



2022-23 LITTLE ROCK TROJAN QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Preferred Name	Little Rock
Founded	1927
Enrollment	8,103 (Fall 2022)
Nickname	Trojans
Colors	Maroon and Gray
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Ohio Valley
Chancellor	Dr. Christina Drale
Athletic Director	George Lee
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Darrell Walker
Alma Mater	Arkansas, 2012
Little Rock Record	51-65 (Fifth season)
Collegiate Record	96-83 (Sixth season)
Assistant Coach	Charles Baker
Alma Mater	Eastern Kentucky, 1990 (Fifth season)
Assistant Coach	Preston Laird
Alma Mater	Memphis, 2012 (Third season)
Assistant Coach	Julius Hodge
Alma Mater	NC State, 2005 (Second season)
Director of Operations	Toby Lane
Video Coordinator	Matthew Floss

PROGRAM INFORMATION

2021-22 Overall Record	9-19 (.321)
Sun Belt Record/Finish	3-11 (.214)/12th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	7/5
Starters Returning/Lost	5/1
Newcomers	6
Arena	Jack Stephens Center
Capacity	5,600
Year Opened	2005
Overall Record	157-91 (.633)
First Year of Basketball	1930-31
First Year of Division I Basketball	1978-79
Overall All-Time Record	1,049-1,094 (.490)
Overall Division I Record	712-577 (.552)
Final Sun Belt Record	266-262 (.504)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	Five
NIT Appearances	Three

2022-23 TROJAN ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Daniel Egbuniwe	F	Fr.	6-7	210	Memphis, Tenn. / First Assembly Christian
1	DeAntoni Gordon	F	Sr.	6-8	220	Mobile, Ala. / Northwest Mississippi C.C.
2	D.J. Smith	G	So.	6-0	160	North Little Rock, Ark. / North Little Rock H.S.
3	Isaiah Palermo	G	Sr.	6-6	200	Kissimmee, Fla. / Osceola H.S.
5	CJ White	G	Gr.	6-5	220	Little Rock, Ark. / SMU
10	Chris Walker	G	R-Fr.	6-6	195	Wellington, Fla. / Wellington H.S.
11	Ethan Speaker	F	R-Fr.	6-7	215	Boulder City, Nev. / Boulder City H.S.
12	Jordan Jefferson	G	So.	6-4	180	Marietta, Ga. / Osborne H.S.
13	Jordan Shorter	G	Fr.	6-4	200	Miami, Fla. / Scotland Campus (Pa.)
15	Myron Gardner	F	Sr.	6-5	220	Detroit, Mich. / South Plains College
20	Marcus Golden	G	Fr.	6-0	175	Anna, Texas / Home Schooled
21	Ante Beljan	F	Fr.	6-8	220	Trogir, Croatia / BC Zadar
22	Nigel John	F	So.	6-8	245	Allen, Texas / Eastern Oklahoma State
24	Shota Abashidze	G	Fr.	5-11	150	Tbilisi, Georgia / Impact Basketball (Fla.)
33	Jovan Stulic	G	Sr.	6-6	215	Prigrevica, Serbia / Seacrest Country Day (Fla.)

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

SCORING

Player	GP	Pts.	Avg.
Isaiah Palermo	27	291	10.8
DeAntoni Gordon	8	83	10.4
Myron Gardner	16	161	10.1

FIELD GOAL PCT.

Player	Made	Att.	Pct.
Jovan Stulic	76	148	51.4%
DeAntoni Gordon	35	72	48.6%
Isaiah Palermo	108	233	46.4%

THREE POINT PCT.

Player	Made	Att.	Pct.
Jovan Stulic	42	96	43.8%
Jordan Jefferson	33	80	41.3%
Myron Gardner	17	44	38.6%

FREE THROW PCT.

Player	Made	Att.	Pct.
CJ White	34	38	89.5%
Jordan Jefferson	28	36	77.8%
D.J. Smith	56	74	75.7%

REBOUNDS

Player	GP	Reb.	Avg.
Myron Gardner	16	97	6.1
DeAntoni Gordon	8	35	4.4
Isaiah Palermo	27	106	3.9

ASSISTS

Player	GP	Ast.	Avg.
CJ White	20	59	2.9
D.J. Smith	27	58	2.1
Isaiah Palermo	27	41	1.5

BLOCKS

Player	GP	Blk.	Avg.
Jovan Stulic	28	16	0.6
Jordan Jefferson	18	6	0.3
DeAntoni Gordon	8	5	0.6

STEALS

Player	GP	Stl.	Avg.
Isaiah Palermo	27	35	1.3
D.J. Smith	27	24	0.9
Jovan Stulic	28	23	0.8

MINUTES

Player	GP	Min.	Avg.
Myron Gardner	16	490	30.6
Isaiah Palermo	27	786	29.1
Jovan Stulic	28	734	26.2



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**DANIEL
EGBUNIWE**

Fr. | Forward | 6-7 | 210
Memphis, Tenn.
First Assembly Christian
egg-BOO-nuh-way



**DeANTONI
GORDON**

Sr. | Forward | 6-8 | 220
Mobile, Ala.
LeFlore H.S.
Northwest Mississippi C.C.
dee-ANT-tony



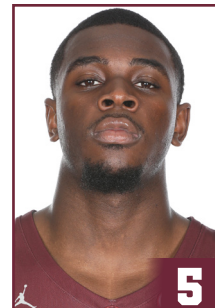
**D.J.
SMITH**

So. | Guard | 6-0 | 160
North Little Rock, Ark.
North Little Rock H.S.



**ISAIAH
PALERMO**

Sr. | Guard | 6-6 | 200
Kissimmee, Fla.
Osceola H.S.
puh-LAIR-mo



**CJ
WHITE**

Gr. | Guard | 6-5 | 220
Little Rock, Ark.
Parkview H.S.
SMU



**CHRIS
WALKER**

R-Fr. | Guard | 6-6 | 195
Wellington, Fla.
Wellington H.S.



**ETHAN
SPEAKER**

R-Fr. | Forward | 6-7 | 215
Boulder City, Nev.
Boulder City H.S.



**JORDAN
JEFFERSON**

So. | Guard | 6-4 | 180
Marietta, Ga.
Osborne H.S.



**JORDAN
SHORTER**

Fr. | Guard | 6-4 | 200
Miami, Fla.
Scotland Campus (Pa.)



**MYRON
GARDNER**

Sr. | Forward | 6-5 | 220
Detroit, Mich.
Spire Academy (Ohio)
South Plains College



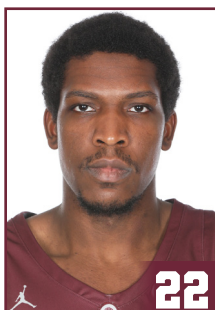
**MARCUS
GOLDEN**

Fr. | Guard | 6-0 | 175
Anna, Texas
Home Schooled



**ANTE
BELJAN**

Fr. | Forward | 6-8 | 220
Trogir, Croatia
BC Zadar
On-tay BELL-john



**NIGEL
JOHN**

So. | Forward | 6-8 | 245
Allen, Texas
Lakeland Christian Academy
Eastern Oklahoma State



**SHOTA
ABASHIDZE**

Fr. | Guard | 5-11 | 150
Tbilisi, Georgia
Impact Basketball (Fla.)
SHOW-ta uh-BOSH-id-zay



**JOVAN
STULIC**

Sr. | Guard | 6-6 | 215
Prigrevica, Serbia
Seacrest Country Day (Fla.)
YO-von STOO-lich



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HEAD COACH DARRELL WALKER



Darrell Walker is in his fifth season as Little Rock's head basketball coach and bring extensive basketball experience at both the collegiate and professional level.

His playing experience includes three years at the University of Arkansas and 10 seasons in the National Basketball Association, followed by a 20-year professional coaching career, including serving as head coach for two different NBA franchises. He is the only coach in all of college basketball who has been a head coach at the NBA, WNBA, Division II and Division I levels of basketball.

Walker enters his fifth season with an overall Division I record of 51-65 in Little Rock, battling through a pair of seasons plagued by injuries and close losses. Walker boasts an overall collegiate record of 96-83 following two seasons at Division II Clark Atlanta.

In his second season at the helm of the Trojans, Walker guided Little Rock to one of the top turnarounds in the nation. After finishing the 2018-19 season with a 10-21 mark, and picked to finish 11th in the Sun Belt preseason poll, Walker guided Little Rock to the outright Sun Belt Conference regular season title with a 21-10 record, including going 15-5 in conference play. The turnaround garnered Walker Sun Belt Coach of the Year honors, becoming just the fourth Trojan head coach to earn that accolade.

Under Walker's guidance, Monyong was named the Sun Belt's Defensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, as well as being named a Lefty Driesell Defensive All-American. Markquis Nowell was named a first team All-Sun Belt selection, earning All-District and All-Region honors before being named a Lou Henson All-American. It marked the first time in program history two Trojans earned All-America honors in the same season.

Walker's Trojans were especially tough at home, finishing the 2019-20 season with a 13-2 mark at the Jack Stephens Center, tied for the second-most home victories since the facility opened in 2005.

In his first season as a Division I head coach (2018-19), Walker guided Little Rock to a 10-21 overall record as the Trojans dropped a handful of heartbreaking losses during the course of the season. The year was highlighted by Rayjon Tucker being named a second team All-Sun Belt selection as he currently represents Little Rock in the NBA, playing for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Prior to coming to Little Rock, Walker spent two seasons as the head coach at Clark Atlanta University, compiling an overall record of 45-18 and leading the Panthers to back-to-back NCAA Division II tournament appearances.

In 2017-18, Walker guided the Panthers to a 25-6 mark, including a 16-3 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) record, finishing second in the SIAC East division. Clark Atlanta advanced to the SIAC tournament title game, falling to Claflin.

In his first season in Atlanta (2016-17), Walker's Panthers went 21-12 and 12-5 in SIAC play, tying for first in the SIAC East. Clark Atlanta captured the 2017 SIAC tournament title, downing Fort Valley State 64-62 in the championship game.

His time in Atlanta marked Walker's first collegiate coaching experience following 20 years of coaching professionally. Walker served as the head coach of the Toronto Raptors from 1996-98 and the Washington Wizards in 2000, tallying 56 career victories at the NBA level. Walker also spent time as the head coach of the Rockford Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association and the Washington Mystics of the WNBA. He served as an assistant coach in the

2022-23 TROJAN SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 7	Mon.	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale, Ill.	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	Thur.	Arkansas Baptist	Jack Stephens Center	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	Mon.	at Central Arkansas	Conway	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	Thur.	at East Tennessee State	Johnson City, Tenn.	6 p.m. CT
Nov. 20	Sun.	Jackson State ^	Jack Stephens Center	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Wed.	at Indiana ^	Bloomington, Ind.	5:30 p.m. CT
Nov. 26	Sat.	at Miami (Ohio) ^	Oxford, Ohio	12 p.m. CT
Nov. 30	Wed.	at San Francisco	San Francisco, Calif.	9 p.m. CT
Dec. 6	Tues.	at Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	Mon.	Philander Smith	Jack Stephens Center	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Sat.	at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala.	1 p.m.
Dec. 20	Tues.	Central Arkansas	Jack Stephens Center	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Thur.	at Arkansas State	Jonesboro	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	Thur.	UT Martin *	Jack Stephens Center	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 31	Sat.	at Tennessee State *	Nashville, Tenn.	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Thur.	Lindenwood *	Jack Stephens Center	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Sat.	Southeast Missouri *	Jack Stephens Center	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Thur.	at Southern Indiana *	Evansville, Ind.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Sat.	at Eastern Illinois *	Charleston, Ill.	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Thur.	Tennessee Tech *	Jack Stephens Center	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Sat.	Tennessee State *	Jack Stephens Center	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Thur.	at Morehead State *	Morehead, Ky.	6 p.m. CT
Jan. 28	Sat.	at Tennessee Tech *	Cookeville, Tenn.	3 p.m.
Feb. 2	Thur.	at Southeast Missouri *	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	Sat.	SIU Edwardsville *	Jack Stephens Center	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Thur.	Morehead State *	Jack Stephens Center	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Sat.	at UT Martin *	Martin, Tenn.	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Thur.	Southern Indiana *	Jack Stephens Center	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Sat.	Eastern Illinois *	Jack Stephens Center	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	Thur.	at SIU Edwardsville *	Edwardsville, Ill.	7:30 p.m.
Feb 25	Sat.	at Lindenwood *	St. Charles, Mo.	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 1-4	Wed.-Sat.	at Ohio Valley Conference Tournament	Evansville, Ind.	TBA

* - Ohio Valley Conference game | ^ - Indiana Hoosier Classic

All game dates/times subject to change

NBA for the Toronto Raptors (1995-96), New Orleans Hornets (2004-08), Detroit Pistons (2008-11) and New York Knicks (2012-14).

A native of Chicago, Walker played one season at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith before spending three seasons at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Under Hall of Fame head coach Eddie Sutton, Walker amassed 1,325 points, ranking 18th all-time on the Razorback scoring list, while ranking fourth in program steals (230) and sixth in free throws made (524). He was named a second team All-American and a first team NABC All-District selection in 1983, helping Arkansas reach the Sweet 16 in both 1981 and 1983. Walker was the two-time Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year, being named to the 1983 NABC All-Star game.

Walker was the 12th overall pick by the New York Knicks in the 1983 NBA Draft, beginning a 10-year NBA career in which he suited up for five different teams. Walker averaged 8.9 points, 4.6 assists and 1.5 steals per game during his professional career, playing for NBA Hall of Fame coaches Hubie Brown, Wes Unseld, Chuck Daly and Phil Jackson. He was named to the 1984 NBA All-Rookie Team and nearly averaged a triple-double in 1989-90 in Washington, averaging 9.5 points, 8.8 rebounds and 8.0 assists per game. He closed out his playing career as a member of the NBA champion Chicago Bulls in 1993.

Walker earned his degree in human resources from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 and was enshrined into the University of Arkansas Hall of Honor in 2008. He and his wife Lisa, a former All-American sprinter at Arkansas, hold a unique distinction as well as the only husband-wife tandem inducted into the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.



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2021-22 Little Rock Men's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	9-19	6-7	1-10	2-2
CONFERENCE	3-11	2-5	1-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	6-8	4-2	0-4	2-2

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Little Rock	885	946	37	1868
Opponents	989	1020	38	2047

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
25	MARIC, Nikola	15-15	408:15	27.2	76-144	.528	3-11	.273	44-66	.667	29	62	91	6.1	42	3	38	36	7	12	199	13.3
10	LUKIC, Marko	14-4	345:52	24.7	49-128	.383	18-69	.261	43-55	.782	12	36	48	3.4	18	0	24	21	7	12	159	11.4
3	PALERMO, Isaiah	27-19	781:01	28.9	108-233	.464	15-49	.306	60-80	.750	35	71	106	3.9	61	1	41	43	4	35	291	10.8
1	GORDON, DeAntoni	8-8	209:24	26.2	35-72	.486	2-7	.286	11-16	.688	11	24	35	4.4	19	0	6	18	5	8	83	10.4
15	GARDNER, Myron	16-15	491:34	30.7	57-137	.416	17-44	.386	30-42	.714	22	74	96	6.0	54	4	37	36	4	17	161	10.1
12	JEFFERSON, Jordan	18-16	467:60	26.0	51-122	.418	33-80	.413	28-36	.778	9	26	35	1.9	39	1	11	33	6	20	163	9.1
33	STULIC, Jovan	28-15	730:55	26.1	76-148	.514	42-96	.438	23-36	.639	18	61	79	2.8	49	1	29	23	16	23	217	7.8
5	WHITE, CJ	20-7	515:39	25.8	45-130	.346	24-73	.329	34-38	.895	10	67	77	3.9	40	1	59	32	0	16	148	7.4
13	SMITH, D.J.	27-20	675:16	25.0	53-147	.361	14-51	.275	56-74	.757	16	47	63	2.3	52	2	58	57	2	24	176	6.5
20	OSAWE, Kevin	22-6	497:54	22.6	47-143	.329	19-73	.260	24-33	.727	22	61	83	3.8	25	0	20	12	1	8	137	6.2
11	ANDRIC, Marko	11-6	194:60	17.7	22-54	.407	6-15	.400	6-11	.545	3	21	24	2.2	23	1	27	14	1	10	56	5.1
2	EVANS, Alean	4-3	62:46	15.7	7-21	.333	0-4	.000	1-1	1.000	2	10	12	3.0	5	0	2	10	1	4	15	3.8
52	BESOVIC, Admir	23-5	276:34	12.0	20-50	.400	0-1	.000	8-12	.667	24	22	46	2.0	32	0	10	22	6	4	48	2.1
55	CURTIS II, Terrell	14-1	43:48	3.1	5-15	.333	4-12	.333	1-2	.500	0	4	4	0.3	10	0	2	3	0	2	15	1.1
Team											27	54	81					28				
Total		28	5702		651-1544	.422	197-585	.337	369-502	.735	240	640	880	31.4	469	14	364	388	60	195	1868	66.7
Opponents		28	5700		743-1578	.471	231-621	.372	330-471	.701	270	712	982	35.1	478	11	425	406	73	178	2047	73.1

Team Statistics

	LR	OPP
Scoring	1868	2047
Points per game	66.7	73.1
Scoring margin	-6.4	-
Field goals-att	651-1544	743-1578
Field goal pct	.422	.471
3 point fg-att	197-585	231-621
3-point FG pct	.337	.372
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	8.3
Free throws-att	369-502	330-471
Free throw pct	.735	.701
F-Throws made per game	13.2	11.8
Rebounds	880	982
Rebounds per game	31.4	35.1
Rebounding margin	-3.6	-
Assists	364	425
Assists per game	13.0	15.2
Turnovers	388	406
Turnovers per game	13.9	14.5
Turnover margin	+0.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	1.0
Steals	195	178
Steals per game	7.0	6.4
Blocks	60	73
Blocks per game	2.1	2.6
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	18313	43358
Home games-Avg/Game	13-1409	11-3942
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-1023

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/09/2021	Southern Ill.	W 69-66	0
11/12/2021	Champion Chris.	W 115-51	1113
11/14/2021	Ark. Baptist	W 91-60	0
11/17/2021	at Loyola Marymount	L 63-82	985
11/21/2021	vs Sam Houston	L 59-77	745
11/22/2021	vs Northern Ill.	W 67-60	180
11/26/2021	at Tulsa	L 63-77	2687
12/01/2021	at Colorado St.	L 55-86	4147
12/04/2021	at Arkansas	L 78-93	19200
12/08/2021	Missouri St.	L 55-81	1057
12/11/2021	Philander Smith	W 60-51	1252
12/21/2021	Jacksonville St.	L 67-87	977
12/30/2021	Ga. Southern	W 78-66	1775
01/06/2022	at La.-Monroe	L 72-80	1869
01/20/2022	Texas St.	L 59-69	1979
01/22/2022	UT Arlington	Wot3 98-96	1910
01/27/2022	at Coastal Carolina	L 49-65	1122
01/29/2022	at Appalachian St.	L 57-72	3206
02/03/2022	Louisiana	L 51-75	1833
02/05/2022	La.-Monroe	Lot 72-75	2257
02/10/2022	at South Alabama	L 46-77	1727
02/12/2022	at Troy	W 66-62	4128
02/17/2022	at UT Arlington	L 70-85	1777
02/19/2022	at Texas St.	L 50-68	2510
02/23/2022	Appalachian St.	L 66-78	1875
02/25/2022	Coastal Carolina	L 55-68	2285
03/03/2022	vs South Alabama	W 75-71	852
03/05/2022	vs Troy	L 62-69	2313