

= Aubrey Dawkins =

Aubrey Lafell Dawkins (born May 8 , 1995) is an American college basketball player for the UCF Knights who will sit out the season for the 2016 ? 17 team . He transferred to UCF after he completed his sophomore season for the 2015 ? 16 Michigan Wolverines . He is the son of Johnny Dawkins who became the UCF coach following the 2015 ? 16 NCAA Division I men 's basketball season . Dawkins was raised in North Carolina until spending his high school years in Northern California at St. Francis High School and Palo Alto High School and a post graduate year in New England at New Hampton Prep . As a collegiate freshman for the 2014 ? 15 Wolverines , he began the season on the bench , but became a starter when injuries plagued the team in January 2015 . In his more prominent role later in the season , Dawkins led the 2014 ? 15 Big Ten Conference in effective field goal percentage and true shooting percentage during conference play .

= = Early life = =

Dawkins was born in Durham , North Carolina , the youngest of the four children of Tracy and Johnny Dawkins . The elder Dawkins spent 11 years on Mike Krzyzewski 's coaching staff at Duke . The family moved to California in 2008 when his father became the Stanford Cardinal men 's basketball head coach . Dawkins was a freshman at St. Francis High School of Mountain View , California in 2009 . By the time he began his sophomore season he stood at 5 feet 8 inches (1 @. @ 73 m) . As a junior , Dawkins transferred to Palo Alto High School in Palo Alto , California . That year he earned 2012 All @- @ San Jose Mercury News boys basketball third team recognition . As a senior , he stood at 6 feet 5 inches (1 @. @ 96 m) , By January of his senior season he had not received any scholarship offers . That year he averaged 18 @. @ 8 points and 7 @. @ 0 rebounds and was on the 2013 All @- @ San Jose Mercury News boys basketball first team along with Aaron Gordon .

After graduating , Dawkins did a post graduate year at the New Hampton School in New Hampton , New Hampshire where he averaged 12 @. @ 3 points and 3 @. @ 6 rebounds before receiving a late scholarship offer from Michigan . His grades were not sufficient to pursue a scholarship at Stanford and despite his relationship with Chris Collins , Northwestern was not interested in Dawkins given their commitments from wings Vic Law and Scottie Lindsey . While at New Hampton , he was being recruited by Steve Donahue of Boston College , but Donahue left Boston College in 2014 and recommended Dawkins to Beilein . Before Michigan stepped in , it appeared that he would have committed to Dayton , although he was also considering Utah State , Pepperdine as well as Montana , and Rhode Island was showing a strong interest . In fact , during the 2014 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament , Dawkins attended the Sweet 16 round to watch his father 's Stanford Cardinal play Dayton in the South Regional on March 27 . Dawkins accepted a recruiting visit to Michigan in early April 2014 when he received his scholarship offer . He made his verbal commitment on April 28 and signed his National Letter of Intent on May 9 .

= = College = =

= = = Freshman year = = =

The 2013 ? 14 Michigan Wolverines men 's basketball team had been outright champions of 2013 ? 14 Big Ten Conference and reached the Elite Eight round of the 2014 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament . However , they lost three players to the 2014 NBA draft : Nik Stauskas , Mitch McGary and Glenn Robinson III . Dawkins enrolled at the University of Michigan on June 20 , 2014 and became roommates with teammate Muhammad @- @ Ali Abdur @- @ Rahkman . Dawkins made his collegiate debut for Michigan against Hillsdale on November 15 , along with six other true freshmen and a redshirt freshman . He posted 3 points and 3 rebounds in 6 minutes of playing time .

The 2014 ? 15 team won its Big Ten Conference home opener against Illinois in overtime on December 30 , 2014 on the day it announced Jim Harbaugh would become the new Michigan Wolverines football head coach . Aubrey Dawkins , who had a career total of 15 points entering the game , scored a game @-@ high 20 @-@ points , including a 5 @-@ for @-@ 5 three @-@ point field goal effort . On January 17 Michigan defeated Northwestern , but lost leading scorer Caris LeVert for the season . The team defeated Rutgers on January 20 , with Dawkins in the starting lineup for the first time in LeVert 's place , as was expected upon news of the LeVert injury .

On March 3 against Northwestern , Dawkins posted a career @-@ high 21 points in a 49 @-@ minute double overtime appearance . On March 7 , Michigan won its Big Ten Conference finale against Rutgers with a career @-@ high scoring effort by Dawkins (31) . The 31 points was the most by a Michigan freshman since Trey Burke posted 32 against Minnesota on March 9 , 2012 in the 2012 Big Ten Conference Men 's Basketball Tournament . The 31 @-@ point effort included eight three @-@ point field goals (on 11 attempts) , the second most ever by a Wolverine , the most by a Wolverine since Glen Rice posted 8 on March 23 , 1989 , vs. North Carolina in the 1989 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament and the most by a Big Ten player during the 2014 ? 15 NCAA Division I men 's basketball season , earning Dawkins the final Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor for the 2014 ? 15 Big Ten Conference men 's basketball season . At the time of the honor , Michigan head coach John Beilein noted that over the course of the season , he and his staff had worked with Dawkins to reconstruct the delivery of his jump shot : " He came in with an extremely high arch and a slow release ... He 's really done a great job of speeding up his delivery , lowering his arch ... " On March 12 , Dawkins continued his hot streak with a team @-@ high 18 points against Illinois in the second round of the 2015 Big Ten Conference Men 's Basketball Tournament to help Michigan extend its streak of opening round wins in the tournament to 9 . His performance included 8 consecutive points during Michigan 's 23 ? 4 run to end the first half and two memorable dunks . For conference play of the 2014 ? 15 Big Ten Conference men 's basketball season , Dawkins led the league in both Effective field goal percentage and True shooting percentage , but that season did not show strengths in other aspects of the game such as assists , rebounding , defense and drawing fouls . By the following July , Dawkins put on 15 pounds (6 @-@ 80 kg) pounds .

= = = Sophomore year = = =

Dawkins began the season with 15 points on 6 ? of ? 7 shooting , including 2 ? of ? 3 3 @-@ point shooting and a highlight real one @-@ handed offensive rebound dunk as well as a career @-@ high and game @-@ high 6 rebounds as a starter against Northern Michigan . On November 20 against Xavier , Dawkins posted a career high of 6 rebounds . Dawkins finished the season 5th in the 2015 ? 16 Big Ten Conference in three point shooting percentage (3rd in conference games) . On April 6 , 2014 , he transferred to play for the UCF Knights , where his father had been named head coach two weeks prior . Dawkins left Michigan with a 43 @-@ 9 % three point shooting percentage and will have to sit out a full season due to NCAA eligibility rules . His playing time had declined during his sophomore season where he was battling Zak Irvin , Duncan Robinson and Kameron Chatman for playing time .

= = = Statistics = = =

= = Personal = =

He is the son of former Duke Naismith College Player of the Year , National Basketball Association point guard and former Stanford head coach Johnny Dawkins .