

In 2015, a trio of Mavericks in Assem Marei, Connor Miller and Zach Monaghan signed free agent contracts to play professional basketball. Marei signed with BC Siaulai in Lithuania, with Miller signing with Malbas Oresund in Sweden and Monaghan signing with Leyma Basquet Corona in Spain.

Jermaine Brown was the first to perform the feat, working out with his hometown Chicago Bulls during the summer of 2004.

In 2005, Jamel Staten was a member of the Minnesota Timberwolves' entry into the Timberwolf Summer League held in Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn. Staten appeared in four games for the Wolves squad, averaging 3.3 ppg and 1.3 rpg while playing an average of 13.0 mpg.

In the summer of 2007, Luke Anderson joined the Minnesota Timberwolves for their summer league in Las Vegas where he averaged 0.7 ppg and 1.3 rpg while playing 5.7 minutes per game.

Currently several Mavericks – including Anderson – are playing professionally in Europe and America.

On Nov. 3, former Maverick Marcus Hill was taken as the sixth pick in the seventh round of the National Basketball Development League draft by the Springfield Armor. Hill now heads to camp with the Armor for a shot at making the team.

Prior to Brown and Staten's brief flirtation with the NBA, the last Maverick to harbor professional aspirations was Pat Coleman who signed a contract with the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the Continental Basketball Association following the completion of his eligibility at MSU, though he never suited up for the Skyforce.

It was quite a dry spell between Coleman's contract and the player before him to make a run

Mavericks Who Have Played Professionally Coached By Margenthaler

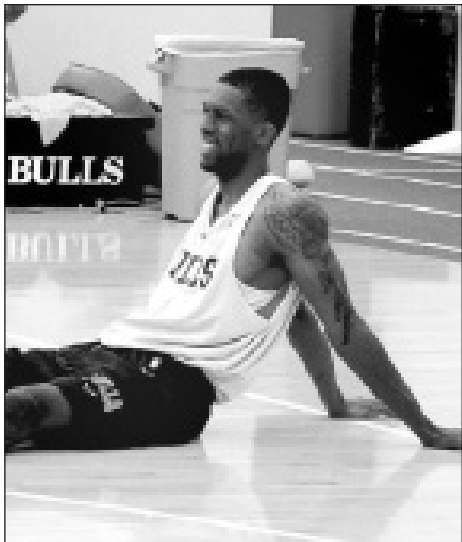
Jermaine Brown	Harlem Globetrotters
Jamel Staten	Chiba Jets (Japan)
Luke Anderson	Rio Grande Valley (America)
Tony Thomason	Muenchen (Germany)
Corey Easley	Osnabreck (Germany)
Paris Kyles	Stal Stalowa Wola (Poland)
Atila Santos	Flamengo (Brazil)
Travis Nelson	KK Sentjur (Slovenia)
Jefferson Mason	Webmoebel Baskets
Cameron Hodges	Kayl Red Miners (Luxembourg)
Jarvis Williams	Black Star Mersch (Luxembourg)
Zach Monaghan	Leyma Basquet Corona (Spain)
Connor Miller	Malbas Oresund (Sweden)
Assem Marei	BC Siaulai (Lithuania)
Malik Willingham	BC Kavkasia (Georgia)
Kyrese Willingham	Svenborg (Denmark)

at pro ball, that being Elisha McSweeney who holds the distinction of being the last MSU player to be drafted by a NBA franchise. McSweeney was a 10th-round draft pick of the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1976, though he did not make the team.

The first MSU player to give the professional ranks a go was Duane Mettler, who went to camp with the Minneapolis Lakers in 1958, the same year that eventual Hall of Famer Elgin Baylor was drafted #1 by the Lakers.



Elisha McSweeney remains MSU's last drafted by a NBA franchise when the Cleveland Cavaliers took him in the 10th round in 1975.



Two-time *All-North Central Conference* swingman **Jermaine Brown** signed a free agent contract with the Chicago Bulls in the summer of 2004.



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