

**Rod Strickland**, the NBA executive, All-NBA point guard and member of the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame, was named men's basketball head coach of the Long Island University Sharks on June 30, 2022. **Strickland** joined LIU from the NBA's G League Ignite, the National Basketball Association's official minor league, where he served as director of the professional path program since 2018. **Strickland** is no stranger to the collegiate basketball scene, as he previously held an administrative role at Kentucky under John Calipari, director of basketball operations at Memphis and an assistant coach at South Florida under Orlando Antigua. **Strickland**, a Bronx native, is a 17-year NBA veteran that currently ranks 13th all-time in assists in league history.



# LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY SHARKS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

LIU (1-6) vs. #15 Miami (6-1), Dec. 6, 2023, 7 p.m.  
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**NEW LOOK SHARKS** > In Rod Strickland's second season at the helm, he was able to get his guys in to really kick off his tenure. Strickland and co. added nine new Sharks to the team (six freshmen, three transfers.) Freshmen Eric Acker, Greg Kenney, Tre'shawn Sheppard and Jason Steele are all local grown New York products, while Nikola Djapa (Serbia) and Gezim Bajrami (Finland) join from overseas. The three transfers bring some much needed experience to this young squad, who only had one upperclassmen (Andre Washington) before this class came in. Tana Kopa is a sharpshooter from Division II Spring Hill while Rod Strickland's sons Tai and Terrell are well seasoned players who have played over 120 combined games.

**WE MEET AGAIN** > LIU is 0-1 all-time against Miami with the last matchup being a 102-66 Miami victory on Dec. 16, 1988.

**THE R STANDS FOR REBOUND** > Sophomore R.J. Greene has been a force on the boards for LIU so far this year. The Bronx, N.Y. native leads the Sharks with seven rebounds per game. Greene is also averaging 9.4 points per game, which is third on the team and has been getting to the free throw line a ton. He leads the team in free throws attempted with 41, 14 more than the next player. On Saturday at FIU, Greene had a team-high 13 points and grabbed seven boards.

**HI, TAI!** > Tai Strickland has become a force for LIU over the last few games. After battling injury early in the season, Strickland has become one of the Sharks' best players. In the NKU Thanksgiving tournament the elder Strickland averaged 19.5 points, 3.5 assists, 4 rebounds and 2.5 steals. He was also named an NEC Prime Performer for the week. On Saturday at FIU, Strickland scored 11 points while adding five rebounds.

**THE KOPA CABANA** > In what's been a hot and cold season for DII Spring Hill transfer Tana Kopa, he's still one of LIU's most prolific scorers and biggest threat from three. The Perth, Australia native put up a string of three straight games with double digits (15 at Columbia, 12 vs. TAMCC, 14 at NKU.) Kopa is averaged 9.3 points per game and shooting 31.9% from three.

**FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS** > According to KenPom, the Sharks were the sixth fastest team in the country in 2022-23 based on adjusted tempo. They trailed only UT Rio Grande Valley, Alabama, Long Beach State, Tulane and St. John's. Through eight games, LIU is sitting at 36th in adjusted tempo.

**FRESHMAN PHENOM** > Eric Acker was named NEC Co-Rookie of the Week on Monday. The East New York native averaged 18.3 points 3.7 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game through the week while shooting 51.2% from the floor. At UCLA he came off the bench and scored 18 points, shooting 6-10 from the floor, in just 26 minutes.

### 2023-24 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Nov. 8	<b>FISK</b>	Canceled
Nov. 10	<b>AIR FORCE</b>	L 82-67
Nov. 13	at Pepperdine	L 88-53
Nov. 15	at UCLA	L 78-58
Nov. 21	at Columbia	L 77-67
Nov. 24	Texas A&M CC	W 83-68
Nov. 25	at Northern Kentucky	L 72-64
Dec. 2	at FIU	L 74-59
Dec. 6	at Miami	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	at UMass Lowell	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Rutgers	1 p.m.
Dec. 23	at Mt. St. Mary's	1 p.m.
Dec. 28	<b>UAlbany**</b>	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	<b>WAGNER*</b>	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Stonehill*	2 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Sacred Heart*	2 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Saint Francis U.*	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	<b>CCSU*</b>	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	<b>STONEHILL*</b>	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Le Moyne*	2 p.m.
Feb. 1	at FDU*	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	<b>SAINT FRANCIS U.*</b>	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	<b>MERRIMACK*</b>	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	<b>SACRED HEART*</b>	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	<b>FDU*</b>	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Merrimack*	3 p.m.
Feb. 22	<b>LE MOYNE*</b>	7 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Wagner*	1 p.m.
Feb. 29	at CCSU*	7 p.m.

\*Northeast Conference

\*All times Eastern Time

\*\*At Barclays Center

### 2023-24 NEWCOMERS



Tai Strickland  
Terrell Strickland

Tana Kopa  
Eric Acker  
Greg Kenney  
Tre'shawn Sheppard  
Jason Steele  
Nikola Djapa  
Gezim Bajrami

### LIU VS. MIAMI BY THE NUMBERS



64.4	40.4%	32.6%	32.7	9.9	6.3
POINTS/GAME	FIELD GOAL %	THREE POINT%	REBOUNDS/GAME	ASSISTS/GAME	STEALS/GAME
82.9	50.4%	42.6%	36.0	14.3	8.0

# SEASON STATS

## 2023-2024 LIU Men's Basketball Overall Statistics (as of Dec 2, 2023)

Overall Record: 1-6 Home: 0-1 Away: 0-5 Neutral: 1-0

#	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG								
02	Acker, Eric	7-4	233	33.3	38-82	.463	9-26	.346	12-17	.706	4	20	24	3.4	8	0	18	29	0	3	97	13.9
13	Strickland, Tai	6-5	189	31.5	24-55	.436	4-18	.222	22-27	.815	1	18	19	3.2	20	2	10	16	2	9	74	12.3
10	Greene, R.J.	7-7	218	31.1	20-45	.444	0-2	.000	26-41	.634	9	40	49	7.0	16	0	4	15	4	4	66	9.4
06	Kopa, Tana	7-3	213	30.4	21-67	.313	15-47	.319	8-10	.800	2	27	29	4.1	14	0	7	12	2	8	65	9.3
11	Strickland, Terell	7-7	178	25.4	20-58	.345	8-21	.381	12-16	.750	1	26	27	3.9	28	3	19	20	1	9	60	8.6
05	Washington, Andre	3-2	64	21.3	7-19	.368	3-7	.429	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	0.3	6	0	5	3	0	6	19	6.3
23	Djapa, Nikola	7-5	138	19.7	13-24	.542	2-5	.400	3-8	.375	8	21	29	4.1	27	3	1	12	0	2	31	4.4
21	Essahaty, Ahmed	5-0	52	10.4	6-10	.600	3-6	.500	1-1	1.000	1	3	4	0.8	8	0	3	1	1	1	16	3.2
15	Delancy, C.J.	3-0	32	10.7	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	4	5	9	3.0	5	0	0	2	1	1	9	3.0
43	Bajrami, Gezim	6-2	83	13.8	3-20	.150	0-3	.000	8-11	.727	4	4	8	1.3	15	1	2	2	3	1	14	2.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>156-386</b>	<b>.404</b>	<b>44-135</b>	<b>.326</b>	<b>95-134</b>	<b>.709</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>64.43</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>1400</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>183-412</b>	<b>.444</b>	<b>32-117</b>	<b>.274</b>	<b>141-193</b>	<b>.731</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>77.00</b>

Team Statistics	LIU	OPP
SCORING	451	539
Points Per Game	64.4	77.0
Scoring Margin	-12.6	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	156-386	183-412
Field Goal Pct	.404	.444
3 POINT FG-ATT	44-135	32-117
3PT FG Pct	.326	.274
3PT Made Per Game	6.3	4.6
FREE THROWS-ATT	95-134	141-193
FT Pct	.709	.731
FT Made Per Game	13.6	20.1
REBOUNDS	229	273
Rebounds Per Game	32.7	39.0
Rebounds Margin	-6.3	-
ASSISTS	69	98
Assists Per Game	9.9	14.0
TURNOVERS	115	82
Turnovers Per Game	16.4	11.7
Turnovers Margin	-4.7	-
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.6	1.2
STEALS	44	65
Steals Per Game	6.3	9.3
BLOCKS	14	30
Blocks Per Game	2.0	4.3
ATTENDANCE	812	8,721
Dates/Avg Per Date	1-812	5-1,744
Neutral Site #/Avg	-	1-358

Conf	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
	11/10/23	AIR FORCE	L	67-82	812
	11/13/23	at Pepperdine	L	53-88	327
	11/15/23	at UCLA	L	58-78	4,751
	11/21/23	at Columbia	L	67-77	622
	11/24/23	vs A&M-Corpus Christi	W	83-68	358
	11/25/23	at Northern Ky.	L	64-72	2,340
	12/02/23	at FIU	L	59-74	681

\* = Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
LIU	188	263	451
Opponents	251	288	539

# LAST GAME'S STATS

LIU (1-6,0-0 NEC) -vs- FIU (3-7,0-0 CUSA)  
12/02/23 at Ocean Bank Convocation Center, Miami, FL

Date: 12/02/23  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Attendance: 681  
Site: Ocean Bank Convocation Center, Miami, FL  
Referees: Klyde Mulla, Barry Mathis, Kevin Mathis

Score By Period	1	2	Total
LIU	24	35	59
FIU	31	43	74

## LIU 59

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
10	Greene,RJ	*	40	4-6	0-0	5-8	0-7	7	4	1	3	1	1	13
02	Acker,Eric	*	33	4-10	2-3	2-2	0-2	2	0	1	9	0	1	12
11	Strickland,Terell	*	30	5-12	1-4	1-3	0-7	7	3	1	5	0	1	12
13	Strickland,Tai	*	35	4-10	0-3	3-4	1-4	5	2	0	6	0	0	11
23	Djapa,Nikola	*	27	3-4	0-1	0-0	4-6	10	4	1	2	0	0	6
06	Kopa,Tana		21	2-5	1-4	0-2	0-3	3	2	0	1	1	1	5
15	Delancy,CJ		9	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
21	Essahaty,Ahmed		5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>22-49</b>	<b>4-15</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>10-31</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>59</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	10-25 40.00 %	1-7 14.29 %	3-6 50.00 %
Second Half	12-24 50.00 %	3-8 37.50 %	8-13 61.54 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>22-49 44.9 %</b>	<b>4-15 26.7 %</b>	<b>11-19 57.9 %</b>

Technical Fouls: none    Second Chance Points: 13    Scores Tied: 1 times(s)    Points in the Paint: 22    Fast Break Points: 5  
Lead Changed: 1 times(s)    Points off Turnovers: 4    Bench Points: 5    Largest Lead: 0 0

## FIU 74

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
02	Dean,Arturo	*	31	11-22	2-5	3-4	1-6	7	2	4	3	0	6	27
04	Pinkney,Seth	*	19	3-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	5	0	0	0	1	6
01	Gittens,Dashon	*	26	1-6	0-3	0-0	0-4	4	2	0	2	0	1	2
23	Krivokapic,Petar	*	17	0-5	0-4	2-4	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	3	2
12	Wilcox,Dante	*	12	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-1	2	0	1	0	1	1	2
11	Brewer,Jayden		24	5-10	1-2	3-5	3-2	5	3	1	1	1	1	14
00	Okeke,Okechukwu		21	4-7	1-1	4-7	1-1	2	1	0	1	2	3	13
03	Hawkins,Javaunte		24	2-7	0-4	0-0	0-3	3	0	5	1	1	1	4
24	Grant,Jaden		15	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
05	Lipscomb,Jaidon		10	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2
31	Pridgett Jr.,George		1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>28-64</b>	<b>4-20</b>	<b>14-22</b>	<b>9-22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>74</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	12-33 36.36 %	3-14 21.43 %	4-6 66.67 %
Second Half	16-31 51.61 %	1-6 16.67 %	10-16 62.50 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>28-64 43.8 %</b>	<b>4-20 20.0 %</b>	<b>14-22 63.6 %</b>

Technical Fouls: none    Second Chance Points: 8    Scores Tied: 1 times(s)    Points in the Paint: 48    Fast Break Points: 10  
Lead Changed: 1 times(s)    Points off Turnovers: 28    Bench Points: 35    Largest Lead: 0 0

**LIU (1-5,0-0 NEC) -vs- Northern Ky. (3-3,0-0 Horizon)**  
**11/25/23 at Truist Arena, Highland Heights, KY**

**Date:** 11/25/23  
**Time:** 4:00 PM  
**Attendance:** 2,340  
**Site:** Truist Arena, Highland Heights, KY  
**Referees:** Tony Meeks, Todd Von Sossan, Luke Schumer

Score By Period	1	2	Total
LIU	34	30	64
Northern Ky.	28	44	72

**LIU 64**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
13	Strickland,Tai	*	39	7-13	1-4	3-5	0-2	2	2	3	2	0	2	18
02	Acker,Eric	*	35	6-12	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	6	0	1	13
10	Greene,RJ	*	27	4-6	0-0	0-0	1-9	10	4	0	1	0	0	8
23	Djapa,Nikola	*	31	2-5	0-0	1-2	1-5	6	3	0	3	0	0	5
11	Strickland,Terell	*	27	2-7	0-3	0-0	0-6	6	5	3	4	0	3	4
06	Kopa,Tana		30	5-10	4-7	0-0	0-3	3	1	0	2	0	1	14
21	Essahaty,Ahmed		8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
43	Bajrami,Gezim		3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	0	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>27-54</b>	<b>6-17</b>	<b>4-7</b>	<b>5-28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	14-26 53.85 %	4-8 50.00 %	2-3 66.67 %
Second Half	13-28 46.43 %	2-9 22.22 %	2-4 50.00 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>27-54 50.0 %</b>	<b>6-17 35.3 %</b>	<b>4-7 57.1 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 6    **Scores Tied:** 4 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 26    **Fast Break Points:** 6  
**Lead Changed:** 7 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 11    **Bench Points:** 16    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**Northern Ky. 72**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
03	Warrick,Marques	*	37	4-16	2-7	4-4	1-1	2	0	4	2	0	2	14
02	Vinson,Sam	*	32	4-15	0-6	6-8	0-6	6	1	5	3	0	3	14
40	Itejere,Keeyan	*	29	6-7	0-0	0-0	2-4	6	0	0	0	5	1	12
01	Robinson,Trey	*	32	4-4	0-0	1-2	1-3	4	2	3	0	0	1	9
05	Wells,LJ	*	15	1-3	0-1	1-2	2-0	2	1	1	2	0	0	3
22	Bradley,Michael		32	3-6	1-3	7-9	0-3	3	2	1	1	0	4	14
10	Meyer,Cade		11	3-7	0-0	0-1	2-3	5	1	0	1	0	1	6
14	Israel,Jeremiah		8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
32	Ipassou,Fiston		4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>25-58</b>	<b>3-17</b>	<b>19-26</b>	<b>9-22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	12-27 44.44 %	2-7 28.57 %	2-2 100.00 %
Second Half	13-31 41.94 %	1-10 10.00 %	17-24 70.83 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>25-58 43.1 %</b>	<b>3-17 17.6 %</b>	<b>19-26 73.1 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 7    **Scores Tied:** 4 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 44    **Fast Break Points:** 13  
**Lead Changed:** 7 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 19    **Bench Points:** 20    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**LIU (1-4,0-0 NEC) -vs- A&M-Corpus Christi (2-4,0-0 Southland)**  
**11/24/23 at Truist Arena, Highland Heights, KY**

**Date:** 11/24/23  
**Time:** 2:00 PM  
**Attendance:** 358  
**Site:** Truist Arena, Highland Heights, KY  
**Referees:** James Currran, Jon Campbell, Andy O'Briene

Score By Period	1	2	Total
LIU	43	40	83
A&M-Corpus Christi	34	34	68

**LIU 83**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
02	Acker, Eric	*	37	8-14	4-8	2-4	2-7	9	0	4	5	0	0	22
13	Strickland, Tai	*	36	5-10	2-6	9-9	0-6	6	3	4	4	1	3	21
23	Djapa, Nikola	*	30	2-2	1-1	1-2	0-3	3	3	0	2	0	1	6
11	Strickland, Terell	*	24	2-7	0-2	1-1	1-1	2	5	0	0	0	0	5
10	Greene, RJ	*	13	0-3	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
06	Kopa, Tana		31	3-8	2-6	4-4	1-3	4	3	2	2	1	2	12
21	Essahaty, Ahmed		20	4-6	3-5	0-0	0-3	3	4	1	0	0	0	11
43	Bajrami, Gezim		9	1-5	0-1	3-3	1-0	1	3	1	1	1	0	5
04	Sheppard, Tre'shawn		0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>25-55</b>	<b>12-29</b>	<b>21-25</b>	<b>7-28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>83</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	14-29 48.28 %	7-13 53.85 %	8-11 72.73 %
Second Half	11-26 42.31 %	5-16 31.25 %	13-14 92.86 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>25-55 45.5 %</b>	<b>12-29 41.4 %</b>	<b>21-25 84.0 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** (1) TEAM    **Second Chance Points:** 6    **Scores Tied:** 3 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 20    **Fast Break Points:** 6  
**Lead Changed:** 3 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 5    **Bench Points:** 28    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**A&M-Corpus Christi 68**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
01	Wright-Forde, Dian	*	26	8-16	0-3	3-6	2-1	3	0	1	2	0	3	19
44	Prim, Dayne	*	10	2-5	1-2	2-4	2-0	2	4	0	0	0	1	7
33	Clark, Garry	*	21	3-9	0-1	0-0	5-5	10	4	1	4	0	1	6
04	Parker, Kam	*	22	1-5	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
03	Villegas, Christian	*	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
40	Paul, Lance-Amir		28	1-8	0-1	8-8	2-4	6	1	0	2	0	0	10
13	Jackson, Shilo		16	4-5	0-0	2-2	0-6	6	3	0	0	0	0	10
32	Giwa, Stephen		21	1-2	0-0	3-6	2-2	4	2	0	1	0	0	5
12	Dease, Owen		12	1-7	0-4	2-2	0-1	1	5	0	0	0	0	4
02	Roberts, Jordan		10	2-4	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	2	1	1	0	1	4
05	Allen-Johnson, Amont'e		3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
14	Marshall, Jaren		21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>23-64</b>	<b>1-15</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>68</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	10-33 30.30 %	1-9 11.11 %	13-16 81.25 %
Second Half	13-31 41.94 %	0-6 0.00 %	8-14 57.14 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>23-64 35.9 %</b>	<b>1-15 6.7 %</b>	<b>21-30 70.0 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** (1) TEAM    **Second Chance Points:** 10    **Scores Tied:** 3 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 38    **Fast Break Points:** 10  
**Lead Changed:** 3 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 15    **Bench Points:** 34    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**LIU (0-4,0-0 NEC) -vs- Columbia (4-2,0-0 Ivy League)**  
**11/21/23 at Levien Gym, New York, NY**

**Date:** 11/21/23  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Attendance:** 622  
**Site:** Levien Gym, New York, NY  
**Referees:** Chris Slattery, Brandon Cruz, Jeff Fox

Score By Period	1	2	Total
LIU	25	42	67
Columbia	41	36	77

**LIU 67**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
02	Acker, Eric	*	40	8-17	2-9	2-4	1-0	1	2	3	4	0	0	20
10	Greene, RJ	*	37	4-7	0-1	2-2	1-8	9	2	1	2	2	1	10
13	Strickland, Tai	*	33	4-10	1-3	0-0	0-3	3	5	2	4	1	1	9
23	Djapa, Nikola	*	15	2-5	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	5	0	2	0	0	4
11	Strickland, Terell	*	18	0-5	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	5	5	2	0	0	0
06	Kopa, Tana		31	6-15	3-9	0-0	0-5	5	2	0	1	0	1	15
43	Bajrami, Gezim		17	1-2	0-0	4-6	1-1	2	4	0	1	0	0	6
21	Essahaty, Ahmed		9	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0	1	2	0	0	1	0	3
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>26-63</b>	<b>6-23</b>	<b>9-13</b>	<b>9-25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>67</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	10-30 33.33 %	2-10 20.00 %	3-6 50.00 %
Second Half	16-33 48.48 %	4-13 30.77 %	6-7 85.71 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>26-63 41.3 %</b>	<b>6-23 26.1 %</b>	<b>9-13 69.2 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 12    **Scores Tied:** 0 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 32    **Fast Break Points:** 2  
**Lead Changed:** 0 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 15    **Bench Points:** 24    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**Columbia 77**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
15	Rubio De La Rosa, Geronimo	*	38	6-10	2-5	5-5	0-4	4	0	0	5	0	1	19
01	Brown, Avery	*	33	2-4	0-0	9-13	0-3	3	3	1	1	0	1	13
13	Thompson, Blair	*	24	3-10	0-4	6-9	3-6	9	3	1	1	0	2	12
03	McLean, Zavian	*	27	2-5	0-1	4-4	0-3	3	2	4	1	0	1	8
11	Oduowo, Josh	*	26	2-4	0-0	2-2	1-3	4	1	5	2	3	2	6
35	Robledo, Noah		16	3-6	1-2	1-2	2-2	4	3	0	0	0	0	8
23	Eddine Bedri, Zine		14	2-6	0-1	1-4	2-6	8	0	1	1	0	0	5
02	Noland, Kenny		9	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	2	0	0	3
05	Romanelli, Nicolo		7	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
00	Cooper, Jaden		6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>22-50</b>	<b>5-17</b>	<b>28-39</b>	<b>9-30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>77</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	12-26 46.15 %	5-9 55.56 %	12-15 80.00 %
Second Half	10-24 41.67 %	0-8 0.00 %	16-24 66.67 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>22-50 44.0 %</b>	<b>5-17 29.4 %</b>	<b>28-39 71.8 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 10    **Scores Tied:** 0 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 32    **Fast Break Points:** 16  
**Lead Changed:** 0 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 17    **Bench Points:** 19    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**LIU (0-3,0-0 NEC) -vs- UCLA (3-0,0-0 Pac-12)**  
**11/15/23 at Pauley Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA**

**Date:** 11/15/23  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Attendance:** 4,751  
**Site:** Pauley Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA  
**Referees:** Matthew Rukasin, Deldre Carr, Tony Padilla

Score By Period		1	2	Total
LIU		17	41	58
UCLA		35	43	78

**LIU 58**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
11	Strickland,Terell	*	31	4-8	3-4	7-8	0-2	2	3	5	4	1	2	18
10	Greene,RJ	*	39	3-8	0-1	2-5	1-3	4	2	0	3	0	0	8
06	Kopa,Tana	*	29	2-10	2-7	0-0	0-1	1	3	1	3	0	0	6
13	Strickland,Tai	*	25	2-7	0-2	1-1	0-1	1	3	0	0	0	2	5
23	Djapa,Nikola	*	17	1-4	1-2	0-0	0-2	2	5	0	0	0	1	3
02	Acker,Eric		26	6-10	0-1	6-7	1-4	5	1	1	2	0	0	18
43	Bajrami,Gezim		18	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0
05	Washington,Andre		15	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>18-51</b>	<b>6-19</b>	<b>16-21</b>	<b>4-16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>58</b>

Team Summary	FG		3PT		FT	
First Half	6-26	23.08 %	1-9	11.11 %	4-7	57.14 %
Second Half	12-25	48.00 %	5-10	50.00 %	12-14	85.71 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>18-51</b>	<b>35.3 %</b>	<b>6-19</b>	<b>31.6 %</b>	<b>16-21</b>	<b>76.2 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 2    **Scores Tied:** 2 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 14    **Fast Break Points:** 5  
**Lead Changed:** 1 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 14    **Bench Points:** 18    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**UCLA 78**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
03	Bona,Adem	*	29	9-12	0-0	2-3	3-8	11	2	1	2	3	3	20
15	Mara,Aday	*	24	6-9	0-0	2-2	2-2	4	1	2	3	4	0	14
12	Mack,Sebastian	*	24	3-9	0-0	5-6	0-3	3	2	1	4	0	2	11
10	Stefanovic,Lazar	*	36	2-7	0-2	3-5	0-6	6	3	1	1	0	0	7
04	McClendon,Will	*	24	0-4	0-4	2-2	0-6	6	1	3	0	0	1	2
27	Vide,Jan		21	5-7	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	3	7	1	0	1	12
22	Williams,Devin		7	2-2	0-0	2-4	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
08	Fibleuil,Ilane		18	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	4	0	1	0	2	4
14	Nwuba,Kenneth		7	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
05	Williams,Brandon		10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>30-54</b>	<b>0-6</b>	<b>18-25</b>	<b>12-29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>78</b>

Team Summary	FG		3PT		FT	
First Half	12-28	42.86 %	0-4	0.00 %	11-16	68.75 %
Second Half	18-26	69.23 %	0-2	0.00 %	7-9	77.78 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>30-54</b>	<b>55.6 %</b>	<b>0-6</b>	<b>0.0 %</b>	<b>18-25</b>	<b>72.0 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 17    **Scores Tied:** 2 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 48    **Fast Break Points:** 20  
**Lead Changed:** 1 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 16    **Bench Points:** 24    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**LIU (0-2,0-0 NEC) -vs- Pepperdine (3-1,0-0 WCC)**  
**11/13/23 at Firestone Fieldhouse, Malibu, CA**

**Date:** 11/13/23  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Attendance:** 327  
**Site:** Firestone Fieldhouse, Malibu, CA  
**Referees:** Chance Moore, Randy Richardson, Robert Lehigh

Score By Period	1	2	Total
LIU	18	35	53
Pepperdine	39	49	88

**LIU 53**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
10	Greene,RJ	*	39	2-9	0-0	10-11	1-9	10	1	1	5	0	1	14
11	Strickland,Terell	*	20	4-10	2-4	0-0	0-4	4	4	0	0	0	2	10
05	Washington,Andre	*	18	4-7	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	3	0	3	10
06	Kopa,Tana	*	35	0-8	0-6	2-2	0-3	3	0	1	2	0	2	2
43	Bajrami,Gezim	*	21	0-7	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
13	Strickland,Tai		21	2-5	0-0	6-8	0-2	2	5	1	0	0	1	10
23	Djapa,Nikola		13	2-3	0-1	1-4	1-2	3	5	0	3	0	0	5
02	Acker,Eric		30	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	1	1	2	0	0	2
15	Delancy,CJ		3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>15-53</b>	<b>4-15</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>4-27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>53</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	5-25 20.00 %	3-9 33.33 %	5-9 55.56 %
Second Half	10-28 35.71 %	1-6 16.67 %	14-16 87.50 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>15-53 28.3 %</b>	<b>4-15 26.7 %</b>	<b>19-25 76.0 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 5    **Scores Tied:** 0 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 20    **Fast Break Points:** 16  
**Lead Changed:** 0 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 13    **Bench Points:** 17    **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**Pepperdine 88**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
00	Malette,Houston	*	25	6-14	4-6	8-9	1-5	6	2	0	4	0	1	24
20	Anderson,Ethan	*	24	4-7	2-2	1-2	0-2	2	0	4	1	0	0	11
35	Gassama,Aladji	*	24	1-3	0-0	4-4	6-3	9	3	2	1	0	0	6
03	Moore,Malik	*	23	1-8	1-5	3-4	0-2	2	2	4	1	0	0	6
01	Ajayi,Michael	*	23	1-11	0-1	0-0	2-10	12	3	1	1	0	1	2
21	Cooper,Nils		17	4-7	0-1	5-5	1-2	3	1	1	2	0	3	13
23	Williams,Curtis		21	4-6	0-1	4-4	1-2	3	1	1	1	0	0	12
02	Pitre,Jalen		19	4-7	2-3	0-0	1-6	7	3	0	0	2	0	10
13	Stansberry,Cord		11	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	1	1	0	1	4
24	Squire,John		7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Jordan,Paul		3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
33	Mager,David		3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>27-67</b>	<b>9-19</b>	<b>25-28</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>88</b>

Team Summary	FG	3PT	FT
First Half	12-33 36.36 %	6-11 54.55 %	9-11 81.82 %
Second Half	15-34 44.12 %	3-8 37.50 %	16-17 94.12 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>27-67 40.3 %</b>	<b>9-19 47.4 %</b>	<b>25-28 89.3 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none    **Second Chance Points:** 13    **Scores Tied:** 0 times(s)    **Points in the Paint:** 28    **Fast Break Points:** 25  
**Lead Changed:** 0 times(s)    **Points off Turnovers:** 11    **Bench Points:** 39    **Largest Lead:** 0 0



**Air Force (1-1,0-0 Mountain West) -vs- LIU (0-1,0-0 NEC)**  
**11/10/23 at Wellness Center, Brookville, NY**

**Date:** 11/10/23  
**Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Attendance:** 812  
**Site:** Wellness Center, Brookville, NY

Score By Period		1	2	Total
Air Force		43	39	82
LIU		27	40	67

**Air Force 82**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
05	Taylor,Ethan	*	36	9-17	6-11	2-2	1-11	12	1	6	1	1	2	26
14	Becker,Beau	*	19	8-12	3-5	1-1	4-2	6	4	1	0	0	0	20
23	Boylan,Kellan	*	39	1-3	0-0	4-7	0-6	6	1	3	2	1	1	6
24	Mills,Jeffrey	*	27	1-5	1-3	1-2	0-2	2	3	5	2	0	0	4
13	Beasley,Chase	*	26	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	4	2	3	0	1	3
11	Brown,Byron		26	4-7	0-1	5-6	0-2	2	3	1	1	1	0	13
15	Green,Corbin		21	3-7	0-3	0-1	2-4	6	3	4	3	4	0	6
32	Gilles,Kolby		4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
03	Kearney,Luke		1	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
33	Ruggles,Brady		1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>28-55</b>	<b>10-23</b>	<b>16-23</b>	<b>8-30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>82</b>

Team Summary	FG		3PT		FT	
First Half	15-26	57.69 %	7-12	58.33 %	6-9	66.67 %
Second Half	13-29	44.83 %	3-11	27.27 %	10-14	71.43 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>28-55</b>	<b>50.9 %</b>	<b>10-23</b>	<b>43.5 %</b>	<b>16-23</b>	<b>69.6 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none      **Second Chance Points:** 14      **Scores Tied:** 0 times(s)      **Points in the Paint:** 32      **Fast Break Points:** 5  
**Lead Changed:** 7 times(s)      **Points off Turnovers:** 11      **Bench Points:** 23      **Largest Lead:** 0 0

**LIU 67**

#	Player	GS	MIN	FG	3PT	FT	ORB-DRB	REB	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
10	Greene,RJ	*	23	3-6	0-0	6-13	4-3	7	3	0	1	1	1	12
06	Kopa,Tana	*	36	3-11	3-8	2-2	1-9	10	3	3	1	0	1	11
11	Strickland,Terell	*	28	3-9	2-3	3-4	0-3	3	3	5	5	0	1	11
05	Washington,Andre	*	31	3-10	1-2	2-2	1-0	1	1	4	0	0	1	9
43	Bajrami,Gezim	*	15	1-4	0-1	1-2	2-1	3	1	1	0	2	0	3
02	Acker,Eric		32	5-15	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	1	4	1	0	1	10
15	Delancy,CJ		20	4-4	0-0	1-1	3-3	6	4	0	1	0	1	9
23	Djapa,Nikola		5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
21	Essahaty,Ahmed		10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0
TM	TEAM		0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		-	<b>200</b>	<b>23-61</b>	<b>6-17</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>12-23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>67</b>

Team Summary	FG		3PT		FT	
First Half	10-27	37.04 %	4-10	40.00 %	3-5	60.00 %
Second Half	13-34	38.24 %	2-7	28.57 %	12-19	63.16 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>23-61</b>	<b>37.7 %</b>	<b>6-17</b>	<b>35.3 %</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>62.5 %</b>

**Technical Fouls:** none      **Second Chance Points:** 8      **Scores Tied:** 0 times(s)      **Points in the Paint:** 30      **Fast Break Points:** 17  
**Lead Changed:** 7 times(s)      **Points off Turnovers:** 10      **Bench Points:** 21      **Largest Lead:** 0 0

# 2023-24 LIU SHARKS MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown / High School / Previous Team
2	Eric Acker	Fr.	G	6-2	160	East New York, N.Y. / Eagle Academy for Young Men II
3	Greg Kenney	Fr.	F	6-6	176	Williston Park, N.Y. / The Frederick Gunn School
4	Tre'shawn Sheppard	Fr.	G/F	6-6	230	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Eagle Academy for Young Men II
5	Andre Washington	Jr.	G	5-11	178	Staten Island, N.Y. / Williston North Hampton
6	Tana Kopa	Jr.	G/F	6-6	178	Perth, Western Australia / Grace Baptist Academy / Spring Hall
8	Jason Steele	Fr.	F	6-6	190	Flushing, N.Y. / Our Savior Lutheran
10	R.J. Greene	Fr.	G	6-6	210	The Bronx, N.Y. / Iona Prep
11	Terell Strickland	R-Jr.	G	6-0	175	Tampa, Fla. / St. Petersburg / James Madison
13	Tai Strickland	Gr.	G	6-2	185	Tampa, Fla. / St. Petersburg / Georgia Southern
15	C.J. Delancy	Fr.	C	6-8	210	Jonesboro, Ark. / Valley View High School
21	Ahmed Essahaty	So.	G	6-3	201	Wellington, New Zealand / Onslow College
23	Nikola Djapa	Fr.	F	7-0	230	Belgrade, Serbia / Hoosac School
43	Gezim Bajrami	Fr.	C	6-9	264	Tampere, Finland / Omnia

## STAFF

**Head Coach:** Rod Strickland (second season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Chris Thomas, Maurice Hicks, Charles Jones

**Director of Basketball Operations:** Dalmar Ali

**Video Coordinator:** Quentin Turner

**Athletic Trainer:** Michael Fiorella, ATC

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Eric Acker	ACK-errr
Gezim Bajrami	GEZZ-im baj-RAH-mee
Nikola Djapa	nick-OH-la JA-pa
Ahmed Essahaty	AH-mid
Tana Kopa	tah-nah co-pah

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FR. / 6-2 160 / EAST NEW YORK, N.Y.

Son of Erica Bynum and Shawn Acker  
Marketing major  
Born Nov. 22, 2005



**2 ERIC ACKER, G** > NEC Co-Rookie of Week... Averaged 18.3 points per game, 3.7 rebounds per game and 3.7 assists per game while shooting 51.2% from the floor... Scored 22 points in win over TAMCC... Scored 20 points at Columbia...

FR. / 6-6 176 / WILLISTON PARK, N.Y.

Son of Suzanne and Greg Kenney  
Born on Sept. 4, 2004



**3 GREG KENNEY, F** > Selected All-NEPSAC at The Frederick Gunn School in Washington, Conn... All-state, all-county, all-league, team MVP at Kellenberg Memorial High School (NY)... DNP Saturday...

FR. / 6-6 230 / BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Son of Sharlene Henry and Steven Sheppard  
Born Oct. 2, 2003



**4 TRE'SHAWN SHEPPARD, G/F** > High school teammates with Eric Acker... Team MVP in 2023... Two-time all-state... Scored over 1,000 career points... Averaged 19.7 points and 20 rebounds per game as a senior... DNP Saturday...

JR. / 5-11 / 178 / STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Son of Nancy and Max Washington  
Sports management major  
Born March 9, 2002



**5 ANDRE WASHINGTON, G** > Scored 10 points at Pepperdine... Recorded nine points, five assists, three rebounds vs Air Force... Appeared in 18 games in '22-'23, averaging 11.5 ppg... Scored 37 points with six three-pointers vs Saint Francis U...

JR. / 6-6 178 / PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Son of Stacey and Corey Kopa  
Sports management major  
Born July 8, 2002



**6 TANA KOPA, G/F** > Started in LIU debut vs Air Force... Recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds... Originally attended DII Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala... Played in 52 games over two seasons, averaging 13.9 ppg and 3.5 rpg...

FR. / 6-6 190 / FLUSHING, N.Y.

Son of Joyce Steele and Ruby Briggs  
Entrepreneurship major  
Born Feb. 29, 2004



**8 JASON STEELE, F** > Graduated from Our Saviour Lutheran in the Bronx in 2023... Played four seasons of varsity basketball... Earned Bruer Service Award... DNP Saturday

FR. / 6-5 210 / THE BRONX, N.Y.

Son of Chauncie Smith and Ronald Green Sr.  
Born Jan. 19, 2003



**10 R.J. GREENE, G** > Scored a team-high 13 points at FIU... Recorded a double-double at Pepperdine (14 pts, 10 rebounds)... Also scored seven rebounds, a steal and a block... NEC All-Rookie Team... Averaged 9.1 ppg in '22-'23...

R-JR. / 6-0 175 / TAMPA, FLA.

Son of Cheryl and Rod Strickland  
Sports management major  
Born July 5, 2001



**11 TEREEL STRICKLAND, G** > Scored 18 points at UCLA, shooting 4-8 from the floor and 3-4 from three... Started in LIU debut vs Air Force... Scored 11 points with five assists and three rebounds... Originally attended James Madison, played in 50 games...

GR. / 6-2 185 / TAMPA, FLA.

Son of Cheryl and Rod Strickland  
Data analytics major  
Born Oct. 10, 1999



**13 TAI STRICKLAND, G** > Scored 11 points at FIU... Scored 21 points in win over TAMCC... Averaging 19.5 points over last two games... Transfer from Georgia Southern... From 2018-22 played in 74 games: 439 points, 141 rebounds, 67 assists and 54 steals...

SO. / 6-8 210 / JONESBORO, ARK.

Son of Shavon Debro  
Sport management major  
Born May 14, 2003



**15 C.J. DELANCY, C** > Scored nine points off the bench vs. Air Force, shooting 4/4 from the field... Also recorded six rebounds... Appeared in 25 games as a freshman, averaging 5.7 ppg...

SO. / 6-3 201 / WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Made LIU debut vs. Stonehill on Jan. 20  
Born Nov. 20, 2002



**21 AHMED ESSAHATY, G** > Recorded two assists off the bench vs Air Force... Appeared in eight games after joining team mid-way through the '22-'23 season... Averaged 4.8 ppg... Tallied season-high 10 points vs. Sacred Heart... Forced eight turnovers vs. Merrimack...

FR. / 7-0 230 / BELGRADE, SERBIA

Son of Slobodanka and Ilija Djapa  
Father Ilija played basketball professionally  
Born June 23, 2004



**23 NIKOLA DJAPA, F** > Recorded 10 rebounds at FIU... Plays for the Serbian national team... Two-time Junior Adriatic League champion... Selected best five in Cadets League in Serbia...

FR. / 6-6 180 / TAMPERE, FINLAND

Son of Hanife and Zymer Bajrami  
Born July 31, 2003



**43 GEZIM BAJRAMI, C** > Started in LIU debut vs Air Force... Scored three points, recorded three rebounds and two blocks in debut... Averaged 17.3 ppg, 10 rpg while played for Panterit Helsinki in Finnish 1st Division (B)...

# 2023-24 LIU SHARKS MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS

#	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG	FGA	FG%	3PT	3FG	FGA3	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	RE	FG	OT	HAT	GTG	
<b>FOUL</b>																			
2	Acker, Eric	1-0	1,845	15	4	34	.95	.158	50	.526	6	1	6	0-0	3	1	1	1	41
3	Kenney, Greg	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-0	2	0	0	0	26
4	Sheppard, Tre'shawn	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Washington, Andre	1-1	1,717	3	3	9	20	.150	8	.400	8	1	2	0-0	2	0	0	0	19
6	Kopa, Tana	1-1	1,863	0	6	6	11	.000	5	.455	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	10
8	Steele, Jason	0-0	1,471	0	6	6	8	.000	3	.375	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	22
10	Greene, R.J.	1-1	1,212	2	1	5	21	.095	5	.238	4	0	2	0-0	0	0	0	0	25
11	Strickland, Terell	1-1	1,940	2	1	5	7	.286	6	.857	4	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
13	Strickland, Tai	0-0	1,669	1	2	4	13	.077	8	.615	8	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	30
15	Delancy, C.J.	1-0	654	0	3	3	4	.000	1	.250	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	10
21	Essahaty, Ahmed	1-0	1,465	1	0	2	14	.071	4	.286	4	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	18
23	Djapa, Nikola	1-0	99	1	0	2	4	.250	2	.500	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
43	Bajrami, Gezim	1-1	655	0	2	2	10	.000	1	.100	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>.122</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>.462</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>305</b>

## SEASON SUPERLATIVES

<b>MOST POINTS</b>	<b>12</b>	R.J Greene vs. Air Force (11/10)	<b>WINNING STREAK</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FG MADE</b>	<b>4</b>	Mikey Edelman at Mount St. Mary's (5/21)	<b>REBOUNDS</b>	<b>3</b> Four times
<b>FG ATTEMPTS</b>	<b>4</b>	Five times	<b>ASSISTS</b>	<b>3</b> Seth Surrett at Sacred Heart (5/1)
<b>3PT MADE</b>	<b>5</b>	Jack Power at Merrimack (4/22)	<b>STEALS</b>	<b>3</b> Seth Surrett at Sacred Heart (5/1)
<b>3PT ATTEMPTS</b>	<b>3</b>	Mikey Edelman at Central Connecticut State (4/8)	<b>BLOCKS</b>	<b>3</b> Seth Surrett at Sacred Heart (5/1)
<b>FT MADE</b>	<b>2</b>	EJ Exposito at Fordham (3/11)	<b>TURNOVERS</b>	<b>3</b> Seth Surrett at Sacred Heart (5/1)

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