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# CATCHING UP with CAL

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### "D" Wins Championships

Defense the key if Cats are to advance in NCAA Tournament

By Metz Camfield CoachCal.com

entucky got a tough draw in the NCAA Tournament with six teams in its region ranked in the latest Associated Press Top 25, and two more listed at the top of the others receiving votes category.

Among those six ranked teams is 10-seed Wichita State, the No. 8 team in the latest Ken Pomeroy rankings, which Kentucky could potentially face in the second round should both the Shockers and Wildcats win their firstround games.

In order for second-seeded Kentucky (29-5) to advance to that stage and beyond, it knows it must do one thing more than anything else.

"The whole key to us will be defense," Calipari said. "If we continue to guard, we'll have a nice little run. We'll see what happens. But that's where we're - our defense is what we are. And I don't worry about offense with this group because we're so - we're fast, we can shoot it, we can post it, play pick-androll, play against zone.

"Derek Willis stretches the defense. Wenyen (Gabriel) is playing better now. But if we don't defend, we'll lose real fast, like real fast. We guard and play with great energy and disrupt and do the things we've been doing, it should be a fun NCAA Tournament."

Early in the year, it was Kentucky's offense that stole the headlines and led UK up to a No. 1 national ranking for two weeks in November. The Wildcats were flying up and down the court as one of the fastest teams in the country, scoring more than 100 points in three straight games and 93-plus points in seven of eight games.

As the season progressed, teams refined how they played against Kentucky and began sending fewer players to the glass and more players back on defense following shots. As that happened, UK hit its much talked about rut, losing three of four games.

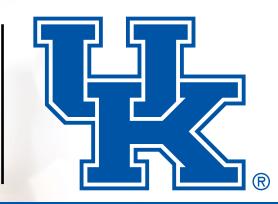
During the Wildcats' reboot, Kentucky improved upon its half-court offense and learned how to play grind-it-out basketball, making Calipari more confident with his offense because it was now much more multi-dimensional.

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Kentucky players and coaches agree that the key for the Wildcats to advance in the NCAA Tournament will be their defense. (photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)





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"We'll score just because of our talent, our speed, the ability to shoot the ball from different positions," Calipari said.

UK also improved on its defense with increased effort and desperation. The end result has seen a decline in opponents' points per possession, better work on the glass and tighter defense along the perimeter.

"The way we've been playing defense is the reason we've been winning," senior guard Dominique Hawkins said. "If we continue to do that we'll definitely advance."

Willis attributed UK's improved defense to a sense of urgency coming with the season winding down.

"You have to be desperate and it's the last time playing college basketball and you want to leave it all out on the court," Willis said.

Against 15th-seeded Northern Kentucky (24-10), the Wildcats will face a volume 3-point shooting team. The Norse scores more than 35 percent of their points off 3-pointers, which ranks 59th nationally, according to college basketball analytics guru Ken Pomeroy. NKU hit more than 36 percent of its 3-point attempts and nearly 52 percent of its 2-pointers.

After playing 21 games against conference opponents, who the coaches are much more familiar with having played against them every season, UK will now go back to scheming against unfamiliar opponents and doing so with limited time.

"We're going to talk as a staff," Calipari said. "Are there any defensive weaknesses that we have that they may try to exploit? And if they do, let's not surrender like we did last year. Let's not say, if these don't play well these guys – we lose. We'll play five guards. We'll do - what do you do, how do we do this. And we'll probably discuss that and then we'll work on it a bit."

Coach Cal likes that his team now has "more bullets in the gun" with both how they attack teams offensively as well as defensively with zone looks and an improving press. But he was quick to say that whatever happens to UK the rest of the way will be based on how the Cats defend.

"The biggest thing is we got really good players," Coach Cal said. "If they defend, we'll have a chance in every game we play. If they will just come out and say, we're going to be the best defense. We'll score just because of our talent, our speed, the ability to shoot the ball from different positions."



Derek Willis has blocked 13 shots over the past five games. (photo by Chet White, UK Athletics)



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# 2016-17 Basketball Schedule





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Game Recap

**North Carolina** December Las Vegas, Nev. W. 103-100



Saturday February

Florida Gainesville, Fla. 88-66, L

Ҷ Game Recap



Novembe

**Asbury** Lexington, Ky. Exhibition | W, 156-63

Wednesday Decembe

Louisville Louisville, Kv. W. 73-70

🚹 Game Recap

Tuesday **February** 

LSU Lexington, Ky. W. 92-85

🚹 Game Recap



Friday Novembe

Stephen F. Austin Lexington, Ky. W, 87-64

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👇 Game Recap

Thursday December

Ole Miss Oxford, Miss. W. 99-76

🕎 Game Recap



Saturday Februar<sub>\</sub>

Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala. W. 67-58

🚹 Game Recap



Novembe

Canisius Lexington, Ky. W, 93-69

🖥 Game Recap

January

Texas A&M Lexington, Ky. W, 100-58

🚹 Game Recap

**February** 

Tennessee Lexington, Ky. W, 83-58

🚹 Game Recap



Novembe W. 69-48

Michigan State New York, N.Y.

🖣 Game Recap

Saturday January

Arkansas Lexington, Ky. W. 97-71

🛂 Game Recap

🛂 Game Recap

**February** 

Georgia Athens, Ga. W. 82-77

🛂 Game Recap



Sunday Novembe 

Duquesne Lexington, Ky. W, 93-59

Game Recap

🛂 Game Recap

Tuesday Vanderbilt January Nashville, Tenn. W. 87-81

Tuesday February

Missouri Columbia, Mo. W. 72-62

🖶 Game Recap



Wednesday Novembe

**Cleveland State** Lexington, Ky. W. 101-70

Saturday January

Auburn Lexington, Ky. W. 92-72

🚹 Game Recap



Florida Lexington, Ky.

🖶 Game Recap



Friday Novembe

**UT Martin** Lexington, Ky. W. 111-76

🚹 Game Recap



Game Recap

Tuesday January

Mississippi State Starkville, Miss. W. 88-81

🚤 Game Recap



💶 Game Recap

Tuesday February

Vanderbilt Lexington, Ky. W. 73-67

🖶 Game Recap



Monday

**Arizona State** 

Paradise Island, Bahamas W. 115-69

**South Carolina** Lexington, Ky. W. 85-69



Texas A&M College Station, Texas W. 71-63

🛂 Game Recap



Saturday Decembe

**UCLA** Lexington, Ky. 97-92, L

🖣 Game Recap



Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn. 82-80. L

🕶 Game Recap



Wed.-Sun. March 8-12

**SEC Tournament** Nashville, Tenn. Bridgestone Arena | TBA

🚤 Game Recap



*N*ednesday December

Valparaiso

Lexington, Ky. W. 87-63

🕌 Game Recap

Saturday January

Kansas Lexington, Ky. 79-73.I

March-April 14-3 **NCAA Tournament** Final Four® Phoenix, Ariz. | TBA

🚤 Game Recap



🛂 Game Recap

Sunday Decembe

Hofstra Brooklyn, N.Y. W. 96-73



Game Recap

Georaia Lexington, Ky. W. 90-81 (10T)

🚤 Game Recap

# Around the SEC ®

# Around the Country

#### 2016-17 Final SEC Standings

Team	SEC	Overall	Home	Road
Kentucky	16-2	<b>26-5</b>	15-2	7-3
Florida	14-4	24-7	9-1	8-4
Arkansas	12-6	23-8	15-3	6-5
South Carolina	12-6	22-9	15-3	6-5
Ole Miss	10-8	19-12	13-5	4-6
Alabama	10-8	17-13	10-5	5-6
Vanderbilt	10-8	17-14	11-5	5-6
Georgia	9-9	18-13	12-5	5-7
Texas A&M	8-10	16-14	11-5	3-7
Tennessee	8-10	16-15	11-5	5-7
Auburn	7-11	18-13	10-5	6-6
Mississippi State	6-12	15-15	10-7	2-7
LSU	2-16	10-20	8-8	1-10
Missouri	2-16	7-23	6-11	0-9

#### **Scoring**

Player-Team	PPG
Sindarius Thornwell, USC	
Malik Monk, UK	20.4
J.J. Frazier, UGA	18.5
Yante Maten, UF	18.2
Antonio Blakeney, LSU	17.2

#### Rebounding

Player-Team	RPG
Sebastian Saiz, MISS	
Robert Williams, TAMU	
Moses Kingsley, ARK	7.8
Edrice Adebayo, UK	7 <b>.</b> 8
Derek Ogbeide, UGA	7.7

#### Assists

Player-Team	APG					
De'Aaron Fox, UK	4.8					
Kasey Hill, UF						
I.J. Ready, MSU						
Terrence Phillips, MIZZOU	4.4					
Isaiah Briscoe, UK						

#### Steals

Player-Team	SPG
Sindarius Thornwell, USC	
Admon Gilder, TAMU	
J.J. Frazier, UGA	1.8
Quinndary Weatherspoon, MSU	1.7
Kasey Hill, UF	1.7

#### Rincks

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Player-Team	BPG
Moses Kingsley, ARK	
Robert Williams, TAMU	2.5
Luke Kornet, VANDY	
Aric Holman, MSU	
Grant Williams, UT	
Graffit vviillallis, GT	1.9

#### 2016-17 Associated Press Rankings

As of Mar. 13, 2017 (week 19)

	Team	Record	Points
1	Villanova (59)	31-3	1,619
2	Gonzaga (6)	32-1	1,520
3	Kansas	28-4	1,479
4	Arizona	30-4	1,427
5	Kentucky	29-5	1,276
6	North Carolina	27-7	1,256
7	Duke	27-8	1,251
8	UCLA	29-4	1,208
9	Oregon	29-5	1,196
10	Louisville	24-8	983
11	SMU	30-4	953
12	Baylor	25-7	861
13	West Virginia	26-8	844
14	Notre Dame	25-9	684
15	Purdue	25-7	654
16	Florida State	25-8	570
17	Iowa State	23-10	562
18	Cincinnati	29-5	522
19	Wichita State	30-4	438
20	Florida	24-8	390
21	Butler	23-8	361
22	Saint Mary's	28-4	305
23	Michigan	24-11	254
24	Virginia	22-10	240
25	Wisconsin	25-9	153





# 2016-17 **Kentucky Wildcats Statistics**

					TOTAL		3-PT		REBOUNDS													
No.	Player	GP-S	Min.	Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	PO	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
05	Monk, Malik	34-33	1093	32.1	233-510	.457	95-236	.403	134-163	.822	11	75	86	2.5	63	0	80	73	13	35	695	20.4
00	Fox, De'Aaron	32-30	935	29.2	183-385	.475	15-62	.242	135-185	.730	17	115	132	4.1	79	2	154	77	5	46	516	16.1
03	Adebayo, Edrice	34-34	1006	29.6	154-251	.614	0-0	.000	143-220	.650	105	160	265	7.8	94	2	23	57	53	24	451	13.3
13	Briscoe, Isaiah	32-32	968	30.3	149-319	.467	15-55	.273	90-139	.647	49	123	172	5.4	86	2	135	82	5	25	403	12.6
35	Willis, Derek	34-11	721	21.2	87-175	.497	43-109	.394	19-28	.679	36	140	176	5.2	62	1	24	26	34	20	236	6.9
11	Mulder, Mychal	28-2	313	11.2	51-121	.421	34-90	.378	12-13	.923	15	30	45	1.6	27	0	9	11	5	8	148	5.3
32	Gabriel, Wenyen	34-23	650	19.1	60-140	.429	20-61	.328	33-53	.623	60	119	179	5.3	87	2	26	27	33	11	173	5.1
25	Hawkins, Dominique	34-4	649	19.1	44-122	.361	15-53	.283	40-48	.833	22	35	57	1.7	68	1	64	16	0	29	143	4.2
15	Humphries, Isaac	34-1	276	8.1	40-78	.513	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	47	51	98	2.9	55	1	8	15	18	6	93	2.7
01	Killeya-Jones, Sacha	15-0	96	6.4	17-29	.586	0-0	.000	6-15	.400	12	19	31	2.1	19	0	2	7	10	1	40	2.7
14	Wynyard, Tai	15-0	54	3.6	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	5	8	13	0.9	11	0	1	2	3	1	11	0.7
10	David, Jonny	7-0	11	1.6	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	2-4	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0.7
20	Calipari, Brad	15-0	45	3.0	2-13	.154	2-12	.167	2-5	.400	1	2	3	0.2	3	0	1	2	1	0	8	0.5
30	Pulliam, Dillon	6-0	8	1.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										48	60	108	3.2	2			10			0	
	Total	34	6825		1026-2152	.477	240-679	.353	630-899	.701	428	938	1366	40.2	656	11	528	409	180	206	2922	85.9
	Opponents	34	6825		873-2061	.424	207-674	.307	481-715	.673	350	831	1181	34.7	795	-	375	496	105	164	2434	71.6





# 2016-17 **Kentucky Wildcats**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	De'Aaron Fox	G	6-3	187	Fr.	Houston, TX
1	Sacha Killeya-Jones	F	6-10	230	Fr.	Chapel Hill, NC
3	Edrice Adebayo	F	6-10	260	Fr.	Washington, NC
5	Malik Monk	G	6-3	200	Fr.	Lepanto, AR
10	Jonny David	G	6-2	183	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
11	Mychal Mulder	G	6-4	185	Sr.	Windsor, ON
13	Isaiah Briscoe	G	6-3	210	So.	Newark, NJ
14	Tai Wynyard	F	6-10	254	Fr.	Auckland, New Zealand
15	Isaac Humphries	F	7-0	255	So.	Sydney, NSW
20	Brad Calipari	G	6-0	178	Fr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ
25	Dominique Hawkins	G	6-0	191	Sr.	Richmond, KY
30	Dillon Pulliam	G	6-3	195	So.	Cynthiana, KY
32	Wenyen Gabriel	F	6-9	213	Fr.	Manchester, NH
35	Derek Willis	F	6-9	228	Sr.	Mount Washington, KY



**Coaching Staff** Head Coach: John Calipari **Associate Head Coach:** Kenny Payne **Assistant Coaches:** Tony Barbee, John Robic, Joel Justus

**Quick Facts** 

**Location:** Lexington, Ky. **Founded:** 1865 Enrollment: 28,928 **Conference:** SEC





# 2016-17 Northern Kentucky Norse

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Jordan Garnett	F	6-5	220	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
2	Brandon Maxwell	G	6-2	190	So.	Orlando,Fla.
3	Blake Spellman	G	5-11	180	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.
4	Jeff Garrett	F	6-6	220	R-So.	Gadsden, Ala.
5	Jalen Tate	F	6-5	170	Fr.	Pickerington, Ohio
10	Tre Cobbs	G	5-10	185	Fr.	Lima, Ohio
11	Mason Faulkner	G	6-1	165	Fr.	Glasgow, Ky.
13	Brennan Gillis	F	6-7	215	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.
22	Matt Rosenwinkel	G	6-2	230	Sr.	Rochelle, III.
23	Carson Williams	F	6-5	230	Fr.	Owenton, Ky.
25	Cole Murray	G	6-7	210	Sr.	Delphi, Ind.
30	Lavone Holland II	G	6-1	185	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
32	Dantez Walton	G	6-5	205	Fr.	Lima, Ohio
34	Drew McDonald	F/C	6-7	250	So.	Cold Spring, Ky.



**Coaching Staff Head Coach:** John Brannen **Assistant Coaches:** Chris Shumate, Tim Morris, Sean Dwyer

**Quick Facts** 

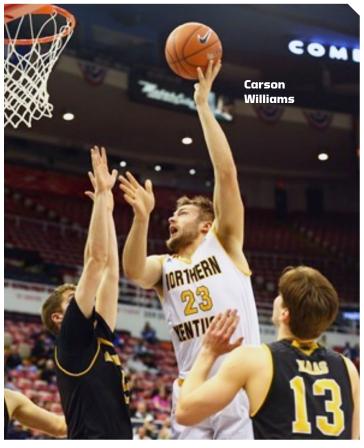
**Location:** Highland Heights, Ky.

**Founded:** 1968 **Enrollment:** 15,405 **Conference:** Horizon



# 2016-17 Northern Kentucky Norse Statistics

	TOTAL			3-PT			REBOUNDS															
No.	Player	GP-S	Min.	Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	РО	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
34	McDonald, Drew	34-34	1015	29.9	196-407	.482	50-129	.388	117-159	.736	69	194	263	7.7	78	0	58	76	19	13	559	16.4
30	Holland II, Lavone	34-33	1050	30.9	162-369	.439	55-147	.374	107-163	.656	18	78	96	2.8	63	1	141	103	9	44	486	14.3
23	Williams, Carson	34-33	837	24.6	132-221	.597	0-2	.000	94-137	.686	83	114	197	5.8	47	0	41	51	15	18	358	10.5
25	Murray, Cole	34-26	979	28.8	116-268	.433	99-244	.406	17-23	.739	7	102	109	3.2	64	2	37	25	12	17	348	10.2
11	Faulkner, Mason	32-1	582	18.2	78-193	.404	23-95	.242	61-80	.763	13	63	76	2.4	62	1	66	43	2	26	240	7.5
01	Garnett, Jordan	33-23	777	23.5	55-113	.487	17-40	.425	32-40	.800	39	68	107	3.2	82	2	50	31	10	25	159	4.8
05	Tate, Jalen	8-8	150	18.8	14-34	.412	1-10	.100	8-24	.333	4	12	16	2.0	24	1	13	10	2	7	37	4.6
32	Walton, Dantez	28-0	294	10.5	39-100	.390	20-66	.303	15-21	.714	22	42	64	2.3	36	1	12	14	5	10	113	4.0
04	Garrett, Jeff	32-11	433	13.5	45-111	.405	4-24	.167	20-43	.465	38	98	136	4.3	50	1	17	29	10	19	114	3.6
13	Gillis, Brennan	34-0	314	9.2	42-79	.532	8-19	.421	14-25	.560	27	37	64	1.9	57	0	21	31	9	6	106	3.1
03	Spellman, Blake	11-0	141	12.8	8-23	.348	7-21	.333	2-2	1.000	1	13	14	1.3	6	0	8	7	0	2	25	2.3
02	Maxwell, Brandon	24-0	201	8.4	12-41	.293	7-28	.250	3-8	.375	2	20	22	0.9	26	0	10	26	2	5	34	1.4
10	Cobbs, Tre	9-0	15	1.7	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	0	0	0	0.0	5	0	1	4	0	1	8	0.9
22	Rosenwinkel, Matt	5-1	10	2.0	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.4
20	Ayers, Nick	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										55	58	113		1			10				
	Total	34	6800		902-1964	.459	292-827	.353	493-729	.676	378	901	1279	37.6	601	9	475	460	95	194	2589	76.1
	Opponents	34	6800		891-2026	.440	224-682	.328	422-600	.703	313	806	1119	32.9	629	-	405	415	137	202	2428	71.4







# 2016-17 **Dayton Flyers**

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
0	Josh Cunningham	F	R-50.	6-7	225	Chicago, III.
1	Darrell Davis	G	Jr.	6-5	174	Detroit, Mich.
2	Sam Miller	F	So.	6-9	238	Arlington, Va.
3	Kyle Davis	G	Sr.	6-0	175	Chicago, III.
4	Charles Cooke	G	R-Sr.	6-5	196	Trenton, N.J.
10	Jack Parsley	F	Jr.	6-5	225	Granville, Ohio
11	Scoochie Smith	G	Sr.	6-2	185	Bronx, N.Y.
12	Trey Landers	G	Fr.	6-4	219	Dayton, Ohio
14	Jeremiah Bonsu	G	Sr.	5-11	162	Pickerington, Ohio
15	John Crosby	G	So.	6-2	194	Baltimore, Md.
20	Xeyrius Williams	F	So.	6-8	210	Springfield, Ohio
23	Jack Westerfield	G	So.	6-1	180	Cincinnati, Ohio
24	Adam Goines	G	Fr.	6-3	193	Cincinnati, Ohio
25	Kendall Pollard	F	Sr.	6-6	230	Chicago, III.
33	Ryan Mikesell	F	So.	6-7	210	St. Henry, Ohio
44	Joey Gruden	G	Jr.	6-2	172	Leesburg, Virginia
51	Ben Kanieski	G	Fr.	6-3	196	Brecksville, Ohio
-	Kostas Antetokounmpo	F	Fr.	6-10	190	Athens, Greece



**Coaching Staff Head Coach:** Archie Miller Assistant Coaches: Kevin Kuwik, Allen Griffin, Tom Ostrom

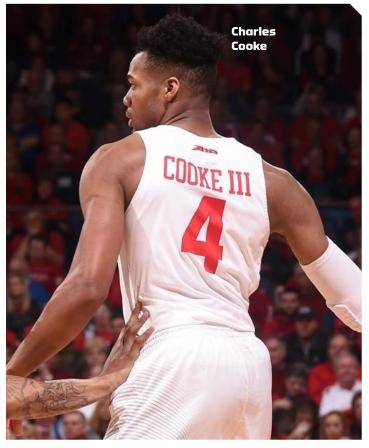
**Quick Facts** 

**Location:** Dayton, Ohio **Founded:** 1850 **Enrollment:** 8,353 **Conference:** A-10



# 2016-17 **Dayton Flyers Statistics**

	TOTAL					3-PT				REBOUNDS												
No.	Player	GP-S	Min.	Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct	3FT-FTA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Total	Avg.	PF	РО	Α	то	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
04	Cooke, Charles	28-26	885	31.6	150-322	.466	48-120	.400	103-147	.701	28	116	144	5.1	52	1	81	60	27	32	451	16.1
25	Pollard, Kendall	25-23	651	26.0	121-227	.533	6-23	.261	104-163	.638	25	103	128	5.1	70	1	35	44	17	38	352	14.1
11	Smith, Scoochie	31-31	963	31.1	136-293	.464	50-129	.388	95-124	.766	11	84	95	3.1	74	0	140	68	2	47	417	13.5
20	Williams, Xeyrius	31-8	696	22.5	92-183	.503	39-89	.438	36-45	.800	49	99	148	4.8	78	0	31	34	36	19	259	8.4
03	Davis, Kyle	29-20	799	27.6	82-147	.558	23-59	.390	49-74	.662	15	97	112	3.9	65	0	78	27	10	49	236	8.1
00	Cunningham, Josh	10-2	155	15.5	24-39	.615	0-0	.000	19-24	.792	13	19	32	3.2	22	0	5	12	1	3	67	6.7
33	Mikesell, Ryan	31-24	657	21.2	65-143	.455	19-57	.333	34-50	.680	36	88	124	4.0	74	0	28	34	17	20	183	5.9
01	Davis, Darrell	30-16	627	20.9	50-144	.347	40-104	.385	32-44	.727	7	51	58	1.9	54	0	38	24	1	14	172	5.7
02	Miller, Sam	25-5	306	12.2	38-88	.432	14-39	.359	25-36	.694	20	38	58	2.3	37	0	10	23	11	6	115	4.6
12	Landers, Trey	9-0	52	5.8	11-17	.647	1-3	.333	4-10	.400	4	9	13	1.4	17	0	3	3	2	3	27	3.0
15	CROSBY, John	31-0	421	13.6	33-98	.337	11-23	.478	12-27	.444	9	52	61	2.0	35	0	39	34	1	12	89	2.9
44	Gruden, Joey	6-0	7	1.2	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.3
14	Bonsu, Jeremiah	2-0	1	0.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
23	Westerfield, Jack	3-0	3	1.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	Parsley, Jack	2-0	2	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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	Opponents	31	6225		712-1724	.413	221-679	.325	417-591	.706	301	761	1062	34.3	617	-	393	463	108	139	2062	66.5







# 2016-17 Wichita State Shockers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Rashard Kelly	F	6-7	225	Jr	Fredericksburg, Va.
1	Zach Brown	F	6-6	215	Jr	Houston, Texas
2	Daishon Smith	G	6-1	175	Jr	Jacksonville, Fla.
3	C.J. Keyser	G	6-3	194	Fr	Baltimore, Md.
4	Brett Barney	F	6-9	227	Fr	Wichita, Kan.
5	Zach Bush	G	6-6	200	Sr	Wichita, Kan.
10	Kaelen Malone	G	6-0	176	So	McKinney, Texas
11	Landry Shamet	G	6-4	188	Fr	Kansas City, Mo.
12	Austin Reaves	G	6-5	179	Fr	Newark, Ark.
14	John Robert Simon	G	5-10	175	Sr	Oklahoma City, Okla.
20	Rauno Nurger	С	6-10	238	Jr	Keila, Estonia
21	Darral Willis Jr.	F	6-9	221	Jr	Madison, Wis.
24	Shaquille Morris	С	6-8	265	Jr	Edmond, Okla.
25	Eric Hamilton	F	6-8	230	So	Atlanta, Ga.
32	Markis McDuffie	F	6-8	212	So	Paterson, N.J.
33	Conner Frankamp	G	6-1	172	Jr	Wichita, Kan.



**Coaching Staff Head Coach:** Gregg Marshall **Assistant Coaches:** Greg Heiar, Isaac Brown, Kyle Lindsted

**Quick Facts** 

**Location:** Wichita, Kansas

**Founded:** 1895 **Enrollment:** 14,495

**Conference:** Missouri Valley

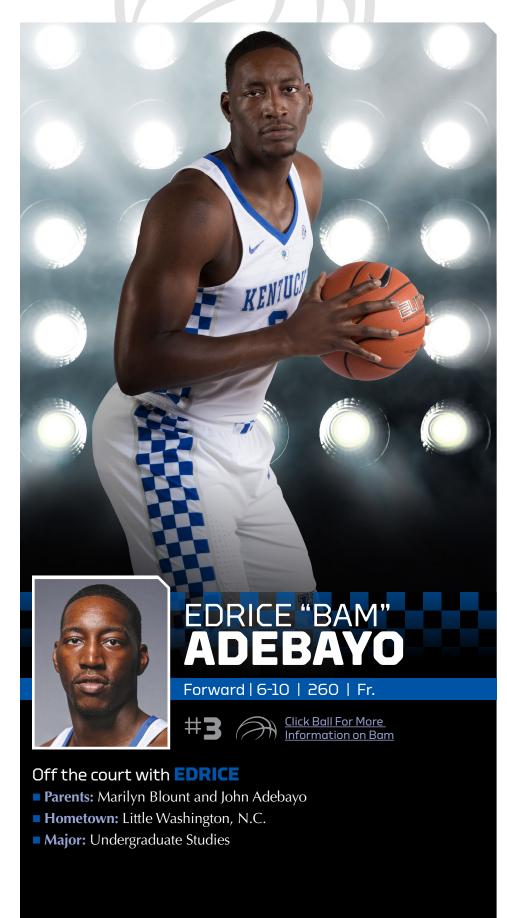


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32	McDuffie, Markis	34-25	852	25.1	129-271	.476	32-84	.381	112-138	.812	58	137	195	5.7	68	0	58	49	8	41	402	11.8
11	Shamet, Landry	34-34	890	26.2	125-263	.475	69-152	.454	59-73	.808	20	77	97	2.9	69	0	112	35	6	25	378	11.1
21	Willis Jr., Darral	34-14	570	16.8	125-230	.543	0-1	.000	97-132	.735	64	116	180	5.3	85	0	21	52	28	15	347	10.2
24	Morris, Shaquille	32-21	569	17.8	116-222	.523	4-13	.308	68-84	.810	38	120	158	4.9	73	1	32	37	31	12	304	9.5
33	Frankamp, Conner	34-23	812	23.9	108-236	.458	70-157	.446	26-34	.765	5	50	55	1.6	27	0	93	22	8	27	312	9.2
01	Brown, Zach	34-28	702	20.6	75-191	.393	33-104	.317	63-90	.700	37	66	103	3.0	70	0	55	33	7	24	246	7.2
00	Kelly, Rashard	34-8	558	16.4	69-138	.500	9-21	.429	40-68	.588	58	99	157	4.6	58	0	40	34	6	19	187	5.5
20	Nurger, Rauno	34-5	488	14.4	61-116	.526	13-27	.481	39-54	.722	19	69	88	2.6	62	1	22	26	14	3	174	5.1
02	Smith, Daishon	34-12	519	15.3	50-119	.420	28-71	.394	43-58	.741	11	67	78	2.3	49	0	67	36	2	35	171	5.0
12	Reaves, Austin	31-0	378	12.2	38-85	.447	27-53	.509	26-35	.743	10	47	57	1.8	26	0	37	17	10	12	129	4.2
03	Keyser, C.J.	25-0	120	4.8	17-40	.425	3-11	.273	10-14	.714	7	10	17	0.7	22	0	8	15	2	2	47	1.9
25	Hamilton, Eric	26-0	123	4.7	13-44	.295	2-12	.167	6-17	.353	6	28	34	1.3	16	0	1	8	5	3	34	1.3
04	Barney, Brett	17-0	39	2.3	10-18	.556	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	4	2	6	0.4	5	0	0	0	0	3	50	1.2
14	Simon, John Robert	21-0	92	4.4	7-13	.538	5-10	.500	5-8	.625	2	7	9	0.4	7	0	10	4	0	7	24	1.1
10	Malone, Kaelen	16-0	33	2.1	3-9	.333	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	2	3	5	0.3	3	0	3	2	0	0	7	0.4
05	Bush, Zach	21-0	55	2.6	3-11	.273	1-6	.167	1-3	.333	1	7	8	0.4	3	0	4	2	0	5	8	0.4
	Team										65	76	141					7				
	Total	34	6800		949-2006	.473	296-725	.408	596-812	.734	407	981	1388	40.8	643	2	563	379	127	233	2790	82.1
	Opponents	34	6800		713-1887	.378	227-735	.309	470-680	.691	312	775	1087	32.0	718	25	351	475	114	177	2123	62.4







#### Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

A: The competition level. Going into practice thinking I have to be the best I can be or someone else will get ahead of me.

#### Q: What is a musician or type of music that people would be surprised you like?

A: Katy Perry – people are surprised by that. I like TGIF the best. When I'm in my room and have my speakers on, that's what I listen

#### Q: What is your favorite class that you taken in your brief time here or in high school?

A: I enjoy my small groups communications class. The professor is always energetic and we have fun in that class. It's a morning class, but she makes it fun for us.

#### Q: What age were you the first time you dunked?

A: I think it was the 6th grade. I was at a tournament and the opposing team was late so we were just messing around, and I dunked.

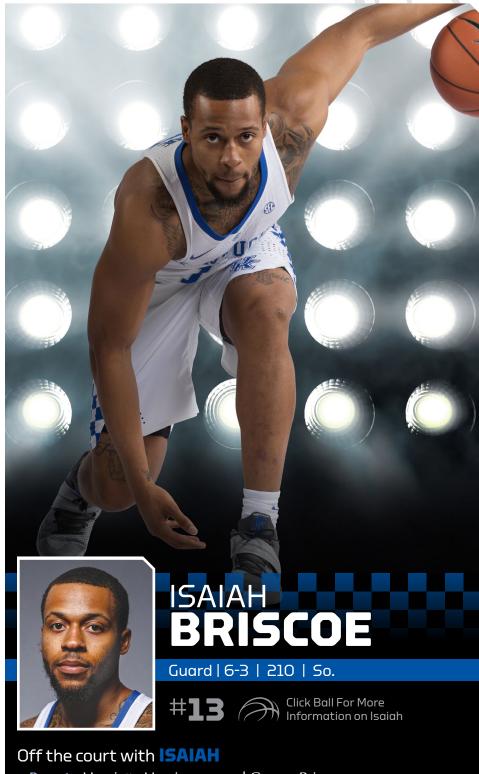
#### Q: What is the best part about being a UK basketball player?

A: The basketball. Getting suited up in blue with other great players.



#### **High School**

Named a McDonald's All-American and participated in the Jordan Brand Classic game ... Tabbed to the second team of the All-USA Boys Basketball Team ... McDonald's All-American Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist ... Made the Naismith All-America Second Team ... Tabbed the North Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year ... Joins Kentucky out of High Point Christian Academy in High Point, North Carolina, where he averaged 18.9 points and 13.0 rebounds his senior season ... He led High Point Christian Academy to an appearance in the state title game ... Ranked in the top 10 by ESPN (No. 5) and Rivals (No. 7) ... Scout (No. 11) and 247Sports (No. 12) tabbed him as a top-15 prospect in the 2016 class ... Ranked No. 8 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Has USA Basketball experience and was named a MaxPreps All-American in 2013 ... An honor-roll student ... Also was a member of the poetry club ... Was a member of the Kids Hoops service project.



- Parents: Henrietta Hemingway and George Briscoe
- **Hometown:** Newark, N.J.
- Major: Undergraduate Studies
- Career High Points: 20 (at UCLA 12/3/15)
- Career High Rebounds: 12 (vs. NJIT 11/14/15)
- Career High Blocks: 1 (five times)

# Q: Who in your life do you look up to the

A: My parents. They are both hardworking, loving parents who always put us first. They made sure that we never wanted for anything and if we did, they tried their best to give it to us.

#### Q: What's a sport that you've never tried, or maybe played since you were a little kid that you'd like to play?

A: I haven't played football in a long time. I loved football. I wish I could go back and play. As a kid, I was a running back, but now I'd be a wide receiver.

#### Q: First time you met Coach Cal in person, what did you think?

A: I don't remember. I remember at Peach Jam he came and watched a couple of my games, but other than that, I can't recall the first time we met. My first impression of Coach is that he is crazy. I love him. He cares for his players, but he's crazy.

#### Q: What is the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

A: I scored 63 one night during my senior year of high school. That night everything was dropping.

#### Q: What is the part of your game that you are most proud of?

A: I'm most proud of my ball-handling skills.

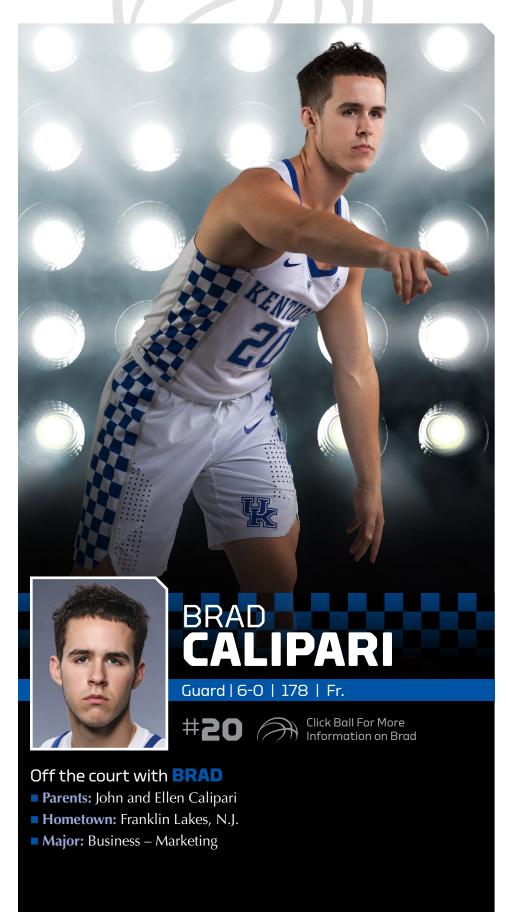


#### 2015-16 (Freshman)

Played in 34 games, with 33 starts ... Missed two games due to injury ... Earned SEC Freshman of the Week honors once ... Led all Kentucky guards in rebounding with 5.3 boards per game ... Scored in double figures in 18 games.

#### Personal

Son of Henrietta Hemingway... Born April 13, 1996, in Newark, New Jersey ... Chose Kentucky over Arizona, Connecticut and St. John's ... Has two sisters, Iasia and Iesha, and a brother, George ... Sister Iasia played basketball at Syracuse ... Is a cousin of Cleveland Cavaliers' guard Kyrie Irving ... Picked No. 13 because it's a "bad-luck" number and he likes to be different ... Most memorable moment on the court is winning the 17U Peach Jam ... If he wasn't a player, he would be an agent ... His biggest influence in life are his parents ... Wanted to be a firefighter when he was growing up.



#### Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?

A: When the chandelier fell down in our dining room. It just collapsed and fell from the ceiling. It was our first Christmas in Kentucky. We were all shocked, but we cleaned it up, put it to the side and continued with Christmas.

#### Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: Being able to get into the gym anytime I want. I love it. I can go to the gym any time of day or night. It's nice that it's always accessible.

Q: What sport have you never tried, or have tried that you'd like to play again? A: I want to try bobsledding. It looks intense and fun.

#### Q: If you can only follow one of your teammates on Snapchat, who would it be?

A: That's a tough one. It would probably be De'Aaron. He's just funny. De'Aaron or Bam, they both do the same things. They're always together on the Snapchat. They are usually singing songs that they shouldn't be singing.

# Q: Who in your life do you most look up to

A: My parents because they've always led me in the right direction. They know what's best for me. They've been through a lot and share their wisdom.



#### **High School**

Joined Kentucky after a productive final season at the MacDuffie School in Massachusetts ... The 6-foot guard spent the last two seasons at MacDuffie after starting his high school career at Lexington Christian Academy ... Developed into a sharpshooter during his final season at MacDuffie, where he shot a team-high 47 percent from behind the 3-point line ... Averaged 15.3 points, 3.6 assists and 2.6 rebounds per game as a senior ... Finished his career as a 1,000-point scorer ... Was the MVP of the 2016 HoopHall Classic ... Chosen for the 2016 Kentucky Derby Festival Basketball Classic, where he scored nine points on three 3-pointers to go along with four rebounds ... In January, played against incoming UK signee Wenyen Gabriel and scored 17 points on five made 3-pointers, while leading his team to a 69-61 victory over Gabriel's squad ... Also played golf ... Earned academic honors for art, specializing in drawing.



■ Parents: Joseph and Sandi David

■ Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

**■ Major:** Kinesiology

■ Career High Points: 2 (South Florida, 11/27/15)

**■** Career High Rebounds: 0

■ Career High Blocks: 0

#### Q: What are you most looking forward to about this season?

A: Just like everyone else, I'm curious to see how we do. Will we mesh together in the preseason, when we go up against the top teams? I think it's going to be a fun year.

Q: If you could only do one of these things, which would it be - drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?

A: I would dunk, because I don't dunk often.

Q: What's your go-to TV show and why? A: I think my favorite show of all time is "That 70s Show." I've seen all the episodes. It's the same thing with "Friends," but I haven't seen "Friends" in a while.

Q: Have you ever played Pokemon Go? A: I did. Me, Tai and Sacha played when it first came out. We wanted to see what it was about. Later, we found a way to cheat at the game. Basically, you can lay in bed and hit a button and play without going outside. The cheat button worked for awhile, then something happened and it quit working so we haven't been playing lately.

#### Q: What was your reaction when you heard that fans camp out in tents for Big Blue Madness?

A: I was shocked. I had heard about fans camping out and I knew it was going to happen. When you see it in person, though, it's totally different. We have the best fans in the country.



#### 2015-16 (Freshman)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in 11 games during his freshman campaign ... Played in a season-high two minutes in games against NJIT and Georgia ... Made his NCAA Tournament debut in UK's victory over Stony Brook in the first round ... Drained his only two free-throw attempts of the season in a win over South Florida.

#### Personal

Son of Joseph and Sandi David ... Born Nov. 7, 1996, in Pittsburgh ... ... Father was a basketball letterwinner for the University of Pittsburgh ... Has two brothers, Justin and Jeremy, and a sister, Samantha ... Brother Justin plays basketball for South Florida ... Most memorable moment as a basketball player was hitting the game-winning shot on senior night to win the sectional championship ... Chose No. 10 because he has always worn it.



#### Q: What's the best part about playing basketball UK?

A: The people around you. These guys have been some of the top players in the country in their respective classes and we are all bonding together and having fun while we are playing.

#### Q: In the classroom, what's a subject or class that sticks out to you?

A: My team leadership class in high school. It was interesting to learn how to communicate with people and develop leadership skills.

#### Q: How old were you when you first realized you were good at basketball?

A: I was in sixth grade. We were at nationals and we lost in the final four. At that point, I realized I was around a lot of good people who would be playing this game a long time.

#### Q: What is the part of your game that you're most proud of?

A: My speed. Speed is something you can't teach. I feel my speed is an advantage and is one thing that I hope is never taken away from me.

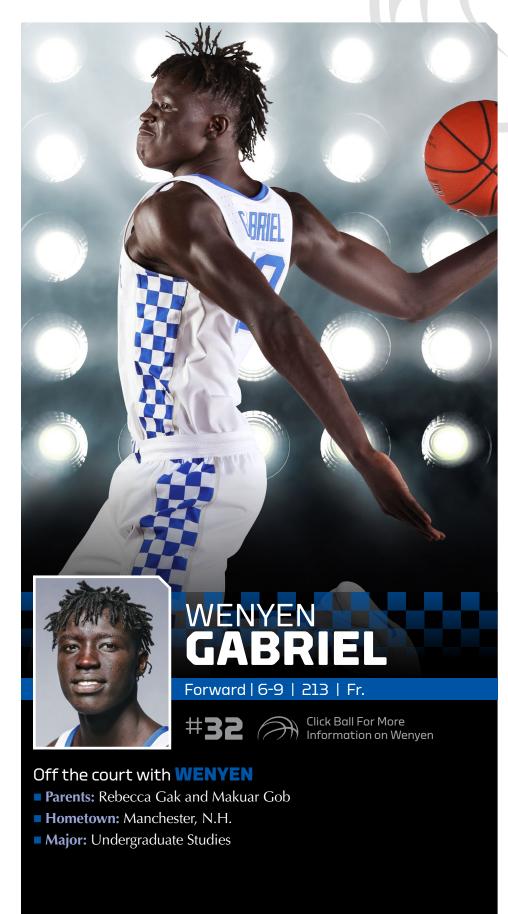
#### Q: What is a sport that you have never played that you would like to try?

A: Handball. I was watching the Olympics this year and handball looks like something I would really like to play.



#### **High School**

Named to the All-USA Boys Basketball team as a first-team selection ... Also made the Naismith All-America First Team ... Naismith High School Player of the Year finalist ... Also a McDonald's All-American and participated in both the Jordan Brand Classic game and the Nike Hoop Summit ... Shared MVP honors at the Jordan Brand Classic with fellow UK signee Malik Monk after scoring a game-high 23 points on 8-of-16 shooting to go along with five rebounds ... Led Cypress Lakes (Katy, Texas) with a pair of back-toback 40-point performances in the Texas high school state playoffs before falling in the regional finals ... During the regular season he scored 30 or more points in 20 games, 40 or more eight times and even hit the 50-point mark in February ... Tabbed the Texas Gatorade High School Player of the Year in 2016 ... Three-time all-region selection and twice was tabbed the district's most valuable player ... Named his district's newcomer of the year in 2013.



#### Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?

A: When I was little, I remember I went to the store, and there were these monster trucks. I cried to get a monster truck, and my mom got me the biggest one. Unfortunately, I broke it the next day.

# Q: Who in your life do you most look up

A: My mom. To endure the struggle that she's been through is impressive. We came from a war in South Sudan. She came to the United States and works by herself and takes care of six children.

#### Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: My motor. I play hard. When I step on the floor, I know that I'm the hardest working player on the court and that means a lot to me.

#### Q: What is a sport you've never tried that you'd like to play?

A: I've tried a lot of sports but I've never played baseball. It would be fun to try swinging a bat.

#### Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

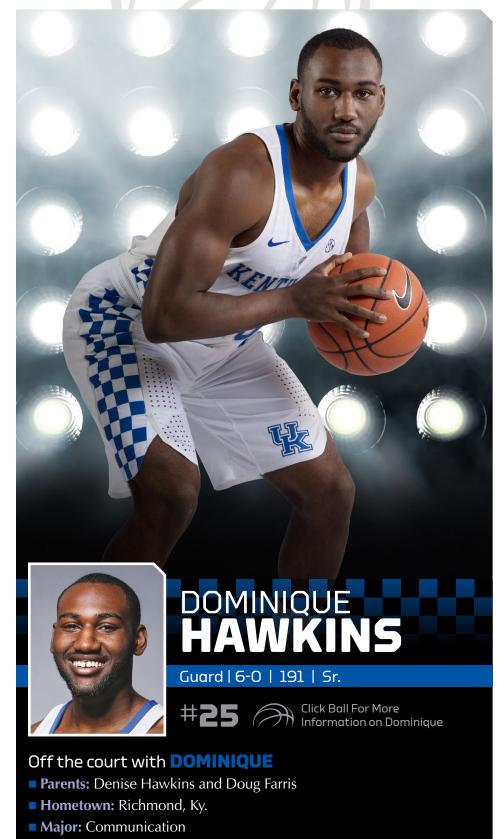
A: The competitiveness and playing against this level of talent every day.



#### **High School**

Forward who averaged 22.0 points, 14.0 rebounds, 7.0 blocks and 6.3 assists at Wilbraham & Monson Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, as a senior ... Made the Naismith All-America Third Team ... A two-time most valuable player for Wilbraham & Monson Academy ... Suited up for Mass Rivals on the AAU circuit ... A 1,000-point scorer in high school ... Participated in the Jordan Brand Classic game and was a member of the Nike Hoop Summit ... Ranked as high as No. 12 in the national rankings by Scout ... Rivals tabbed him at No. 13 overall and ESPN and 247Sports rated him as the No. 14 player in the 2016 class ... Ranked No. 8 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Named to the 2016 USA Junior National Select Team.





#### Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Defense. I definitely take pride in that. I take pride in shutting somebody down for a whole game.

# Q: What is the best thing about being a UK

A: That you learn about each and everybody from all over the world. I never thought I'd be playing with somebody from Australia or New Zealand, but that's pretty neat. Also, everybody's just so different and you realize that we're not just basketball players, but we're actual human beings.

#### Q: What is a sport you never tried that you'd like to play?

A: Tennis. I've never played it before, but I've always wanted to try it. Tennis looks fun.

#### Q: What is a type of music that people would be surprised you listen to?

A: I like Maroon 5, everybody loves Adam Levine.

#### Q: What is your favorite class that you've taken at UK?

A: Probably, Communications 249. It's an interpersonal communications class that I found interesting. I thought it was fun learning various ways that people communicate on a daily basis such as picking up on non-verbal cues.



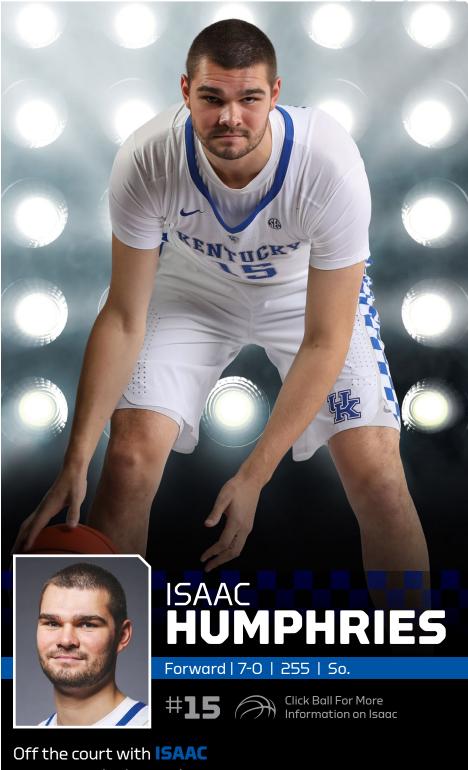
#### 2015-16 (Junior)

SEC Academic Honor Roll member ... Saw action in 27 games during an injury-plagued junior season ... Had career-highs in points, blocks, free throws, 3-point field goals and shooting percentage ... Averaged 2.3 points with a 2.2 assist-to-turnover ratio ... Missed seven games in January due to an ankle sprain and also broke his hand during fall camp ... Had a career game in a win over rival No. 16/15 Louisville with career bests in points (13), 3-pointers (three) and minutes played (26) ... Prior to that game he had never made more than one 3-pointer in a game ... He became the first Kentucky native to score in double figures for the Wildcats against Louisville since Darius Miller did so in the 2012 Final Four ... Posted three points with three rebounds in the loss to Indiana in 14 minutes of action in the second round of the NCAA Tournament ... Played in 17 minutes of the NCAA Tournament win over Stony Brook ... Scored two points and hauled in a season-high four rebounds ... Scored seven points vs. Alabama in the SEC Tournament quarterfinals.

**■ Career High Rebounds:** 4 (two times)

**■ Career High Blocks:** 1 (five times)

**Career High Points:** 13 (vs. Louisville, 12/26/15)



■ Parents: Michaela Humphries

■ Hometown: Sydney, Australia

■ Major: Communication

■ Career High Points: 6 (at Texas A&M, 2/20/16)

■ Career High Rebounds: 12 (at Texas A&M, 2/20/16)

**Career High Blocks:** 4 (vs. Georgia, 2/9/16)

#### Q: What is your go-to TV show and why?

A: "Modern Family" because it's so funny. It really depicts a lot of modern families today. It's nothing like Australian culture, but a family is a family.

#### Q: What's the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

A: I scored 63 in a game when I was 15 years old. I averaged around 45 points per game that season.

#### **Q:** When was the last time you cried tears of joy?

A: Beating Spain at Worlds in 2014. We were down by 20 points at halftime. Playing for your country is a big deal and the winner would advance into the grand final match. We forced the game into overtime, and I got a steal and a dunk in the win. It was just a great moment.

#### Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

A: Everything. Where do I begin. They don't understand the complete hype and the severity of how big basketball is in America.

#### Q: What is a type of music that people would be surprised you listen to?

A: People are more surprised that I don't listen to music. Beyonce is my favorite singer, but I don't really listen to music day in and day out.

#### Q: What is your favorite class you've taken so far at UK, or in life?

A: My music class in Australia. We did a cool thing where every week where we would perform for the class and that was fun.



#### **2015-16 (Freshman)**

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Appeared in 22 games his freshman season with one start ... Proved to be a valuable backup off the bench ... Played 10 or more minutes nine times ... Appeared in 12 straight games before a DNP to end the season ... Posted four points with three rebounds in the win at Florida ... Made his first career start at home vs. Alabama and produced four points, four rebounds, a block and an assist in 21 minutes ... Logged career highs in points (six) and rebounds (12) with two blocks in 20 critical minutes at Texas A&M ... Recorded three points, six rebounds and two blocks at home vs. Tennessee ... Swatted a career-high four shots in 14 minutes in the home victory vs. Georgia.



# Q: Who in your life do you most look up

A: My parents. They have been really supportive of me and everything I've done. They're great role models, and always tell me to be my own person.

#### Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Probably my versatility. Currently, I'm glad I'm getting a lot stronger and I'm going to be able to be more physical and be really imposing. It's going to be good for me at this

#### Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: I think just being on this team. We have tremendous talent and all the guys are so great and we all get along with each other. It's been a lot of fun. It's been a lot of hard work, too.

#### Q: Before you were ever a UK recruit, what were your ideas about UK basketball?

A: I knew Kentucky was the best of the best. I was committed to Virginia for a while. When I was committed to Virginia was the year Kentucky went 38-1. I was like, "They have to lose, somebody has to beat them." I remember the UK-Notre Dame game in the tournament that season. Virginia had lost to Michigan State the game before. The UK game was a nail-biter and I forget who hit the shot in the corner to beat Notre Dame in the Elite Eight, but I remember that game really vividly.

#### Q: What sport have you never tried, or haven't played since you were a kid that you'd like to play?

A: Baseball. I played wee baseball and it was fun.



#### **High School**

Suited up as a McDonald's All-American in 2016 ... A double-double machine during his final season at Virginia Episcopal in Lynchburg, Virginia, posting 13 games with at least 20 points and at least 10 rebounds ... A two-time all-state selection ... Named the state's player of the year as a senior ... Hauled in conference player of the year and Super 64 MVP honors in his final campaign ... A 1,000-point scorer for Virginia Episcopal School ... A consensus top-10 forward in the class of 2016 ... Rivals, ESPN and 247Sports all ranked him No. 24 overall in their national rankings ... Scout tabbed him at No. 27.



#### Q: What are your best memories from Christmas?

A: In fourth grade, I got a toy Hummer with a remote control. I loved it, but I broke it the first month and I was so mad at myself.

#### Q: What are the most points you've ever scored in a basketball game?

A: It was 60 and I was in 11th grade. It was a game that went into four overtimes.

#### Q: What are you looking forward to most about this season?

A: I'm looking forward to the travel. I enjoy traveling, and now I'm looking forward to seeing fans of the Big Blue Nation supporting us at every road game.

#### Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

A: It's a business. You have to be on time with everything. You have to be on point with everything. The team revolves around the coach and not the players. You learn quickly that you're on their time now.

#### Q: What is the best Halloween costume vou ever had?

A: I had a Jason suit when I was in fifth grade. I had the boots, his real face, the mask, and the machete. I was hiding around scaring people. Then another year, I had a full out Freddie suit with the mask.



#### **High School**

Made the All-USA Boys Basketball Second Team ... Tabbed to the Naismith All-America Second Team ... McDonald's All-American Game Morgan Wootten Player of the Year finalist ... Also a McDonald's All-American and Jordan Brand Classic game participant ... Shared MVP honors with fellow UK signee De'Aaron Fox at the Jordan Brand Classic after posting 22 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals ... Won the McDonald's 3-point shooting contest and finished second in the dunk contest ... The 2016 Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year in addition to earning the state's Mr. Basketball award ... An all-state player ... Considered the top shooting guard in the class and a consensus five-star prospect ... Ranked No. 9 overall by Rivals and ESPN ... 247Sports rated him as the No. 10 player overall and Scout tabbed him at No. 13 ... Ranked No. 9 overall in the Recruiting Services Consensus Index ... Averaged 28.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists as a senior ... Season highlights include a single-game school scoring record with 53 points.



Off the court with MYCHAL

■ Parents: Randy Mulder and Jennifer Gignac

■ **Hometown:** Windsor, Ontario

■ Major: Communication

■ Career High Points: 5 (at LSU, 1/5/16)

■ Career High Rebounds: 8 (at LSU, 1/5/16)

**■ Career High Blocks:** 0

#### Q: Who in your life do you most look up to?

A: My dad. He's a strong individual who's been through a lot in his life, and he's always overcome that adversity. Growing up, I always wanted to be like him. We have the same type of attitude, a chip on our shoulder, and he's taught me alot about being a man and being a basketball player.

#### Q: What is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: I think it's the relationships that we build. We go through so much together, so many ups and downs. We have difficult days in the gym. We work so hard competing against each other, and after practice we're just so close friends. I have a lot of friends that have come through the program. Whether we lost them to the NBA or to other things, and we're still close. I think relationship building is important and during my time at UK, the ones I've built have been so special to me.

#### Q: What is your favorite class you've taken either at UK or your school before that?

A: I was really into the psychologies. I did general studies back at my old school, and I found it really interesting to think about how the mind works, and people's motivations and why they do the things they do. It's not something you think about, though, unless you're forced to.

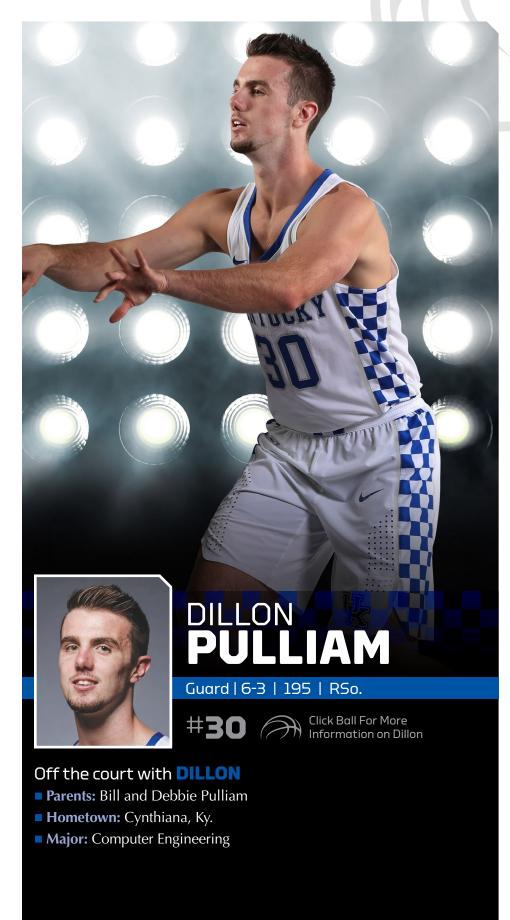
#### Q: If you could only do one of these things which would it be - drive down the lane and dunk on a fellow big man, or crossover a guard and hit a shot?

A: Drive down the lane and dunk on a big man. There's not many things that compare with the feeling when you rise on somebody and throw it down on them. It's just such an exhilarating experience, you feel powerful you feel dominant, it's just an empowering feeling.



#### 2015-16 (Junior)

Made an appearance in 24 games ... Logged 90 minutes with 12 points and 27 rebounds ... Grabbed three rebounds in seven minutes at Auburn ... Averaged 3.3 points and 4.0 rebounds during a three-game stretch from Jan. 5 to Jan. 12 ... Played 10 minutes in the win against Mississippi State, scoring two points ... Posted three points and four rebounds along with a made 3-pointer in 11 minutes at Alabama ... Recorded career highs in points (five), rebounds (eight) and minutes (14) on the road at LSU.



#### Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Probably either my work ethic or my shooting ability. I feel like this summer I really improved my body in terms of conditioning, agility and jumping ability.

#### Q: If you can only follow one of your teammates on Snapchat, who would it be and

A: I would probably go with De'Aaron because he's funny and he's always on Snapchat. I don't actually have a Snapchat account, but he would be a good guy to follow.

#### Q: What is one thing friends at home don't understand about Kentucky?

A: I don't think people understand all the work behind the scenes before the games. An example is all the practicing, the conditioning, the workouts, the long hours in the gym - just all the time we put in that isn't seen.

#### Q: What is the best part of playing basketball at UK?

A: The fans. I mean Big Blue Nation is crazy. 20,000-plus people in Rupp Arena for your games. That's something you dream of.

#### **Q:** Have you ever played Pokemon Go?

A: Yes, I do. I downloaded it. Some of my friends were playing, so I downloaded it over the summer. Since then I'm on it at least five times a day. I don't have as many Pokemons caught as some of these guys. They have an app that let's them cheat, and I actually play legit.

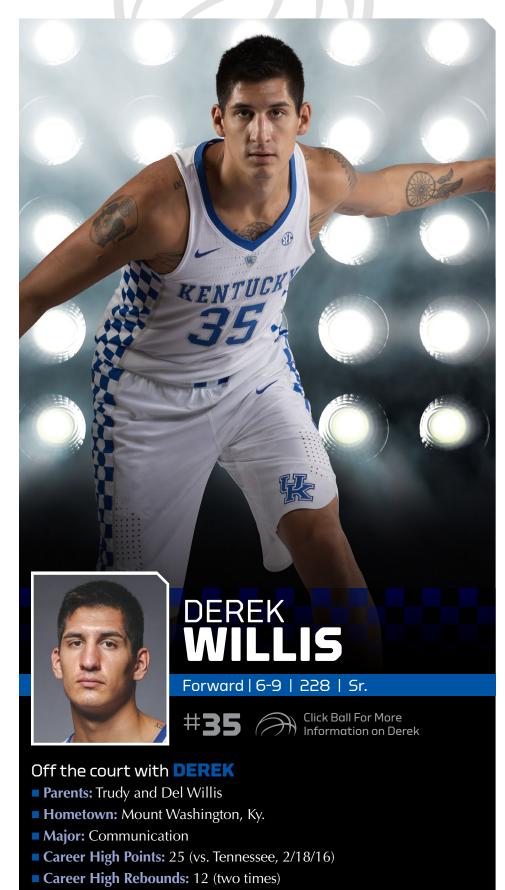


#### 2015-16 (Sophomore)

SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll member ... Did not play due to NCAA transfer rules. Transferred from Transylvania University after the 2014-15 season.

#### **High School**

A graduate of Harrison County High School, Pulliam was a five-year member of the varsity basketball team ... During his career, he made the All-10th Region Team three times, was named the district tournament MVP and was a member of the school's 1,000-point club ... Pulliam finished his career at Harrison County fifth in career scoring, third in career 3-point field goals and set a school record for most 3-point field goals made in a game with nine ... An honor-roll student, he was his high school's valedictorian ... Was a member of the BETA Club.



#### Q: How do you guys manage your days as basketball players? Is it hard to manage it now, considering the schedule the players have to keep?

A: Yes, you stay busy. I wake up at 7 a.m. every day, and go to class until noon. Then I've got practice and workouts. I usually don't get finished until about 7 or 8 p.m.

#### Q: What is your go-to TV show, and why do you like that show?

A: I just finished watching "Stranger Things" on Netflix. It's sci-fi based and directed with an 80s type of theme. It's got this Knight Rider type music to it. I enjoyed it a lot and binge watched all the episodes.

#### Q: What was your best Halloween Costume?

A: I was Batman. I was young, but my mom told me this story that I couldn't go to the store with her unless I wore my Batman costume. They walked me around Walmart with this costume on. I guess that was my favorite Halloween costume.

#### Q: First time you dunked, how old were you and what was the setup?

A: I think the first time I dunked was in eighth grade, but in a game I think it was my freshman year. At the time, I was playing junior varsity and I was going to Louisville Male. We were playing some team and had a breakaway. Someone kicked it out to me, and I barely dunked it - but I was like, 'Oh my gosh - I can't believe I just did that.'

#### Q: What is your favorite class that you've taken at UK?

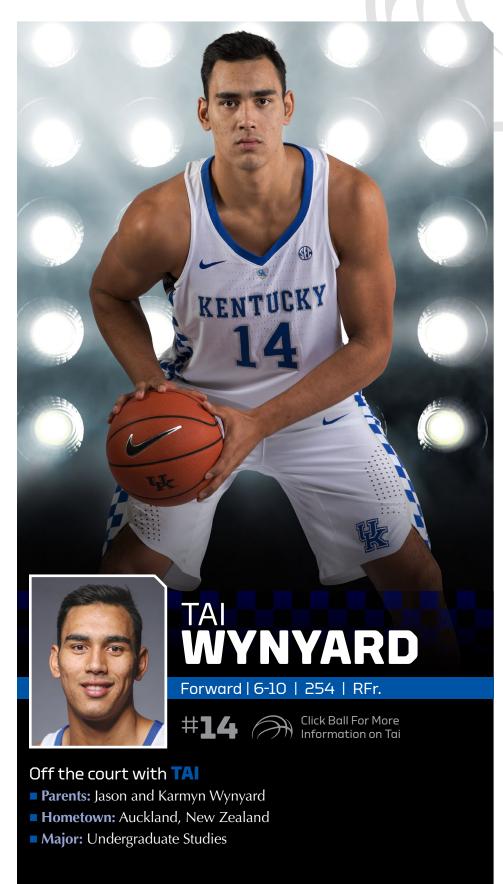
A: Probably Communications 101 because it's the intro to communication classes. You get the whole accumulation of everything like the big ideas and a lot of interesting stuff you can learn with it.



#### 2015-16 (Junior)

Enjoyed a breakout season during his junior campaign where he saw action in 32 games and made 11 starts ... Averaged 7.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game ... Hit 53 3-pointers on the season, which ranked third on the team ... His 44.2 field-goal percentage from behind the arc was tops on the team ... Led the SEC in 3-point fieldgoal percentage in conference play with a 50.0-percent clip ... Scored 18 points and hauled in a team-high 12 rebounds in a win over Missouri ... The 18-point, 12-rebound effort was the first for a Kentucky native in an SEC game since 1991.

**■ Career High Blocks:** 4 (two times)



#### Q: What is the part of your game right now that you are the most proud of?

A: Rebounding. I'm grabbing every rebound right now. I've been working on boxing out and other techniques.

#### Q: Now that you've got a year under your belt, what is the single best part about being a UK player?

A: Being able to have fun with what you do. Being able to work hard with some of the best players in the world is a lot of fun.

#### Q: Before you were ever a UK recruit, what were your ideas about UK basketball?

A: I didn't have any idea about it until someone said Google Coach Cal. He's a really big deal over here, but I honestly knew nothing about UK or any actual colleges.

#### Q: What sport have you never tried, or maybe haven't tried in several years that you'd like to try again?

A: Wood chopping. I tried it again a little while ago. Maybe after I finish basketball I can go back to wood chopping or being a lumberiack. It would be a lot of fun.

#### **Q:** What are some of the traditions that you observe for Christmas, that Americans don't?

A: It's all much the same. It's just not as big back home. I mean it's big, but just not as big as compared to over here. Everyone's crazy about Christmas in the United States.



#### **2015-16 (Freshman)**

Midyear enrollee who joined the Wildcats on Dec. 17 ... Became eligible for the Ohio State game on Dec. 18 ... Did not play in any games in 2015-16 and ended up redshirting ... Played for the New Zealand National Team in the 3-on-3 World Championships for a second straight year.

#### **High School**

Graduated from Rangitoto College in Auckland, New Zealand ... Became the youngest player ever to make the New Zealand National Team when he was named to the team at 16 years old ... Named the most valuable player of the FIBA 3-on-3 World Championships after leading New Zealand to a gold medal ... Tabbed the MVP of his high school nationals in New Zealand after leading his team to the high school national championship ... Member of the World Team that defeated USA Basketball in the 2015 Nike Hoop Summit.

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