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 vs. South Dakota, Nov. 22, 2022

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NEW DIGS > The Sharks added three standout assistants — **Shasha Brown, Maurice Hicks** and **Chris Thomas** — for the 2022-23 season. **Brown,** the all-time leading scorer and assists leader at D-III Wesleyan University, comes to LIU from Vanderbilt, where he worked as the general manager under NBA veteran Jerry Stackhouse and helped develop NBA draft pick and two-time Southeastern Conference scoring champion Scotty Pippen Jr. and Boston Celtics lottery pick, Aaron Nesmith. **Hicks** brings 30 years of coaching experience, known for being the head coach at Rice High School, Hicks amassed a record of 352-86 and guided the Raiders to five New York State Federation championships (1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2009). **Thomas** brings 18 years of NBA and overseas experience, most recently as an assistant with the Raptors 905, the Toronto Raptors' G League affiliate. He worked closely with All-NBA guards Stephen Curry and Derrick Rose while with the Golden State Warriors and Chicago Bulls, respectively

FRESH FACES > LIU returns six letterwinners from a season ago and welcomes eight newcomers: **Tre Booker, Maurice Commander, Jacob Johnson, R.J. Greene, C.J. Delancy, Cheikh Ndiaye, Marko Maletic** and **Amadou Fall**. Delancy and Greene are the lone freshmen on the roster while all others come from a mix of Division-I, II, JUCO and NAIA institutions. **Tre' Wood** is the leading returner, averaging 6.5 points and 3.9 assists in 30 games in 2021-22.

OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION > LIU picked up its first win on Nov. 14 against Mount Saint Vincent (D-III), 111-50. Multiple Sharks picked up career highs in points, including **Quion Burns** and **Marko Maletic** with 20 each. Burns also earned his first double-double, and **Jake Cook** tallied 16 in his first career start.

BEYOND THE ARC > The Sharks shot **17-31 (55%)** from 3-point range against CMSV on Nov. 14. The last time they hit 17 or more threes came back on Dec. 28, 2019 against Centenary (NJ) when they were 20-53 from deep.

HITTING HIS STRIDE > Marko Maletic, the London, Ontario native, has poured in 44 points in his last two appearances, setting a career-high with 22 against Marquette. Maletic is shooting 44% (11-25) from downtown in the last two and 41% overall in three games.

TOGHETER ONCE AGAIN > Teammates **Amadou Fall** and **Cheikh Ndiaye** both attended SEED Academy in Thíes, Senegal, a non-profit organization, and boarding school, founded by NBA Africa President, Amadou Gallo Fall. After their academy years, they both came to the United States to play one season at St. Louis Christian Academy (Mo.) in 2018. Both will suit up for the first time in the college ranks for 2022-23.

'22-'23 NEC PRESEASON POLL



1. Merrimack (6)
2. Sacred Heart (2)
3. Saint Francis U
4. Wagner (1)
5. St. Francis Brooklyn
6. (tie) CCSU
   FDU
8. LIU
9. Stonehill

2022-23 SCHEDULE

Nov. 7	at Utah	L, 89-48
Nov. 14	**CMSV**	W, 111-50
,Nov. 17	at Marquette	L, 95-58
Nov. 22	South Dakota	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Sam Houston/NIU	TBA
Nov. 29	at St. John's	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	**TOWSON**	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	**UMASS LOWELL**	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	at UConn	12:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	at UAlbany	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	at James Madison	4 p.m.
Dec. 22	**PURCHASE**	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	**WAGNER***	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	**SACRED HEART***	1 p.m.
Jan. 5	at CCSU*	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at FDU*	1 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Saint Francis U.*	4 p.m.
Jan. 16	**ST. FRANCIS BK***	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	**STONEHILL***	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	**CCSU***	12 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Sacred Heart*	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	at St. Francis BK*	1 p.m.
Feb. 9	**FDU***	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Wagner*	1 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Stonehill*	7 p.m.
Feb. 18	**SAINT FRANCIS U.***	1 p.m.
Feb. 25	**MERRIMACK***	1 p.m.

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LIU VS. SOUTH DAKOTA BY THE NUMBERS

	POINTS/GAME	FIELD GOAL %	THREE POINT%	REBOUNDS/GAME	ASSISTS/GAME	STEALS/GAME
LIU	72.3	42%	40%	42.7	18.3	6.7
SD	67	42%	32%	36	11.8	4

2022-23 LIU SHARKS MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown / High School / Previous Team
0	Weston Baer	So.	G	6-2	175	Pomeroy, Ohio / Meigs
1	Tre Booker	So.	G	6-4	200	Richmond, Va. / Liberty Heights Athletic Institution / Livingstone
2	Tre' Wood	R-Sr.	G	6-1	170	Largo, Md. / St. John's College H.S. / UMass
3	Maurice Commander	Gr.	G	6-0	175	Chicago, Ill. / Curie / University of Illinois Chicago
4	Jacob Johnson	R-So.	G	6-5	195	Minneapolis, Minn. / Champlin Park / Missouri-Kansas City
5	Andre Washington	So.	G	5-11	178	Staten Island, N.Y. / Williston North Hampton (Mass.)
10	R.J. Greene	Fr.	G	6-6	207	The Bronx, N.Y. / Iona Prep
11	Noble Crawford	So.	G/F	6-5	185	Orlando, Fla. / West Oaks Academy
13	James Kamich	Jr.	F	6-9	195	Tonj, South Sudan / Proctor Academy / Snow College
15	C.J. Delancy	Fr.	F/C	6-8	201	Jonesboro, Ark. / Valley View High School
20	Jake Cook	Jr.	F	6-8	180	Watervliet, N.Y. / Vermont Academy
21	Cheikh Ndiaye	Sr.	F	6-8	250	Thiés, Senegal / St. Louis Christian Academy / Faulkner
22	Elijah Bailey	Fr.	G	5-11	140	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Tennessee Prep Academy
24	Marko Maletic	So.	G	6-6	208	London, Ontario / Saunders Secondary School / Laramie County
34	Amadou Fall	Jr.	F/C	6-10	240	Kaolack, Senegal / St. Louis Christian Academy / Ark. at Pine Bluff
44	Quion Burns	So.	G	6-6	180	White Plains, N.Y. / White Plains High School

STAFF

Head coach: Rod Strickland (first season)
Assistant coaches: Shasha Brown, Maurice Hicks, Chris Thomas
Director of Basketball Operations: Rocky Ndiaye
Director of Player Development: Brad Calipari
Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Charles Jones

PRONUNCIATIONS

Weston Baer	BAY-er
Noble Crawford	NO-bull
James Kamich	KAY-mitch
C.J. Delancy	duh-LAN-see
Cheikh Ndiaye	SHICK Nuh-DIE-AY
Marko Maletic	Mel-uh-tich
Amadou Fall	AH-MUH-do
Quion Burns	KEY-on

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