

= Anthony Davis (basketball) =

Anthony Marshon Davis , Jr . (born March 11 , 1993) is an American professional basketball player for the New Orleans Pelicans of the National Basketball Association (NBA) . He plays the power forward and center positions . Davis was selected first overall in the 2012 NBA draft by New Orleans , and is a three @-@ time NBA All @-@ Star . He also earned a gold medal playing with Team USA at the 2012 Summer Olympics .

Davis played one season of college basketball for the University of Kentucky , when he was first team All @-@ American and the Consensus National Player of the Year . He also won the USBWA National Freshman of the Year , NABC Defensive Player of the Year and the Pete Newell Big Man Award . Davis led the NCAA in blocks and set Southeastern Conference and NCAA Division I freshman single @-@ season blocked shots records . Davis led Kentucky to a National Championship and was named Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA tournament .

He left college for the NBA after one season and was drafted by New Orleans , then known as the New Orleans Hornets , and was selected that summer to play for the Team USA in the 2012 Olympics . After his rookie season , he was named to the NBA All @-@ Rookie First Team . The next season , he became an All @-@ Star for the first time and led the NBA in blocked shots per game . He has since become a three @-@ time All @-@ Star and the youngest player to score 59 or more points in an NBA game .

= = High school career = =

Davis is from the South Side of Chicago and played high school basketball for Perspectives Charter School , where he had attended school since sixth grade . The team plays in a division of the Chicago Public High School League , known as the Blue Division , that is ignored by the media because of its lower level of competition . Perspectives is a charter school that operates as a math and science academy with high academic pedigree , but minimal athletic success . The school had no gymnasium and Davis ' middle school basketball teams practiced at a nearby church . In junior high school , he was known as " the little guy who would shoot threes from the corner " . He ended his freshman year at a height of 6 feet 0 inches (1 @.@ 83 m) . By the beginning of his sophomore year , he had grown another 1 inch (2 @.@ 5 cm) , and he finished the year at 6 feet 4 inches (1 @.@ 93 m) .

As an unheralded guard after his sophomore season , he worked out with his cousins on guard drills that their father (Davis ' uncle) had developed . Davis did not play in the spring / summer AAU circuit between 8th grade and his junior year . He began his junior year at a height of 6 feet 7 inches (2 @.@ 01 m) and his junior basketball season at 6 feet 8 inches (2 @.@ 03 m) , saying he felt fortunate to have had such a rapid growth spurt without any knee pains . During his junior year , his family considered having him transfer to one of Chicago 's basketball powerhouses , but Hyde Park Career Academy head coach Donnie Kirksey , who knew Davis , Sr. well , advised against it saying " If you 're good enough , they 'll find you wherever you are . " Perspectives finished the season 8 ? 15 . Although he remained unnoticed nationally and locally after three seasons of Chicago Public League play , he was soon thereafter rated as the # 1 player in the class of 2011 by Scout.com and in the ESPNU 100 . Rivals.com rated him the # 2 player behind Austin Rivers . The attention came when he started playing on Tai Streets ' Meanstreets (AAU team) traveling system in the spring of his junior year . As late as Spring 2010 he was still unknown , but began to be noticed in mid April . In late April , Syracuse offered him a scholarship . That spring NBA Top 100 Camp Director Dave Telep , invited him to the camp based on his dominant first half performance of the first game of the Fort Wayne , Indiana Spiece Fieldhouse event . That summer his talent was attention @-@ grabbing . In August 2010 , Davis played in the Nike Global Challenge in Hillsboro , Oregon . In the opening game , he had 23 points and 9 rebounds .

Davis verbally committed to Kentucky on August 13 , 2010 , choosing it over his other finalists , which were DePaul , Ohio State , and Syracuse . He had officially visited DePaul and Ohio State . On August 24 , 2010 , he became the number one rated player in the national class of 2011 at

Scout.com. The pay @-@ for @-@ play scandal had played out very publicly in the press . Before Davis committed to Kentucky , the Chicago Sun @-@ Times reported that his father , Anthony Davis , Sr. asked Kentucky for \$ 200 @,@ 000 for a commitment from his son . The report was initially released on Wednesday August 4 , 2010 by Sun @-@ Times reporter Michael O 'Brien . Citing " a reliable source , " he posted the following text " rumors / sources that have Davis choosing Kentucky are also alleging that the commitment cost \$ 200 @,@ 000 . " before it was edited to say " rumors that Davis ' commitment is for sale have surfaced since he cut his list of schools down about a month ago . " and then removed later that day from the Sun @-@ Times ' high school sports website following a threat from a University of Kentucky lawyer . A Lexington , Kentucky law firm sent a letter under the signature of attorney Stephen L. Barker that expressed a " formal demand that you (O 'Brien and the Sun @-@ Times) withdraw the publication from any source from which it has been published , and issue an immediate statement that you know of no credible evidence indicating that there is any truth to the ' rumors ' referred to in your article . " Baker 's letter also threatened potential " punitive damages for your malicious and willful actions . " Anthony Davis Sr. declined to speak to the Chicago Tribune on August 4 regarding the allegation , although he denied the allegations to the Sun @-@ Times stating " We haven 't asked anyone for anything , and no one has offered us anything , " on July 30 before the story broke .

The article was reposted on the Sun @-@ Times ' website and included in the print edition on Friday August 6 where O 'Brien wrote " sources from three separate universities told the Sun @-@ Times that Davis Sr. asked for money in return for his son 's commitment , with the amounts ranging from \$ 125 @,@ 000 to \$ 150 @,@ 000 . " The University of Kentucky and the Davis family both threatened to sue the Sun @-@ Times over the article , however , no lawsuits were filed by Kentucky or the Davis family . The Davises and Kentucky claim the restated publication was false . Illinois ' one @-@ year statute of limitations on libel cases expired before any lawsuits were filed .

Davis signed his National Letter of Intent on November 10 , 2010 . He began his senior season on the Chicago Sun @-@ Times area 2010 Top 50 list . He was a pre @-@ season first team all @-@ state selection by the Sun @-@ Times along with Ryan Boatright (East Aurora / Connecticut) , Wayne Blackshear (Morgan Park / Louisville) , Mycheal Henry (Orr / Illinois) , and Jabari Parker (Simeon / Duke) . By that time , he stood at 6 feet 10 inches (2 @.@ 08 m) . According to Rodger Bohn of SLAM Magazine who saw him play more than 10 times , Davis retained his guard instincts after his growth spurt . Despite Davis ' individual prowess , Perspectives began the season with a 0 ? 6 record . He sat out one of those games with minor forearm and leg injuries . It took a near quadruple double on December 15 , 2010 against Benito Juarez Community Academy , when he posted 32 points , 21 rebounds , 11 assists and 9 blocked shots for the team to earn its first victory in its seventh game . The team 's subsequent game against Whitney M. Young Magnet High School played at Chicago State University was nationally televised on ESPNU . Later in the season , he missed some games due to a sprained right thumb . Despite losing approximately three @-@ quarters of its regular season games , Perspective earned a Class 3A regional play @-@ in game victory against Noble Street Charter High School in the Illinois High School Association state playoffs when Davis totaled 33 points , 9 rebounds , 7 assists , 5 blocked shots and 4 steals . However , after losing the subsequent regional semifinal game to King College Prep High School the team finished with a 6 ? 19 record . Despite his growth , he continued to perform much of the role of a guard by bringing the ball up the court and shooting outside shots . For the season , he averaged 32 points , 22 rebounds and 7 blocks .

In high school , Davis earned numerous honors for his basketball abilities including being named to the 2011 McDonald 's All @-@ American Game and the 10th annual Jordan Brand Classic . Although he had not been rated in the Mr. Basketball USA poll to end the 2009 ? 10 season , he began the 2010 ? 11 season ranked fifth , which was the highest of previously unranked players and finished the season fourth behind Rivers , Mike Gilchrist (now known as Michael Kidd @-@ Gilchrist) and Bradley Beal . He joined those three and James Michael McAdoo as first team USA Today All @-@ USA high school basketball team selections . He was a first @-@ team Parade All @-@ American . He was also a first team All @-@ American selection by SLAM Magazine (along with Gilchrist , Rivers , Beal , Quincy Miller and Marquis Teague) and Dime Magazine (along with

Gilchrist , Rivers , Beal and Myles Mack) . He was a first team selection to the ESPN Rise boys ' high school basketball All @-@ American team . However , in the statewide voting for the Illinois Mr. Basketball by coaches and media , he only placed fourth behind co @-@ winners Boatright and Chasson Randle (Rock Island / Stanford) and third @-@ place finisher Blackshear . Those four and Abdel Nader (Niles North / underclassman) formed the Chicago Tribune All @-@ State first team . The Chicago Sun @-@ Times selected him as a Class 3A first team All @-@ State selection along with Blackshear . The Chicago Sun @-@ Times selected him as an all @-@ Public League selection along with Blackshear , Parker , Henry and D. J. Tolliver . The Illinois Basketball Coaches Association included him in the Class 3A / 4A boys all @-@ state first team .

In the March 30 , 2011 McDonald 's All @-@ American Game , in front of a hometown crowd at the United Center , he made his first five field goals on his way to a 14 @-@ point , 6 @-@ rebound , 2 @-@ steal and 4 @-@ block performance . In the April 9 Nike Hoops Summit , Davis led the USA Basketball team to a 92 ? 80 victory over the world team with a team @-@ high 10 rebounds to go along with 16 points and 2 blocks . He was named co @-@ MVP of the April 16 Jordan Brand Classic game (along with McAdoo) after posting 29 points (on 13 @-@ for @-@ 15 shooting) , 11 rebounds and 4 blocks in a losing effort . Davis ' 29 points was the second @-@ highest point total in the first 10 years of the Jordan Brand Classic , following only LeBron James ' 34 @-@ point performance .

= = College career = =

Davis committed to the Kentucky Wildcats , coached by John Calipari . Before his college career began , he was being mentioned as the NBA draft first overall selection in the 2012 NBA draft . In late February Dick Vitale mentioned the possibility that Davis might complete the men 's college basketball awards Grand Slam of National Player of the Year , Defensive Player of the Year , Freshman of the Year and the No. 1 overall pick in the upcoming draft . " During the exhibition portion of the season for the 2011 ? 12 Wildcats , Calipari described Davis as follows : " He 's 6 ? 10 with a 7 ? 3 wingspan and he can shoot the 3 and dribble the ball and lead the break . . . " Less than a month into the season , ESPN 's Andy Katz described him similarly : " Davis offers a multitude of skills for the Wildcats with his ability to block shots , run the floor , score in the low post and face up to the basket . " Since Calipari had coached Marcus Camby , who was also a tall shot @-@ blocker , Davis drew comparisons to Camby . ESPN selected Davis as a preseason All @-@ American along with teammate Terrence Jones . Some sources , such as Blue Ribbon , selected Connecticut 's Andre Drummond as the preseason Freshman / Newcomer of the Year ahead of Davis , although Davis was the only freshman on the ESPN 10 @-@ man preseason team . Davis only received one vote for the Associated Press preseason All @-@ America team .

After most of the pre @-@ conference schedule but before the 2011 ? 12 Southeastern Conference men 's basketball schedule , Davis ' teammate , Michael Kidd @-@ Gilchrist was mentioned as a possible Southeastern Conference Men 's Basketball Player of the Year . However , after less than a month of Southeastern Conference play , Davis was not only being mentioned as conference player of the year , but also National Player of the Year . By mid February , he was considered a National Player of the Year front @-@ runner with his primary competition coming from Thomas Robinson of Kansas . As the season progressed , he continued to battle Robinson while developing a college level offensive game . Davis averaged a double double and 6 @.@ 5 blocks in the two games (November 15 , 2011 and April 2 , 2012) they played against each other , both on neutral courts . Davis led the Wildcats to a perfect 16 ? 0 record in conference play en route to the SEC conference regular season championship . Davis finished the year with averages of 14 @.@ 2 points per game , 10 @.@ 4 rebounds per game , 4 @.@ 7 blocks per game and a field goal percentage of 62 @.@ 3 % . The Wildcats entered the SEC Tournament as heavy favorites and defeated LSU and Florida before losing to the Vanderbilt Commodores in the championship game . Despite the loss , the Wildcats earned the number one overall seed in the 2012 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament . In the Wildcats ' six NCAA Tournament games , Davis averaged 15 @.@ 2 points , 11 @.@ 2 rebounds , and 4 @.@ 6 blocks per game , and led the team to its

eighth NCAA championship .

= = = Watchlists = = =

On October 20 , 2011 , Davis was one of three Kentucky Wildcats named to the 12 @-@ man preseason watchlist for the 2012 Wayman Tisdale Award along with Kidd @-@ Gilchrist , and Teague . On November 7 , 2011 , he was selected to the 50 @-@ man preseason 2012 Naismith College Player of the Year Award watchlist by the Atlanta Tipoff Club along with three Kentucky teammates (Jones , Kidd @-@ Gilchrist , and Teague) . Davis was included on the 25 @-@ man John R. Wooden Award Midseason list on January 17 . On February 6 , Davis and Kidd @-@ Gilchrist were both included on the 20 @-@ player 2012 Oscar Robertson Trophy midseason watch list . Davis and Kidd @-@ Gilchrist were both among the five March 1 finalists for the 2012 Wayman Tisdale Award , which the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) will award to the nation 's top freshman player via a March 30 announcement and April 16 presentation . On March 1 , Davis and Kidd @-@ Gilchrist were both named to the 30 @-@ player midseason Naismith watchlist . On March 6 , Davis and Kidd @-@ Gilchrist moved on to the final 15 nominees for the Wooden Award . As a USBWA first team All @-@ American selection on March 12 , he became one of five finalists for the Robertson Trophy . On March 19 , he became one of four finalists for the Naismith Award . Davis was named as one of 10 finalists for the Wooden Award , a designation termed as Wooden All @-@ American .

= = = Honors and awards = = =

= = = = National = = = =

Davis was named the 2012 Sporting News Men 's College Basketball Player of the Year . On March 19 , he won the U.S. Basketball Writers Association 's (USBWA) Robertson trophy . The Commonwealth Athletic Club of Kentucky named Davis the Adolph Rupp Trophy winner on March 22 . CBSSports.com recognized Davis as their national player of the year . On March 30 , he became the second freshman (Kevin Durant) to win the Associated Press College Basketball Player of the Year . On March 31 , he won the John R. Wooden Award . The following day he won the Naismith College Player of the Year . He was Kentucky 's first Naismith winner and the first from the SEC in 42 years (Pete Maravich) .

Davis was named to the 2012 Sporting News All @-@ American first team . He was also named first team All @-@ American by the United States Basketball Writers Association . On March 20 , the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) chose him as a first team All @-@ American . Davis was a CBSSports.com first team All @-@ American . Davis was named a first team Associated Press All @-@ American , making him a unanimous first team All @-@ American selection .

During the 2012 NCAA Tournament , Davis was selected to the NCAA South Regional All @-@ Tournament Team . Then , in the 2012 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament final four , he posted 18 points , 14 rebounds and 5 blocks against Louisville . In the championship game , he had 16 rebounds , 6 blocks , 5 assists , 3 steals and 6 points against Kansas . He won the NCAA Basketball Tournament Most Outstanding Player and was selected to that All @-@ Tournament team . He was the fourth freshman to win the Most Outstanding Player award .

Davis was named the USBWA National Freshman of the Year . He was selected by the USBWA as the Player of the Year for its 10 @-@ man 2011 ? 12 Men 's All @-@ District IV (Kentucky , Tennessee , Mississippi , Alabama , Georgia , Florida) Team . Davis was a first team selection to the NABC Division I All ? District 21 team on March 14 . On April 1 , he was also awarded the Pete Newell Big Man Award and the NABC Defensive Player of the Year . CollegeInsider.com recognized him with the Lefty Driesell Award as Defensive Player of the Year and the Kyle Macy Award as Freshman of the Year .

===== Conference =====

Davis twice earned SEC Player of the Week (POTW) honors (Week of February 6 and 27 , 2012) and four times , when he was not Player of the Week , he earned SEC Freshman of the Week (FOTW) honors (November 14 , 2011 , February 1 , 2012 , January 16 , 2012 , and May 3 , 2012) . He earned his first FOTW honor for debuting with a double double , including 23 points , 10 rebounds , 5 blocks and 3 assists against Marist on November 11 , 2011 . Only Jones and Sam Bowie had previously had 20 or more points and 10 or more rebounds in their Kentucky Freshman debut . His second FOTW came in a week in which he averaged 14 @. @ 0 points , 11 @. @ 5 rebounds , six blocks , 1 @. @ 5 steals and 1 assist in wins over Lamar and fourth @- @ rated Louisville . His third FOTW award came when he averaged 16 points , 7 rebounds , 4 blocks , 2 @. @ 5 steals and 2 assists in wins at Auburn and at Tennessee where both his point totals were game highs . He earned his fourth FOTW when he averaged 15 @. @ 5 points , 10 rebounds and 4 blocks in wins over Georgia and at Florida . He earned his first POTW recognition for averaging 20 points , eight rebounds , 7 @. @ 5 blocks and 2 assists in wins over Tennessee and at South Carolina . For Davis ' second POTW he posted a pair of double doubles to average 20 @. @ 5 points , 11 rebounds , 3 @. @ 5 blocks and two steals in wins at Mississippi State and over Vanderbilt . The February 25 win against Vanderbilt clinched the 2011 ? 12 SEC championship for Kentucky as Davis tallied a career @- @ high 28 points as well as 11 rebounds and 5 blocked shots . ESPN 's Andy Katz described his SEC title @- @ clinching performance as the most complete performance of his career .

He was also selected as the SEC Player of the Year , SEC Freshman of the Year , SEC Defensive Player of the Year and a first team All @- @ SEC honoree . The SEC awards were selected by the league 's 12 coaches who were not permitted to vote for their own players . Thus , no awards were unanimous . Sporting News also selected him as Freshman and Player of the Year for the SEC . Also , the Associated Press selected him as Player and Newcomer of the Year for the SEC as well as an All @- @ SEC performer . Following the 2012 SEC tournament , he was selected to the SEC All @- @ Tournament Team .

===== Records =====

During the 2011 ? 12 NCAA Division I men 's basketball season , Davis blocked more shots per game than most Division I men 's teams . In the January 17 contest against Arkansas , Davis set the Kentucky men 's basketball record for single @- @ season blocked shots surpassing Melvin Turpin and Andre Riddick , who each had 83 . In the game , he established a career high with 27 points and added 14 rebounds and 5 blocked shots . On February 4 , against South Carolina , Davis established the SEC freshman record with 116 blocks surpassing Shaquille O 'Neal 's total set for LSU . One of the most notable blocks of the season was a block of John Henson with four seconds left to preserve a 73 ? 72 victory when number one Kentucky hosted number five North Carolina on December 3 . On March 15 , Davis established a Kentucky single @- @ game record for the NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament by blocking 7 against Western Kentucky . On March 25 , Davis established the SEC single @- @ season blocked shots record in the NCAA Tournament South Regional Championship game victory over Baylor , surpassing Jarvis Varnado 's total of 169 . On March 31 , he tied DeMarcus Cousins with 20 double doubles for the Kentucky freshman @- @ season record . He also surpassed Cousins ' Kentucky freshman rebounds record of 374 with 415 rebounds . With six blocks in the championship game , he achieved a total of 186 for the season , surpassing Hassan Whiteside 's 2010 total of 182 , to set an NCAA Division I freshman record . This also tied the NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Championship Game record for blocks established by Joakim Noah in the 2006 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament . Starting in the championship game gave him a total of 40 starts for the season , which tied Kentucky 's single @- @ season record along with teammate Marquis Teague .

== College statistics ==

== Professional career ==

== New Orleans Hornets / Pelicans (2012 ? present) ==

Davis declared for the 2012 NBA draft alongside the rest of the national championship team starting five : fellow freshmen Kidd @-@ Gilchrist and Teague , and sophomores Jones and Doron Lamb . At the 2012 NBA Draft Combine , Davis measured at 6 feet 9 @.@ 25 inches (2 @.@ 06 m) , 221 @.@ 8 pounds (100 @.@ 6 kg) and had the second longest wingspan ? 7 feet 5 @.@ 5 inches (2 @.@ 27 m) of any player participating . On June 28 , the New Orleans Hornets selected Davis with the first overall pick . Davis became the fifth Chicago @-@ area first overall selection following Cazzie Russell (1966) , LaRue Martin (1972) , Mark Aguirre (1981) and Derrick Rose (2008) . On July 24 , 2012 , Davis signed a three @-@ year \$ 16 million guaranteed contract with the Hornets as prescribed by the NBA 's collective bargaining agreement .

=== 2012 ? 13 season ===

On November 1 , 2012 , Davis made his debut against the San Antonio Spurs . He scored a team high 21 in a losing effort . On November 2 , Davis suffered a concussion that sidelined him for 2 and a half games until November 9 . In his November 9 return , he posted his first double double with 23 points and 11 rebounds as well as 5 blocks , 2 steals and 2 assists in a victory over the Charlotte Bobcats . On November 17 , he totaled 28 points and 11 rebounds against the Milwaukee Bucks . On November 20 , Davis was announced to be out of the lineup for " a stress reaction " on his ankle . He was cleared to play on December 11 , 2012 after missing 11 games . On December 18 , he posted a career high 4 steals to go along with 15 points and a then career @-@ high 16 rebounds against the Golden State Warriors in his first start since being disabled on November 20 .

Davis appeared in the February 15 , 2013 Rising Stars Challenge during the 2013 NBA All @-@ Star Game weekend . Davis was removed from the Hornets ' lineup on February 27 following a collision with Brook Lopez the prior night in which he sprained his left shoulder . On March 5 , Davis returned to the starting lineup with 17 points , 15 rebounds and 4 blocked shots against the Orlando Magic . On March 9 , Davis established a career high in rebounds with 18 to go along with 20 points against the Memphis Grizzlies . On March 20 , Davis tipped in the game @-@ winning basket over Kevin Garnett against the Boston Celtics with 0 @.@ 3 seconds remaining . On April 10 , Davis suffered a season @-@ ending left knee medial collateral ligament sprain and bone bruise . He was injured in a collision with Marcus Thornton of the Sacramento Kings . He was a 2013 NBA All @-@ Rookie First Team selection , and finished second in NBA Rookie of the Year voting (with 306 points) to Damian Lillard (605) . His 20 double @-@ doubles was the most in his rookie class .

As a rookie , he proved to be mostly a pick and roll threat on offense , but was effective in fast break transition and on the offensive boards . He needed to develop his isolation and post @-@ up skills . His rookie skill set was said to resemble a young Lamar Odom , but he added over 10 pounds (4 @.@ 5 kg) following his rookie season .

After the 2012 ? 13 season , the Hornets renamed themselves the Pelicans . Davis donated \$ 65 @,@ 000 toward the construction of a basketball court at his alma mater , Perspectives . On October 16 , 2013 , during the preseason of Davis ' sophomore year for the 2013 ? 14 New Orleans Pelicans ' , the Pelicans exercised the team 's 3rd @-@ year option on Davis ' contract .

=== 2013 ? 14 season ===

Davis began the 2013 ? 14 NBA season with the newly @-@ renamed Pelicans with a pair of double @-@ doubles , posting 20 points and 12 rebounds against Indiana on October 30 and 26

points and 17 rebounds against Orlando on November 1 . In the Orlando game , Davis became the youngest player in franchise history to record 25 points and 15 rebounds in a game . In the third game of the season against Charlotte on November 2 , Davis established career @-@ highs with 6 blocks and 6 steals , while helping New Orleans to its first victory . He also became the first player with 6 blocks , 6 steals and 25 points in a game in the last 20 years and only the fifth with at least 5 blocks , 5 steals and 25 points in that period . For the week , Davis earned an NBA Player of the Week nomination , but lost out to Kevin Love . On November 8 , against the Los Angeles Lakers , Davis scored a career @-@ high 32 points and tied a career high with 6 blocks , along with 12 rebounds , becoming the youngest player ever to have at least 30 points , 10 rebounds and 5 blocks in an NBA game . On November 16 , he established a new career high with 8 blocks against Philadelphia . He again had 8 blocks on November 20 against the Utah Jazz . With 2 8 @-@ block games in the Pelican 's first 11 games of the 2013 ? 14 NBA season Davis matched the number of 8 @-@ block games that Roy Hibbert had at that time in the 2012 ? 13 and 2013 ? 14 NBA seasons combined . No other players had 2 8 @-@ block games as recently . According to ESPN , while drawing a charging foul from Amar 'e Stoudamire , Davis suffered a non @-@ displaced fracture in his left hand in the first quarter against the New York Knicks on December 1 . Yahoo ! Sports claims the injury came on an attempted alley oop . On December 3 , the Pelicans announced a 4 @-@ 6 week layoff was expected . The injury came the night before he was supposed to play in his hometown of Chicago , marking the second year in a row that he was sidelined for his chance to play in his hometown .

Davis returned to the lineup on December 18 against the Los Angeles Clippers with 24 points , 12 rebounds and 3 steals . He returned to the starting lineup in the next game with 21 points , 9 rebounds , 2 blocks and a steal against Portland on December 21 . He missed 7 games due to the injury . In his seventh consecutive 20 @-@ point game (all losses) , Davis posted 31 points and 17 rebounds against Golden State . In the subsequent game on January 20 , he helped the Pelicans snap an 8 @-@ game losing streak with 27 points , 10 rebounds , 4 assists and 4 blocks against Memphis . On January 26 , Davis established a new career high with 19 rebounds , in addition to posting 22 points and 7 blocks , in a 100 ? 92 victory over the Orlando Magic . On January 27 , Davis was a finalist for NBA Western Conference player of the week but lost out to Kevin Durant . The January 28 contest against the Cleveland Cavaliers featuring the last three first overall NBA draft picks (Anthony Bennett , Davis , and Kyrie Irving) , Davis posted 30 points , 8 blocks , 7 rebounds and 3 assists . However , he dislocated his left index finger causing him to miss the next game the following night . On January 29 , he was named a Rising Stars Challenge participant as part of the 2014 NBA All @-@ Star Game weekend . On February 7 , he was selected to replace Kobe Bryant in the 2014 NBA All @-@ Star Game . On February 26 , Davis sprained his left shoulder late in the first half against the Dallas Mavericks . He did not play in the rest of the game , and his subsequent availability was listed as day @-@ to @-@ day . Despite his shoulder sprain , Davis matched his career high with 32 points on February 28 against the Phoenix Suns . He was one of six Western Conference Player of the Week nominees on March 10 . On March 14 , Davis established a career high with 36 points against Portland . On March 16 , 2014 (the very next game) Davis scored a career high 40 points along with a career high 21 rebounds in a 121 to 120 overtime win against the Boston Celtics . The performance was the first 40 @-@ point / 20 @-@ rebound effort of the 2013 ? 14 NBA season . Davis was the 4th youngest player (21 years and 5 days) to achieve 40 / 20 in a game and the youngest since Shaquille O 'Neal in 1993 . In addition to his career game , Davis set a New Orleans ' franchise record with six straight games of at least 28 points . Glen Rice set the previous best stretch with five straight in the 1990s . It was also the first 40 @-@ point performance by a Pelican / Hornet since David West on February 26 , 2010 . Davis was again a finalist for NBA Player of the Week on March 17 and 24 .

In late March , Davis began suffering a series of injuries . On March 28 , Davis injured his left ankle , after four minutes of play against the Jazz . He missed the rest of the game and the next one . Davis returned to the lineup on March 31 against Sacramento . However , on April 2 , Davis endured back spasms that caused him to miss the second half against the Nuggets . Davis saw limited minutes on April 4 and missed a game on April 9 due to his back . On April 10 , the team announced

that Davis would miss the remaining 4 games . Davis finished the season as the NBA leader in blocked shots per game (2 @. @ 82) . Because of his improved performance this season against his rookie season , Davis ended up finishing third place in the NBA Most Improved Player Award voting behind Lance Stephenson and Goran Dragi? .

== == 2014 ? 15 season == ==

Davis began the 2014 ? 15 NBA season against the Orlando Magic with one of the best season opening performances of all time : 26 points , 17 rebounds , 9 blocks , 3 steals and 2 assists . It was the first 9 @-@ block season opener since Nate Thurmond had 12 to open the 1974 ? 75 NBA season . The performance also marked the first 26 @-@ point / 17 @-@ rebound / 9 @-@ block / 3 @-@ steal effort since Hakeem Olajuwon during the 1989 ? 90 NBA season . On November 8 , against the San Antonio Spurs , he posted 27 points , 11 rebounds and 6 blocks , including the game @-@ winning basket with 6 @. @ 6 seconds remaining . It marked the 5th time Davis had 25 points , 10 rebounds and 5 blocks since the beginning of the prior season . No other player has had multiple such games in that time . On November 22 , Davis scored a career @-@ high 43 points along with 14 rebounds against the Utah Jazz . He was a finalist for October / November Western Conference Player of the Month . On December 2 , Davis fell one assist and one block short of becoming the youngest NBA player to ever record a Five @-@ by @-@ five with a 25 @-@ point , 10 @-@ rebound , 4 @-@ assist , 6 -steal , 4 @-@ block performance against the Oklahoma City Thunder . Davis entered the December 12 , 2014 contest against the Cleveland Cavaliers with a player efficiency rating (PER) of 32 @. @ 9 , which would be the highest in NBA history if maintained for the full season . Davis was injured in the game and left in the first quarter . Davis was sidelined in the subsequent contest . He was a finalist for December Western Conference Player of the Month . On February 6 , despite having missed his last 11 three point shots and having a career 2 @-@ for @-@ 23 three point career record , Davis made a game winning three point buzzer beater against Oklahoma City Thunder as part of a 41 @-@ point , 10 @-@ rebound double @-@ double . The 41 @-@ point performance marked a New Orleans record 13th consecutive 20 @-@ point performance , surpassing Pete Maravich of the 1976 ? 77 New Orleans Jazz .

On February 7 , 2015 , Davis injured his shoulder after falling off the rim when he received an alley @-@ oop . As a result of the injury , he withdrew from the 2015 NBA All @-@ Star Game , and was replaced on the roster by Dirk Nowitzki and in the starting lineup by LaMarcus Aldridge . Davis missed five games in late February and early March to the shoulder sprain . He returned against the Detroit Pistons with a very dominant game performance of 39 points , 13 rebounds , and 8 blocks , numbers that only Hakeem Olajuwon and Dwight Howard had achieved in a game in the prior 30 years . Davis also reached 437 career blocks , a franchise record . On March 9 , Davis tied his career high with 43 points and added 10 rebounds , 2 blocks and a steal in a 114 @-@ 103 win against the Milwaukee Bucks . On March 15 in a double overtime game against the Denver Nuggets , Davis became the first player in NBA history to tally 36 points , 14 rebounds , 9 blocks and 7 assists in a game since blocks became a statistic in 1973 . Only David Robinson has had at least 30 points , 11 rebounds , 8 blocks and 7 assists in a game . On March 16 , Davis earned Western Conference Player of the Week for games played Monday , March 9 , through Sunday , March 15 and was a finalist for Western Conference Player of the Month of March . In the final game of the regular season , a must @-@ win game that would send the Pelicans to the 2015 NBA Playoffs , Davis recorded 31 points , 13 rebounds , and 3 blocks in a 108 @-@ 103 victory over the defending @-@ champion San Antonio Spurs . The playoff berth was Davis ' first and the franchise 's first since 2011 . Davis ' season was one of the most impressive in NBA history , finishing the season averaging 24 @. @ 4 points , 10 @. @ 2 rebounds , 2 @. @ 9 blocks , and leading the league in player efficiency rating with 30 @. @ 89 . He was a finalist for Western Conference Player of the Month again in April .

In his first career playoff series , Davis averaged 31 @. @ 5 points and 11 @. @ 0 rebounds , and 3 @. @ 0 blocks per game . Although swept by the overall number one seeded Golden State Warriors , who went on to win the NBA championship , Davis joined Shaquille O 'Neal , Hakeem Olajuwon ,

and Karl Malone as the only players in the past 20 seasons to average 30 points and 10 rebounds in the playoffs . Davis also became the first player in 40 years to average 30 points and 10 rebounds in a player 's first playoff series , with the only other players to do so being Wilt Chamberlain , Kareem Abdul @-@ Jabbar , and Bob McAdoo . At the end of the season , Davis finished 4th in the NBA Defensive Player of the Year Award voting , 5th in the NBA Most Valuable Player Award voting , sixth in the NBA Most Improved Player Award voting . He was selected to the All @-@ NBA First Team for the first time in his career , becoming the first player to make the first team in his first three seasons since Derrick Rose did so in the 2010 ? 11 NBA season . He was also an NBA All @-@ Defensive Team second team selection .

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On July 9 , 2015 , Davis signed a five @-@ year , \$ 145 million contract extension with the Pelicans . On November 6 , he tied his career @-@ high of 43 points in a loss to the Atlanta Hawks . On December 1 , he tied a career @-@ high 9 blocked shots in an offensive off night against the Memphis Grizzlies . On December 20 , in a win over the Denver Nuggets , Davis scored a single @-@ quarter career @-@ high 19 first quarter points to finish the game with 27 . On January 15 , Davis converted an alley oop dunk from Jrue Holiday with 2 seconds remaining to give New Orleans a 109 ? 107 victory over the Charlotte Hornets . On January 28 , Davis was named as a reserve for the 2016 NBA All @-@ Star Game . He again came close to a Five @-@ by @-@ five with a 28 @-@ point , 10 @-@ rebound , 4 @-@ assist , 4 @-@ block , 4 @-@ steal effort on February 3 against the San Antonio Spurs . The following day , he was named to the NBA All @-@ Star Weekend Skills Challenge lineup . On February 21 , in a win over the Detroit Pistons , Davis scored a franchise @-@ record 59 points and pulled down 20 rebounds . The previous franchise record was 50 points by Jamal Mashburn exactly 13 years earlier against the Memphis Grizzlies . Davis joined Shaquille O 'Neal and Chris Webber as the only NBA players with 50 points and 20 rebounds in a game since 1983 . Davis also became just the 20th player in NBA history to score at least 59 points in a game , and became the youngest player in NBA history to score 59 points in a game , and the second youngest (behind Bob McAdoo) to record 50 points and 20 rebounds in a game . The 59 points was an NBA @-@ wide season high at the time . The total was not surpassed until the final night of the season when Kobe Bryant posted 60 in his final career game . Davis posted a third 40 @-@ point game (40 points and 13 rebounds) on March 9 against the Charlotte Hornets . On March 20 , he was ruled out for the rest of the season with a left knee injury and a torn labrum in his left shoulder . Upon being deactivated , Davis claimed that he had been playing through left shoulder pain since his rookie season .

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On May 2 , 2012 , following a rash of injuries to players who had been on the 20 @-@ man Team USA basketball roster in January (notably center Dwight Howard) , Davis was named as one of the finalists for the 2012 Olympic basketball team . Davis , along with Greg Monroe , was under consideration to fill the vacancy at center resulting from Howard 's injury . Davis would be the first American player since Emeka Okafor (2004) to have competed in the Olympics without any prior

NBA experience . By the beginning of July , he was one of six players (along with Blake Griffin , James Harden , Rudy Gay , Andre Iguodala and Eric Gordon) competing for the final three roster spots , according to USA Basketball director Jerry Colangelo . Tyson Chandler , Kevin Love , Griffin and Davis were the only true post players among the final 15 . It was reported that Davis " suffered a severely sprained ankle in a workout " on June 30 and " almost assuredly [would] bypass a chance to play for Team USA [that] summer in the London Olympics . " On July 12 , 2012 , however , he was selected for the 2012 USA men 's basketball roster after Blake Griffin suffered an injury to the same knee he injured in the 2012 NBA Playoffs . That team went undefeated in the 2012 Olympic tournament in London and won the gold medal match over Spain .

Davis was also a member of the 2014 national team that won the gold medal in the 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup over Serbia on September 14 .

= = Personal life = =

Davis is the son of Anthony Davis , Sr. Davis , Sr. is 6 foot 3 inches (1 @. @ 91 m) and his mother , Erainer , is 6 foot 1 inch (1 @. @ 85 m) . He has a twin sister , Antoinette and an older sister , Iesha who plays basketball at Daley College .

He has cousins named Jarvis , Marshaun and Keith Chamberlain . Keith has played professional basketball in Germany and Latvia and their father , Keith Sr. , served as Davis ' elementary school athletic director .

On June 15 , 2012 , he signed with Arn Tellem and the Wasserman Media Group as his agents . Davis trademarked his unibrow sayings " Fear The Brow " and " Raise The Brow " in June 2012 .