

2022-23 PLAYER PROFILES

MEET THE TEAM



**DAVID
MUOKA**

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HONG KONG**

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CAREER

Muoka is in his second year as a Runnin' Rebel ... Transferred from Lamar prior to the 2021-22 season ... Originally from Hong Kong ... Appeared in 57 career games, making 32 starts at Lamar ... Possesses a 7-foot-3-inch wingspan.

JUNIOR (2021-22) - UNLV

Led the Runnin' Rebels in blocked shots and ranked ninth in the Mountain West at 0.9 per game ... Appeared in 32 games, making one start ... Averaged 2.7 points and 3.8 rebounds per game ... Shot 69.6% from the field (39 of 56) ... Had two double-figure scoring games.

SOPHOMORE (2020-21) - LAMAR

Earned the Southland Conference's Defensive Player of the Year award ... Averaged 6.9 points, 9.3 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game during league play ... Shot 51% overall from the floor and ranked sixth in the nation in blocked shots per game with 2.96 ... Blocked a career-high nine shots against Stephen F. Austin ... Overcame injuries to play in 25 games earning 17 starts

... Averaged 5.4 points per game ... Second on the team and ranked eighth in the Southland Conference averaging 6.8 rebounds per game ... He was the nation's top-ranked sophomore in blocks ... Also recorded 15 assists and 14 steals ... Was 61 of 119 (.513) from the field ... Had three double-figure scoring games ... Pulled down double-figure rebounds eight times ... Recorded three double-doubles ... His first double-double was a 10-point, 12-rebound effort at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi ... Just missed a triple double with his 13-point, 11-rebound, nine-block effort in a victory over Stephen F. Austin ... Followed that up with 12 points and a career-high 13 rebounds in the rematch with A&M-Corpus Christi ... Grabbed a career-high 13 boards in three different games.

FRESHMAN (2019-20) - LAMAR

Played in 32 games earning 15 starts ... Averaged 3.2 points and 4.5 rebounds per game ... Led the team and finished third in the Southland Conference averaging 1.8 blocks per game ... Also recorded 11 assists and seven steals on the year ... Scored in double-figures once and had three double-figure rebound efforts ... Shot 45 of 93 (.484) from the field ... Scored a season-high 10 points, blocked four shots and pulled down two rebounds against Arlington Baptist ... Scored four points, pulled down five rebounds, blocked a then-career-high seven shots and dished out a season-high two assists in the victory over Rice ... Scored four points and pulled down a then-career-high 11 rebounds and blocked two shots at TCU ... Followed that up with five points and a career-high 13 rebounds in the very next game against Southeastern Louisiana ... Recorded a steal in seven different games.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2018 graduate of West Island School in Hong Kong ... Attended the Athlete Institute (prep school) in Ontario, Canada, before attending college ... Coached by Ahad Abid ... Averaged 10.9 points, 11.8 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game ... An Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) Defensive Player of the Year nominee ... Led the league in rebounds and blocked shots.

PERSONAL

David Kenechukwu Muoka was born Dec. 14, 2000, in Hong Kong ... The son of Jonathan Muoka and Allison Bate (Muoka) ... Has a brother, Duncan (16) ... Majoring in economics.

GETTING TO KNOW DAVID...

BASKETBALL NICKNAME: MuBlocka
FAVORITE PRO ATHLETE: LeBron, Giannis
FAVORITE PRO TEAM: Lakers
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT UNLV:
 Just embracing the team culture and the program as a whole
BIGGEST ATHLETIC THRILL:
 Performing well and helping my team win
BIGGEST THRILL IN MY LIFE:
 Making my family proud
ATHLETE I ADMIRE MOST & WHY:
 Giannis - because of how far he has come, being originally from Nigeria as well and his motivation to make his family proud
CURRENT OR FORMER UNLV ATHLETE I ENJOY WATCHING PERFORM:
 Larry Johnson
SINCE COMING TO UNLV I HAVE LEARNED: Everyday is a new day to make the most of your opportunities
BEST THING ABOUT UNLV:
 Staff, fans, team culture
FAVORITE FOOD: Pasta
LEAST FAVORITE FOOD: Seafood
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Black Mirror
IF I COULD INVITE THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY TO DINNER:
 LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant
FAVORITE MOVIE: Like Mike
IF I DIDN'T PLAY BASKETBALL I WOULD:
 Run my own business, using basketball and my international citizenship to give back to kids around the world
REASON I WEAR MY JERSEY NUMBER:
 My normal number was taken
PREGAME SUPERSTITION:
 Have to pray before every game

FAVORITE BOOK: Mamba Mentality
MOST FAMOUS PLAYER I'VE PLAYED WITH: THE Jordan McCabe
SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME: I'm trilingual
FAVORITE PREGAME MEAL:
 Chicken pasta
FAVORITE THING TO DO ON THE ROAD:
 Listen to music/watch movies
FAVORITE MOUNTAIN WEST CITY:
 Las Vegas
SPORT I WOULD BE PLAYING IF I DIDN'T PLAY BASKETBALL: Soccer
FAVORITE PLACE I'VE VISITED: Dubai
PLACE I'D MOST LIKE TO VISIT: Maldives
DREAM 1-ON-1 MATCHUP: LeBron James
FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Drake
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:
 Always believe in yourself and never give up on your dreams
HOW I STARTED PLAYING BASKETBALL:
 I watched Like Mike and wanted to be like Lil Bow Wow
ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE MYSELF:
 Ambitious
WHO INSPIRES ME TO BE BETTER:
 My family
SONG THAT PUTS ME IN A GOOD MOOD:
 Sandra's Rose - Drake
FAVORITE APP: Instagram
TOP BUCKET LIST ITEM: March Madness
GO-TO ENERGY SNACK: Bananas
CELEBRITY I WOULD LIKE MOST TO MEET: LeBron James

