

= Lavoy Allen =

Lavoy Allen ( born February 4 , 1989 ) is an American professional basketball player for the Indiana Pacers of the National Basketball Association ( NBA ) . He was selected in the 2nd Round , 50th overall pick in the 2011 NBA draft by the Philadelphia 76ers . Allen is the son of a truck driver , and did not play much basketball until eighth grade . He attended Pennsbury High School , where he was coached by Frank Sciolla . Rivals.com ranked him the 14th best center in his class , and Scout.com named him the 110th overall prospect . Allen committed to Temple University and coach Fran Dunphy .

Temple reached the NCAA Tournament in all four seasons that Allen played there . He was a three @-@ time All @-@ Atlantic 10 Defensive Team honoree and a two @-@ time All @-@ Atlantic 10 First Team recipient . In his junior year , he became the first Temple player to average a double @-@ double since Ollie Johnson accomplished the feat in 1970 @-@ 71 . Allen declared for early entry in the 2010 NBA draft , but withdrew prior to the May 8 deadline . As a senior , Allen surpassed Johnny Baum as the all @-@ time leading rebounder in Temple history . He was the recipient of the Robert V. Geasey Trophy honoring the Philadelphia Big Five Player of the Year . Dunphy has said that Allen " might be the smartest player I 've ever coached . "

= = Early life = =

Allen was born in Trenton , New Jersey on February 4 , 1989 . His mother is Paula Allen and his father , Dave Allen , is a truck driver . When he was nine years old , Lavoy moved to Morrisville , Pennsylvania , and struggled to make friends in his new surroundings . He did not play much organized basketball until eighth grade . In an interview , Allen admitted he was not very good in the beginning , and focused on passing the ball to a better teammate . His initial motivation was how schoolchildren mocked him for his height yet not being able to dunk . " I could barely jump over the Sunday paper , " he said .

= = High school career = =

He attended Pennsbury High School , where he was coached by Frank Sciolla . Former Temple player Dalton Pepper was his high school teammate . In ninth grade , Allen decided that he wanted to be great , and put in much more practice time . He became a starter on the varsity team in his sophomore year . As a junior , he averaged 12 points and nine rebounds per game , and was named a Top 150 player in his class by Hoop Scoop .

In his senior season , Allen posted per @-@ game averages of 13 points , 9 @.@ 6 rebounds , 3 @.@ 2 assists , 3 blocks , and 2 steals . Under Allen , Pennsbury reached the second round of the PIAA playoffs before losing to Harrisburg High School . He was named to the Second Team all @-@ Southeastern Pennsylvania at the conclusion of the season . Allen tried out for the USA U @-@ 19 basketball team , but did not make the final cut . Rivals.com ranked him the 14th best center in his class , and Scout.com named him the 110th overall prospect . He worked at a day care facility to earn enough money to bring his date to the senior prom . On November 8 , 2006 , Allen committed to Temple , over Division I scholarship offers from Rutgers , Saint Joseph 's , and La Salle . Along with Dayton signee Chris Wright , Allen was one of two ESPN 100 prospects in the class of 2008 to sign with an Atlantic 10 program .

= = College career = =

= = = Freshman = = =

Coming into his freshman season , Allen was selected to the Preseason All @-@ Atlantic 10 Rookie Team . He was seen as an answer for Temple 's rebounding and interior scoring struggles

from the previous 12 @-@ 18 season . In his first college basketball game , Allen scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds in a loss to # 7 Tennessee . From November 18 through December 9 , 2007 , he scored in double figures in six consecutive games . On February 10 , 2008 , Allen 's season @-@ high 20 points led Temple to an 80 @-@ 70 overtime victory over the UMass Minutemen . Allen was benched in the February 17 game against Dayton due to missing a study assignment .

The Owls finished the season 21 ? 13 , and made the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001 , receiving a 12 seed by the selection committee . In the first round , they bowed out to fifth @-@ seeded Michigan State 72 @-@ 61 . In that game , Allen notched his first double @-@ double of 13 points and 11 rebounds , and also drained his first two collegiate three @-@ pointers . He led the team in blocks with a total of 52 , and finished second in field goal percentage ( .558 ) , third in rebounds per game ( 5 @.@ 7 ) , and fourth in points per game ( 8 @.@ 1 ) . Allen was selected to the All @-@ Atlantic 10 Rookie Team .

= = = Sophomore = = =

As a sophomore , Allen increased his scoring average to 10 @.@ 9 points per game , second on the team , and again led the team in blocks with 1 @.@ 56 per game . He shot a team @-@ best .579 from the floor , and his .618 field goal percentage in league games led the Atlantic 10 . In addition , he led the team and finished third in the Atlantic 10 in rebounding with 9 @.@ 0 rebounds per game . He had 14 double @-@ doubles on the season . In the Owls ' game against Lafayette , Allen broke his thumb and was forced to miss the next game against Buffalo . His season @-@ high 23 points came on February 8 , when the Owls defeated the Rhode Island Rams 68 @-@ 62 ; Allen also had 13 rebounds . The following day , Allen received his first Philadelphia Big 5 player of the week honors . He would again be honored as Big 5 player of the week on February 23 , following a 20 @-@ point and season @-@ high 18 rebound performance against St. Bonaventure .

At the end of the regular season , Allen was named to the All @-@ Atlantic 10 Third Team and All @-@ Atlantic 10 Defensive Team . He helped Temple to its second consecutive Atlantic 10 Tournament title and NCAA Tournament appearance . In the championship game over Duquesne , Allen contributed 10 points and 14 rebounds . He posted 10 points and 11 rebounds against Arizona State in an 2009 NCAA Tournament Round of 64 loss .

= = = Junior = = =

Allen was a Preseason All @-@ Atlantic 10 First Team selection in his junior year . He averaged 11 @.@ 5 points and 10 @.@ 7 rebounds per game , becoming the first Temple player to average a double @-@ double since Ollie Johnson accomplished the feat in 1970 @-@ 71 . Allen 's 10 @.@ 9 rebounds per game average in Atlantic 10 conference games was bested only by Fordham 's Chris Gaston and Duquesne 's Damian Saunders . In addition , he led Temple in field goal percentage at .536 . He scored 10 points and snatched 17 rebounds in the Owls ' upset of # 3 Villanova on December 19 . In a 65 @-@ 53 win over La Salle on February 28 , 2010 , Allen scored 17 points and grabbed 21 rebounds , a career high and the most by an Owl since Joe Newman pulled down 24 on February 5 , 1973 . With the victory , Temple clinched the Philadelphia Big Five title with a perfect 4 ? 0 record . Allen became the 46th Temple player to score 1 @,@ 000 points in his career in a game against George Washington . This earned him Atlantic 10 ( co- ) player of the week honors for the week of March 7 .

Led by Allen , Temple enjoyed a 29 ? 5 season , captured a share of the Atlantic 10 conference regular season championship with a 14 ? 2 record , and culminated in a third consecutive Atlantic 10 conference tournament title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament . In the NCAA Tournament , Temple was seeded fifth and matched up with 12 seed Cornell in the first round . Allen had 11 points , but his Owls were upset by the Big Red 78 @-@ 65 . Following the season , Allen was selected to the All @-@ Atlantic 10 First Team and All @-@ Atlantic 10 Defensive Team . He was recognized as an All @-@ Fourth District first @-@ team selection by the National Association

of Basketball Coaches making him eligible for the State Farm Division I All @-@ America teams . Since the Atlantic 10 Conference was its own district , this is equivalent to being named first team All @-@ Atlantic 10 by the NABC . The U.S. Basketball Writers Association named Allen to the 10 @-@ man All @-@ District II team covering college basketball players in the states of New York , New Jersey , Delaware. the District of Columbia , Pennsylvania , and West Virginia .

Allen briefly flirted with the 2010 NBA draft . He declared for early entry in the draft , but did not hire an agent . After one workout with the Portland Trail Blazers , Allen was told to return to school to work on his offensive game . On May 8 , Allen officially pulled his name out of consideration for the draft . He did so on the final day allowed by the NCAA to ensure collegiate eligibility .

= = = Senior = = =

Allen was named to the 20 @-@ man USA Select team , which played with and against the USA National team from July 19 @-@ 24 . Prior to his senior campaign , he was on the preseason John R. Wooden Award and Naismith College Player of the Year watchlists . He was a preseason All @-@ Atlantic 10 First Team and Defensive Team selection . On December 6 , Allen was named Atlantic 10 co @-@ player of the week after recording back @-@ to back double @-@ doubles against Central Michigan and Maryland , both Temple victories . He sprained his ankle in a game against Fordham on February 9 , 2011 , and was forced to miss the following game versus the Dayton Flyers . In the February 20 game against Saint Joseph 's , Allen became Temple 's all time leader in rebounds . Allen snatched 12 boards to pass Temple radio analyst Johnny Baum 's career 1 @,@ 042 rebounds . He received conference player of the week honors for the week of February 28 . Allen scored a career @-@ high 24 points to top La Salle in the regular season finale , earning him Atlantic 10 Player of the Week recognition on March 6 .

Temple finished with a 26 ? 8 record in Allen 's senior season and earned a berth to the 2011 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament . This time , they defeated Penn State in the Round of 64 before falling to San Diego State in double overtime . Allen had 12 points and 11 rebounds in his final game as a Temple Owl . He was named to the All @-@ Atlantic 10 First Team and Defensive Team at the conclusion of the regular season . Allen was the recipient of the Robert V. Geasey Trophy honoring the Philadelphia Big Five Player of the Year .

Behind Chris Gaston of Fordham , Allen finished second in conference in rebounding average with an 8 @.@ 4 mark in league play , and was fifth in the Atlantic 10 in blocks . In addition , he averaged 11 @.@ 6 points per game , second on the team . For his career , he pulled down 1 @,@ 147 rebounds and scored 1 @,@ 421 points , 24th in Temple history . Temple coach Fran Dunphy has said that Allen " might be the smartest player I 've ever coached in terms of positioning and understanding the game ? just his knowledge . "

= = = College statistics = = =

= = Professional career = =

= = = 2011 NBA draft = = =

On April 1 , 2011 , Allen participated in the 2011 Reese 's College All @-@ Star Game held at the Reliant Center in Houston , Texas . He contributed 11 points and eight rebounds as his East team lost to the West 113 ? 108 . Chad Ford of ESPN said that Allen was the 99th best prospect in the 2011 NBA draft . Allen sprained his ankle in a workout with his hometown Philadelphia 76ers and was forced to miss the next workout with the New Jersey Nets . The Sixers were not overly concerned with the injury , as they drafted him in the second round with the 50th pick on June 23 . Allen became the 32nd Temple product to be drafted and the first since the New York Knicks selected Mardy Collins with the 29th pick in 2006 .

== = Strasbourg IG == =

On July 15 , 2011 , he signed a contract with Strasbourg IG of France 's LNB Pro A. The contract included an opt @-@ out clause when the NBA settled its lockout , set to expire on January 30 , 2012 . Allen joined former Richmond foes Kevin Anderson and Justin Harper on Strasbourg IG . He made his debut on October 7 , scoring 10 points and pulling down four rebounds in a 77 ? 74 victory over Cholet Basket . The following game , against SLUC Nancy Basket , he grabbed a season @-@ high 13 rebounds and also added 12 points . Allen 's season @-@ high 19 points came on November 10 , when Strasbourg IG defeated Chorale Roanne Basket 93 ? 80 . In nine games , Allen averaged 10 @.@ 1 points and 7 @.@ 2 rebounds per game .

== = Philadelphia 76ers == =

== = = Rookie season == = =

When the NBA ended its lockout , Allen opted @-@ out of his French contract to sign a contract with the Philadelphia 76ers on December 9 , the first day of training camp . Allen made his NBA debut during the 76ers ' 97 ? 62 win over the Toronto Raptors on January 7 , 2012 , and grabbed two rebounds . He first saw significant playing time on the January 23 game against the Washington Wizards due to injuries to centers Spencer Hawes and Nikola Vucevic . Allen responded by scoring 10 points on 5 ? 5 shooting and pulling down six rebounds en route to a 103 ? 83 victory . He recorded a season @-@ high 15 points on February 1 against the Chicago Bulls , and a season @-@ high 12 rebounds against the Milwaukee Bucks on April 25 . In 41 regular season games and 15 as a starter , Allen averaged 4 @.@ 1 points and 4 @.@ 2 rebounds per game .

Allen raised his averages in the playoffs to 6 @.@ 3 points and 4 @.@ 9 rebounds per game . Coach Doug Collins named him the starting center in the playoff opener against the Bulls . In his first playoff game , Allen sprained his thumb , but the injury was not considered severe . In Game 2 of the series , he nearly posted a double double with 11 points and nine rebounds . The 76ers advanced past the Bulls to face the Boston Celtics in the conference semifinals . Allen hit the " shot of [ his ] life " to help the 76ers defeat the Celtics 82 ? 81 in the second game of the series . With the score tied and four minutes left , Andre Iguodala passed the ball to Allen , who hit a 22 foot jumper as the shot clock expired . He earned his postseason minutes partially because of his ability to guard Celtics star Kevin Garnett . The Sixers pushed the series to seven games , but ultimately lost to the Celtics .

== = = 2012 ? 13 season == = =

On July 11 , 2012 , Allen re @-@ signed with the Philadelphia 76ers to a reported two @-@ year , \$ 6 million contract . He missed two days of training camp to attend to his girlfriend , who gave birth to his son Kai on October 4 . He started the majority of games for the 76ers in his sophomore season at center due to the absence of Andrew Bynum . Allen averaged 5 @.@ 8 points and 5 @.@ 0 rebounds in his second season with the 76ers .

== = = 2013 ? 14 season == = =

Allen missed an exhibition game due to a knee injury . He was criticized for missing a practice in October 2013 due to oversleeping . He mainly played backup power forward during the season . Allen missed four games in January 2014 due to a strained right calf . In 51 games , Allen posted averages of 5 @.@ 2 points and 5 @.@ 4 rebounds per game .

== = Indiana Pacers == =

On February 20 , 2014 , Allen and Evan Turner were traded to the Indiana Pacers in exchange for Danny Granger and a second @-@ round draft pick . In eight minutes per game , Allen averaged 2 @.@ 9 points and 2 @.@ 4 rebounds per game . Allen scored 13 points in a match against the 76ers on March 14 and contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds last game of the regular season versus the Orlando Magic . He got married in the summer of 2014 .

On July 11 , 2014 , Allen re @-@ signed with the Pacers . He was most effective earlier in the season due to injuries of other players . He missed a January 31 , 2015 game against the Sacramento Kings due to a sore knee . Allen mainly played as a backup power forward and averaged 5 @.@ 0 points and 5 @.@ 1 rebounds in his first full season with the Pacers .

On July 27 , 2015 , Allen re @-@ signed once again with the Pacers .

= = NBA career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =