

= John Shurna =

John William Shurna (born April 30 , 1990) is an American ? Lithuanian professional basketball player who plays for Valencia Basket of the Liga ACB . He is the 2012 Big Ten scoring champion . He played in the 2012 NBA Summer League with the Atlanta Hawks . He then signed with the New York Knicks , but was waived at the end of the preseason .

He played college basketball for the Northwestern Wildcats . He has been a three @-@ time All @-@ Big Ten Conference selection (2010 ? 2nd team ; 2011 ? 3rd team coaches / honorable mention media ; 2012 ? 1st team) and the Northwestern statistical leader in several categories . He was the 2010 Sporting News Most Improved Player . He holds several Northwestern all @-@ time records , including single @-@ season and career scoring . He was selected as an honorable mention Associated Press 2012 NCAA Men 's Basketball All @-@ American . He won the State Farm College 3 @-@ Point Championship three @-@ point shooting contest at the 2012 Final Four .

In high school , he was the 2008 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 4A Slam Dunk Champion . He was a member of the gold @-@ medal @-@ winning USA Basketball team at the 2009 FIBA Under @-@ 19 World Championship .

= = High school = =

Shurna was a 2007 and 2008 Chicago Tribune All @-@ State boys basketball team special mention selection . As a junior , in March 2007 , he led Glenbard West High School to the Class AA supersectional for the first time since 1938 , but they lost to Lockport Township High School 53 ? 50 despite 27 points by Shurna , according to the Chicago Sun @-@ Times , but only 21 according to the Daily Southtown and Chicago Tribune . He committed to Northwestern University on May 13 , 2007 , but he did not sign his National Letter of Intent until November 14 .

As a senior , he was selected to the IHSA 4A all @-@ state second @-@ team by Associated Press and the 3A / 4A all @-@ state first @-@ team by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association . In addition , he won the 2008 IHSA 4A slam dunk championship at the state tournament , but finished second to Marland Johnson by a point in a contest of the winners of the four classes . As a senior , he finished 8th in the Illinois Mr. Basketball voting . Following his senior season , he participated in local and regional All @-@ Star contests such as the 34th annual Foundation For Student Athletes city @-@ suburban all @-@ star event . Although ESPN.com ranked Shurna as the 53rd best high school basketball power forward in the national class of 2008 , he was not among the ranked players by state or position according to either Rivals.com or Scout.com.

= = College = =

= = = Freshman = = =

As a true freshman , he started all 31 games for the 2008 ? 09 Northwestern Wildcats . Shurna was a member of Team USA basketball during the 2009 FIBA Under @-@ 19 World Championship competition held in Auckland , New Zealand from July 2 , 2009 until July 12 . He played in all 9 games , starting 2 . Despite averaging the fewest minutes (12 @.@ 2) , he was fifth on the team in rebounding with (3 @.@ 9) . The USA team earned the gold medal .

= = = Sophomore = = =

He played forward for the 2009 ? 10 Northwestern Wildcats and led the team in scoring and rebounding . Following the 2009 ? 10 All @-@ Big Ten Conference regular season , he was named a second @-@ team All @-@ conference selection by both the coaches and the media . He was twice named Big Ten men 's basketball player of the week during the season . He was recognized

as an All @-@ District second @-@ team selection by the National Association of Basketball Coaches making him eligible for the State Farm Division I All ? America teams . He finished his sophomore season among the Big Ten leaders in many statistical categories : 3rd in scoring , 7th in rebounding , 10th in free throw percentage , 8th in blocked shots , and 6th in minutes played . He was recognized by Sporting News as the Most Improved Player after raising his scoring average from 7 @.@ 3 points as a freshman to 18 @.@ 5 as a sophomore , while improving his rebounding average from 2 @.@ 6 to 6 @.@ 4 . During the season , he established new Northwestern Wildcats basketball single @-@ season records in both total points (619) , surpassing Evan Eschmeyer , and field goals made (217) , surpassing Dale Kelly . In so doing , he helped Northwestern establish a new school record for single @-@ season wins with 20 .

= = = Junior = = =

As a junior , he was a preseason top 50 candidate for both the John R. Wooden Award and the Naismith College Player of the Year . In the first game of his junior season , Shurna tied his career @-@ high with 31 points on his way to Big Ten Player of the Week honors . On December 20 , in week 6 of the season , Shurna repeated as conference player of the week . Following the 2010 ? 11 Big Ten Conference men 's basketball season , he was a third team All @-@ Big Ten selection by the coaches and an honorable mention by the media . Sports Illustrated named him as one of the ten best players in the Big Ten Conference .

Shurna submitted the paperwork to declare for the 2011 NBA Draft following the season , though he did not hire an agent . He withdrew his name prior to the May 8 deadline and chose to return for his senior year . He was one of 20 players who tried out to represent USA Basketball at the 2011 Summer Universiade , but did not make the team .

= = = Senior = = =

As a senior he repeated as a preseason top 50 watchlist selection for the Wooden Award and the Naismith Award . He was also a Sporting News Preseason All @-@ American (2nd team) . When Shurna scored 37 points on November 17 against LSU it heralded a career @-@ high and tied for the most points scored by a Northwestern player during the 12 @-@ year Bill Carmody era . On December 18 , he scored 32 points as Northwestern defeated Eastern Illinois . Shurna earned Co @-@ Big Ten Player of the week on February 6 after averaging 26 points , 4 rebounds and 2 steals in wins over Nebraska and Illinois on February 2 and February 5 , respectively . On February 12 , he posted his third 30 @-@ point game of the season against Purdue . With three 30 @-@ point games as a senior , he brought his career total to six . On February 18 he became Northwestern 's all @-@ time leading scorer in a game against Minnesota , passing Billy McKinney 's record of 1 @,@ 900 points . He was selected as a first team All @-@ Big Ten selection by both the coaches and the media . He was selected by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association to its 10 @-@ man 2011 ? 12 Men 's All @-@ District V (OH , IN , IL , MI , MN , WI) Team . Shurna was a first team selection to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All ? District 7 team on March 14 . Shurna finished the season with a 20 @.@ 0 point per game average , which led the Big Ten Conference . He was named an honorable mention Associated Press All @-@ American . He competed in the 2012 State Farm 3 @-@ Point Contest , beating Juan Fernandez 21 ? 20 in the final round by making his final seven shots . Shurna was also selected to participate in the NABC 2012 Reese 's Division I All @-@ Star Game at the 2012 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament final four . Shurna had 12 points in the game .

= = Professional career = =

After going undrafted in the 2012 NBA Draft , Shurna signed a 2012 Las Vegas NBA Summer League contract with the Atlanta Hawks . On September 10 , 2012 , Shurna signed a 1 @-@ year partially guaranteed contract with the New York Knicks . He was waived at the end of the preseason

By the beginning of December 2012 , he had made his professional debut with Strasbourg IG of LNB Pro A. Shurna was originally signed as an injury replacement for Nicolas de Jong until the end of 2012 , but was signed longer term as it became apparent that de Jong would be out for an extended period .

After the played on the Milwaukee Bucks ' 2013 NBA Summer League team , Shurna signed a 2 @-@ year contract with Joventut Badalona . He signed with the Toronto Raptors for the 2014 NBA Summer League and posted 21 points on 6 @-@ for @-@ 9 field goal shooting including 5 three point shots in his July 11 debut . In August 2014 , he signed a one @-@ year contract with Turkish Basketball League team Darü??afaka .

He played in the 2015 NBA Summer League with the Cleveland Cavaliers . On July 27 , 2015 , he signed a one @-@ year contract with Valencia Basket of Spain .

= = Personal = =

Shurna was born in Glen Ellyn , Illinois , to Tony and Suzy Shurna . At Northwestern , he was a double major in sociology and learning and organizational change .