

# 2023-24 UK MEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

## GENERAL

Location	Lexington, Ky.
Enrollment	31,800
Founded	1865
Colors	Blue & White
Nickname	Wildcats
Conference	Southeastern
All-Time Record	2,375-748-1 (.760)
Arena	Rupp Arena (20,500)
Arena Record	647-81, .889 (47 years)
NCAA Championships	8 (1948, '49, '51, '58, '78, '96, '98, 2012)
NCAA Runners-up	4 (1966, 1975, 1997, 2014)
NCAA Tournament Record	130-54 (.707)
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2023, NCAA Second Round
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 Record	On-Court Total: 832-253 (31 years) .767 Kentucky: 387-113 (14 years) .774
NCAA Appearances (Record)	20 (48-19) On-Court Total: 22 (57-21)
Associate to the Head Coach	James "Bruiser" Flint (Saint Joseph's, '87)
Associate Coach	Orlando Antigua (Pittsburgh, '95)
Assistant Coaches	Ronald "Chin" Coleman (Lamar, '97) Chuck Martin (Monmouth '93) John Welch (UNLV, '86)
Associate AD/Basketball Operations	Chris Woolard (UCLA, '97)
Director of Player Development	TJ Beisner (Kentucky, '08)
Director of Basketball Administration	Will Barton (Kentucky, '12)
Equipment Manager	Mark Evans (Kentucky, '13)
Strength and Conditioning Coach	Brady Welsh (Eastern Illinois, '15)
Head Athletic Trainer	Geoffrey Staton (North Carolina, '07)
Student Assistant Coach	Tyler Ullis
Director of Academic Services	Michael Stone (Kentucky, '97)
Team Physicians	Dr. Scott Mair; Dr. Robert Hosey
Administrative Asst. to the Head Coach	Lunetha Moseley (859.257.8024)
Administrative Assistant	Linda Carmack (859.257.1916)

## 2022-23 REVIEW

**Record:** 22-12 (12-6)  
Home: 14-4, Away: 6-4, Neutral: 2-4  
**SEC Postseason Record:** Lost to Vanderbilt in quarterfinals, 80-73  
**NCAA Postseason Record:** Lost to Kansas State in second round, 75-69

## 2023-24 PREVIEW

### Starters Lost: 4

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	PPG	RPG
24	Chris Livingston	F	6-6	Fr.	6.3	4.2
0	Jacob Toppin	F	6-9	Sr.	12.4	6.8
34	Oscar Tshiebwe	F	6-9	Sr.	16.5	13.7
22	Cason Wallace	G	6-4	Fr.	11.7	4.3*

### Other Players Lost: 4

4	Daimion Collins	F	6-9	So.	1.9	1.9
1	CJ Fredrick	G	6-3	Sr.	6.1	1.5*
55	Lance Ware	F	6-9	Sr.	2.0	2.0
2	Sahvir Wheeler	G	5-9	Sr.	7.7	5.6*

### Players Returning: 7

14	Brennan Canada%	F	6-5	Gr.	0.6	0.2
13	Grant Darbyshire%	G	6-2	So.	0.0	0.0
22	Walker Horn%	G	6-3	So.	0.0	0.3
33	Ugonna Onyenso	F	6-11	So.	2.5	2.6
12	Antonio Reeves	G	6-5	Gr.	14.4	2.1
3	Adou Thiero	G	6-6	So.	2.3	1.9
25	Kareem Watkins%	G	5-8	Sr.	0.0	0.3*

### Newcomers: 8

2	Aaron Bradshaw	F	7-0	Fr.	12.1	9.4
23	Jordan Burks	F	6-9	Fr.	27.1	7.5
0	Rob Dillingham	G	6-2	Fr.	14.7	4.9*
1	Justin Edwards	F	6-8	Fr.	17.9	7.5
20	Joey Hart	G	6-5	Fr.	23.7	4.1^
4	Tre Mitchell	F	6-9	Gr.	11.7	5.5
15	Reed Sheppard	G	6-3	Fr.	22.5	8.5*
21	D.J. Wagner	G	6-3	Fr.	22.5	3.0*

Stats are from last season

\*Assists per game; %Walk-on; ^ West Virginia statistics

### Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

### Players Returning/Lost: 7/8

**Top Returning Scorer:** Antonio Reeves - 14.4 ppg  
**Top Returning Rebounder:** Ugonna Onyenso - 2.6 rpg  
**Top Returning in Assists:** Antonio Reeves - 1.1 apg  
**Top Returning in Blocks:** Ugonna Onyenso - 1.0 bpg  
**Top Returning in Steals:** Adou Thiero - 0.5 spg  
**Top Returning FG% (min. 50 FGA):** Antonio Reeves - 41.6%  
**Top Returning 3-Point FG% (min. 20 3FG%):** Antonio Reeves - 39.8%  
**Top Returning FT% (min. 25 FTA):** Antonio Reeves - 78.3%  
**Percentage of Minutes Returning:** 18.6%  
**Percentage of Points Returning:** 22.8%  
**Percentage of Rebounds Returning:** 11.4%  
**Percentage of Assists Returning:** 10.0%  
**Percentage of Blocks Returning:** 22.4%  
**Percentage of Steals Returning:** 11.9%

# 2023-24 KENTUCKY BASKETBALL ROSTER

## NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Rob Dillingham	G	6-2	160	Fr.	Hickory, N.C. (Overtime Elite)
1	Justin Edwards	G	6-8	190	Fr.	Philadelphia (Philadelphia Imhotep Institute Charter High School)
2	Aaron Bradshaw	F	7-0	210	Fr.	Roselle, N.J. (Camden High School)
3	Adou Thiero	G	6-6	200	So.	Leetsdale, Pa. (Quaker Valley High School)
4	Tre Mitchell	F	6-9	225	Gr.	Pittsburgh (West Virginia University)
12	Antonio Reeves	G	6-5	205	Sr.	Chicago (Illinois State University)
13	Grant Darbyshire	G	6-2	190	So.	Cincinnati (Sycamore High School)
14	Brennan Canada	F	6-6	205	Gr.	Mount Sterling, Ky. (George Rogers Clark High School)
15	Reed Sheppard	G	6-3	180	Fr.	London, Ky. (North Laurel High School)
20	Joey Hart	G	6-5	180	Fr.	Linton, Ind. (Linton-Stockton High School)
21	D.J. Wagner	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Camden, N.J. (Camden High School)
22	Walker Horn	G	6-4	200	So.	Austin, Texas (Westlake High School)
23	Jordan Burks	F	6-9	190	Fr.	Decatur, Alabama (Overtime Elite)
25	Kareem Watkins	G	5-8	175	Sr.	Camden, N.J. (Kingsway Regional High School)
33	Ugonna Onyenso	F	6-11	225	So.	Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria (Putnam Science Academy)

## ALPHABETICAL

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*\*Heights and weights are unofficial until the start of the season*

**Head Coach:** John Calipari (Clarion, 1982)

**Associate to the Head Coach:** Bruiser Flint (Saint Joseph's, 1987)

**Associate Coach:** Orlando Antigua (Pittsburgh, 1995)

**Assistant Coaches:** Chin Coleman (Lamar, 1997)

Chuck Martin (Monmouth, 1993)

John Welch (UNLV, 1986)

**Associate AD/Basketball Operations:** Chris Woolard (UCLA, 1997)

**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Brady Welsh (Eastern Illinois, 2015)

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Geoffrey Staton (North Carolina, 2007)

**Director of Player Development:** TJ Beisner (Kentucky, 2008)

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

TJ BEISNER - BIZE-ner

John CALIPARI - cal-uh-PEAR-ee

UGONNA ONYENSO -  
ooo-GAH-na ON-yen-so

Geoffrey STATON - STATE-in

ADOU THIERO - uh-DUE THEE-air-oh

# FROM THE OFFSEASON NOTEBOOK

## CALIPARI ADDS CHUCK MARTIN AS ASSISTANT COACH

The Kentucky men's basketball team has rounded out its coaching staff with the hiring of Chuck Martin as assistant coach, head coach John Calipari announced on July 6.

"Chuck is a veteran in this profession who will be a great benefit to our team and staff," Calipari said. "He has ties not only to me when we were on staff at Memphis together but also to several other members of our staff. Chuck is an established coach who will be our assistant coach and recruiting coordinator, looking to open new doors to make our successful recruiting even stronger."

Martin adds more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience to the Wildcats' staff, most recently serving as an assistant this past season on Dana Altman's staff at Oregon, where he worked with All-Pac-12 First Team pick N'Faly Dante. Prior to Oregon, Martin spent five seasons on staff at South Carolina, serving as assistant coach for four seasons and another as associate head coach. With the Gamecocks, Martin helped develop 2018 Southeastern Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year and All-SEC First Team selection Chris Silva along with 2019 SEC Sixth Man of the Year Hassani Gravett.

Martin will be tasked with providing strategies to help advance the program while offering additional counsel on all aspects of the program including recruiting, scouting, player development and special projects as assigned by the head coach. As recruiting coordinator, he will independently manage official and unofficial visits and be responsible for all recruiting strategy for the program.

From 2014-17, Martin, who has been named one of the 50 most impactful high major assistants, was an assistant at Indiana, where he helped the Hoosiers to two NCAA Tournament selections and a Big Ten championship in 2016. Prior to his time in Bloomington, Martin spent a year as a scout with the Oklahoma City Thunder after he was head coach at Marist from 2008-13 and an assistant on Calipari's staff at Memphis from 2006-08. While serving under Calipari at Memphis, the Tigers went 71-6, reaching the 2008 NCAA Championship game and having three players, including first overall pick Derrick Rose, selected in the 2008 NBA Draft.

Martin also had prior stops as an assistant coach at St. John's (2004-06), Drexel (2001-04), UMass (2000-01) and Manhattan (1999-2000). At both Drexel and UMass, Martin served under current Kentucky associate to the head coach James "Bruiser" Flint.

Martin, who grew up in Bronx, New York, graduated from Monmouth with a bachelor's degree in communications. He and his wife,

Lee, are the parents of daughter Ashley-Monet and sons Jordan and Justin.

## KENTUCKY SET TO HOST MIAMI IN INAUGURAL ACC/SEC CHALLENGE

Kentucky will host Miami, a 2023 Final Four participant, in the inaugural ACC/SEC Challenge on Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. ET inside of Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center.

It will mark just the fifth meeting between the two schools and the first in the John Calipari era. UK is 3-1 overall in the series but fell 73-67 in the last matchup. Miami edged the Cats inside of Rupp Arena on Dec. 6, 2008. This will be the fourth time in five matchups the series will take place in Lexington.

The 2023 slate of ACC/SEC Challenge games will mark the first season of the event between the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Kentucky boasts the nation's No. 1 recruiting class with seven first-year signees including five top-25 prospects in Aaron Bradshaw, Rob Dillingham, Justin Edwards, Reed Sheppard and D.J. Wagner. Jordan Burks, who led OTE in points per game, and Joey Hart, who captured a state high school crown, were spring additions.

Additionally, Kentucky signed one of the top graduate transfers in Tre Mitchell, who has played in 102 career games, making 92 starts and has scored more than 1,390 career points.

The Cats will also return Antonio Reeves, who averaged 14.4 points per game a season ago and was named the SEC's Sixth Man of the Year. Sophomores Ugonna Onyenso and Adou Thiero also return. Onyenso had a per-40-minute average of 5.7 blocks per game, while Thiero played nearly 10 minutes a game and was a spark off the bench.

## CATS ADD TRE MITCHELL TO 2023-24 ROSTER

Kentucky men's basketball head coach John Calipari announced the addition of graduate transfer Tre Mitchell to the Wildcats' 2023-24 roster. Mitchell, a 6-foot-9, 225-pound forward from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the eighth newcomer to join the Wildcats, joining Aaron Bradshaw, Jordan Burks, Rob Dillingham, Justin Edwards, Joey Hart, Reed Sheppard and DJ Wagner.

Mitchell, who also attended Texas and Massachusetts earlier in his collegiate career, has played in 102 career games, including 92 starts, totaling 1,398 points and 597 rebounds.

Mitchell, who is the Cats' first graduate transfer since Kellan Grady joined UK for the

2021-22 season, averaged 30.0 minutes per contest while starting 32 of 34 games for the Mountaineers this past season. He logged 11.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while shooting 47% from the field. Mitchell also totaled 61 assists, 28 steals and 21 blocks a season ago.

Prior to West Virginia, Mitchell spent the 2021-22 season at Texas after playing his first two years at UMass. As a junior for the Longhorns, Mitchell played in 24 games, including 17 starts, averaging 8.7 points and 4.0 boards per game. He shot 47.8% from the field while scoring in double figures in nine contests.

Mitchell played in 44 games, starting all but one, over his two seasons with the Minutemen. A two-time All-Atlantic 10 selection, Mitchell averaged 18.0 points and 7.2 rebounds per game, adding 52 blocks and 47 steals over the 44 contests. Mitchell ranked second in the Atlantic 10 with 19.6 points per game as a freshman and followed that up with 18.8 points per game as a sophomore.

After attending Elizabeth Forward High School in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, as a freshman and sophomore, Mitchell played his final two seasons at Woodstock Academy in Woodstock, Connecticut. Mitchell scored more than 1,000 points in his two seasons at Woodstock, earning Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year honors in 2019.

## CONFERENCE OPPONENTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2024

The Southeastern Conference revealed its 2023-24 home-and-away designations for the league schedule on Monday. The Kentucky men's basketball team will once again play an 18-game league schedule with nine contests inside Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center and nine more on the road.

As announced prior to the 2015-16 season, Kentucky's permanent home-and-away opponents include Florida, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. This upcoming season, the Wildcats will also play Arkansas and Mississippi State twice in the regular season. It's the second straight year the Cats and Hogs will tangle twice.

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

Six SEC teams advanced to the NCAA Tournament a season ago and the league led the nation with three teams advancing to the Sweet 16. It marked the fourth time in the last nine tournaments that the SEC had three or

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more teams in the Sweet 16.

UK's home-and-home slate features five intriguing matchups. The Wildcats will take on Arkansas who the Cats split the series with a season ago with both road teams taking home a victory. UK's Antonio Reeves scored 37 points in the regular-season finale for the Wildcats. This marks the first time in the history of the series that the teams will meet twice in the regular-season in consecutive years. Kentucky leads the all-time series by a 34-14 mark.

The Cats have won each of the last four meetings with the Gators and have captured wins in nine of the last 10 overall. Kentucky is 109-41 all-time against Florida and is 23-9 in the series under John Calipari.

Kentucky and Mississippi State will meet in a home-and-home series for the first time since 2018-19. The Wildcats prevailed in down-to-the-wire matchup in Starkville, Mississippi last season by a 71-68 margin. UK leads the all-time series by a 101-21 margin, including 16-1 under Calipari.

UK has played Tennessee more than any other program in its history and owns a 160-77 all-time series record. Kentucky swept the Volunteers last season, marking the first time the Cats were victorious in both regular-season matchups since 2011-12.

Kentucky leads the all-time series with Vanderbilt 155-49, but the Commodores took two of three meetings a season ago, including an opening-round win in the SEC Tournament. Kentucky is 24-6 all-time in the series under Calipari and prior to last season owned a 13-game winning streak.

## **CASON WALLACE, CHRIS LIVINGSTON SELECTED IN 2023 NBA DRAFT**

Two members of the 2022-23 Kentucky men's basketball team were selected on head coach John Calipari's annual "graduation night" when Cason Wallace and Chris Livingston heard their names called in the NBA Draft.

Wallace was selected 10th by the Dallas Mavericks before his draft rights were traded to the Oklahoma City Thunder, while Livingston was taken in the second round with the 58th pick by the Milwaukee Bucks.

In 14 seasons with Calipari at the helm, Kentucky has churned out three No. 1 selections, 35 first-rounders, 23 lottery picks and 47 total players in the NBA Draft. The 47 draft picks are 12 more than the next closest school (Duke).

With Wallace's selection in the opening round, UK has now had at least one player taken in the first round in each of the last 14 drafts under Calipari. That's the longest streak

in the modern draft era (since 1966).

Wallace was the third Wildcat selected by the Mavericks, following Dirk Minniefield (1983, 2nd round, 33rd overall pick) and Jamal Mashburn (1993, 1st round, fourth overall pick).

Wallace was an All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team selection after ranking among the league leaders in assists per game (2nd), assist-to-turnover ratio (4th) and steals per game (4th). He found a variety of ways to impact the game, including finishing third in program history for a freshman with 63 steals. His eight steals against Michigan State in the Champions Classic tied for the most in a single game in UK history.

Wallace averaged 11.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 2.0 steals per game in 32 appearances. He had 17 double-figure scoring games and led the team in steals in 19 contests. Wallace had 21 points, four assists, two steals and a career-high nine rebounds against Kansas State in the NCAA Tournament in his final game for the Wildcats.

Livingston was picked in the second round with the 58th selection by the Milwaukee Bucks. He is the sixth Kentucky player to be taken by Milwaukee and the first since Doron Lamb was taken 42nd overall in 2012.

Livingston played in all 34 contests, including 26 starts, for the Wildcats in his freshman season, averaging 6.3 points and 4.2 rebounds per contest. The Akron, Ohio, native played 22.4 minutes per game, earning Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team honors after coming on during the stretch run for Kentucky. Livingston notched seven double-figure scoring games, including four in a five-game stretch in February. He was named SEC Freshman of the Week on Feb. 20 after averaging 12.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and two assists per game in wins at Mississippi State and against No. 10 Tennessee.

The Wildcats have had more top-10 picks, more lottery selections and more first-round picks in the Calipari era than any other team in the country.

Kentucky has had 138 players drafted 140 times in its illustrious history with 60 players selected in the opening round. Calipari is the only coach to have multiple players selected in 16 consecutive NBA Drafts, dating back to his time at Memphis.

Of the 34 players at UK in the Calipari era who have declared for the NBA Draft after their freshman seasons, 30 have been first-round draft picks.

## **REEVES LEADS TRIO OF RETURNERS**

UK's returning players are led by graduate student Antonio Reeves, who averaged 14.4

points per game a season ago and was named the Southeastern Conference's Sixth Man of the Year.

Sophomores Ugonna Onyenso and Adou Thiero also return. Onyenso had a per-40-minute average of 5.7 blocks per game, while Thiero played nearly 10 minutes a game and was a spark off the bench.

## **JOEY HART JOINS WILDCATS**

Kentucky men's basketball head coach John Calipari announced on June 17 the addition of Joey Hart to his No. 1-ranked recruiting class for the 2023-24 season. Hart, a 6-foot-5, 180-pound guard from Linton, Indiana, is the seventh freshman to join the Wildcats, joining Aaron Bradshaw, recently-added Jordan Burks, Rob Dillingham, Justin Edwards, Reed Sheppard and DJ Wagner.

Hart averaged 23.6 points and shot better than 40% from 3-point range while helping Linton-Stockton High School to the Class 2A State Finals this past season. While playing on the Under Armour grassroots circuit last spring and summer, the three-star prospect shot 45% from deep, averaging 19.8 points per contest.

## **JAMAL MURRAY WINS NBA CHAMPIONSHIP**

When the Denver Nuggets captured their first NBA Championship in franchise history on June 12, Jamal Murray became one of 17 players from the University of Kentucky to earn a world championship.

Murray joined the likes of Frank Ramsey (seven-time winner), Lou Tsioropoulos (two-time winner), Rajon Rondo (two-time winner), Anthony Davis, Jodie Meeks, Derek Anderson, Antoine Walker, Nazr Mohammed, Tayshaun Prince, Rick Robey, Kevin Grevey, Larry Steele, Dan Swartz, Cliff Hagan, Paul Noel and Pat Riley as the other Cats to win an NBA title.

Murray averaged 21.4 points, 10 assists and 6.2 rebounds per game during the NBA Finals. He became the first player in NBA history to amass at least 10 assists in each of his first four NBA Finals contests.

## **UK ADDS JORDAN BURKS**

Kentucky men's basketball head coach John Calipari added another piece to his No. 1 ranked recruiting class for 2023-24 with the signing of Jordan Burks. Burks, a forward from Decatur, Alabama, is the sixth freshman to ink with the Wildcats, joining Aaron Bradshaw, Robert Dillingham, Justin Edwards, Reed Sheppard and DJ Wagner who all signed in the fall.

Burks was an explosive scorer at Overtime Elite and led the league with 27.1 points per



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game in 2022-23. He also contributed 7.5 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.4 steals per game. Burks scored 20 or more points in all but one game and had a season-high of 42 against OTE competition.

Burks suited up for Hillcrest Prep with Overtime Elite and connected on 46.7% of his field-goal attempts, 26.7% from 3-point range and 67% from the charity stripe. Burks began his high school career at Heritage Christian in his hometown and also suited up for Southern California Academy (California) before his move to OTE. In the full 40-game schedule for Hillcrest this season Burks averaged 28.2 points per game and connected on 41% from 3-point range.

He is a consensus three-star prospect and measured at 6-foot-9 and 190 pounds with OTE.

## JOHN WELCH NAMED ASSISTANT COACH

Longtime NBA assistant coach John Welch will join the Kentucky men's basketball staff as its newest assistant coach in 2023-24.

"John Welch has been involved in every level of basketball and been an important part of the development of NBA careers for guys like Carmelo (Anthony), Pau Gasol, DeMarcus Cousins, Blake Griffin and Brook Lopez," UK head coach John Calipari said. "He loves the game and will be a tremendous asset to our young players and our staff. John has worked closely for decades with Vance Walberg, who developed the dribble-drive offense, and was a pioneer of bringing it to the NBA. With the strength of our guards and perimeter players we need to get back to that style of play. John will be involved heavily in our offensive strategy and will be our lead coach in on-court player development. We're excited to have him join our program."

Welch has served as an assistant coach in the NBA for nearly 20 years and spent almost 10 years on a collegiate staff prior to moving into the professional ranks. He has worked under notable coaches such as Doc Rivers, George Karl, Jason Kidd, Hubie Brown and Jerry Tarkanian.

He will be tasked as serving as a vital part of Calipari's offensive strategy, while being a primary contributor to UK's scouting and game-planning. Furthermore, Welch will be integral in the development and implementation of all individual on-court player training. This will include individual workouts and film sessions to improve skills, decision making and efficiency.

In his last NBA role, he was a part of the Los Angeles Clippers staff that advanced to the playoffs twice, including moving on to the Western Conference semifinals in 2020.

Prior to his stop in Los Angeles, he spent time with the Sacramento Kings (2015-16), where he coached former UK stars Cousins, Willie Cauley-Stein and Rajon Rondo. He was also a part of staffs with the Brooklyn Nets (2013-15), Denver Nuggets (2005-13) and Memphis Grizzlies (2002-05).

While in Brooklyn, the Nets made consecutive playoff appearances. Under Karl in Denver, the Nuggets reached eight consecutive playoff appearances, including advancing to the 2009 Western Conference Finals and claiming three first-place finishes in the Northwest Division.

During his tenure in the NBA, Welch was a part of a staff that advanced to the NBA Playoffs 15 times, including a stretch of 12 consecutive seasons.

## THREE WILDCATS HEADLINE ALL-NBA TEAMS

After leading the nation with total players on NBA opening-day rosters, players appearing in the 2023 NBA Playoffs and the most NBA All-Stars of any collegiate program in the country for the 2022-23 season, it should be of no surprise that three former Kentucky men's basketball players headlined the All-NBA Teams. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander was a first-team honoree, while De'Aaron Fox and Julius Randle were third-team picks.

Since 2015, Kentucky has had eight players earn 14 All-NBA honors. The number of individual players and the number of selections lead all other programs during that time frame. Gilgeous-Alexander and Fox earned the first honors of their careers, while Randle was selected for the second time in his career. All three players were also NBA All-Stars this season.

Gilgeous-Alexander finished the regular season as the league's fourth leading scorer, averaging a career-high 31.4 points per game. Gilgeous-Alexander also contributed 5.5 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game for the youthful Oklahoma City Thunder.

Fox started all 73 regular-season games in which he appeared for the Sacramento Kings who advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 2006. He averaged 25.0 points, 6.1 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 1.1 steals per game in his sixth NBA season. Fox was tabbed to the 2023 NBA All-Star Game roster, the first selection of his career and was voted as the league's inaugural winner of the Clutch Player of the Year honor.

Randle averaged a career-high 25.1 points per game, while also contributing 10.0 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game. He produced 40 double-doubles in 77 total games. Randle had four 40-plus point efforts, including producing the first 40-point, 15-rebound

game for the Knicks since Patrick Ewing in 1996.

A total of 27 players were on NBA opening-day rosters (including two-way and inactive players) that played and finished their college basketball careers at Kentucky was more than any other college program in the country. Duke, with 24, was the only other school with more than 20 players in the NBA. Kentucky also led the league with 17 players on NBA playoff rosters.

Calipari's players are not only reaching the next level, but they are also succeeding when they do. Since 2010, 10 Calipari-coached players have garnered 32 All-Star selections. Nine of his players have been tabbed All-NBA (Devin Booker, DeMarcus Cousins, Fox, Gilgeous-Alexander, Randle, Derrick Rose, Wall, Davis, and Towns), and 15 players from Calipari's first 13 teams at Kentucky have made the NBA All-Rookie teams.

Among all active collegiate coaches, Calipari has more total players (10) and more total All-Star selections (32) than any other coach. Only Dean Smith (12) had more former players earn an All-Star nod. Kentucky had four selections in 2023 which was more than any other program.

## NO. 1 RECRUITING CLASS

Kentucky men's basketball once again will welcome a standout recruiting class when for the 2023-24 season. Highly-touted prospects Aaron Bradshaw, Rob Dillingham, Justin Edwards, Reed Sheppard and D.J. Wagner have continued to impress since signing with the Cats in November.

The Wildcats have signed more top 25 players under Calipari's leadership than any other school. Nearly a quarter of all Rivals' top-10 prospects nationally over the past 15 classes have signed with the Cats. The 2023 class is no different.

In nine of the 15 years, Calipari has inked a No. 1 class by at least one of the three major recruiting publications. With the additions, Kentucky has signed 72 top-50 recruits, 57 top-25 players and 33 top-10 players (according to Rivals) in what will now be Calipari's 15 recruiting classes at Kentucky.

More on the Cats' five fall signees and their accomplishments this season:

### Aaron Bradshaw

- No. 2 in Rivals.com final 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 2 in 247Sports.com 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 6 in ESPN 2023 recruiting rankings
- 2023 McDonald's All-American Game participant
- 2023 Iverson Classic selection
- NJ.com First-Team All-State

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## **Rob Dillingham**

- No. 14 in Rivals.com final 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 13 in 247Sports.com 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 14 in ESPN 2023 recruiting rankings
- 2023 Iverson Classic selection
- 2023 Iverson Classic Crossover Award winner

## **Justin Edwards**

- No. 3 in Rivals.com final 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 3 in 247Sports.com 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 3 in ESPN 2023 recruiting rankings
- MaxPreps Pennsylvania High School Player of the Year
- 2023 McDonald's All-American Game participant
- Member of USA Men's Nike Hoop Summit Team
- 2023 Iverson Classic selection
- 2023 Iverson Classic Co-Most Valuable Player

## **Reed Sheppard**

- No. 26 in Rivals.com final 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 48 in 247Sports.com 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 22 in ESPN 2023 recruiting rankings
- 2023 McDonald's All-American Game participant
- Mr. Kentucky Basketball 2023
- Helped Team Ohio go 5-0 to win the Junior International Championship in Italy, earning MVP honors after scoring a game-high 26 points in the title game

## **D.J. Wagner**

- No. 6 in Rivals.com final 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 4 in 247Sports.com 2023 recruiting rankings
- No. 4 in ESPN 2023 recruiting rankings
- McDonald's All-American Game MVP
- 2023 McDonald's All-American Game participant
- Gatorade New Jersey Player of the Year
- Member of USA Men's Nike Hoop Summit Team
- 2023 Iverson Classic selection
- 2023 Iverson Classic Co-Most Valuable Player
- 2023 Iverson Classic 3-point Champion
- 2023 Iverson Classic National High School Player of the Year
- Stephen Jackson Community Leadership Award winner
- NJ.com First-Team All-State



# 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 58 players earn selection in the NBA Draft during his 31-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 more than 800 on-court victories, 22 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 14 seasons at UK, he has led all coaches in NCAA Tournament wins (32), Final Fours (four), Elite Eights (seven) and Sweet 16s (eight).

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 UMass, 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 55 young men realize their dreams and reach the NBA level with 58 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 has had 47 players drafted during his first 14 years at Kentucky, including 35 first-round picks.

Calipari’s players have entered the league NBA-ready. His players have garnered 32 All-Star selections -- all since 2010 -- with Anthony Davis winning the game’s MVP honor in 2017. Derrick Rose was named NBA MVP in 2011. Eight of his players have been tabbed All-NBA (14 times), three have been named NBA Rookie of the Year and 15 players from Calipari’s first 14 teams at Kentucky have made the NBA All-Rookie teams. He is the only coach in history to have a player win each of the NBA’s major honors: MVP, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Player, Sixth Man of the Year and Clutch Player of the Year.

Much like he did at UMass, where his players graduated at nearly 80%, Calipari has stressed academics. Seventeen of his last 20 seniors at Memphis earned their bachelor’s degrees, and all 29 players at UK who were eligible to graduate by the end of their senior years walked away with a diploma in hand, including five 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, in 2017 for victims of Hurricane Harvey, played a leading role in the “Kentucky United” efforts that generated more than \$5 million for victims of devastating tornadoes in Western Kentucky in 2021, and raised nearly \$4 million with the Kentucky Flood Relief Telethon and open practice at Rupp Arena in 2022.

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 2019, when federal workers were without pay due to a government shutdown, he, his wife and his foundation assisted workers with financial help and grocery gift cards. He and his wife, Ellen, teamed up with Fayette County Public Schools to help families in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

His latest efforts include spearheading the creation of the John McLendon Minority Leadership Initiative, a nationwide coach-driven initiative to provide minorities a jump-start to their careers through practical experiences, opportunities to build their network and instilling the values of John McLendon: integrity, education, leadership and mentorship. Participants in the initiative will be known as MLI Future Leaders.

He was awarded the Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service in Sports by Multiplying Good in 2022. For more than 50 years, Multiplying Good has honored those who put others first. Those receiving the Jefferson Award are empowered to do more, while their stories of extraordinary public service inspire others to action. It is

an award that underscores impact.

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

- 2021 NABC Guardians of the Game Pillar Award - Inclusion
- 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:**..... 832-253 (.767)  
**March/April Record:**..... 169-58 (.744)  
**NCAAT Record:** ..... 57-21 (.731)  
**Record in Conference Games:**.. 393-126 (.757)  
**Record in Conference Tournament:** 58-15 (.795)

- 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 Sixteen in 12 of the last 17 NCAA Tournaments and the Elite Eight in 10 of the last 17
- Calipari started with a 54-0 record in Rupp Arena as head coach of the Wildcats
- Calipari has helped 45 players earn selection in the NBA Draft (34 first-round picks) over the last 13 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 (41) of Gonzaga for the most among active coaches
- Calipari is the fourth-fastest coach to 800 on-court wins, behind Adolph Rupp, Roy Williams and Dean Smith
- Calipari has the second-most wins in school history, behind only Adolph Rupp
- Calipari's 32 NCAA Tournament wins are the most in school history. Rupp had 30

## 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)
2020-21	Kentucky	9-16	.360	
2021-22	Kentucky	26-8	.765	NCAA First Round
2022-23	Kentucky	22-12	.647	NCAA Second Round

**NCAA Totals 790-251 .759**

\*-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 832-253 for a .767 winning percentage;

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

## SINCE 2005-06 ...

Since the 2005-06 season, John Calipari's on-court record ranks him as one of the winningest coaches. Totals through the 2022-23 season.

	COACH	RECORD
1.	Bill Self	537-116
2.	Mark Few	530-98
3.	<b>John Calipari</b>	<b>524-127</b>
4.	Mike Krzyzewski	481-122
5.	Tom Izzo	454-183



# ADOU THIERO

Sophomore | Guard | 6-6 | 200 | Leetsdale, Pa. | Quaker Valley HS



2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	7, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	7, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	5, 3x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	5, 3x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	2, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	2, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	6, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	6, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	1, 3x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
Career	1, 3x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	2, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	2, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	4, 2x, last at Tennessee (13/14/23)	
Career	4, 2x, last at Tennessee (13/14/23)	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	6, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	6, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	2, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	2, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	2, at Tennessee (1/14/23)	
Career	2, at Tennessee (1/14/23)	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	2, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	2, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	24, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	24, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER*</b>
Dunks	2	2
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	4	4
Games Led UK in Blocks	3	3
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

## 2022-23

Saw action in 20 games in his first collegiate season ... Averaged 2.3 points and 1.9 rebounds per game in 9.5 minutes per outing ... Led the team in steals in four games and paced the squad in blocks three times ... Scored a season-high seven points, hauled in five boards, added a pair of assists and a steal in the road win at Arkansas ... Hit a 3-pointer in the home win over Auburn ... Scored four points and pulled down four boards in eight minutes at Mississippi State ... Tallied four points and induced two steals in the upset win at Tennessee ... Scored five points and had three boards at Missouri ... Tallied five points and a pair of blocks against North Florida ... Had six points in the win over South Carolina State ... Had four points and five rebounds in his collegiate debut against Howard.

## HIGH SCHOOL

A combo guard ... Averaged 23.3 points, 10.3 rebounds, 5.9 assists, 3.9 steals and 2.3 blocks per game and directed Quaker Valley to a 27-1 record and a 14-0 mark in league play ... Scored 18 points in the 2022 PIAA Boys' Basketball Championships in the team's only loss of the season against Neumann-Goretti ... Finished his career with 1,624 career points which ranked as the third most in team history ... Named the 4A Player of the Year, the WPIAL Player of the Year and the 2022 TribLive HSSN Boys Basketball Player of the Year ... Had a 44-point performance against Hopewell which snapped the school's single-game scoring record ... Also scored 40 points against Highlands in the Pittsburgh Basketball Club Showcase ... Had 21 points, 10 assists, 10 rebounds and seven blocks in a state tournament second-round victory against Belle Vernon ... Logged 31 points, 17 rebounds and seven swats in the WPIAL Class 4A championship ... Led Quaker Valley in scoring as a sophomore with 17.7 points per game ... As a junior, he tallied 21.8 points per game while also averaging team-highs in assists (5.1), steals (2.2) and blocks (1.2) ... Also competed in soccer and lacrosse ... Worked with the Gear Up Ségou community service project.

## PERSONAL

Born May 8 in Utah ... Parents are Mariam Sy and Almamy Thiero ... Has three siblings, Oumou, Yassa, Nudiya ... Major is communication ... Away from the court he enjoys playing video games ... Chose No. 3 because it was the same number his father wore ... Most prized possession is his shoe collection ... Favorite food is chicken and shrimp alfredo ... Favorite TV show is Power ... Chose Kentucky over Xavier, Duquesne, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Maryland.

## 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
2022-23	20-0	190-9.5	10-29	.345	3-9	.333	23-33	.697	16-21-37-1.9	26-0	8	13	6	9	46	2.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20-0</b>	<b>190-9.5</b>	<b>10-29</b>	<b>.345</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>23-33</b>	<b>.697</b>	<b>16-21-37-1.9</b>	<b>26-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2.3</b>

# TRE MITCHELL

Graduate Student | Forward | 6-9 | 225 | Pittsburgh | West Virginia University



2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	22, OKLAHOMA STATE (2/20/23)	
Career	37, at La Salle (12/15/20)	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	15, BAYLOR (1/11/23)	
Career	19, at Fordham (2/22/20)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	8, 4x, last at Kansas (2/25/23)	
Career	13, 3x, last at La Salle (12/15/20)	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	16, vs. Florida (11/27/22)	
Career	22, DAYTON (2/15/20)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	3, 4x, last vs. Texas Tech (3/8/23)	
Career	6, vs. Rhode Island (3/7/20)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	8, vs. Texas Tech (3/8/23)	
Career	9, at Fordham (1/17/21)	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	8, BAYLOR (1/11/23)	
Career	10, GEORGE MASON (12/30/20)	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	12, BAYLOR (1/11/23)	
Career	14, at La Salle (12/16/20)	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	5, UAB (12/10/22)	
Career	5, 4x, last UAB (12/10/22)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	4, vs. Texas Tech (3/8/23)	
Career	4, vs. Texas Tech (3/8/23)	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	3, at TCU (1/31/23)	
Career	3, 6x, last at TCU (1/31/23)	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	41, at Kansas State (12/31/22)	
Career	42, 2x, last vs. GEORGE MASON (12/30/20)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER</b>
Dunks	15	34
Double-Figure Scoring Games	21	71
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	2	11
Games With Double-Double	2	11
Games Led Team in Scoring	7	34
Games Led Team in Rebounding	10	38
Games Led Team in Assists	4	13
Games Led Team in Steals	7	22
Games Led Team in Blocks	14	46
Games With 3+ Assists	7	23
Games With 3+ Blocks	1	6
Games With 3+ Steals	1	5
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	4	9
*includes WVU/UT/UMass statistics		

## 2022-23 (at West Virginia)

Started 32 of 34 games, averaging 30.0 minutes per game ... Averaged 11.7 points and 5.5 rebounds per game ... Shot 47.0% from the field ... Led WVU with 142 defensive rebounds ... Had 61 assists, 21 blocks and 28 steals ... Finished with 11 points and seven rebounds vs. Kansas in Big 12 Championship ... Scored 17 points with nine rebounds and four steals against Texas Tech in Big 12 Championship ... Had 14 points and six rebounds against Kansas State ... Scored 20 points at Kansas ... Recorded a season-high 22 points against Oklahoma State ... Scored 15 points with six rebounds and three blocks at TCU ... Had 12 points and eight rebounds against Texas ... Scored 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting at Oklahoma ... Double-double with 14 points and 15 rebounds vs. Baylor ... Scored 15 points against Kansas ... Finished with 16 points and seven rebounds at Oklahoma St. ... First WVU double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds at Kansas State ... Named Big 12 Player of the Week for Dec. 12 ... Finished with 17 points and six rebounds vs. Buffalo ... Scored 13 points with seven rebounds vs. UAB ... Had 19 points and six rebounds against Navy ... Scored a team-high 17 points against Florida ... Posted a game-high 16 points against Portland State ... Had 11 points against Penn ... Scored a game-high 21 points with six rebounds against Morehead State ... Had 13 points in his WVU debut vs. Mount St. Mary's.

## 2021-22 (at Texas)

Started 17 of 24 games played ... Averaged 8.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game ... Shot 47.8% from the field and 80.0% from the free-throw line ... Had a season-high 19 points and 11 rebounds at Seton Hall ... Had double figures in nine games.

## 2020-21 (at UMass)

Played in 13 of a possible 15 games ... Earned a spot on the Atlantic 10 All-Conference First Team ... Became the first UMass player to receive the honor since 2013 ... Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team ... One of 10 midseason candidates for the Karl Malone Award, given annually to the top power forward in Division I men's college basketball ... Averaged a team-best 18.8 points and 7.2 rebounds in 32.3 minutes per contest ... Converted 51.9% from the floor, including a 37.5% mark from 3-point range ... Also hit 76.8% from the free-throw line ... Posted 31 points and 11 rebounds in the season opener against Northeastern ... Tallied a career-high 37 points at La Salle ... The 37 points tied for the eighth-highest point total in UMass single-game history.

## 2019-20 (at UMass)

Played and started all 31 games ... Named the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Year ... Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second-Team selection ... First UMass freshman to earn all-league honors since Marcus

Camby in 1993-94 ... Six-time honoree as Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week ... Finished the regular season by winning five-straight A-10 Rookie of the Week honors, the most by an Atlantic 10 player since Lamar Odom of Rhode Island in 1998-99 ... Averaged a team-best 17.7 points and 7.2 rebounds in 30.8 minutes per contest ... Added 32 blocks and 31 steals on the year ... Converted 48.1% from the floor and 72.8% from the free-throw line ... His 19.6 points-per-game scoring average in A-10 games ranked second in the conference behind only A-10 Player of the Year Obi Toppin ... Set a UMass freshman record for most field goals in a season with 206 ... His 548 points were fourth in the nation among NCAA Division I freshmen and eight shy of breaking the UMass rookie record for single-season points ... Tallied 30 points at Rhode Island ... Recorded 15 points and a career-high 19 boards at Fordham ... Posted 34 points and 12 rebounds against Rhode Island.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Played his junior and senior years of high school at Woodstock Academy in Woodstock, Connecticut ... Named the 2019 state of Connecticut Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year ... Ranked as the No. 72 overall prospect in the nation by Rivals and No. 73 by ESPN in the class of 2019 ... Averaged 16.6 points, 13.5 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.6 blocks per game as a senior in 2018-19 ... Led Woodstock to a 38-2 record in his senior year ... Averaged 13.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, four assists and two blocks per game in his junior season (2017-18) ... Paced the Centaurs to a 35-5 mark and the semifinals of the National Prep Tournament ... Two-time Power 5 Conference AAA Player of the Year ... Two-time HoopHall Classic Most Valuable Player ... Scored over 1,000 points in his two seasons at Woodstock ... Attended Elizabeth Forward High School in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, during his freshman and sophomore years.

## PERSONAL

Born Sept. 24 in Bumberg, Germany ... Parents are Erin and Tony Tortorice and Vincent Mitchell ... Has three siblings, Justice, Journee and Peter ... Mother played college basketball at College of Charleston ... Off the court he enjoys spending time with his dog and playing video games ... Can sketch and draw and has aspirations to learn to play the saxophone ... His mother is his life's greatest influence ... His dog and a pocket watch passed down through his family are his most prized possessions ... Favorite food is steak ... Favorite movie is Remember the Titans ... Favorite player is Kevin Durant and his favorite UK player is DeMarcus Cousins.

## 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	31-31	955-30.8	206-428	.481	37-112	.330	99-136	.728	45-177-222-7.2	93-3	58	101	32	31	548	17.7
2020-21	13-12	419-32.2	83-160	.519	15-40	.375	63-82	.768	18-75-93-7.2	35-0	29	28	20	16	244	18.8
2021-22	24-17	447-18.6	77-161	.478	15-46	.326	40-50	.800	30-65-95-4.0	41-0	32	35	16	17	209	8.7
2022-23	34-32	1019-30.0	143-304	.470	36-99	.364	75-95	.789	45-142-187-5.5	91-2	61	73	21	28	397	11.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102-92</b>	<b>2839-27.8</b>	<b>509-1053</b>	<b>.483</b>	<b>103-297</b>	<b>.347</b>	<b>277-363</b>	<b>.763</b>	<b>138-459-597-5.9</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>13.7</b>

# ANTONIO REEVES

Fifth Year Senior | Guard | 6-5 | 205 | Chicago | Illinois State University

# 12

2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	37, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	37, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	6, 2x, last at Georgia (2/11/23)	
Career	10, UTSA (12/21/21)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	12, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	13, VALPARAISO (2/9/22)	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	21, at Georgia (2/11/23)	
Career	24, at Valparaiso (1/2/22)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	6, 2x, last at Ole Miss (1/31/23)	
Career	6, 3x, last at Ole Miss (1/31/23)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	12, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
Career	12, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	11, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	11, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	11, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	11, at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	4, at Florida (2/22/23)	
Career	5, 2x, last vs. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (2/5/22)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	2, 2x, last vs. Vanderbilt (3/10/23)	
Career	3, 5x, last vs. LOYOLA CHICAGO (2/21/22)	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	1, 6x, last at Florida (2/22/23)	
Career	3, 2x, last vs. UNI (3/4/22)	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	40, 2x, last at Arkansas (3/4/23)	
Career	46, at Eastern Michigan (11/12/21)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER</b>
Dunks	3	18
Double-Figure Scoring Games	26	86
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	0	1
Games With Double-Double	0	1
Games Led Team in Scoring	13	47
Games Led Team in Rebounding	0	6
Games Led Team in Assists	0	8
Games Led Team in Steals	0	22
Games Led Team in Blocks	1	6
Games With 3+ Assists	3	17
Games With 3+ Blocks	0	1
Games With 3+ Steals	0	5
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	15	36

\*includes Illinois State statistics

## 2022-23

Named Southeastern Conference Sixth Man of the Year ... Saw action in all 34 games, making 14 starts ... Ranked second on the team with 14.4 points per game, while making a team-high 80 3-pointers ... The 80 makes are the 12th most in a single season in UK history ... Shot 39.8% from deep ... Had four 20-plus-point performances off of the bench, the most in John Calipari's tenure ... Scored in double figures in 26 contests, including 10 20-point games ... Poured in a game-high 22 points in the NCAA Tournament win over Providence ... Scored a career-high 37 points on 12 of 17 from the field and a perfect 11 for 11 from the free-throw line in win at Arkansas ... Posted a team-high 22 points and added a pair of steals in the SEC Tournament vs. Vanderbilt ... Poured in 21 points, connecting on 4 of 7 from deep, in win over Auburn ... Scored 16 points and added a season-high four assists in the win at Florida ... Went for 20 points and a season-high-tying six boards while playing all 40 minutes at Georgia ... Had 27 points, six 3-pointers and a season-high two steals in the win at Ole Miss ... Scored 10 points and dished out a season-high-tying three assists against No. 9 Kansas ... Poured in a game-high 23 points, including five 3-pointers, in win against Texas A&M ... Scored a team-high 18 points, connecting on all eight free throws in win at No. 5 Tennessee ... Scored a game-high 20 points while pulling down four boards at Alabama ... Had 11 points, including three first-half 3-pointers in the win over Michigan ... Led the team with 18 points in the win against Bellarmine ... Scored a team-high-tying 20 points and added a season-best six boards in the win over North Florida ... Charted a team-high 18 points with four 3s against Duquesne ... Led the Cats with 22 points in season-opener against Howard, including going 6 of 12 from deep, the most made threes for a UK player in their debut.

## 2021-22 (at Illinois State)

Started all 33 games ... Averaged 20.1 points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game ... Had 662 points in 33 games which was the fourth-most in Redbirds' history ... He was the first Illinois State player to average at least 20 points per game in a season since 2001 ... Named to the Missouri Valley Conference Second Team and was a team captain on the ALL-MVC Most Improved Team ... Also a member of the All-District 16 team from the National Association of Basketball Coaches ... Scored in double figures in 31 of 33 games ... Had 18 games with 20 or more points, which was tied for the sixth-most in program history ... Finished the season ranking 19th among all Division I scorers with 20.1 points per game ... Had a career-high 34 points with five 3-pointers against Valparaiso ... Was an efficient scorer, making 47% of his shots from the field, 39% from 3-point range and 82% from the free-throw line.

## 2020-21 (at Illinois State)

Played in 25 games during the season with 24 starts ... Averaged 12.4 points per game, second-most on the team and 13th-most in the Missouri Valley Conference, and ninth-most among returnees for the 2021-22 season ... Scored in double-figures 19 times during the year, including each of the last five games ... Scored a career-high 27 points at Drake, making 8-of-16 shots from the field, 3 of 5 from long range, and 8 of 9 from the charity stripe ... For the year he made 110-of-259 shots (42.5%) from the field and 33 of 108 (30.6%) from beyond the arc ... Pulled down 82 rebounds (3.3 per game) with 36 assists (1.4 per game) and also had nine steals ... His season-high of seven rebounds came in the season opener against Ohio State ... Scored 20 or more points three times ... Had 21 against Evansville, notched 27 points in the series opener against Drake, and also 20 points in the series finale against Drake.

## 2019-20 (at Illinois State)

Was named to the MVC All-Bench Team ... Averaged 7.2 points and 2.5 rebounds per game during the season ... Played in 31 games with a trio of starts ... Scored in double-figures 10 times during the season, including a season-high 17 points against Missouri State ... Had 16 points against Missouri State and against Drake ... Pulled down a season-high seven rebounds against Drake ... Had two assists in seven games ... Made 81-of-211 shots from the field during the season, and 33 of 105 from beyond the arc.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-star prospect out of Simeon High School in Chicago ... Averaged 21.7 points, six boards and three assists per game ... Was an All-City Second-Team selection ... Began his high school career at Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix ... Played for Mike Bibby at Shadow Mountain and the squad went 25-2 overall and captured a state title ... Averaged 14.0 points and 4.3 rebounds per game during the state title season ... Had a 3.0 grade-point average.

## PERSONAL

Born Nov. 20 in Chicago ... Parents are Dawn Coulter and Anthony Reeves ... Has four siblings, Anthony Marshall, Alexis, Malik and Angelic ... Major is communication ... He chose No. 12 because he's been wearing it since his freshman season ... Father is his life's greatest influence ... Lists Bad Boys as his favorite movie ... Pregame playlist consists of hip hop music ... Favorite former UK player is Tyler Herro ... Off the court talent is drawing.

## 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	31-3	693-22.4	81-211	.384	33-105	.314	27-41	.659	15-61-76-2.5	38-0	22	30	2	20	222	7.2
2020-21	25-24	751-30.0	110-259	.425	33-108	.306	58-76	.763	19-63-82-3.3	36-0	36	45	6	9	311	12.4
2021-22	33-33	1151-34.9	237-505	.469	76-195	.390	112-137	.818	19-98-117-3.5	59-2	60	77	15	36	662	20.1
2022-23	34-14	948-27.9	168-404	.416	80-201	.398	72-92	.783	13-59-72-2.1	70-1	37	50	6	14	488	14.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123-74</b>	<b>3543-28.8</b>	<b>596-1379</b>	<b>.432</b>	<b>222-609</b>	<b>.365</b>	<b>269-346</b>	<b>.777</b>	<b>66-281-347-2.8</b>	<b>203-3</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1683</b>	<b>13.7</b>

2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	3, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
Career	3, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	1, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
Career	1, 2x, last HOWARD (11/7/22)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
Career	1, 4x, last S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	1, 3x, last NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	2, WESTERN KENTUCKY (12/22/21)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
Career	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	1, 3x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	1, 3x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	-	
Career	1, UALBANY (11/22/21)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	1, SOUTH CAROLINA (3/6/21)	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	-	
Career	1, TENNESSEE (1/15/22)	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	2, 4x, last AUBURN (11/23/22)	
Career	3, HIGH POINT (12/31/21)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER</b>
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	1
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

## 2022-23

Played in five games, making his first-career start on Senior Day against Vanderbilt ... Drained his first-career 3-pointer in win over South Carolina State ... Hauled in a rebound in two minutes of action against Howard ... Put on scholarship in January.

## 2021-22

Inducted into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character which honors student-athletes who have shown an extraordinary commitment to academic excellence, athletic participation, personal development, career preparation and serving as a role model ... Appeared in nine games ... Scored his first career points against Central Michigan at home, also adding a rebound ... Also had a bucket against Western Kentucky and High Point ... Registered a block in the home win over Tennessee ... Named to the Southeastern Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll.

## 2020-21

Southeastern Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in two games in 2020-21 ... Logged two minutes and recorded his first career steal in the win vs. South Carolina ... Played a minute in the season-opening win vs. Morehead State.

## 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 ... 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.

## 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
2020-21	2-0	3-1.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0.0
2021-22	9-0	13-1.4	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-0-1-0.1	0-0	1	0	1	0	6	0.7
2022-23	5-1	9-1.8	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1-1-0.2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20-1</b>	<b>27-1.3</b>	<b>4-7</b>	<b>.571</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>1-1-2-0.1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.5</b>



# WALKER HORN

Sophomore | Guard | 6-4 | 200 | Austin, Texas | Westlake HS



2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
Career	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	1, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	1, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	1, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	1, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
Career	1, S. CAROLINA ST. (11/17/22)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	2, 4x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
Career	2, 4x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER*</b>
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

## 2022-23

Saw action in four games in his first season with the Wildcats ... Had an assist and a rebound in two minutes against South Carolina State ... Also made appearances in wins over Howard, North Florida and Auburn.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Finished his high school career at Westlake High School in Austin, Texas, after spending his previous two seasons at Covington Catholic in Covington, Kentucky ... Westlake was a state semifinalists in 2022 ... Horn was a part of a regional championship as a sophomore and a district championship as a junior with Covington Catholic ... Westlake went 38-2 his senior season ... Averaged 9.3 points, 5.2 assists and 2.4 rebounds as a senior ... Charted 15 points, five assists and four boards against Del Valle ... An Academic All-District selection ... Graduated cum laude and was a recipient of a Kentucky Provost Academic Scholarship ... Coached the Westlake Youth Basketball League fifth and sixth-grade team during the spring semester of his season.

## PERSONAL

Born May 19 in Milwaukee ... Parents are Carla and Darrin Horn ... Has a sister, Caroline ... Father is the head coach at Northern Kentucky ... Major is exploratory studies in business administration ... Most memorable moment as a basketball player was playing in the Texas Final Four in the Alamodome ... Lists his dog as his most prized possession ... Chose No. 21 because his father wore it in college as a player at Western Kentucky ... Favorite food is tacos ... Must always end warm ups on a made shot ... A superpower he most wishes he had is telepathy ... Favorite former Wildcat is Anthony Epps ... His father has influenced his life the most ... Chose Kentucky over Marquette and Michigan State.

## 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
2022-23	4-0	8-2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1-0.3	1-0	1	4	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>8-2.0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-1-1-0.3</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

# KAREEM WATKINS

Senior | Guard | 5-8 | 175 | Camden, N.J. | Kingsway Regional HS

# 25

2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	-	
Career	1, 3x, last CENTRAL MICH. (11/29/21)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	1, AUBURN (2/25/23)	
Career	1, 2x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	1, AUBURN (2/25/23)	
Career	1, AUBURN (2/25/23)	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	1, NORTH FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	1, 3x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	1, 2x, last HIGH POINT (12/31/21)	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	2, 4x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
Career	3, HIGH POINT (12/31/21)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER</b>
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

## 2022-23

Appeared in four games off the bench ... Had an assist in the win over North Florida ... Logged two minutes of action in the Auburn, Howard and South Carolina State wins.

## 2021-22

Appeared in nine games in 2021-22 ... Had three rebounds, two assists and a pair of steals ... Picked up a steal against High Point ... Had an assist vs. Western Kentucky ... Snared a rebound vs. Central Michigan ... Had a rebound and a steal against North Florida ... Registered a rebound against Mount St. Mary's ... Named to the South-eastern Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll.

## 2020-21

Joined the team as a walk-on ... Made one appearance, logging two minutes in Kentucky's dominating regular-season finale victory over South Carolina.

## 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 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association 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 watch-

ing 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.

## 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
2020-21	1-0	2-2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2021-22	9-0	13-1.4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2-3-0.3	2-0	2	3	0	2	0	0.0
2022-23	4-0	8-2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0-0.0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>22-1.6</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>1-2-3-0.2</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

# UGONNA ONYENSO

Sophomore | Forward | 6-11 | 225 | Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria | Putnam Science Acad.



2022-23 SEASON/CAREER HIGHS*		
<b>Points</b>		
Season	9, DUQUESNE (11/11/22)	
Career	9, DUQUESNE (11/11/22)	
<b>Rebounds</b>		
Season	10, 2x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	10, 2x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>Field Goals</b>		
Season	4, DUQUESNE (11/11/22)	
Career	4, DUQUESNE (11/11/22)	
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	7, 2x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
Career	7, 2x, last N. FLORIDA (11/23/22)	
<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>3-Point Field Goals Attempted</b>		
Season	-	
Career	-	
<b>Free Throws</b>		
Season	2, vs. Michigan (12/4/22)	
Career	2, vs. Michigan (12/4/22)	
<b>Free Throws Attempted</b>		
Season	2, 3x, last vs. Michigan (12/4/22)	
Career	2, 3x, last vs. Michigan (12/4/22)	
<b>Assists</b>		
Season	1, 2x, last DUQUESNE (11/11/22)	
Career	1, 2x, last DUQUESNE (11/11/22)	
<b>Steals</b>		
Season	1, 3x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
Career	1, 3x, last AUBURN (2/25/23)	
<b>Blocked Shots</b>		
Season	4, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
Career	4, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
<b>Minutes Played</b>		
Season	20, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
Career	20, HOWARD (11/7/22)	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>CAREER*</b>
Dunks	4	4
Double-Figure Scoring Games	0	0
Double-Figure Rebounding Games	2	2
Games With Double-Double	0	0
Games Led UK in Scoring	0	0
Games Led UK in Rebounding	1	1
Games Led UK in Assists	0	0
Games Led UK in Steals	0	0
Games Led UK in Blocks	4	4
Games With 3+ Assists	0	0
Games With 3+ Blocks	4	4
Games With 3+ Steals	0	0
Games With 3+ Three-Pointers	0	0

## 2022-23

Played in 16 games off the bench ... Averaged 2.5 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.0 blocked shot per game ... Chipped in with seven points, 10 boards and a team-high three rejections in a win over North Florida ... Posted six points and three blocks in the win over South Carolina State ... Had a game-high 10 rebounds and added nine points and three blocks in win over Duquesne ... Blocked a game-high four shots to go along with six points and four rebounds in 20 minutes off the bench against Howard.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Reclassified to the 2022 class ... Ranked as a top-25 prospect in the 2023 class by all of the major scouting services ... Spent his senior season at Putnam Science Academy in Connecticut, the same program that former Wildcat Hamidou Diallo hailed from ... Joined Putnam in January and the squad was a perfect 20-0 with Onyenso on the roster, including winning a national championship ... Averaged 11.4 points, 9.0 rebounds and 5.7 blocks per game ... Also shot 64.4% from the floor and had five games with at least 10 blocked shots ... Had a 24-point, 11-rebound and 11-block triple-double ... Playing at the NBA Academy Games in the summer of 2022, he scored in double figures in each of the six games he appeared ... Averaged 13.2 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.7 blocks per game, while also connecting on 64.4% of his field-goal attempts ... Registered 32 total boards (5.3 per game) on the offensive end ... Prior to enrolling at Putnam, he attended NBA Academy Africa for more than two years ... During his time with the academy, he participated in a number of high-profile international competitions in Europe, Mexico and the United States, including the Tarkanian Classic and NBA Academy exhibition games ... He helped NBA Academy Africa win the European Youth Basketball League Tournament in Hungary ... In February of 2020, he became one of the youngest players ever to make the senior men's Nigerian National Team ... Made his debut with the team at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 African Qualifiers in November of 2021 ... Scored 10 points on 5-of-8 shooting and had four re-

bounds and two blocks in 16 minutes in a 96-69 win over Uganda.

## PERSONAL

Born Sept. 25 in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria ... Parents are Martins and Lilian Chinyere ... Has four siblings, Ikenna, Chiwendu, Chidinma and Queen ... His mom is his life's greatest influence ... Enjoys listening to music and playing video games away from the court ... His pregame playlist consists of Lil Durk and Lil Baby ... Superpower he most wishes he had is the ability to teleport ... Giannis Antetokounmpo is his favorite basketball player and Anthony Davis is his favorite former UK player ... Lists his most memorable moment as a basketball player as helping his high school win a national championship ... Chose Kentucky over the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Kansas.

## 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
2022-23	16-0	111-6.9	18-34	.529	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	18-24-42-2.6	8-0	2	4	16	3	40	2.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16-0</b>	<b>111-6.9</b>	<b>18-34</b>	<b>.529</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>4-7</b>	<b>.571</b>	<b>18-24-42-2.6</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2.5</b>

# O

## ROB DILLINGHAM

Freshman | Guard | 6-2 | 160 | Hickory, N.C. | Overtime Elite

### HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as high as No. 13 overall by 247Sports ... Appeared in the 2023 Iverson Classic and was the Iverson Classic Crossover Award winner ... Averaged 14.7 points and 4.9 assists per game at Overtime Elite ... Joined Overtime Elite for final high school season ... Charlotte Observer High School Basketball Player of the Year in 2020-21 ... 2021 FIBA Americas U16 Championship MVP, averaging 15.7 points and 6.2 assists in more than 20 minutes per game ... Averaged 21.2 points, 4.9 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game as a sophomore at Combine Academy, leading the team to a 29-3 record and a non-association state title.

### PERSONAL

Born Jan. 4 in Hickory, North Carolina ... Parents are Valaaulia

Tailele and Donald Dillingham ... Has two siblings, Pai Tailele and Denzel Dillingham ... First car he drove was a Tesla ... Dunked for the first time during the summer of his ninth-grade year in Rock Hill, South Carolina ... Superpower he most wishes he had is tuberculation ... Lists Kobe Bryant as his favorite player and Malik Monk as his favorite former Wildcat ... His brother has influenced his life the most ... Favorite food is Japanese ... The Matrix is his favorite movie ... Chose Kentucky over North Carolina, UCLA, Southern Cal, Memphis and Louisville.

# 1

## JUSTIN EDWARDS

Freshman | Guard | 6-8 | 190 | Philadelphia | Philadelphia Imhotep Institute Charter High School

### HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as high as No. 3 overall by all three major recruiting services ... MaxPreps Pennsylvania High School Player of the Year ... 2023 McDonald's All-American ... USA Men's Nike Hoop Summit Team member ... Co-MVP of the Iverson Classic ... Averaged 17.9 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for nationally ranked Imhotep Charter ... High school team won consecutive state titles ... Scored 19 points and had seven boards in the championship game ... Led Imhotep Charter to the Class 5A state title as a junior, averaging 18.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per game ... Helped Team Final advance to Peach Jam quarterfinals after shooting 39.5% from deep while averaging 15.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

### PERSONAL

Born Dec. 16 ... Mother is Ebony Twiggs ... Mother played college basketball at Cheyney University and had a pro career in Portugal ... Mother was also named the MVP of the Philadelphia Public League championship game 23 years before her son was tabbed the MVP of the boys event ... Has two siblings, Akira and Tymir ... Lists his mother as his life's greatest influence ... Favorite food is mac and cheese ... Favorite movie is Love and Basketball ... A superpower he wishes he had is the ability to read minds ... Lists Kevin Durant as his favorite player and Devin Booker as his favorite former Wildcat ... Lists singing as an off the court talent ... Chose Kentucky because it was his dream school.

# 2

## AARON BRADSHAW

Freshman | Forward | 7-0 | 210 | Roselle, N.J. | Camden High School

### HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as high as No. 2 overall by Rivals and 247Sports ... McDonald's All-American ... 2023 Iverson Classic selection ... NJ.com First-Team All-State ... Logged 12.1 points and 9.4 rebounds per game as a senior at Camden ... Averaged 8.9 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game as a junior while helping Camden to the NJSIAA Group 2 state championship ... Played for NJ Scholars on the EYBL circuit, averaging 12.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.0 blocks ... Tallied three double-doubles during Peach Jam prior to senior season.

### PERSONAL

Born Nov. 16 in Newark, New Jersey ... Mother is Shawndel

Bradshaw ... When he's not playing basketball, he's playing video games or meditating ... Lists his mother, grandmother and aunt as his life's greatest influences ... Favorite movie is Fifth Element ... Chose his jersey number because that represents the day his grandmother passed away ... Favorite food is chicken alfredo ... Before taking the court he has to tap his feet, shoulders and head ... Dunked for the first time in sixth grade ... Pregame setlist includes Lauryn Hill and Sade ... Lists Kobe Bryant as his favorite former player and Anthony Davis as his favorite former Wildcat ... Honor Roll student ... Chose Kentucky because it felt like family.



# 13

## GRANT DARBYSHIRE

Sophomore | Guard | 6-2 | 190 | Cincinnati | Sycamore High School

### 2022-23

Did not appear in any games in his first season at UK ... Dealt with a right leg injury, but was active late in the season.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Served as a captain for Sycamore as a senior and helped lead the team to the Greater Miami Conference championship ... Team amassed a 20-3 record, which was the best in school history this past season ... Were also district runners-up after getting off to a 9-0 start, the best in school history ... Shot 43% from 3-point range as a junior and had 14 points and six boards against Middleton on Senior Night ... Also participated in soccer and baseball for Sycamore ... Was a summa cum laude graduate and was also a National Merit Scholar Commended ... Four-time All Conference Academic Team member ... Was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, a Student

Ambassador and a member of the Sycamore Athletic Leadership Team ... An Honor Roll student.

### PERSONAL

Born April 15 in Florence, Kentucky ... Parents are Dana and Gregg Darbyshire ... Has five siblings, Bryce, Lola, Cash, Jeff and Cove ... Major is finance ... Most memorable basketball moment was winning the GMC league title while playing with his younger brother, Bryce ... Father played basketball at Kent State and Miami (OH), grandfather, Lynn played football and competed in track at Florida State and Miami (OH) ... Favorite food is chicken and waffles ... Lists Karl-Anthony Towns as his favorite basketball player ... Off the court he likes to play pickleball and can also speak Spanish ... Favorite movie is Happy Gilmore and favorite TV show is Family Guy ... Lists his dad as the most influential person in his life ... Chose Kentucky over Kansas, Cincinnati, College of Charleston, Xavier, Indiana and Miami (OH).

# 15

## REED SHEPPARD

Freshman | Guard | 6-3 | 180 | London, Ky. | North Laurel High School

### HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as high as No. 22 overall by ESPN ... McDonald's All-American ... Mr. Kentucky Basketball in 2023 ... Helped Team Ohio to win Junior International Championship in Italy and earned MVP honors after scoring 26 points in the title game ... Averaged 22.5 points, 8.5 assists and 8.4 rebounds per game ... Finished high school career with 3,727 career points ... Led North Laurel to the state Sweet 16, averaging 25.2 points, 7.6 assists, 6.8 rebounds and 4.4 steals per game as a junior... 2022 Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year.

college basketball at Kentucky ... His father was the MVP of the 1998 Final Four and won two national championships ... Lists his most memorable moment as a basketball player as winning a high school regional ... Honor Roll student ... His post prized possession is his dog ... Chose No. 15 because it's the number his father wore at Kentucky ... Favorite food is steak ... Favorite movie is Hoosiers ... Pregame superstition is taking a nap ... Dunked for the first time in eighth grade ... Lists Chris Paul as his favorite player and Devin Booker as his favorite Wildcat ... Chose Kentucky over Indiana and Louisville.

### PERSONAL

Born June 24 in London, Kentucky ... Parents are Jeff and Stacey Sheppard ... Has a sister, Madison ... Parents both played

# 20

## JOEY HART

Freshman | Guard | 6-5 | 180 | Linton, Ind. | Linton-Stockton High School

### HIGH SCHOOL

Averaged 23.6 points and shot better than 40% from 3-point range while helping Linton-Stockton High School to the Class 2A State Finals as a senior ... While playing on the Under Armour grassroots circuit prior to his senior season, the three-star prospect shot 45% from deep, averaging 19.8 points per contest.

and grandfather are his life's greatest influences ... Off the court he likes to play video games and fish ... Superpower he most wishes he had is the ability to fly ... Dunked for the first time in eighth grade ... Must take a nap as his pregame superstition ... Lists LeBron James as his favorite player and Tyler Herro as his favorite former Wildcat ... Chose UK over Rutgers and UCF.

### PERSONAL

Born May 6 in Vincennes, Indiana ... Parents are Brooke and Joey Hart ... Has three siblings, Toby, Jack and Rylee ... Father played basketball at Coastal Carolina ... Favorite show to binge watch is Breaking Bad ... Lists going to the state finals as his most memorable moment as a basketball player ... His father

# 21

# D.J. WAGNER

Freshman | Guard | 6-3 | 175 | Camden, N.J. | Camden High School

## HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as high as No. 4 by both ESPN and 247Sports ... McDonald's All-American Game MVP ... Gatorade New Jersey Player of the Year for three straight seasons ... Member of USA Men's Nike Hoop Summit team ... 2023 Iverson Classic Co-MVP ... Iverson Classic 3-point Champion ... Iverson Classic National High School Player of the Year ... Stephen Jackson Community Leadership Award winner ... NJ.com First-Team All-State ... Averaged 19.6 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 3.1 steals per contest as a junior, helping Camden to the NJSIAA Group 2 state championship.

## PERSONAL

Born May 4 in Camden, New Jersey ... Parents are Syreeta

Brittingham and Dajuan Wanger ... Father played college basketball at Memphis for John Calipari and was drafted sixth overall by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2002 ... Grandfather is Milt Wagner, who won a national championship at Louisville in 1986 and was a second round pick by the Dallas Mavericks in 1986 ... Siblings are Dayonni Wagner and Kareem Watkins ... Lists his parents as his life's greatest influences ... Favorite movie is Paid in Full ... Plays video games and watches movies in his free time ... Dunked for the first time in eighth grade ... Lists teleportation and invisibility as two superpowers he wishes he had ... Off the court talent is drawing ... Tyler Ulis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist are his favorite former Wildcats.

# 23

# JORDAN BURKS

Freshman | Forward | 6-9 | 190 | Decatur, Ala. | Overtime Elite

## HIGH SCHOOL

An explosive scorer at Overtime Elite and led the league with 27.1 points per game in 2022-23 ... Also contributed 7.5 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.4 steals per game ... Scored 20 or more points in all but one game and had a season-high of 42 against OTE competition ... Suited up for Hillcrest Prep with Overtime Elite and connected on 46.7% of his field-goal attempts, 26.7% from 3-point range and 67% from the charity stripe ... Began his high school career at Heritage Christian in his hometown and also suited up for Southern California Academy (California) before his move to OTE ... A consensus three-star prospect.

## PERSONAL

Born Aug. 11 ... Mother is Vicki Burks ... Lists his most memorable moment as a basketball player as scoring 40 or more in three straight games ... His most prized possession is his Bible ... His mom is his life's greatest influence ... Favorite food is wings (flats) ... Favorite TV show is Ghost ... Has to listen to music before he plays ... Dunked for the first time in eighth grade ... Anthony Davis is his favorite former Wildcat ... Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Oregon State and Georgia Tech.