



LIU SHARKS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

HUMPHREY COLISEUM - STARKVILLE, MISS.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 - 7:30 P.M. ET



Record: 6-4, 0-0 NEC
HC: Rod Strickland (4th season, 4th LIU)
Career Record: 33-68 (Same)

Radio: LIU Sharks Audio Network
Phil Constantino (PxP)

Record: 5-5, 0-0 SEC
HC: Chris Jans (10th season, 4th MSU)
Career Record (MSU): 211-89 (68-45 MSU)

TV: SEC Network+

GAME NOTES

-BULLDOG HISTORY: Tuesday's matchup between the Bulldogs and Sharks will be the second time the two programs have met on the court, and the first in the Sharks era of the LIU program. Mississippi State won the previous matchup 61-52 in the 1992-93 season.

-LAST TIME OUT: Led by 25 points by senior Greg Gordon and 19 from redshirt senior Malachi Davis, the Sharks defeated La Salle 70-60 in Brooklyn on Saturday. LIU held the Explorers to 26 points in the first half, and outscored La Salle 16-7 over the final seven minutes of the ballgame.

-NEC HONORS: Greg Gordon was named the NEC Player of the Week for the second time this season on Monday, having led LIU with 25 points (11-17 FG, 3-4 3pt FG) and four steals in its win over La Salle. Malachi Davis was named an NEC Prime Performer, finishing Saturday's game with 19 points and seven assists.

-OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Through 10 games, the Sharks rank 4th in the NEC with 76 ppg. Three Sharks sit in the top 10 of the NEC in points per game; Malachi Davis (15.8 ppg, 6th), Greg Gordon (15.5 ppg, 7th), and Jamal Fuller (14.7 ppg, 10th)

-NEC RANKS: The Sharks stand at 2nd in the NEC in team field goal percentage with a 48.6% mark, with Greg Gordon (53.8%, 2nd in NEC) and Malachi Davis (49.6%, 4th) both in the top 5 of individual field goal percentage.

-NEC PRESEASON POLL: LIU was unanimously picked to finish first out of nine teams by the conference's head coaches.

-2024 IN REVIEW: LIU finished second in the NEC standings last winter, posting a 17-15 overall record and a 12-4 mark in conference games. The Sharks reached the semifinals of the NEC tournament.

-2 SHARKS RECEIVE PRESEASON ALL-NEC HONORS: Redshirt senior guard Malachi Davis and graduate student guard/forward Jamal Fuller were named NEC Preseason All-Conference selections. Both received All-NEC honors last winter. Both were All-NEC selections last season (Davis, 1st Team; Fuller, 2nd Team).

-RETURNING TO THE FLOOR: LIU returns 59.2% of its scoring from the 2024-25 season, headlined by returning their top two leading scorers from a season ago in Malachi Davis (565 points) and Jamal Fuller (413 points). The Sharks also returning their top two rebounders (Shadrak Lasu, 226 rebounds; Jamal Fuller, 199 rebounds) and blocks (Lasu, 42 blocks; Fuller, 25 blocks).

LIU QUICK FACTS

Location: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Enrollment: 16,322
Founded: 1926
Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Sharks
President: Dr. Kimberly Cline
Director of Athletics: Elliott Charles
Home Venue: Steinberg Wellness Center
Capacity: 2,500
First Year of Basketball: 1928-29
Overall Record: 1,346-1,073-2 (.556 pct.)
First Year of DI Basketball: 1928
NEC Reg. Season Championships: 6
'83, '84, '97, '98, '11, '12
NEC Tournament Championships: 7
'81, '84, '97, '11, '12, '13, '18
NCAA DI Tournament Apps.: 7
'81, '84, '97, '11, '12, '13, '18
2024 Record: 17-15 (Overall),
12-4 NEC (Finished 2nd)
Head Coach: Rod Strickland (4th Year)
Returning Starters/Lost: 3/2
Returning:
R-Sr. Malachi Davis, G
Grad. Jamal Fuller, G/F
So. Shadrak Lasu, F

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LIU MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	HOME/AWAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (ET)	RESULT
Nov. 3, 2025	Away	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	7 p.m.	L, 89-67
Nov. 6, 2025	Away	IU Indy	Indianapolis, Ind.	6:30 p.m.	W, 94-90
Nov. 11, 2025	Away	Air Force	USAF Academy, Colo.	4 p.m.	W, 76-72
Nov. 15, 2025	Home	James Madison	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7 p.m.	W, 88-79
Nov. 20, 2025	Away	Fordham	Bronx, N.Y.	7 p.m.	L, 69-53
Nov. 22, 2025	Away	Illinois	Urbana-Champaign, Ill.	2 p.m.	L, 98-58
Nov. 24, 2025	Away	Missouri State	Springfield, Mo.	8 p.m.	W, 75-61
Dec. 2, 2025	Home	Winthrop	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7:30 p.m.	L, 94-92 (OT)
Dec. 6, 2025	Away	Lehigh	Bethlehem, Pa.	5 p.m.	W, 87-82
Dec. 13, 2025	Home	La Salle	Brooklyn, N.Y.	4 p.m.	W, 70-60
Dec. 16, 2025	Away	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.	7:30 p.m.	
Dec. 20, 2025	Away	Florida International	Miami, Fla.	5 p.m.	
Dec. 29, 2025	Away	Georgia	Athens, Ga.	7 p.m.	
Jan. 2, 2026	Home	Central Conn. St.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7 p.m.	
Jan. 4, 2026	Away	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.	2 p.m.	
Jan. 8, 2026	Home	Mercyhurst	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7 p.m.	
Jan. 10, 2026	Home	Saint Francis	Brooklyn, N.Y.	4 p.m.	
Jan. 17, 2026	Away	FDU	Teaneck, N.J.	7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 19, 2026	Away	Le Moyne	Syracuse, N.Y.	3 p.m.	
Jan. 23, 2026	Away	Stonehill	North Easton, Mass.	7 p.m.	
Jan. 25, 2026	Home	Wagner	Brooklyn, N.Y.	3 p.m.	
Jan. 29, 2026	Home	Le Moyne	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7 p.m.	
Jan. 31, 2026	Away	Central Conn. St.	New Britain, Conn.	1 p.m.	
Feb. 5, 2026	Home	New Haven	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7 p.m.	
Feb. 7, 2026	Home	Stonehill	Brooklyn, N.Y.	4 p.m.	
Feb. 12, 2026	Away	Wagner	Staten Island, N.Y.	TBA	
Feb. 14, 2026	Away	New Haven	West Haven, Conn.	1 p.m.	
Feb. 19, 2026	Away	Saint Francis	Loretto, Pa.	7 p.m.	
Feb. 21, 2026	Away	Mercyhurst	Erie, Pa.	2 p.m.	
Feb. 26, 2026	Home	Chicago State	Brooklyn, N.Y.	7 p.m.	
Feb. 28, 2026	Home	FDU	Brooklyn, N.Y.	4 p.m.	



STEINBERG WELLNESS CENTER



The largest building project on the Brooklyn campus' history, the \$45 million, 114,000 square foot Steinberg Wellness Center opened in January 2006. Located at the corner of Ashland and DeKalb avenues, the Wellness Center is a hub of activity for student activities and athletic events. The SWC is home to the LIU men's and women's basketball, women's swimming, women's volleyball, and women's fencing teams.

The LIU men's basketball team christened the new home court with a 63-60 win over Sacred Heart on Jan. 26, 2006. The grand opening of the Wellness Center was for the LIU vs. St. Francis (N.Y.) men's basketball game on Feb. 27, 2006 - a 67-64 LIU victory.

The SWC features a 2,500-seat arena, an NCAA regulation-size swimming pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center and weight room. In addition, two tennis courts and a running track sit atop the roof. The SWC also features a wellness center that is geared toward a growing Brooklyn community. Cardiac rehabilitation, orthopedic therapy and asthma education services are available. The pool also features a hydraulic floor for aqua therapy.

The facility also serves as a venue for community civic and social events. The Steinberg Wellness Center has also hosted the VH1 Celebrity Hip-Hop Basketball Classic and various local high school sporting event.



2025 MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
0	Malachi Davis	G	6-4	172	R-Sr.	Scarborough, Canada / Central Tech / Arizona State
1	Jomo Goings	G	6-5	180	Jr.	Washington, D.C. / Winston Churchill / Slippery Rock
2	Greg Gordon	G	6-5	210	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Lincoln Park / UAB
3	Faheim Meran	G	6-6	187	Jr.	Miami, Fla. / West Oaks Academy / Miami Dade College
4	Tre'shawn Sheppard	G/F	6-6	230	R-So.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Eagle Academy for Young Men II
5	Max Ndlovu-Fraser	G	6-5	191	Fr.	North Vancouver, Canada / Western Canada Prep
6	Mason Porter-Brown	F	6-6	200	Jr.	Gainesville, Fla. / William T. Dwyer / Indian River CC
7	Isaiah Miranda	C	7-1	230	Jr.	Pawtucket, R.I. / Southern Calif. Academy / UW Green Bay
10	A.J. Neal, Jr.	G	6-2	195	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Oaks Academy / Chicago State
14	Eddie Munyak	G	6-1	175	So.	Huntington, N.Y. / Eagle Academy for Young Men II
15	Caleb Johnson	F	6-7	190	Gr.	North Preston, Canada / Henry Carr Prep / Jacksonville State
22	Shadrak Lasu	F	6-8	200	So.	Winnipeg, Canada / Northstar Prep
24	Gavin Pendergast	G	6-4	185	So.	Cold Springs, Minn. / South St. Paul
33	Jamal Fuller	G/F	6-5	215	Gr.	Toronto, Canada / Central Tech / Academy of Art
34	Xinyi Li	F	6-9	235	Jr.	Beijing, China / St. John's Bosco / Manhattan

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Rod Strickland (4th Year)

Assistant Coach: Brionne Gillion

Assistant Coach: Jamere Dismukes

Assistant Coach: Baronton Terry

Assistant Coach: Dalmar Ali

General Manager for Men's Basketball: Al Boatright

Pronunciation Guide

#	Name	Pronunciation
1	Jomo Goings	Joe-mo Goings
3	Faheim Meran	Fah-HEEM Meh-RAN
4	Tre'Shawn Sheppard	TRUH-shawn Sheppard
5	Max Ndlovu-Fraser	Max en-LOW-voo Fraser
14	Eddie Munyak	Eddie Mun-yack
22	Shadrak Lasu	Shad-rack Lass-ou
34	Xinyi Li	Shin-yee Lee
	STAFF	STAFF
	Brionne Gillion	Bree-on Gih-lee-uhn
	Jamere Dismukes	JUH-Meer Dismukes
	Baronton Terry	BARE-en-ton Terry

HEAD COACH ROD STRICKLAND



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 joins LIU from the NBA G League, the National Basketball Association's official minor league, where he served as director of the professional path program since 2018.

"Rod Strickland has a demonstrated eye for recruiting and developing student-athletes and we are confident he will elevate Long Island University's winning tradition to even greater heights," Long Island University President Kimberly R. Cline said.

Under Strickland, the Sharks finished second in the Northeast Conference standings in the 2024-25 season, ending the season with a 17-16 overall record and a 12-4 mark in NEC contests. Since Strickland was named head coach ahead of the 2022-23 season, LIU has received seven All-NEC selections, including four in the 2024-25 season.

In his role with the G League, Strickland evaluated, educated and mentored top high school prospects in the professional path initiative to prepare them for a career in the NBA. He served as a player and coach relations manager and program director of G League Ignite, a selective team of the most elite NBA prospects. He is eager to use his proven track record of recruitment and player development to bring top national talent to Long Island University and build a perennial Division I contender with the Sharks.

"Developing young players on and off the court has always aligned with my passion while I was playing and after retiring from the NBA," Strickland said. "I am appreciative to Long Island University for the opportunity to become a head coach at home, in New York City. The Sharks are going to be a competing program for top athletes who not only want to take their game to the next level but prepare for success."

Strickland, a Bronx native, was a three-time All-American with three straight NCAA Tournament appearances and was selected in the first round of the 1988 NBA Draft by his hometown New York Knicks. He enjoyed a 17-year NBA career in which he scored more than 14,000 points and recorded nearly 8,000 assists while playing for nine franchises. During the 1997-98 season, he led the league in assists per game and was named second-team All-NBA. He ranked in the top 10 in assists per game in seven seasons and ranks 13th all time in career assists.

Strickland retired from the NBA in 2005 and began his post-playing career as a director of basketball operations at the University of Memphis. He served in an administrative role at the University of Kentucky under coach John Calipari, and as an assistant coach at the University of South Florida.

"Rod has done a tremendous job as program director for NBA G League Ignite, from leading our recruiting efforts to aiding in the development of our young players, including six NBA Draft picks in the last two seasons," said Shareef Abdur-Rahim, NBA veteran and president of the NBA GLeague. "We wish him the best with Long Island University. LIU is getting an amazing person and great basketball man."

Long Island University is a two-time national champion and seven-time conference champion in Division I men's basketball. Its national championship teams were led by Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Coach Clair Bee and point guard Ossie Schectman, who is credited with scoring the first basket in NBA history, with the New York Knicks in 1946.

2025-2026 LIU Men's Basketball
Overall Statistics (as of Dec 13, 2025)

Overall Record: 6-4 Home: 2-1 Away: 4-3 Neutral: 0-0

#	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								
00	Davis, Malachi	10-10	292	29.2	61-123	.496	12-36	.333	24-40	.600	8	22	30	3.0	24	2	34	36	0	17	158	15.8
02	Gordon, Greg	10-10	337	33.7	64-119	.538	5-12	.417	22-39	.564	21	26	47	4.7	17	0	30	13	7	22	155	15.5
33	Fuller, Jamal	9-8	283	31.4	43-84	.512	15-30	.500	31-42	.738	11	34	45	5.0	28	1	12	17	7	8	132	14.7
01	Goings, Jomo	10-9	303	30.3	25-67	.373	7-22	.318	23-29	.793	12	35	47	4.7	30	0	18	32	6	13	80	8.0
06	Porter-Brown, Mason	10-3	203	20.3	23-55	.418	9-23	.391	15-26	.577	12	17	29	2.9	20	0	10	11	5	9	70	7.0
22	Lasu, Shadrak	10-10	210	21.0	21-40	.525	1-4	.250	11-19	.579	17	25	42	4.2	24	0	1	11	13	3	54	5.4
04	Sheppard, Tre'shawn	8-0	152	19.0	15-27	.556	2-4	.500	6-10	.600	17	33	50	6.3	15	1	6	6	8	7	38	4.8
07	Miranda, Isaiah	6-0	43	7.2	12-27	.444	1-7	.143	3-6	.500	1	5	6	1.0	6	0	0	4	1	0	28	4.7
10	Neal, Jr., A.J.	8-0	74	9.3	9-17	.529	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	1	5	6	0.8	5	0	7	5	2	3	22	2.8
03	Meran, Faheim	9-0	123	13.7	7-15	.467	4-10	.400	5-8	.625	1	7	8	0.9	9	0	12	11	4	8	23	2.6
34	Li, Xinyi	1-0	5	5.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total		10	2025	202.5	280-576	.486	59-155	.381	141-221	.638	118	223	341	34.1	179	4	130	152	53	90	760	76.00
Opponents		10	2025	202.5	293-623	.470	67-207	.324	141-210	.671	141	221	362	36.2	184	2	139	140	42	78	794	79.40

Team Statistics	LIU	OPP
SCORING	760	794
Points Per Game	76.0	79.4
Scoring Margin	-3.4	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	280-576	293-623
Field Goal Pct	.486	.470
3 POINT FG-ATT	59-155	67-207
3PT FG Pct	.381	.324
3PT Made Per Game	5.9	6.7
FREE THROWS-ATT	141-221	141-210
FT Pct	.638	.671
FT Made Per Game	14.1	14.1
REBOUNDS	341	362
Rebounds Per Game	34.1	36.2
Rebounds Margin	-2.1	-
ASSISTS	130	139
Assists Per Game	13.0	13.9
TURNOVERS	152	140
Turnovers Per Game	15.2	14.0
Turnovers Margin	-1.2	-
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.9	1.0
STEALS	90	78
Steals Per Game	9.0	7.8
BLOCKS	53	42
Blocks Per Game	5.3	4.2
ATTENDANCE	1,642	21,449
Dates/Avg Per Date	3-547	7-3,064
Neutral Site #/Avg	-	0-0

Conf	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
	11/03/25	at Notre Dame	L	67-89	3,911
	11/06/25	at IU Indy	W	94-90	768
	11/11/25	at Air Force	W	76-72	1,089
	11/15/25	JAMES MADISON	W	88-79	626
	11/20/25	at Fordham	L	53-69	1,020
	11/22/25	at Illinois	L	58-98	12,625
	11/24/25	at Missouri St.	W	75-61	1,601
	12/02/25	WINTHROP	L (OT)	92-94	403
	12/06/25	at Lehigh	W	87-82	435
	12/13/25	LA SALLE	W	70-60	613

* = Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
LIU	352	400	8	760
Opponents	400	384	10	794