

= Tim Frazier =

Tim Frazier ( born November 1 , 1990 ) is an American professional basketball player for the New Orleans Pelicans of the National Basketball Association ( NBA ) . The 6 ft 1 in ( 1 @. @ 85 m ) point guard played high school basketball for Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and competed at the collegiate level with Penn State . He earned various accolades with Penn State , including first @-@ team All @-@ Big Ten and All @-@ Big Ten Defensive team honors , both as a junior in 2012 . Frazier suffered an injury in his fourth year with the team , forcing him to redshirt the season . In his final season , he was named a Senior CLASS Award finalist and to the Bob Cousy Award watch list . Through his time attending Pennsylvania State University , Frazier also went to the Smeal College of Business .

= = Early life = =

Frazier was born on November 1 , 1990 in Houston , Texas , to Billy and Janice . He started playing basketball when he was five years old . He would knock down trophies of his sister and challenge his sister Krystal to games . His sister later said , " Most people learn basketball early on with a one @-@ on @-@ one kind of mentality ... Tim at an early age didn 't have that . He always wanted to make the team better and do whatever it takes to help team out . He is such a true point guard . " In his childhood , he was considered too small for contact sports , but was noted for his quickness , which helped him thrive as a guard on the court .

= = High school career = =

Frazier attended Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston , Texas . He completed his junior year with 11 @. @ 5 points , 5 @. @ 5 rebounds , and 3 @. @ 0 steals per game . Frazier was named District 17 @-@ 5A Defensive Player of the Year . In his senior season , he averaged 15 @. @ 5 points , 7 @. @ 7 rebounds , 5 @. @ 5 assists , and 3 @. @ 6 steals per game , leading the team to a 37 ? 1 record . He helped them become the first private school to reach the state tournament 's semifinals . Frazier commented on his final year with Strake Jesuit in an interview with BlueWhiteIllustrated.com. " My game , I don 't know , it just hit that next level , " he said .

After completing his senior year with Strake Jesuit , Frazier was ranked the 20th best point guard of his class , the 110th most valuable player overall , and a three @-@ star recruit by Rivals.com. According to TexasHoops.com , he was the best recruit in the state , and the Houston Chronicle labeled him the Boys Basketball Player of the Year . Frazier played with the Houston Elite Amateur Athletic Union team , which had produced players such as Anthony Thompson , Eddren McCain and Chris Roberts , all of whom attended Bradley University . He graduated high school cum laude .

On October 23 , 2008 , Frazier verbally committed to the Penn State Nittany Lions basketball team . He said to Scout.com , " I decided to be a Nittany Lion because I felt it was a great fit for me . Penn State has great academics as well as a great basketball team and that 's what I was looking for . " Frazier also said that he had a " great time " on his official visit and all his relatives supported the decision . He received offers from various other schools across the country , including Bradley , Colorado State , New Mexico State , Santa Clara , Stanford , Stephen F. Austin , and UTEP . Frazier was also visited by San Diego , TCU , and Penn State , spanning from September to October 2008 . After the move was made official , head coach Ed DeChellis said , " We are very excited to have Tim join our program . He is a very fast , quick player with tremendous speed in the backcourt and a good shooter . He possesses the kind of athleticism that Stanley Pringle does . He can get in the lane and find open guys and is a great drive and kick passer and he can score . He is a very good on @-@ the @-@ ball defender and a tremendous athlete and we think he really solidifies our backcourt for the future . "

= = Collegiate career = =

== Freshman ==

Prior to the start of his freshman year , Frazier recorded a team @-@ high 34 @-@ inch vertical in Penn State 's preseason workouts . He also matched the 2009 NBA Draft Combine record , and surpassed the event 's best lane agility time . Frazier did not participate in Penn State 's exhibition opener against Slippery Rock . Coach DeChellis said , " Billy Oliver , Sasa [ Borovnjak ] , Tim Frazier , Jermaine Marshall , they haven 't played in this yet , so it was important just to get out there . " In his first official appearance against Pennsylvania , Frazier added 2 points and 1 rebound in a scoreless performance . He was only allowed 8 minutes of play time . He scored his first points against Robert Morris the following contest , with a game @-@ high 19 points off the bench . He shot 6 @-@ of @-@ 11 from the field , and 4 @-@ of @-@ 5 on three @-@ pointers . Frazier also contributed 3 assists , 2 rebounds , and 1 steal in 30 minutes on the court . DeChellis said , " ( Tim ) is a hard guy to contain . If he starts making perimeter shots , then we 're that much better . We 've seen him where he can make shots in practice and do pretty well . We just needed to get him some confidence and get him into the flow . " The game would remain a season @-@ high for him under the scoring category . Frazier was awarded his first start as a shooting guard on November 22 , 2009 against Davidson ; he registered 7 points , 5 rebounds , 3 assists , and 3 steals . He recorded a season @-@ high 34 minutes . He finished the 2009 ? 10 season averaging 5 @.@ 0 points , 2 @.@ 3 rebounds , 2 @.@ 4 assists , 0 @.@ 7 steals , and 1 @.@ 7 turnovers . He played in all 31 regular season games .

== Sophomore ==

Frazier made his sophomore debut on November 7 , 2010 , in an exhibition game against East Stroudsburg . He added 10 points , 6 assists , and two steals . Frazier also recorded a team @-@ high 4 turnovers . DeChellis commented , " Offensively we were poor tonight and we had too many turnovers ... something we 've struggled with in practice . " On November 12 , 2010 , Frazier made his second appearance as a sophomore with 6 points , 7 rebounds , 6 assists , and 1 steal . He shot 1 @-@ of @-@ 5 on field goals , while going a perfect 4 @-@ of @-@ 4 from the free @-@ throw line . Frazier was named the game 's starting shooting guard and was allowed 30 minutes of playing time . He made his first @-@ ever appearance as Penn State 's starting point guard on November 19 vs. Fairfield , and contributed 3 points , 4 rebounds , 7 assists , and 1 steal . The team 's coach commented on Frazier 's powerful defensive performance , " thought Tim Frazier did a very nice job defensively on the point guard for Fairfield who is a really good player . He bothered him all night . " Frazier made his first impression above the 10 @-@ points barrier on January 15 , 2011 vs. Ohio State , with 11 points , 6 rebounds , and 5 assists . He shot 4 @-@ of @-@ 4 from the field and made three of four free throws . On March 12 , 2011 , Frazier scored 22 points against Michigan State , his season @-@ high as a sophomore , helping the team pull off the upset victory in the semifinals of the 2011 Big Ten Conference Men 's Basketball Tournament . He played in his first NCAA Tournament game against Temple , contributing 15 points , 7 assists , 5 rebounds , and 2 steals . He made a late miscue guarding Juan Fernández , allowing the opposing guard to close out the game with under one second remaining in regulation . Frazier recalled the moment , " I closed out high end so he wouldn 't be able to shoot over me . ( He ) made a great move , pivoted a couple of times and then stepped through . " Fernández said , " I was thinking about shooting a jump shot but I killed my dribble and ( Tim ) Frazier was right there . For some reason he jumped over to my right and that gave me the space to go left . " By the end of the season , Frazier averaged 6 @.@ 3 points , 5 @.@ 1 assists , 3 @.@ 9 rebounds , 1 @.@ 0 steals , and 0 @.@ 1 blocks per game . He was named to the Academic All @-@ Big Ten following 2010 ? 11 .

== Junior ==

Frazier opened his junior season , and his first year under coach Pat Chambers , on November 5 ,

2011 in an exhibition game against Slippery Rock . He led the team in scoring with 19 points . Frazier also posted 7 assists and 6 rebounds , helping Penn State win the game 64 ? 47 . He took part in the Nittany Lions ' first regular season contest on November 12 against Hartford , with 12 points , 6 assists , and 5 steals in spite of being given 28 minutes on the court . When asked on his communication with Frazier , Chambers said , " I 'm telling him to make plays ... he has to be one of our leading scorers . He 's got to look to score . " In the following game , Frazier made his second career display with 20 or more points . He also matched his career @-@ high total on assists , with 10 . This was his second double @-@ double with Penn State . Frazier also finished with 6 rebounds , 3 steals , and 1 block . Chambers said in a post @-@ game interview , " I 'm very greedy . I 'm an old point guard , so I want more out of Tim Frazier , if you can imagine ... what more means is even more leadership , even better habits . We 're always trying to create the best habits we can for the most difficult situation . " . Frazier helped power the 62 ? 46 victory over Radford , the team 's second consecutive win in the regular season . It was also Penn State 's first round game in the Hall of Fame Tip Off tournament . In his next game against LIU @-@ Brooklyn , Frazier scored a career @-@ high 26 points and matched his assists record for the second straight game , with 10 . It was his second @-@ straight double @-@ double and the third in his stint with Penn State . Chambers commented after the game , " Tim was terrific . He was a great leader tonight . He did everything you ask your point guard to do tonight . " He helped the program reach a 3 ? 0 record for the third time in 12 seasons . Following up on a loss to Kentucky , Frazier recorded 27 points on November 20 , 2011 against South Florida . The next game , Frazier recorded a career @-@ high 11 assists en route to his 4th double @-@ double in 2011 . On January 11 , 2012 , Frazier scored a career @-@ high 30 points against Nebraska , with his team losing the game , 70 ? 58 . He led the Big Ten with eight 20 @-@ point games through the course of the year . By the end of the season , Frazier averaged 18 @.@ 8 points , 6 @.@ 2 assists , 4 @.@ 7 rebounds , 2 @.@ 4 steals , and 0 @.@ 2 blocks . It was his highest scoring average with Penn State . He was named the John Lawther Team MVP , Second Team NABC All @-@ District , All @-@ Big Ten First Team , Academic All @-@ Big Ten , Basketball Times ' All @-@ District , and Big Ten All @-@ Defensive Team .

= = = Redshirt = = =

Frazier began his fourth season representing Penn State with 17 points , 8 assists , and 5 rebounds in an exhibition game against Philadelphia on November 3 , 2012 . He sat out for much of the second half , giving his duties to D. J. Newbill . After the game , Frazier said that the team " just played Penn State basketball . " On November 9 , 2012 , the first regular season for Frazier as a senior , he logged his 19th career 20 @-@ point game against Saint Francis ( PA ) . On November 18 , Frazier left six minutes into a game against Akron due to a ruptured left Achilles tendon . It was announced that he had a recovery period of about 12 months and would be out for the season . The injury was described as a " devastating blow " to the program by ESPN.com writer Eamonn Brennan . Chambers addressed the situation , saying , " I have no doubt he will meet this challenge and will again be one of the top players in the nation , " in accordance to his potential fifth year of NCAA eligibility . Frazier redshirted the season shortly after it was announced by the school that he would undergo surgery . He said , " I will never forget that game , that injury , never forget that camera . I 'm sitting there on the sideline with the ( television ) camera just zooming in on my foot . I 'll never forget the look on my sister 's face , my mom and dad 's face . " During his rehabilitation , Frazier began using the elliptical machine , doing work in the swimming pool , and taking part in weight training . He was guided by Penn State 's athletic trainer , Jon Salazer , throughout the process . Frazier 's sister Krystal had torn her right Achilles tendon when playing college basketball nearly seven years prior , and had gone through a similar rehabilitation before resuming her playing career .

= = = Senior = = =

In late April , it was made official that Frazier would return to Penn State for his final year of

eligibility . After the Big Ten granted him permission to partake his fifth season , Chambers said , " We are thrilled for him that he will have the opportunity to finish his career strong and again place himself among the top players in the nation . " It was also announced that Frazier would pursue a second major over the summer .

On November 3 , 2013 , Frazier posted 11 points , 6 assists , 1 steal , and 1 block in a winning effort in an exhibition game against Northwood . In his first regular season game , he recorded a double @-@ double against the Wagner Seahawks . It was the seventh incident in Frazier 's collegiate career . He was 12 @-@ for @-@ 17 on free @-@ throws and added 4 assists . On November 16 , 2013 , he scored a season @-@ high 29 points against Pennsylvania , also recording 7 assists , 3 rebounds , and 2 steals . The duo of Frazier and D. J. Newbill was regarded as one of the nation 's best backcourts , combining for 48 points through the contest . He matched his season record against St. John 's on November 29 , 2013 , posting 29 points . Over a week later , against Duquesne , Frazier recorded a career @-@ high 13 assists , powering a 9 @-@ point victory for Penn State . His performance tied Dan Earl for the third @-@ most assists in one game representing the Nittany Lions . Frazier completed his final season with Penn State by averaging 14 @.@ 9 points , 4 @.@ 5 rebounds , 5 @.@ 4 assists , 1 @.@ 6 steals , and 0 @.@ 2 blocks per game . He started in all 34 games , averaging 35 @.@ 2 minutes . Frazier was named to the Bob Cousy Award watch list , Third Team All @-@ Big Ten , and the Barclays Center Classic all @-@ tourney team . He was also a Senior CLASS Award finalist , and won the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award .

= = = College statistics = = =

= = Professional career = =

= = = Red Claws , 76ers and Trail Blazers ( 2014 ? 2016 ) = = =

= = = 2014 ? 15 season = = =

Prior to the 2014 NBA draft , Frazier worked out for several NBA teams , including the Phoenix Suns , New York Knicks , Boston Celtics , Minnesota Timberwolves , Philadelphia 76ers and Washington Wizards . Philadelphia worked him out two times , and head coach Brett Brown invited him to play for them at the 2014 Las Vegas Summer League within an hour after he was not selected in the draft . The situation was compared to that of Khalif Wyatt , who played for the 76ers through the 2013 edition of the summer league , and attended Temple University in the Philadelphia area . Frazier said , " When [ the coaches ] reached out to me and said they wanted me for the summer league , I was ready to go for it . I just want to go out , have fun , play my hardest and show Philly and other teams what they can get from me . " . According to the 76ers assistant coach , Chad Iske , he impressed the team 's staff by his " poise " and experience at the higher level . At Las Vegas , Frazier averaged 3 @.@ 4 points , 4 @.@ 0 rebounds , 2 @.@ 0 assists and 1 @.@ 2 steals in five games . On September 29 , 2014 , the Boston Celtics signed Frazier to a non @-@ guaranteed training camp deal with the likely notion of auditioning with the Maine Red Claws in the future . On October 27 , 2014 , he was waived by the Celtics after appearing in four preseason games where he went 1 @-@ for @-@ 2 from the field and recorded two rebounds , four assists and four steals . As expected , four days later , he was acquired by the Maine Red Claws as an affiliate player . Frazier opened his season in the D @-@ League by contributing 18 points , 9 assists , and 4 rebounds against the Oklahoma City Blue . He also shot 12 @-@ of @-@ 12 on free throws , helping the team win their first game .

On January 30 , 2015 , Frazier recorded his second triple @-@ double of the season with 13 points , 10 rebounds and 11 assists as he helped the Red Claws snap a three @-@ game losing streak

with a 104 @-@ 92 win over the Canton Charge . On February 4 , 2015 , he was named to the Futures All @-@ Star team for the 2015 NBA D @-@ League All @-@ Star Game .

On February 5 , 2015 , Frazier signed a 10 @-@ day contract with the Philadelphia 76ers . The following day , he made his NBA debut in the 76ers ' 96 @-@ 107 loss to the Boston Celtics . In just under 35 minutes of action off the bench , he recorded a game @-@ high 11 assists to go with 5 points , 5 rebounds and 2 steals . Following the expiration of his 10 @-@ day contract , he was not retained by the 76ers , and on February 16 , he was reacquired by the Red Claws . On February 20 , he signed a second 10 @-@ day contract with the 76ers . However , he was waived by the 76ers on February 24 after the team acquired Thomas Robinson , and returned once again to Maine four days later . On March 5 , he recorded his fourth triple @-@ double of the season with 22 points , 13 rebounds , 14 assists in the Red Claws ' 121 @-@ 110 win over the Austin Spurs .

On March 30 , 2015 , Frazier signed a multi @-@ year deal with the Portland Trail Blazers . On April 21 , he was selected as both the 2015 NBA Development League 's Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year after averaging 16 @.@ 1 points , 7 @.@ 1 rebounds and 9 @.@ 5 assists in 41 games .

== = 2015 ? 16 season == = =

In July 2015 , Frazier joined the Portland Trail Blazers for the 2015 NBA Summer League and attended training camp with the team . He made the final roster for the 2015 ? 16 season , and played in 15 of the team 's first 29 games of the season . On December 21 , he started in his first game for the Trail Blazers in place of the injured Damian Lillard . He subsequently played in all but 25 seconds of the team 's 106 ? 97 loss to the Atlanta Hawks , recording 12 points , 7 rebounds , 7 assists , 2 steals and 1 block . On February 18 , 2016 , he was waived by the Trail Blazers .

On February 27 , Frazier was reacquired by the Maine Red Claws . The following day , in just his second game back for the Red Claws , Frazier recorded just the 10th triple @-@ double in Red Claws history in a 132 ? 111 win over the Sioux Falls Skyforce . In 32 minutes of action , he recorded 24 points , 12 rebounds and 12 assists .

== = New Orleans Pelicans ( 2016 ? present ) == =

On March 16 , 2016 , Frazier signed a 10 @-@ day contract with the New Orleans Pelicans to help the team deal with numerous injuries . New Orleans had to use an NBA hardship exemption in order to sign him as he made their roster stand at 17 , two over the allowed limited of 15 . He made his debut for the Pelicans later that night , recording 14 points and 9 assists in 27 minutes off the bench in a 123 ? 108 win over the Sacramento Kings . On March 20 , he scored a season @-@ high 17 points in a 109 ? 105 win over the Los Angeles Clippers . He topped that mark four days later , scoring 18 points in a loss to the Indiana Pacers . On March 26 , he signed with the Pelicans for the remainder of the season . On April 3 , he had career highs with 19 points and 13 assists off the bench in a 106 ? 87 win over the Brooklyn Nets . On April 11 , he set a new career high with 20 points , along with 11 assists , in a 121 ? 116 loss to the Chicago Bulls . In the Pelicans ' season finale on April 13 , Frazier had a 15 @-@ assist game off the bench in a 144 ? 109 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves .

On June 22 , 2016 , Frazier re @-@ signed with the Pelicans .

== NBA career statistics ==

== = Regular season == =

== = Playoffs == =

= = Personal = =

Frazier is the younger brother of Krystal Frazier , a former Rice basketball guard . She was an All @-@ Conference USA selection after averaging over 10 points per game in her final seasons . Frazier graduated in May 2013 with a 3 @.@ 1 grade point average in supply chain and information systems at Smeal College of Business . Frazier added a second bachelor 's degree in communication arts and sciences the following year . He later served as the basketball team 's representative to the Penn State Student Athlete Advisory Board and was a member of the secret society Parmi Nous while at Penn State .