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Luol Deng

Current Team: Cleveland Cavaliers
 Date Of Birth: Apr 16, 1985 (29 years old)
 Birthplace: Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal (South Sudan)
 Nationality: England / South Sudan
 Height: 6-9 (206cm) Weight: 220 (100kg)
 Position: SF Pro Position: SF
 Hand: N/A Jersey: #9
 Pro Grade: E BB Fit: 0.7
 Character Fit: A

Current Agent: Herb Ruddy (C 1-312-560-0013)
 Current NBA Status: Under Contract (Cleveland Cavaliers)
 Cap Hit: \$14,275,090
 Free Agent: UFA-2014
 Draft Entry: 2004 NBA Draft
 Early Entry Info: 2004 Early Entrant
 Pre-Draft Team: Duke (Fr)
 Draft Selection: Round 1, Pick 7, Phoenix Suns
 Draft Rights Trade: PHX to CHI, Jun 24, 2004
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2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

The Telegraph

Sep 5, 2008 by [REDACTED]

Team GB's Luol Deng's rise to NBA stardom is nothing short of a tall story

He introduces himself shyly, offering a hand the size of a laptop computer. No bling, no attitude, no noise and no attention seeking. There are no attendants rushing around and no loud music pumping in the background. There is just Luol Deng – one of the simplest but most complex sportsmen in the world.

Deng, 23, is the new star of the NBA. It's hard to overstate the esteem in which this man is held. He has replaced Michael Jordan as the iconic face of the Chicago Bulls after signing a \$71 million six-year contract six weeks ago, and is regarded as having the talent to become the greatest player in the world. He is one of the biggest fish in a league that broadcasts 215 countries in 41 languages, and is the focal point of a sport that is enjoyed by more than 400 million people. In other words – he is huge.

Oh and he's British.

This week he has given up his star status in the United States to return to live in his mum's simple house in south Norwood and earn a £72 match fee playing for Team GB. Tonight they play a tough game against the Czech Republic at a sold-out O2 arena in London (there is also a chance to see NBA players in London when the New Jersey Nets play the Miami Heat at the O2 Arena on Oct 12).

Tonight's game is part of a series of matches Team GB must win to retain their place in League A and thus stand a chance of qualifying for the 2012 Olympic Games. "I want to see Team GB get to the Games," he says, his large brown eyes filled with passion. "It would be my way of saying 'thank you' to the British people."

To understand this gentle man's need to say thank you, we need to travel back in time and across the continents to Wau, a small village near the Nile Basin in southern Sudan, where Deng was born in 1985. He was part of the Dinka tribe, a close-knit community and, fascinatingly, the largest ethnic tribe in south Sudan; most boys reach 6ft before puberty. His father, Aldo, was a government minister, but for most in the area it offered a peaceful and simple way of life, working on the land.

Then, in 1989, the peace was shattered by a coup; fighting escalated into a civil war which would damage Sudan's economy and lead to food shortages, starvation and malnutrition. "I was too young to remember, but I have heard the stories. We had to leave, so we fled – crossing over the border to Egypt."

An estimated four million people have been displaced from Sudan due to wars that have blighted the country since it gained independence in 1956.

Once the family arrived in Egypt they visited a church with a large Sudanese community. At the side of the church was an outdoor basketball court. It was on this sun-parched, makeshift court that the early skills were developed that would take Deng to a life of fame and riches of which no one in his family could conceive, let alone dream. Then, when Deng was nine, the family were granted political asylum in England and settled in south Norwood into a house that Deng still calls home. He became a naturalised British citizen in October 2006 in a ceremony in Croydon.

Once in London, he began playing for the Brixton Topcats. "I shot baskets before school and practised after school," he says. He even jogged from Croydon to the court in Brixton while wearing a weight vest. Then, when he was 14, he travelled to Blair Academy in New Jersey, along with his 16-year-old sister who had been offered a scholarship. Once there, the trajectory went skywards. He graduated and went on to Duke University where he shone, and after a year he entered the 2004 NBA draft.

"My life journey is really unbelievable. I'm really living a dream. But I want to do more." He says he has three remaining ambitions – the first is to see Team GB achieve success in basketball. The second is to do everything within his power to help other refugees and raise the profile of the plight of the southern Sudanese. He contributes \$50 for every basket score to a foundation he set up in partnership with Ninemillion.org, a UN refugee agency.

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At some point, you've got to compete. You've got to get upset and demand more of your guys."

Deng has been trying to tell his new teammates that screaming at each other and demanding more effort is not only acceptable, but it's necessary.

"I'll be honest with you, and I really want to put Chicago behind me, but me and Joakim (Noah) weren't so nice to each other on the court if one of us didn't play hard." Deng said. "And it made us better friends, and play harder. The same with Derrick (Rose). We knew when Derrick didn't play defense. As good as he is, even his MVP year, if he didn't play defense, we all said, 'Yo, you're not playing defense. You've got to step it up.'"

"I think guys here are young, but I think they'll realize that you're only as good as the guy next to you. It's never personal. I've never had an issue with a guy telling me I'm not giving it my all on the court. My first 2-3 years in the league, did I know this stuff? No. But I had good vets who did the stuff I'm trying to do now, and it paid off for me. That's what I'm trying to do now."

All this is what Deng has noticed in just nine games with Cleveland, and he has been hesitant to scream in his teammates' faces, even if the Cavaliers covet and value his leadership.

"One thing I always say is there's a right way of saying things," Deng said. "First, you've got to let the guys know what angle I'm coming in. I'm not trying to jump in here and scream at everybody thinking that I'm better. I'm just trying to help everyone to be better. And vice versa. They know some things that I don't know."

So, even he has been slow to show anger to his own teammates - at least until now.

"I think we all love each other in this locker room, and I see it," Deng said. "Guys are so close to each other. The one message we keep telling each other is it's OK to scream at each other. If Kyrie (Irving), Dion (Waters) or Andy (Varejao) come up to me and demand more from me, I would never take it personally. It's going to make me better, it's going to make us better as a team. I think that's what we've got to get to - that kind of mindset where it's OK to scream at each other and not take it personal."

2013-2014 -Other -N/A

2nd Hand [REDACTED] staff

Feb 16, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Source close to the program asked them [REDACTED] about Luol on my request

He's a good guy, nothing bad to say about him, but he's different. For as good a guy as he is from the outside, he's the type of guy that will put himself first. Not a completely selfish person, [REDACTED] knows the right thing and tries to do it most of the time, but I get the feeling having been around him, [REDACTED]

2013-2014 -Other -N/A

[REDACTED] Staff Member

Feb 27, 2014 by [REDACTED]

He's a great guy, as good as you've heard. Guys loved him in our locker room. A lot of the stuff with us was medical related and distrust between [REDACTED]. The spine tap issue was a big one. He didn't need it and they convinced him to get it. Things went wrong. [REDACTED], Luol called me and told me he was really sick and had to go to the hospital. This was while we were in Miami in the playoffs. Soon after I got off the phone with Luol [REDACTED] play, that he's on his way to Miami. I told Tibbs there is no way, he's on his way to the hospital, it was a bad situation. He blamed the team and they put pressure on him to play when he was seriously sick. [REDACTED] He had a wrist thing two years ago, needed surgery, but played the entire year with the injured wrist. Management convinced him not to get surgery until after the season. Luol did what they asked. That summer, Luol wanted to play for the English National Team and put off surgery and [REDACTED] The NT stuff for Luol is huge, he is really into it, proud of and when management gave him mixed message...don't get the surgery when you are playing for us, but don't play for the NT and get the surgery, this really bothered him. Then there is the contract stuff...from our (the coaching staff's) understanding, there was no contract talks between Luol and Management until they made their "take it or leave it offer". [REDACTED] that it didn't sit well with him. The coaches wanted him here. I think he has a lot left as a player, a lot...he will play years to come and be very good. The Cleveland situation is a unique one I guess. [REDACTED] stays in the closest contact with Luol, they talk all the time. I guess the Cavs were asking Luol to be a leader immediately, to speak up and he was telling our guys "I'm going to try to do what they want me to do, but I cannot just walk into this locker room and lead a group especially with the dynamic between these young guys (referring to [REDACTED]) Luol said the game they got killed in New York was awful. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] It was really bad. The Cavs have major locker room issues between [REDACTED]

2013-2014 -Front Office -N/A

Former [REDACTED]

Jun 6, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Herb tells people he wants to start at \$12M...

From a physical when we got him, Chicago had run him into the ground. We tried to correct & manage it when we got him. People say that he is worn down but I disagree & think there is more left in his body.

He's a good guy on the cover but he's an African. He has a little two-step in him = says what you like to hear, but behind closed doors he could be killing you. Con isn't bad, but it's there. African-like, store front looks great but there's a black market section in the back. Chicago thought he was good for their culture, but an outlier. Teammates liked him, but he less impact on the locker room than you would think. He complained about things like not enough team jerseys in the team store, or that his bobble head was last during the year. has some con and a sense of entitlement. Luol kind of treated Cleveland like a pit-stop after the trade, where he probably became more protective of his body and focused on the contract because he didn't know his long term plan. He said some things privately to media but denied them publically and said it wasn't him. He's not terrible, but you've got to know that stuff is there with him.

I would have no problem bringing him back, he's still young and a pretty good player, he's not a really good shooter so it's hard for him to be impactful. You have to play different with him because it's hard for him to create offense & is an average shooter...we had a hard time fitting him in. He needs to be able to slash and play with consistent movement to okay because you're not going to get much out of him from being a spacer. He is really good offensively when he locks in.

He has two guys around him all the time, one of them is a foundation guy. Money will be important to him because of the foundation. We offered him [REDACTED] that's what I thought his value really was, not the \$12-14M he was looking for. CHA, PHX, DAL, & LAL all had degrees of interest around the deadline.

[REDACTED] felt like he was hard [REDACTED] and didn't pass the ball, play defense, or fight through things.

2013-2014 -Staff Change -N/A

[REDACTED]

Dec 31, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Best way to describe him is that he is solid and consistent. He stays within himself...now (this was not always the case). He brings it everyday. He is who he is and on most nights pretty good. He will accept challenges. You put him on the other team's best player he embraces it all the way. Really started to take care of his body to try and get and stay healthy.

Tibbs loves him...adores him. Lou is his guy. Early on in his career he and [REDACTED] would knock heads a bit. They came in together and Lou was always concerned with his money and getting paid. He saw how [REDACTED] could affect that a bit which made them knock heads a bit. He is very respectful and all of the coaches enjoy him.

He is not a party guy, no issues off the court at all. He keeps to himself and that's how he likes it. I want to say he is real close with [REDACTED] and some of the other guys from GB.

2012-2013 -N/A -N/A

N/A

Oct 12, 2012 by [REDACTED]

Filed by [REDACTED]

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homes because of war, hatred and persecution, their situation is critical. I was one of them, and know what it is like." Deng said. "We need \$54 million to provide education for every refugee child by 2011. There is a lot I need to do."

Deng has been involved in fundraising and profile raising throughout his adult life - speaking at political rallies and donating his time and money to causes that will help young refugees. Last year he won the NBA's sportsmanship award in honour of his 'ethical behaviour, fair play and integrity'. He also won the 2006-2007 Golden Icon Award for Best Sports Role Model and the 2006 UN Refugee Agency's Humanitarian of the Year Award. "The awards are touching but I will feel most touched when I can give the Sudanese children water pumps, food and education," he says.

His third challenge, he says, is to make his parents proud. It's hard to see how this latter aim can be divorced from the first two. Surely they're already proud? He's silent. They must be bursting with pride. "Yeah, I guess," he says shyly. "I guess then, what I'm saying is - I want to make them prouder and prouder and prouder. I want everything I do to make them proud. That's my life's goal."

The quick Q&A

Who are your heroes?

That's easy. My mum and dad

Favourite film?

The latest Batman movie. The Dark Knight. The Joker was just fantastic in it.

Favourite book?

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown and also Dave Eggers' What Is The What

Favourite food?

Steamed rice and fried chicken.

2013-2014 -Staff Change -N/A

Former [REDACTED]

Oct 29, 2013 by [REDACTED]

I think he has some good years left, at least 2 or 3. Underrated all around player, in pretty much every aspect of the game. Could probably average 7 assists per game if we ran offense thru him more. Probably could get 10 rebounds if we needed that. Great kid. Not a kid anymore, but he was 19 when I was first around him, so I have seen him grow as a player and person...wasn't very trusting at first. He's a very proud person. Very proud. Wants to do everything the right way. Perfect fit for the organization in that way. Physically he is a lot stronger than he looks. We weren't really worried about his health, I know there are a few issues here and there, but he is almost always ready to play, always wants to play and I don't see that changing anytime soon. Would play 48 minutes if you let him. Has normal nicks and bruises and aches, but he figures out what he needs and takes care of his body. I don't think his athleticism has really dropped much the last few years, I think he has maintained it. Plays both ends of the court, wants to play defense, wants to help the team in whatever is asked of him. No issues at all off the court, great teammate...lead by example type of guy. I really miss his spirit and ability. I think he has some good years left, at least 2 or 3. Underrated all around player, in pretty much every aspect of the game. Could probably average 7 assists per game if we ran offense thru him more. Probably could get 10 rebounds if we needed that. Great kid. Not a kid anymore, but he was 19 when I was first around him so I have seen him grow as a player and person...wasn't very trusting at first. He's a very proud person. Very proud. Wants to do everything the right way. Perfect fit for the organization in that way. Physically he is a lot stronger than he looks. We weren't really worried about his health, I know there are a few issues here and there, but he is almost always ready to play, always wants to play and I don't see that changing anytime soon. Would play 48 minutes if you let him. Has normal nicks and bruises and aches, but he figures out what he needs and takes care of his body. I don't think his athleticism has really dropped much the last few years, I think he has maintained it. Plays both ends of the court, wants to play defense, wants to help the team in whatever is asked of him. No issues at all off the court, great teammate...lead by example type of guy. I really miss his spirit and ability.

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2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

RealGM Wiretap

Dec 7, 2013 by [REDACTED]

Luol Deng Could Sit With Sore Calf

Luol Deng could miss the Chicago Bulls' game on Saturday against the Detroit Pistons with a sore calf.

Deng has scored 20 or more points in six straight games for the first time in his career.

The Bulls are unsure when Deng suffered the injury.

2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

ESPN

Dec 21, 2013 by [REDACTED]

Luol Deng, Jimmy Butler out vs. Cavs

By Nick Friedell | ESPNChicago.com

CHICAGO -- Chicago Bulls injured starters Luol Deng and Jimmy Butler will not play Saturday night against the Cleveland Cavaliers, while Kirk Hinrich is a game-time decision. It will mark the second consecutive game missed by Deng, who said after Thursday's game in Oklahoma City that he would try to come back from his injured Achilles by Christmas Day at the earliest.

Deng said he would wear a walking boot to help stabilize the injured area. The good news for the Bulls is that they only play two games in the next week after Saturday night's at

"We'll see how [Deng] feels," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. "We just finished up a stretch of seven [games] in ten [nights], so it will be good to have some practice time. That's we need."

For Butler, who exited Thursday's game in the first half due to a sprained right ankle and left the arena on crutches, the news is better than expected. Tests showed no major damage and he is hopeful to be back on the floor soon.

"It's just unfortunate for me, man," Butler said. "Things just can't go my way. ... I guess this is part of the game also -- part of being an NBA player."

Butler missed almost a month because of turf toe. He said this is the first time in his career that he has suffered an ankle sprain.

"I don't know what's wrong with my feet this year to tell you the truth," he said.

Hinrich has missed four straight games because of a back issue.

"Kirk went through shootaround, and so we'll see how he feels tonight," Thibodeau said.

2013-2014 -Teammate -N/A

Former [REDACTED]

Jan. 3, 2014 by [REDACTED]

I love him & can't say enough good things about him. He is such a smart player, plays the game the right way & is SUCH A GOOD DUDE. He's a culture setter, he's a leader, but not a front runner. Everything he does is from a true, honest & humble place. I loved playing with him & would love to play with him again. He's a tough defender & plays hard on ends of the floor. If there is ANY opportunity to get him this summer I am all for it. The stuff he is going to care about in his free agency will be the opportunity to have an impact team & then the chance to win, obviously he is going to want to get paid, but he is not just going to follow the money, that is not the type of person he is. He's a strong family man.

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isn't out & you don't have to worry about him. Some people say that he is soft or that he won't play hurt, that is not him at all, he's a warrior & I love him. He would fit in really well here.

2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

RealGM Wiretap

Jan 7, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Cavaliers Acquire Luol Deng From Bulls For Bynum, Picks

Chicago Bulls star Luol Deng has been traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers for Andrew Bynum and draft picks, a league source told RealGM.

Deng had been in constant trade speculation, and the Bulls were adamant they wouldn't deal the two-time NBA All-Star in a salary dump. Nevertheless, the non-guaranteed portion of Bynum's salary – saving the Bulls upwards of \$15 million – had become appealing late in the Cavaliers' quest to unload the championship center.

The Cavaliers announced that they've sent the Bulls three future NBA draft choices and the right to the first round pick in 2015, top 14 protected.

"We are very excited for Luol to join the Cavaliers organization," Chris Grant said in a statement. "We have worked to acquire and maintain flexibility in order to capitalize on opportunities such as this. Luol reflects all that we are striving for in building our team. He's a tremendous defensive player that can impact the game on both ends of the court with a team first mentality and is a high character leader."

For the Cavaliers, Deng brings consistency, leadership and stability to a lackluster wing position, and he's privately and publicly raved about Kyrie Irving in recent seasons. A free agent in the offseason, Deng has positioned himself as an elite target for organizations. He's averaging 19 points and nearly seven rebounds this season, playing through nagging injuries.

Bynum will be released by the Bulls and is expected to receive a bevy of interest despite his falling out with the Cavaliers.

With averages of 8.4 points and 5.3 rebounds, Bynum was eased into Cleveland's scoring distribution this season and suffered lingering knee pain in his comeback attempt. As Bynum told RealGM a week into the season, "I don't think the pain will decrease. It's just where I'm at. For my conditioning, the more I play, the better I'll get conditioning wise."

2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

RealGM Wiretap

Jan 7, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Luol Deng Rejected Three-Year, \$30M Extension Offer From Bulls Last Week

The Chicago Bulls offered Luol Deng a three-year, \$30 million extension last week.

Deng rejected the deal and was subsequently traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers in a financial move by the Bulls.

Deng and the Bulls also discussed an extension in the offseason.

Deng is in the final season of a \$71 million contract signed in the 2008 offseason.

Via Adrian Wojnarowski/Yahoo! Sports

2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

RealGM Wiretap

Jan 7, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Bulls' Post-Spinal Tap Care For Luol Deng Made Good Faith Extension Talks Difficult

Luol Deng became a two-time All-Star for the Chicago Bulls under Tom Thibodeau.

But the relationship between the Bulls and Deng began to go awry due to health issues.

The Bulls issued the spinal tap to test for viral meningitis, and sources at the time indicated Deng complained of his post-procedure care, which featured unfamiliar doctors, no visit from team personnel and the lack of a private hospital room.

Deng's representatives met with Bulls management last offseason to discuss their concerns over these issues and that became problematic as the sides moved on to discuss an extension.

The gap between Chicago's offer, reportedly \$30 million for three years according to Yahoo's Adrian Wojnarowski, and Deng's wish for something similar to Josh Smith's \$14 million per season, was too wide for real talks to even begin.

Via K.C. Johnson/Chicago Tribune

2013-2014 -Front Office -N/A

[REDACTED] Staff

Jan 10, 2014 by [REDACTED]

I really like him. With [REDACTED] out he and [REDACTED] basically were the heart of our team. He was a great guy but he wants to get paid. We felt it was time to move, and I think the market this summer will show we were right. I'm sure he's looking at contracts like [REDACTED] and thinking he deserves that or better. That said it was hard to see him go, analytically there are or 3 wings that I really think have a tangible impact on the game defensively, and contribute offensively and he's one of them.

2013-2014 -Articles -N/A

Cleveland.com

Jan 27, 2014 by [REDACTED]

Luol Deng on Cavaliers: 'You've got to get upset and demand more'
Print Jodie Valade, The Plain Dealer By Jodie Valade, The Plain Dealer

CLEVELAND, Ohio – This is not easy for Luol Deng. He's still the new guy here in Cleveland, still the Cavaliers player who joined the team via trade just about three weeks ago difficult to jump right in after nine games with the Cavaliers and spout off a list of everything that needs to improve.

Still, after watching the second-half debacle against the Phoenix Suns on Sunday, after the Cavaliers scored just six points in the third quarter en route to a crushing 99-90 loss 26-year-old Deng offered his observations on what is wrong with the 16-28 Cavaliers and what needs to change.

In essence, it's time for the Cavaliers to get angry. They are too nice to each other, too accepting of defeat. The Cavaliers are a very talented group, but they will never win unless confront their issues head-on and demand more as a team.

"We did a lot of good things (Sunday), but we did a lot of disappointing things -- things that reminds us that we're not that good," Deng told The Plain Dealer. "And we've got to be honest with ourselves. We've got to realize what we're playing for. There's got to be more sense of urgency. We can't keep waiting. This is not a waiting league, it's not a waiting You've got to do your job. When I say that, I'm talking about everybody. I've got to do a better job of leading when things like that happen. That's why I'm here. And I've got to get than that."

Deng pointed specifically to how the Suns knocked in five consecutive 3-pointers at the start of the third quarter as an instance where he and his teammates didn't react in a way might have stopped Phoenix's run.

"At some point, you've got to compete," he said. "You've got to get upset and demand more of your guys."

10-11-12 Philadelphia @ Orlando (live)...Current [redacted] - I've been around Luol now for three straight summers & I love him...one of the best teammates I've ever been around, unreal teammate. I haven't seen him in 6 months, since national team stuff during the summer, & he sends someone down to our locker room when we play in Chicago...wants me to come by the locker room to say hello to him. He's just this type of guy, great person.

He's [redacted] right now because of the wrist thing & the national team stuff. First, they didn't want him to play with the national team and this was a problem. I guess his father wrote hundreds of countries to get his family out of the Sudan and England was the only country to respond. Because of this, Luol feels indebted to England...as he says it "how can I not play for England after what the country did for my family". Secondly, the [redacted] told him not to have surgery on the wrist. The wrist is okay, he can strengthen it & be fine, but the surgery makes it 100% better...continues to get additional opinions on it & I think they just don't want him to be out. Sounds like he's going to get surgery on the wrist after next season.

Great teammate, the guys love him...awesome in the locker room, one of the best I've ever been around, maybe the best ever. In comparison to [redacted], Luol is definitely a better teammate...Luol is the better offensive player...Luol is both physically & mentally tougher...Andre is a better defender because he's more athletic, but it's close, Luol is a great defender too...they are equally smart basketball players = both high-level BBQ's. The problem with Luol is that he could be [redacted] on any play...his body is just fragile...he had his medical history with him at the Olympics and it was like 3 or 4 inches thick in a binder...hard to believe. I love the guy, really good player & better person.

2011-2012 -Teammate -N/A

Form [redacted]

Feb 4, 2014 by [redacted]

He's the same as Joakim in the sense that he's a great guy and he works his ass off but I think he's just unhappy right now in Cleveland. I talk to [redacted] a good amount and [redacted] told me that it's a mess in Cleveland because [redacted] don't get along because they both pound the ball and want shots. [redacted] wants to be the two and come off screens and shoot sometimes so that's why they signed [redacted] and when they signed Luol it took minutes away from [redacted] so now when [redacted] checks in the game he shoots it a lot, they just don't have enough balls there.

Luol is sort of like D Rose, he's quiet and he kind of stays to himself until he gets comfortable around you and then he's the best. I can't tell you how he is now in Cleveland because of the situation but when I was in Chicago our team was so close, so he was a great teammate and everyone enjoyed being around him. He would sing, dance, crack jokes, play soccer in practice, just an all around happy guy and he's another great teammate that I've played with.

He'll go out every now and then but nothing serious. He's not married and I don't think he has a girl and he didn't have any kids when I was in Chicago.

2011-2012 -Coach -N/A

[redacted] Coach [redacted]

May 9, 2014 by [redacted]

Luol was great for us. He had a lot of commitments around the team because he's the face of the program, but he was 1st class all the way. Interviews, commercials, appearances, I went out of his way to not say no, even when they were going to eat up a large portion of his day. It's not that he never said no, but if it was reasonable he did it, and never complained.

He was a hard worker, though he did have some days off, but that was mutually agreed upon by both sides coming in to the games. He was a little banged up from the NBA season. That said in practice and outside of practice he took care of business for both what we needed and himself physically. I'd say he leads by example more than vocally, though he isn't quiet just not a guy who's a Chris Paul type leader.

He was a great teammate, he'd take guys out for meals or organize trips to the movies on off days for the team. He was positive and liked.

Basketballwise, we gave him no help, he had to do too much at times, but that wasn't really his fault. If you're looking at him as a final piece or option 2,3,4, or 5 he'll be really good. Probably best as a 3rd option in the NBA, but he is so good because he doesn't mind that.

He had his mom, his brother and a small crew of English friends around but they weren't the type that would go out and party. Just guys he enjoys spending time with. He will go out to a club or bar, probably more of a club guy, but he doesn't stay out all night or get sloppy. I have no concerns about his lifestyle.

He will do things back in England and in the Sudan, he likes being involved in those communities.

I think he's a great piece for a team that wants to make a serious run at it, he'll fit in to the lockerroom and do things the right way. If you don't have to rely on him as your go to guy I be great. Some nights he'll get you 30, but most nights he'll just be 12-15 and 6, and guard multiple positions.