2015 Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
- 2015 SEC Coach of the Year (AP/Coaches)
- 2015 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2012 Nell & John Wooden Coach of the Year Leadership Award
- 2012 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2012 SEC Coach of the Year (AP/Coaches)
- 2010 Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
- 2010 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2010 SEC Coach of the Year (AP)
- 2010 *Sporting News* SEC Coach of the Year
- 2010 Yahoo! Sports SEC Coach of the Year
- 2010 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2009 NABC National Co-Coach of the Year
- 2009 *Sports Illustrated* National Coach of the Year
- 2009 Phelan National Coach of the Year
- 2009 Iba National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2009 C-USA Coach of the Year
- 2008 Naismith National Coach of the Year
- 2008 C-USA Coach of the Year
- 2008 Iba National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2008 Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2007 Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2007 USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
- 2007 *Basketball Times* South Region Coach of the Year
- 2006 C-USA Coach of the Year
- 2004 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
- 1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year
- 1996 NABC National Coach of the Year
- 1996 *The Sporting News* National Coach of the Year
- 1996 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 1995 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 1994 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 1994 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 1993 USBWA District I Coach of the Year
- 1993 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 1992 Eastern Basketball Coach of the Year



KENTUCKY BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

JOHN CALIPARI

MISCELLANEOUS ON-COURT RECORDS

Overall On-Court Record: 775-217 (.781)

March/April Record: 164-48 (.774)

NCAA On-Court Record: 56-19 (.747)

Record in Conference Games: 359-107 (.770)

Record in Conference Tournaments: 57-12 (.826)

- Calipari owns the NCAA's most single-season wins with 38, tying his own record (Memphis in '08 and UK in '12) in 2015 with 38 wins. He owns the most single-season wins at UMass, Memphis and UK
- Calipari is the winningest coach in NCAA Division I history for a five-year span with 173 victories (2008-12)
- Calipari is the first coach in NCAA Division I history to record five straight on-court 30-win seasons. Memphis hit the 30-win plateau from 2006-09
- Calipari is one of only two coaches (Rick Pitino) to lead three different schools to a Final Four
- Calipari is one of only three coaches (John Wooden, Mike Krzyzewski) to go to four Final Fours in five seasons
- Calipari has advanced to the Sweet 16 in 12 of the last 14 NCAA Tournaments and the Elite Eight in 10 of the last 14
- Calipari started with a 54-0 record in Rupp Arena as head coach of the Wildcats
- Calipari has helped 38 earn selection in the NBA Draft (29 first-round picks) over the last 10 seasons
- Calipari has more wins (327) in a 10-year period (2006-15) than any other coach in college basketball history
- Calipari is the fourth-fastest NCAA Division I men's basketball coach to reach 300 victories at a single school
- Calipari's 31 combined regular season and tournament league titles trail only Mark Few (35) of Gonzaga for the most among active coaches
- Calipari became the fourth-fastest coach to 700 on-court wins, behind only Adolph Rupp, Jerry Tarkanian and Roy Williams
- Calipari has the second-most wins in school history, behind only Adolph Rupp
- Calipari's 31 NCAA Tournament wins are the most in school history. Rupp won 30

SINCE 2005-06 ...

Since the 2005-06 season, John Calipari's on-court record ranks him as the winningest coach. Totals through the end of the 2019-20 season.

1. John Calipari	467-91
2. Bill Self	454-93
3. Mike Krzyzewski	440-87
4. Mark Few	436-104
5. Roy Williams	415-136

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Season	Team	W-L	Pct.	Accomplishments
1988-89	UMass	10-18	.357	
1989-90	UMass	17-14	.548	NIT
1990-91	UMass	20-13	.606	NIT Final Four
1991-92	UMass	30-5	.857	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA Sweet 16
1992-93	UMass	24-7	.774	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA 2nd Rd.
1993-94	UMass	28-7	.800	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA 2nd Rd.
1994-95	UMass	29-5	.853	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
1995-96	UMass*	31-1	.969	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA Final Four
1996-97	NJ Nets	26-56	.317	
1997-98	NJ Nets	43-39	.524	NBA Playoffs
1998-99	NJ Nets	3-17	.150	
2000-01	Memphis	21-15	.583	NIT Final Four
2001-02	Memphis	27-9	.750	C-USA Div. Champ; NIT Champ
2002-03	Memphis	23-7	.767	C-USA Nat'l Div. Champ; NCAA
2003-04	Memphis	22-8	.733	C-USA Champ (R); NCAA 2nd Rd.
2004-05	Memphis	22-16	.579	NIT Final Four
2005-06	Memphis	33-4	.892	C-USA Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
2006-07	Memphis	33-4	.892	C-USA Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
2007-08	Memphis*	0-1	.000	C-USA Champ (R/T); NCAA Finals
2008-09	Memphis	33-4	.892	C-USA Champ (R/T); NCAA Sweet 16
2009-10	Kentucky	35-3	.921	SEC Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
2010-11	Kentucky	29-9	.743	SEC Champ (T); NCAA Final Four
2011-12	Kentucky	38-2	.950	SEC Champ (R); NCAA Champion
2012-13	Kentucky	21-12	.636	NIT
2013-14	Kentucky	29-11	.725	NCAA Runner-Up
2014-15	Kentucky	38-1	.974	SEC Champ (R/T); NCAA Final Four
2015-16	Kentucky	27-9	.711	SEC Champ (R/T); NCAA 2nd Rd.
2016-17	Kentucky	32-6	.842	SEC Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
2017-18	Kentucky	26-11	.703	SEC Champ (T); NCAA Sweet 16
2018-19	Kentucky	30-7	.811	NCAA Elite 8
2019-20	Kentucky^	25-6	.806	SEC Champ (R)

NCAA Totals 733-215 .773

*-season includes games later vacated due to NCAA sanctions; actual on-court records were 35-2 in 1995-96 and 38-2 in 2007-08. NCAA Tournament appearances were also vacated in 1996 and 2008. Actual on-court won-lost record overall is 775-217 for a .781 winning percentage;

^2019-20 postseason canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic

ON PACE WITH THE BARON OF THE BLUEGRASS

Legendary coach Adolph Rupp won 876 career games while he was the coach at Kentucky. He also led UK to four NCAA titles during his 41-year tenure.

Through their first 407 games, John Calipari is just behind Rupp's pace to begin his career at UK in total victories. Calipari (.811) is slightly behind Rupp (.822) in total Kentucky career winning percentage.

1. Adolph Rupp	337-70
2. John Calipari	330-77



Sophomore | Forward | 6-9 | 194 lbs | Brooklyn, N.Y. | University of Rhode Island

JACOB TOPPIN

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2019-20 (At Rhode Island)

Appeared in all 30 games, making three starts ... Immediate contributor for a Rhode Island team that went 21-9 on the season and finished 13-5 in the Atlantic 10 ... Averaged 5.1 points and 3.9 rebounds per game ... Scored in double figures five times ... Showed an ability to stretch the floor with 13 3-pointers ... Started and scored nine points, grabbed six rebounds, had three assists and hit the game-winning free throws with 6.6 seconds left in a 76-75 win at Fordham ... Scored five points and grabbed two rebounds at Davidson ... Had 12 points, two rebounds and one block against Saint Joseph's ... Recorded four points and three rebounds at Dayton ... Posted six points and four rebounds at George Washington ... Scored seven points and with four rebounds at St. Bonaventure ... Made his first career start and posted nine points and four rebounds against Davidson ... Scored a career-high 12 points with eight rebounds against Richmond ... Recorded five points and five rebounds vs. Western Kentucky ... Scored five points and grabbed five rebounds against Providence ... Had five points and six rebounds at West Virginia ... Scored four points and grabbed three rebounds against Manhattan ... Posted 10 points and three rebounds vs. LSU ... Scored 11 points and was 3 of 4 from 3-point range against Alabama ... Hauled in six rebounds at Maryland ... Scored 11 points, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked a shot in his debut vs. LIU Brooklyn.

HIGH SCHOOL

Averaged 15.6 points and 8.8 rebounds per game for Woodstock Academy his senior season ... Unranked prospect who received his first offer six months before signing a national letter of intent ... Was an All-Section honoree ... Also played football and volleyball ... Honor-roll student.

PERSONAL

Born May 8 in Brooklyn, New York ... Parents are Roni and Obadiah Toppin ... Has a brother, Obi, who was the consensus National Player of the Year in 2020 for Dayton ... Major is undeclared/exploratory studies in agriculture ... Chose Kentucky over Oregon and Iowa State ... Lists his mother as his greatest influence ... Most memorable moment as a basketball player is playing against his brother during his freshman season of college at Rhode Island ... Chose No. 0 because it's always been his number ... Favorite food is Italian ... Pregame superstition is eating candy ... Off the court hobbies include playing video games ... Can play the piano.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS		
Points		
Season	12, 2x, last vs. ST. JOE'S (2/15/20)	
Career	12, 2x, last vs. ST. JOE'S (2/15/20)	
Rebounds		
Season	8, vs. RICHMOND (1/5/20)	
Career	8, vs. RICHMOND (1/5/20)	
Field Goals		
Season	5, 2x, last vs. RICHMOND (1/5/20)	
Career	5, 2x, last vs. RICHMOND (1/5/20)	
Field Goals Attempted		
Season	11, vs. LSU (11/24/19)	
Career	11, vs. LSU (11/24/19)	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	3, vs. ALABAMA (11/15/19)	
Career	3, vs. ALABAMA (11/15/19)	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	4, 3x, last at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Career	4, 3x, last at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Free Throws		
Season	5, vs. LIU BROOKLYN (11/5/19)	
Career	5, vs. LIU BROOKLYN (11/5/19)	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	6, vs. LIU BROOKLYN (11/5/19)	
Career	6, vs. LIU BROOKLYN (11/5/19)	
Assists		
Season	3, at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Career	3, at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Steals		
Season	1, 11x, last vs. SAINT LOUIS (3/1/20)	
Career	1, 11x, last vs. SAINT LOUIS (3/1/20)	
Blocked Shots		
Season	1, 12x, last at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Career	1, 12x, last at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Minutes Played		
Season	32, at Fordham (2/26/20)	
Career	32, at Fordham (2/26/20)	
MISCELLANEOUS		
	2019-20	CAREER*
Dunks	14	14
Double-Figure Scoring Games	5	5
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	0
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK in Scoring	0	0
Games Led UK in Rebounding	0	0
Games Led UK in Assists	2	2
Games Led UK in Steals	0	0
Games Led UK in Blocks	3	3
Games With 3+ Assists	1	1
Games With 3+ Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Steals	0	0
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	1	1
<i>*Rhode Island statistics</i>		

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2019-20	30-3	556-18.5	55-129	.426	13-53	.245	29-45	.644	42-75-117-3.9	63-0	15	17	12	11	152	5.1
TOTAL	30-3	556-18.5	55-129	.426	13-53	.245	29-45	.644	42-75-117-3.9	63-0	15	17	12	11	152	5.1

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2019-20 (AT CREIGHTON)

Redshirted for Creighton's Big East champion team that finished 24-7 after battling ankle injuries throughout the season ... In a preseason exhibition tour in Australia, averaged 13.3 points with a team-high 13 assists.

2018-19 (AT CREIGHTON)

Started all 35 games in the backcourt, averaging 9.7 points, 3.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds in 28.8 minutes per game ... Ranked second on the team with 40 steals, third with 60 free throws made and fourth with 43 3-pointers made ... Developed a defensive stopper's mentality while splitting time between point guard and off-guard roles ... Poured in a career-high 21 points and made 5 of 8 trifectas vs. No. 21 Marquette ... Opened his junior year with 10 points and five rebounds in a win over Western Illinois ... Scored 12 points vs. Ohio State ... Finished with seven points, five rebounds and four assists vs. Boise State ... Secured seven rebounds and added three steals at Oklahoma ... Contributed 15 points at No. 24 Nebraska ... Dished a season-best six assists and scored 13 points in win vs. UMKC ... Scored 16 points and added four rebounds and two steals at St. John's ... Scored 17 points in road win at Georgetown, adding five rebounds, three assists and two steals ... Had 14 points, six assists and six rebounds vs. Butler ... Grabbed season-high eight rebounds and scored 19 points, including CU's first eight in overtime, while playing all 45 minutes at No. 14 Villanova ... In that game against Villanova, he became the first Bluejay in the last 25 years to never leave the floor in an overtime game ... Scored 16 points and added six rebounds and five assists vs. Seton Hall ... Had 12 points in road win at DePaul ... His six steals in win at No. 10 Marquette were the most by a Bluejay since 2008.

2017-18 (AT CREIGHTON)

Started all but one game at point guard ... Averaged 6.1 points, 3.2 rebounds and a team-high 3.1 assists per game ... Led the Big East and ranked 15th nationally in assist-to-turnover ratio ... Also led the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio in league play only ... Helped CU to a win over UCLA with 10 points and career-high six rebounds ... Scored 10 points at No. 23 Seton Hall, making 4 of 5 shots ... Tied his season-high with 17 points at Georgetown, setting a personal best with four 3-point baskets ... Had a season-high seven assists with six rebounds in win over No. 19 Seton Hall ... Iced win at St. John's with two free throws with 13 seconds left in a 68-63 win ... Owned seven assists with no turnovers at No. 1 Villanova ... In 10 games vs. ranked teams he had 38 assists and only 10 turnovers ... Finished with 10 points, six assists and career-high nine rebounds vs. Villanova ... Had 14 points and six assists vs. Providence in the Big East Tournament ... Had 10 points, five rebounds and three assists in NCAA Tournament game vs. Kansas State in his hometown of Charlotte.

2016-17 (AT CREIGHTON)

Started 12 of 29 appearances, averaging 3.3 points, 1.8 assists and 1.1 rebounds per game ... Averaged 1.7 points in 5.8 minutes per game during Creighton's first

19 games before averaging 4.5 points in 17.4 minutes per game in CU's final 16 contests ... In first game without injured teammate Maurice Watson Jr., had 17 points, eight assists and four rebounds off the bench vs. Marquette ... Started 12 of the last 14 games ... Only Creighton reserve under Greg McDermott with a game of at least 17 points and eight assists ... Made first career start vs. DePaul, when he had four points, two assists and a rebound in an 83-66 victory, becoming Creighton's first freshman point guard to start since Isacc Miles on March 4, 2007 ... Scored eight points in second half of win at No. 16 Butler, adding three assists ... Had eight points, two assists and two rebounds in Big East Tournament debut vs. Providence.

HIGH SCHOOL

Four-year starter in high school who scored more than 1,000 career points ... Named North Mecklenburg's Senior Male Athlete of the Year in 2015-16, as well as the Class of 2016 Student of the Year ... Three-time MECKA 8 Conference All-League and Lake Norman Weekly All-Area Team pick ... As a senior, named First Team All-State by the North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association ... Also tabbed Player of the Year in his district, as well as the 2016 Huntersville Herald Weekly Boys basketball Player of the Year ... Averaged 20.7 points, 6.9 assists, 5.4 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game as a senior as he helped his team to a 27-3 record ... Had 41 points and eight assists in his final regular-season game vs. Mallard Creek ... Topped that total a week later in a conference tournament semifinal, when he scored 43 points and drained 10 three-pointers against Vance ... Finished with 25 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in a win against Richmond Senior in the second round of the state playoffs ... Led North Mecklenburg to a conference title as a junior, when he averaged 12.3 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game ... His junior year team finished 23-4 and was ranked No. 1 in the state after a 13-0 start ... Averaged 9.3 points, 2.9 assists and 2.1 rebounds per game as a sophomore ... Played quarterback on the JV football team as a high school freshman ... Earned honor-roll accolades in the classroom, where he was a member of the Top 100 Young Black High School Students of Charlotte and a North Carolina Boys State Delegate.

PERSONAL

Born June 30 in Gastonia, North Carolina ... Pursuing a graduate degree in kinesiology and health promotion ... Parents are Sean and Sandy Mintz ... Has three siblings, Da'Sean, Damare and Danali ... Godfather is NFL legend Randy Moss ... Chose his jersey number because it means complete and is one of his favorite numbers ... Favorite movies are Home Alone and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York ... Listens to Ehip-Hop the preacher motivation talks and hip-hop, R&B and gospel before games ... His most prized possession is his dog ... Hidden talent is the ability to solve the Rubik's Cube.

2018-19 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*

Points	2018-19*	CAREER
Season	21, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Career	21, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Rebounds		
Season	8, at Villanova (2/6/19)	
Career	9, vs. VILLANOVA (2/24/18)	
Field Goals		
Season	8, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Career	8, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Field Goal Attempted		
Season	14, 2x, last at Villanova (2/6/19)	
Career	14, 2x, last at Villanova (2/6/19)	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	5, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Career	5, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	8, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Career	8, vs. MARQUETTE (1/9/19)	
Free Throws		
Season	7, vs. MARQUETTE (1/21/17)	
Career	7, vs. MARQUETTE (1/21/17)	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	8, vs. Clemson (11/21/18)	
Career	10, vs. UCLA (11/20/17)	
Assists		
Season	8, vs. MARQUETTE (1/21/17)	
Career	8, vs. MARQUETTE (1/21/17)	
Steals		
Season	6, at Marquette (3/3/19)	
Career	6, at Marquette (3/3/19)	
Blocked Shots		
Season	2, vs. Loyola Chicago (3/19/19)	
Career	2, vs. Loyola Chicago (3/19/19)	
Minutes Played		
Season	45, at Villanova (2/6/19)	
Career	45, at Villanova (2/6/19)	
MISCELLANEOUS		
Dunks	5	7
Double-Figure Scoring Games	16	24
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	0
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK [^] in Scoring	1	1
Games Led UK [^] in Rebounding	0	2
Games Led UK [^] in Assists	7	21
Games Led UK [^] in Steals	12	17
Games Led UK [^] in Blocks	2	6
Games With 3+ Assists	17	40
Games With 3+ Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Steals	2	3
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	4	5

*Redshirted in 2019-20 due to injury;

[^]Creighton

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2016-17	29-12	354-12.2	30-78	.385	9-25	.360	26-33	.788	1-31-32-1.1	35-0	52	34	4	15	95	3.3
2017-18	33-32	696-21.1	61-151	.404	19-54	.352	60-82	.732	8-96-104-3.2	44-1	102	36	3	14	201	6.1
2018-19	35-35	1009-28.8	119-286	.416	43-124	.347	60-83	.723	18-87-105-3.0	70-0	105	76	4	40	341	9.7
TOTAL	97-79	2059-21.2	210-515	.408	71-203	.350	146-198	.737	27-214-241-2.5	149-1	259	146	11	69	637	6.6

11

R-Freshman | Guard | 6-6 | 198 lbs | Falmouth, Ky. | Pendleton County

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- 2020-21 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

2019-20

Used his first season as a redshirt year to recover from a knee injury he suffered in the midst of his senior year of high school ... Began practicing with the team in January.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked in the top 75 by Rivals (No. 68) ... Rated as the No. 92 prospect by the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Became the first in-state signee for Kentucky since 2013 ... Eighteenth Kentucky player in program history to earn Kentucky Mr. Basketball honors ... Also named All-State First Team ... Capped his high school career with 3,255 career points, which ranks 11th all-time in state history ... Also snared 1,228 career rebounds, the 22nd-best mark in the state's record books ... Averaged 42.9 points and 14.2 boards during his senior season ... Limited to 13 games after suffering a torn ACL in his left knee on Dec. 22, 2018 ... Dropped 50 or more points in six of his first 12 games as a senior ... During his junior campaign, averaged 31.8 points and 11.4 rebounds per game while shooting 59.1% from the floor and 39.6% from 3-point range ... Tabbed a Pangos All-American.

PERSONAL

Born Nov. 5 in Florence, Kentucky ... Parents are April and Tony Thomas ... Has three siblings, Tredyn, Saniah and Jalen ... Cousin of NFL quarterback Russell Wilson ... Major is communication ... Favorite activity away from the court is watching basketball or playing NBA2K ... Chose No. 11 because it's his favorite number (No. 1), twice ... Biggest basketball honor is being named Mr. Kentucky Basketball ... His most prized possession is his shoe collection.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS		
Points		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Rebounds		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Field Goal Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Free Throws		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Assists		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Steals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Blocked Shots		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Minutes Played		
Season	-	
Career	-	
MISCELLANEOUS	2019-20	CAREER
Dunks	-	-
Double-Figure		
Scoring Games	-	-
Double-Figure		
Rebounding Games	-	-
Games With		
Double-Double	-	-
Games Led UK		
in Scoring	-	-
Games Led UK		
in Rebounding	-	-
Games Led UK		
in Assists	-	-
Games Led UK		
in Steals	-	-
Games Led UK		
in Blocks	-	-
Games With		
3+ Assists	-	-
Games With		
3+ Blocks	-	-
Games With		
3+ Steals	-	-
Games With		
3+ Three-Pointers	-	-

12

Sophomore | Forward | 6-7 | 205 lbs | Fort Wayne, Ind. | La Lumiere School

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- 2020-21 NABC Player Development Coalition
- 2020-21 SEC Council on Racial Equality and Social Justice
- 2020-21 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

2019-20

2019-20 Southeastern Conference First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Played a key reserve role for the Wildcats as a wing and forward ... Appeared in all 31 games for the Wildcats during his freshman campaign, including making six starts ... Scored 138 points, had 99 rebounds, totaled 13 blocks, posted 11 steals and had six assists ... Led the team in steals, rebounds and blocks in two games ... Produced five double-figure scoring efforts ... Instrumental in helping UK overcome an 18-point deficit in the road win at Florida with a career-high 27 minutes, 10 points, including a career-high two 3-pointers, three rebounds, and a career-high-tying two steals ... After coming up with a key defensive rebound, hit the game-clinching free throws in the final seconds vs. Ole Miss ... Hauled in a career-high nine rebounds and chipped in with four points in the road win at Tennessee ... Posted eight points and five rebounds at home in a win over Georgia ... Scored 10 points and pulled in seven boards during the road win at Arkansas ... Also was 4 of 4 at the free-throw line in the closing minute to help seal the comeback victory in Fayetteville, Arkansas ... Made his first career start and played 25 minutes in the overtime win over Louisville ... Had eight points against Utah ... Scored 10 points on an efficient 4 of 7 field-goal attempts to go along with four boards at home against Georgia Tech ... Poured in a career-high 15 points to couple with five rebounds in 16 minutes against Fairleigh Dickinson ... Scored nine points, including connecting on his first career 3-pointer, in the win over FDU ... Nearly had a double-double with 11 points and eight rebounds in the win over Eastern Kentucky ... Had two rebounds in 15 minutes in his collegiate debut in the win over No. 1/1 Michigan State in Madison Square Garden.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked in the top 35 by the major recruiting services, including 247Sports (No. 14), Rivals (No. 29) and ESPN (No. 35) ... 247Sports tabbed him as the fourth-best small forward in the class ... Ranked the No. 24 overall player by the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Consensus five-star prospect ... Averaged 20.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for La Lumiere School, which appeared in the

GEICO High School Nationals ... In the semifinals of that tournament, made 9 of 16 shots, including two from long range, and scored a team-high 20 points ... La Lumiere produced a 30-1 record and was ranked as the No. 1 team in the country during his senior campaign ... USA Today All-USA Boys Basketball Honorable Mention selection ... Scored 15 points in the Jordan Brand Classic ... Tabbed the Fort Wayne Area Player of the Year ... Fort Wayne News Player of the Year ... Also reached the state finals in 2015-16.

PERSONAL

Born Aug. 7 in Fort Wayne, Indiana ... Parents are Keion Sr. and Sarita Brooks ... Has three brothers, Darius, Darrion and Karion ... Major is communication ... Was an honor-roll student in high school ... Father played basketball at Wright State ... Chose No. 12 because it is the same number his dad wore in high school ... Also played football, baseball and soccer as a kid ... Favorite activity away from the court is playing NBA2K ... Grandparents have been his biggest influence ... Most memorable moment as a player was winning a national championship as a fifth grader ... Chose Kentucky over Indiana, Michigan State, Kansas and UCLA.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS		
Points		
Season	15, vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (12/7/19)	
Career	15, vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (12/7/19)	
Rebounds		
Season	9, at Tennessee (2/8/20)	
Career	9, at Tennessee (2/8/20)	
Field Goals		
Season	6, vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (12/7/19)	
Career	6, vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (12/7/19)	
Field Goals Attempted		
Season	11, vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (12/7/19)	
Career	11, vs. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON (12/7/19)	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	2, at Florida (3/7/20)	
Career	2, at Florida (3/7/20)	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	2, 6x, last at Florida (3/7/20)	
Career	2, 6x, last at Florida (3/7/20)	
Free Throws		
Season	4, at Arkansas (1/28/20)	
Career	4, at Arkansas (1/28/20)	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	6, 2x, last at Arkansas (1/28/20)	
Career	6, 2x, last at Arkansas (1/28/20)	
Assists		
Season	1, 6x, last vs. Ohio State (12/21/19)	
Career	1, 6x, last vs. Ohio State (12/21/19)	
Steals		
Season	2, 2x, last at Florida (3/7/20)	
Career	2, 2x, last at Florida (3/7/20)	
Blocked Shots		
Season	2, vs. Ohio State (12/21/19)	
Career	2, vs. Ohio State (12/21/19)	
Minutes Played		
Season	27, at Florida (3/7/20)	
Career	27, at Florida (3/7/20)	
MISCELLANEOUS		
	2019-20	CAREER
Dunks	9	9
Double-Figure Scoring Games	5	5
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	0
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK in Scoring	0	0
Games Led UK in Rebounding	2	2
Games Led UK in Assists	0	0
Games Led UK in Steals	2	2
Games Led UK in Blocks	2	2
Games With 3+ Assists	0	0
Games With 3+ Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Steals	0	0
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	0	0

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2019-20	31-6	470-15.2	58-123	.472	5-19	.263	17-27	.630	31-68-99-3.2	46-0	6	25	13	11	138	4.5
TOTAL	31-6	470-15.2	58-123	.472	5-19	.263	17-27	.630	31-68-99-3.2	46-0	6	25	13	11	138	4.5

13

Senior | Guard | 6-0 | 185 lbs | Littleton, Colo. | College of the Desert

RILEY WELCH

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2019-20

Saw action in four games during his first season with the Wildcats ... Made his UK debut in the win over Eastern Kentucky ... Logged two steals, one each against EKU and Lamar.

2018-19 (COLLEGE OF THE DESERT)

Saw action in 27 games ... Averaged 8.2 points per game for the Roadrunners ... Also contributed 5.0 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game ... Dished out a team-high 134 assists ... Sunk 31 shots from behind the arc ... Scored a career-high 29 points vs. San Jacinto on Feb. 1 on 9-of-11 shooting and 10 of 11 from the free-throw line ... Recorded 19 points vs. West LA on Nov. 2 ... Twice tabbed to the College of the Desert Dean's List.

2018-19 (UC IRVINE)

Appeared in 27 games as a true freshman ... Played double-digit minutes four times ... Scored five points in his collegiate debut at Denver ... Dished out four assists and hit a three against Chapman ... Had three assists in six minutes at Montana ... Snared four boards to couple with two points vs. UC Riverside ... Two-time Dean's List honoree.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played for Chatfield High School ... 2016 Chauncey Billups regional champion ... School reached the Colorado High School Activities Association Final Four in 2016 ... Three-time league champion ... Two-time Jefferson County All-Conference ... 2014 Adidas Unrivaled assist leader ... Finalist in the 2013 USA U-18 3x3 Tournament ... Academic All State performer in 2016 ... Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

PERSONAL

Born Sept. 26 in Fresno, California ... Parents are John and Jean Welch ... Has a sister, Haley ... Major is bachelor of liberal studies ... Father played basketball at UNLV and has served as a coach in the NBA for more than 15 years ... Grandfather Coley was the third-ranked boxing middleweight in the world in 1941 ... Vegetarian ... Enjoys relaxing on the beach when he's not playing basketball ... Chose No. 13 because it was Steve Nash's number ... Proudest moment as a basketball player was suiting up for UC Irvine for his first collegiate game.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*		
Points		
Season	-	
Career	5, at Denver (11/12/17)	
Rebounds		
Season	-	
Career	4, vs. UC RIVERSIDE (1/24/18)	
Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	1, 4x, last at Hawaii (2/24/18)	
Field Goals Attempted		
Season	1, vs. MT. ST. MARY'S (11/22/19)	
Career	3, at Hawaii (2/24/18)	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	1, 2x, last vs. CHAPMAN (11/14/17)	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	1, 8x, last at Hawaii (2/24/18)	
Free Throws		
Season	-	
Career	2, 2x, last vs. UC RIVERSIDE (1/24/18)	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	2, 2x, last vs. UC RIVERSIDE (1/24/18)	
Assists		
Season	-	
Career	4, vs. CHAPMAN (11/14/17)	
Steals		
Season	1, 2x, last vs. LAMAR (11/24/19)	
Career	1, 4x, last vs. LAMAR (11/24/19)	
Blocked Shots		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Minutes Played		
Season	1, 3x, last vs. FDU (12/7/19)	
Career	14, vs. UC RIVERSIDE (1/24/18)	
MISCELLANEOUS		
	2019-20	CAREER
Dunks	-	-
Double-Figure Scoring Games	0	0
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	0
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK in Scoring	0	0
Games Led UK in Rebounding	0	0
Games Led UK in Assists	0	2
Games Led UK in Steals	0	0
Games Led UK in Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Assists	0	2
Games With 3+ Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Steals	0	0
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	0	0
<i>*Division I statistics only</i>		

CAREER STATISTICS*

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2017-18	27-0	143-5.8	4-13	.308	2-8	.250	4-5	.800	2-12-14-0.5	22-0	15	7	0	2	14	0.5
2019-20	4-0	3-0.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0.0
TOTAL	31-0	146-4.7	4-14	.286	2-8	.250	4-5	.800	2-12-14-0.5	22-0	15	7	0	4	14	0.5

14

Sophomore | Forward | 6-6 | 198 lbs | Mount Sterling, Ky. | George Rogers Clark

BRENNAN CANADA

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2019-20

Appeared in four games during his freshman campaign ... Made his collegiate debut in the win over Eastern Kentucky.

HIGH SCHOOL

One of the best prospects from the state of Kentucky ... Capped his career at George Rogers Clark with 1,371 points and 776 rebounds ... Two-year captain ... Named an All-10th Region First Team selection following a senior season where he averaged 15.0 points and 9.5 rebounds per game ... Averaged double-digit scoring over his final three seasons of high school basketball ... Logged 13 double-doubles his senior season ... A three-time All-District Team selection and a three-time All-District Tournament Team pick ... Team claimed two District 40 titles ... 10th Region runners-up in 2019.

PERSONAL

Born July 15 in Lexington, Kentucky ... Parents are Lynn and Melissa Canada ... Has three siblings, Kaleb, Kyle and Kristyn ... Major is communication ... 4.0 student in high school ... Member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... Also participated in Big Brothers, Big Sisters ... Father has been his biggest influence ... Chose No. 14 because it's always been his favorite number ... His definition of a true hero is someone who you can rely on and follow.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

Points		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Rebounds		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Field Goal Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Free Throws		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Assists		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Steals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Blocked Shots		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Minutes Played		
Season	1, 3x, last vs. FDU (12/7/19)	
Career	1, 3x, last vs. FDU (12/7/19)	
MISCELLANEOUS	2019-20	CAREER
Dunks	0	0
Double-Figure Scoring Games	0	0
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	0
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK in Scoring	0	0
Games Led UK in Rebounding	0	0
Games Led UK in Assists	0	0
Games Led UK in Steals	0	0
Games Led UK in Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Assists	0	0
Games With 3+ Blocks	0	0
Games With 3+ Steals	0	0
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	0	0

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2019-20	4-0	3-0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	4-0	3-0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0

20

R-Sophomore | G/F | 6-4 | 215 lbs | Lexington, Ky. | Lexington Catholic

ZAN PAYNE

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2019-20

2019-20 Southeastern Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll member ... Dean's List fall 2019, spring 2020 ... Did not play as he continued to rehab from a knee injury he suffered at the end of his high school career ... Began practicing with the team in January.

2018-19

2018-19 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Dean's List spring 2019 ... Used his first season as a redshirt year to recover from a knee injury he suffered at the end of his high school career.

HIGH SCHOOL

A highly-productive player out of Lexington Catholic High School ... 1,000-point scorer for the Knights ... Averaged 19.3 points and 8.7 rebounds per game as a senior ... Three-year starter and scored 1,282 career points, which ranks 14th all-time in program history ... Also collected 934 career rebounds and finished his career as the school's fourth all-time career leader in rebounds ... A knee injury in February of his senior season prematurely ended his career.

PERSONAL

Born March 23 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey ... First name is Alexander but goes by Zan ... Parents are Kenny and Michelle Payne ... Father, Kenny, was a former UK assistant from 2011-20 and current assistant with the New York Knicks ... Has a sister, Alexis ... Major is communication ... Father played basketball at Louisville ... Enjoys playing Fortnite when he's not on the court ... Lists a definition of a true hero as someone who always does the right thing ... His dad has had the greatest influence on his life.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

Points		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Rebounds		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Field Goal Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Free Throws		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Assists		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Steals		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Blocked Shots		
Season	-	
Career	-	
Minutes Played		
Season	1, 3x, last vs. FDU (12/7/19)	
Career	1, 3x, last vs. FDU (12/7/19)	
MISCELLANEOUS	2019-20	CAREER
Dunks	-	-
Double-Figure Scoring Games	-	-
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	-	-
Games With Double-Double	-	-
Games Led UK in Scoring	-	-
Games Led UK in Rebounding	-	-
Games Led UK in Assists	-	-
Games Led UK in Steals	-	-
Games Led UK in Blocks	-	-
Games With 3+ Assists	-	-
Games With 3+ Blocks	-	-
Games With 3+ Steals	-	-
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	-	-

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Senior | Forward | 7-0 | 237 lbs | Bordeaux, France | Wake Forest University

OLIVIER SARR

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2019-20 (At Wake Forest)

All-Atlantic Coast Conference Third Team selection and runner-up for ACC Most Improved Player ... Appeared in 30 games, making 15 starts ... Missed one game due to injury ... Averaged 13.7 points and 9.0 rebounds per game ... Led the team with 11 double-doubles and 33 blocks ... Scored in double figures in 23 games ... Two-time ACC Player of the Week, becoming the 12th different Deacon to win it twice in a season ... Ended the season with six straight games in double figures, including 20 points and 13 rebounds vs. Pittsburgh in the finale ... Also tallied eight offensive rebounds in the game vs. Pitt, which tied a school ACC Tournament record ... Set career highs of 30 points and 17 rebounds vs. Notre Dame to become the third Deacon in the past 50 years to have a 30-and-15 game against an ACC opponent (John Collins, Rodney Rogers) ... Scored 25 points vs. No. 7 Duke ... Key road performances at No. 5 Louisville (16 points) and at Syracuse (15 points) ... Three straight double-doubles vs. Boston College, Clemson and Virginia in late January ... Wooden Legacy All-Tournament Team after averaging 17.0 points and 11.7 rebounds over three games ... Scored in double figures in seven straight games from Nov. 22 to Dec. 21, including five double-doubles ... Included in that stretch was a 21-point, 13-rebound outing vs. Arizona ... Scored 21 points and had eight rebounds vs. UNC Asheville ... Became first Deac since 2013-14 with first half double-double and finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds at Boston College.

2018-19 (At Wake Forest)

All-ACC Academic Team ... Appeared in 25 games, making 16 starts ... Averaged 6.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game ... Led the team with 25 blocks ... Scored in double figures in four games ... Missed the last six games of the season with an ankle injury ... Matched a career-high with 14 points at Notre Dame ... Grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds vs. Boston College ... Had a career-high 14 points and nine rebounds vs. Charlotte ... Posted 12 points and nine rebounds vs. North Carolina A&T.

2017-18 (At Wake Forest)

Appeared in 30 games off the bench after missing the season opener due to injury ... Averaged 3.2 points and 3.0 rebounds per game ... Second on the team with 21 blocks ... Had a season-high nine points at NC State and vs. Clemson ... Scored seven points with a season-high eight rebounds vs. No. 21 Tennessee ... Swatted a season-high three

blocks vs. Quinnipiac and Notre Dame.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played at INSEP, France's National Institute of Sport ... Played for club teams CFBB, TOAC and Bouscat ... Averaged 7.6 points and 5.4 rebounds per game for France at the 2017 FIBA U-18 European Championships ... ESPN Insider ranked him the top prospect at the 2017 FIBA U-18 European Championships ... Averaged 4.4 points and 4.0 rebounds per game for France at the 2016 FIBA U-17 World Championships ... Participated in Adidas Next Generation events in Europe in 2014, 2015 and 2016 ... Ranked a four-star recruit by Rivals and Scout.

PERSONAL

Born Feb. 20 ... Parents are Massar and Marie Sarr ... Has one brother, Alexandre ... Major is communication ... Chose his number because he has a 30-year age difference from his mother and his goddaughter was born July 30 ... Favorite basketball player is Hakeem Olajuwon ... Hobbies away from basketball include fishing, yoga, playing cards, reading, cooking and visiting with family and friends in France ... Also played soccer growing up ... Considers his fishing rod to be his most prized possession ... Can play the clarinet ... Chose Kentucky over Duke, Baylor, Florida State, Arizona State, Maryland and Purdue.

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

2019-20 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS		
Points		
Season	30, vs. NOTRE DAME (2/20/20)	
Career	30, vs. NOTRE DAME (2/20/20)	
Rebounds		
Season	17, vs. NOTRE DAME (2/20/20)	
Career	17, vs. NOTRE DAME (2/20/20)	
Field Goals		
Season	12, vs. NOTRE DAME (2/20/20)	
Career	12, vs. NOTRE DAME (2/20/20)	
Field Goals Attempted		
Season	18, vs. Pittsburgh (3/10/20)	
Career	18, vs. Pittsburgh (3/10/20)	
3-Point Field Goals		
Season	1, 11x, last at Duke (1/11/20)	
Career	1, 11x, last at Duke (1/11/20)	
3-Point Field Goals Attempted		
Season	2, at Clemson (1/21/20)	
Career	3, 4x, last at Virginia (1/22/19)	
Free Throws		
Season	11, vs. DUKE (2/25/20)	
Career	11, vs. DUKE (2/25/20)	
Free Throws Attempted		
Season	14, vs. DUKE (2/25/20)	
Career	14, vs. DUKE (2/25/20)	
Assists		
Season	4, at Pittsburgh (1/4/20)	
Career	4, at Pittsburgh (1/4/20)	
Steals		
Season	4, vs. N. CAROLINA A&T (12/21/19)	
Career	4, vs. N. CAROLINA A&T (12/21/19)	
Blocked Shots		
Season	5, at Charlotte (11/17/19)	
Career	5, at Charlotte (11/17/19)	
Minutes Played		
Season	37, 2x, last vs. Pittsburgh (3/10/20)	
Career	37, 2x, last vs. Pittsburgh (3/10/20)	
MISCELLANEOUS		
	2019-20*	CAREER*
Dunks	37	50
Double-Figure Scoring Games	23	27
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	13	14
Games With Double-Double	11	11
Games Led UK in Scoring	9	9
Games Led UK in Rebounding	21	29
Games Led UK in Assists	2	2
Games Led UK in Steals	3	8
Games Led UK in Blocks	17	39
Games With 3+ Assists	4	5
Games With 3+ Blocks	2	5
Games With 3+ Steals	1	1
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	0	0
<i>*Wake Forest statistics</i>		

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min-Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def-Tot-Avg	PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2017-18	30-0	453-15.1	32-92	.348	6-24	.250	27-45	.600	30-59-89-3.0	76-2	11	32	21	10	97	3.2
2018-19	25-16	540-21.6	54-114	.474	4-16	.250	43-61	.705	58-79-137-5.5	72-2	12	37	25	10	155	6.2
2019-20	30-15	802-26.7	137-260	.527	1-7	.143	137-180	.761	80-190-270-9.0	94-4	28	47	35	12	412	13.7
TOTAL	85-31	1795-21.1	223-466	.479	11-47	.234	207-286	.724	168-328-496-5.8	242-8	51	116	81	32	664	7.8

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DEVIN ASKEW

Freshman | Guard | 6-3 | 198 lbs | Sacramento, Calif. | Mater Dei

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HIGH SCHOOL

Averaged 16.7 points, 6.3 assists and 4.9 rebounds in his senior season at Mater Dei High School ... Named to the Jordan Brand Classic roster ... Trinity League Player of the Year ... Tabbed California Interscholastic Federation First Team as a senior ... Led his team as a sophomore to the CIF Open Division Southern California Regional championship ... A 2018-19 MaxPreps Boys Basketball Sophomore All-American Third Team selection ... Directed his team to the Peach Jam finals in the summer of 2019 and averaged 11.6 points, 5.1 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game while shooting 41.4% from 3 in the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League ... Five-star prospect ... Tabbed the No. 26 overall player in the 2020 class by ESPN and the consensus No. 1 point guard in the 2021 class prior to reclassifying.

PERSONAL

Born July 26 in Los Angeles ... Parents are Katie and Brian Askew ... Has two brothers, BJ and Jordan ... Pursuing a degree in finance ... Honor-roll student ... Also played football, baseball and soccer ... Participated in Anaheim Stadium Buddy Walks, helped serve food to the homeless in Santa Ana and assisted in coaching youth basketball ... Father played soccer at Fresno State ... Favorite food is Thai ... Plays with a \$5 bill in his left sock ... Chose No. 2 because it's been his number his whole life ... Lists Devin Booker as his favorite former Kentucky player.

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BRANDON BOSTON JR.

Freshman | Guard | 6-7 | 185 lbs | Norcross, Ga. | Sierra Canyon

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HIGH SCHOOL

A consensus five-star prospect and Kentucky's top-ranked player in the 2020 class ... Averaged 19.7 points and 7.0 rebounds per game in helping lead Sierra Canyon to a 30-4 mark and a No. 2 national ranking as a senior ... Named the California Male Athlete of the Year and the California Basketball Player of the Year by USA Today ... Also tabbed a First Team Naismith All-American, Second Team Sports Illustrated All-American, SLAM Magazine All-American, California Mr. Basketball and the Gold Coast League MVP ... Selected to the McDonald's All American Game, the Allen Iverson Roundball Classic and the Jordan Brand Classic ... Averaged 22.8 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.9 steals per game in the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League circuit prior to his senior season ... Considered one of the top shooting guards in the class and is ranked as high as No. 5 overall by Rivals ... Earned 2018-19 MaxPreps Boys Basketball Junior All-American Team Honorable

Mention distinction after averaging 18.4 points, 5.4 rebounds 1.9 steals while leading his previous high school in Norcross, Georgia, to the state semifinals as a junior.

PERSONAL

Born Nov. 28 in Norcross, Georgia ... Parents are Alissa and Brandon Boston Sr. ... Nickname is BJ ... Has three sisters, Daija Berry and Aysia and Brandi Boston ... Pursuing a degree in business management ... Served as a volunteer coach for elementary and middle school basketball camps ... His most prized possession is the dollar bill he keeps in his shoe ... Favorite food are barbeque wings ... When he's not playing basketball he's spending time with his family ... Favorite movie is He Got Game ... Enjoys drawing pictures ... He eats candy before games ... His favorite former Kentucky player is Shai Gilgeous-Alexander.

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TERRENCE CLARKE

Freshman | Guard | 6-7 | 194 lbs | Boston | Brewster Academy

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HIGH SCHOOL

A consensus five-star prospect ... Ranked as high as No. 8 in the final Rivals rankings and one of the top shooting guards in the country ... Tabbed to the Sports Illustrated All-American Third Team ... Naismith All-American Honorable Mention ... New England Preparatory School Athletic Council AAA Player of the Year ... NEPSAC AAA First Team selection ... Chosen for the McDonald's All American Game, the Allen Iverson Roundball Classic and the Jordan Brand Classic ... Member of the Brewster Academy team that won the 2019 National Prep Championships and led his team back to the 2020 finals with a 34-3 record before the COVID-19 pandemic canceled the rest of the event ... Averaged 16.2 points per game to go along with 5.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game in the 2019 Nike Elite Youth Basketball League.

PERSONAL

Born Sept. 6 in Boston ... Parents are Osmin Clarke and Adrian Briggs ... Has three siblings, Tatyana, Gavin and Madison ... Pursuing a degree in communication ... His most memorable moment as a basketball player is winning his first national championship ... His favorite movies are the Fast and Furious series ... Lists macaroni and cheese as his favorite food ... Chose No. 5 because he once forgot his No. 6 jersey before a game and had to wear No. 5; after he played well in No. 5 he's worn that number ever since ... His mother has influenced him the most in his life ... Played Caribbean pan as a kid ... Likes to down sour gummy worms and apple juice before games ... Lists Tyler Herro, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Hamidou Diallo as some of his favorite former UK players ... Chose Kentucky over Texas Tech, UCLA, Duke, Memphis and Boston College.

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CAM'RON FLETCHER

Freshman | Forward | 6-6 | 215 lbs | St. Louis | Vashon

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HIGH SCHOOL

Consensus four-star prospect ... Averaged 20.6 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.7 blocks per game to lead Vashon High School to the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 4 state semifinals before postseason play was canceled ... Named the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Class 4 Player of the Year ... MBCAC CLASS 5 All-State Team selection ... Two-time state champion ... During the 2019 Nike Elite Youth Basketball League, averaged 11.8 points, 6.5 rebounds and 1.4 assists per game ... Ranked as high as No. 49 by Rivals ... Climbed the rankings after his surge in the Nike EYBL circuit and a standout performance at the NBPA Top 100 Camp in 2019.

PERSONAL

Born July 10 ... Parents are Tamika Fletcher and Michael Henderson ... Has three siblings, Jalen and Raven Fletcher and Jayden Dickerson ... Brother Jalen played college basketball at Harris-Stowe State ... Major is undeclared/exploratory studies in agriculture ... Named to the honor society ... Also played football and participated in track ... His mother has been his life's greatest influence ... Favorite food is chicken ... Dunked for the first time when he was 13 ... Has to listen to music and eat candy before games ... Lists his favorite movie as Boyz n the Hood ... His most memorable moment as a basketball player was winning the state championship ... His favorite former Kentucky player is Anthony Davis.

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ISAIAH JACKSON

Freshman | Forward | 6-10 | 206 lbs | Pontiac, Mich. | Waterford Mott

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HIGH SCHOOL

Considered a five-star prospect by Rivals, where he is ranked the No. 28 overall player in the class ... Averaged 19.7 points, 13.0 rebounds, 7.7 blocks, 3.3 assists and 2.1 steals per game for Waterford Mott his senior season ... Michigan All-State Division I (Associated Press) recipient and finalist for the Mr. Michigan Basketball award ... Three-time All-State selection and four-time defensive player of the year in his conference ... Led his high school to two district and two league championships ... During the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League in 2019, averaged 11.0 points, 6.2 rebounds and 2.7 blocks per game ... Considered one of the best defenders in the class ... Was named to the Jordan Brand Classic.

PERSONAL

Born Jan. 10 in Pontiac, Michigan ... Parents are DeUngela and Wesley Jackson ... Has four siblings, Wesley Jr., De'Dra, Jah and China Evens ... Nickname is Zeek ... Major is undeclared/exploratory studies in agriculture ... Honor-roll student ... His family is his biggest influence ... Lists the Incredible Hulk as his favorite movie ... Considers his favorite basketball memory to be his first dunk, which he did in the eighth grade at a basketball camp in Rochester, Michigan ... Favorite food is chicken ... Chose Kentucky over Alabama and Syracuse ... Lists his favorite former UK players as Anthony Davis and Karl-Anthony Towns.

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LANCE WARE

Freshman | Forward | 6-9 | 223 lbs | Camden, N.J. | Camden

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HIGH SCHOOL

Led high school team to a 29-1 record his senior season ... Averaged 11.8 points, 7.9 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 1.4 steals and 1.3 blocks for a team that won its final 25 games ... Squad claimed the South Jersey, Group 2 championship and the No. 1 spot in the final NJ.com Top 50 rankings ... Named the NJ.com Player of the Year and was a NJ.com All-State First Team selection ... Averaged 11.4 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game during the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League in 2019 ... Also performed well at the Peach Jam finals in 2019, averaging 14.4 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game ... Selected to the Allen Iverson Roundball Classic ... Four-star prospect ranked as high as No. 36 in the class by Rivals.

PERSONAL

Born Feb. 8 in Edgewater Park, New Jersey ... Parents are Monique Ripka and Stephen Ware ... Has two siblings, Shataya and Stefon ... Major is undeclared/exploratory studies in agriculture ... Chose Kentucky over Michigan, Ohio State, Providence and Miami ... Lists his parents as his life's greatest influences ... Chose No. 55 because it is unique ... Favorite show on Netflix is All-American ... Listens to Drake before games ... Lists Michael Kidd-Gilchrist as his favorite former UK player ... His most memorable moment as a basketball player is going 29-1 his final season of high school ... Enjoys playing Call of Duty when he's not playing basketball.

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KAREEM WATKINS

Freshman | Guard | 5-8 | 145 lbs | Camden, N.J. | Kingsway Regional

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HIGH SCHOOL

Appeared in all 26 games for Kingsway Regional during his senior season ... Averaged 8.7 points per game ... Notched 11 double-figure scoring efforts and knocked down multiple 3-pointers in 12 games ... Scored a season-high 19 points on six made 3s with four assists against Woodstown ... Also posted 16 points, five rebounds and four assists at Clearview and recorded 15 points, six boards and five dimes vs. Cumberland ... Dished out four or more assists in 14 games ... Produced three or more steals in 10 games ... Helped advance Kingsway to the 2020 NJSIAA Group 4 Championship field of 64.

PERSONAL

Born Feb. 3 in Camden, New Jersey ... Mother is Syreeta Brittingham ... Stepfather is Dajuan Wagner, former Memphis star who played for John Calipari ... Has two siblings, Dayonni and Dajuan Jr. ... Major is finance ... Off the court talent includes juggling ... Lists his parents as the two people who have influenced him the most ... When he's not playing basketball he's watching it ... Listens to NBA YoungBoy, Polo G and Lil Durk pregame ... Chicken is his favorite food ... Lists Kemba Walker as his favorite NBA player and Tyler Ulis as his favorite former UK player.