



# N'faba MANÉ

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of birth	September 29 <sup>th</sup> 2006	Born in	Paris
Height	198 cm ( 6-6 ) shoes on	Lives in	Liberal, Kansas
Weight	82 kg (172 lbs)	Team	Seward Saints
Wingspan	207 cm (6-9,5 )		
Reach	260 cm (8-6,36)		
Shoe size	46 EU – 12 US		
Position	Versatile guard who plays both guard positions. Can play small fwd.		

## SPORTS CAREER

CATEGORY	CLUB/ORG.	LEVEL	SEASON
NJCAA 1 USA	Seward CCC Saints	KJCCC	2024/25
High School USA	Springdale Prep.	Private Metro Conf	2023/24
U17-U18	Stellazzurra	Novipiù Circuit	2023
Development	Fidesport	Elevate Program	2022/23
U18-U17	Cholet Basket	National-Regional/Cup	2022
Development	Fidesport	Elite Program	11/21-08/22
U17	Paris 14	Departemental 1	2021
U15-13	Seine Ouest/Paris 14	Covid-19 Yr.	2019-2021

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Sept. 2nd – 14<sup>th</sup> 2024: FIBA Afrobasket for U18 Senegal National Team  
May 9 – May 10 '23: Casademont Zaragoza (Zaragoza – Spain)  
Apr. 17 – Jun. 20 '23: EuroProBasket (Valencia – Spain).  
Mar. 27 – Apr. 7 '23: Trained in Switzerland with Union Neuchâtel (LNA Pros), Nyon BBC (LNA Pros), Pully Basket (LNB Semi-Pros)

## CAREER RECAP & HIGHLIGHTS

**On September 14th, 2024**, Match winner in Bronze Medal Final vs. Morocco, scoring Senegal's last five of six points in addition to a key defensive play on Omar Kamer to hold opponents back from winning (72-21).

**Ended 2023/24 Season** in imperfect physical conditions, averaging 21 minutes per game, 11.2 points, 5.6 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 1.8 steals, 1.1 blocks, 1.8 turnovers, and recorded two double-doubles in points/rebounds ... was Instrumental in a huge win with 19 points vs. Clinton Grace ...

... **on January 30th, 2024** after a five-week break due to injury, beat his season high with 23 points (4-6 3FGs) vs. Rosedale in his second game back in action ... **started the 2023/2024 Season** on five consecutive double-digit scoring games (13.4 ppg) and ranked top 10 in all statistical categories in Maryland, ending the 2023 year with a **season high 21 points** vs FCA ... **recorded a double-double** on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**At the 2023 EuroProBasket Even on June 16th, 2023** finished on a career high 13 rebound-performance playing out of position (PF) in only 18 minutes ... on June 10<sup>th</sup> scored 14 points ... had another good performance two weeks earlier on May 25<sup>th</sup> with 14 points, 12 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, and 1 block for an evaluation of 28 ... **on May 17th, 2023** scored 26 points, adding 4 rebounds, 3 steals, and 3 blocks in EuroProBasket 1st game.

**On May 9th, 2023** was invited by Casademont Zaragoza for a two-day try-out in which he did very well.

**In early February 2023** at the Novipiù Cup in three games vs. Orange1 Academy and Forlì, averaged 9 points and 3 assists over 20 minutes of action with only 0.5 turnovers per game.

**In December 2022** was awarded as the Fidesport Most Improved Player.

**During October 2022** converted 13 3FGs on 18 A3FGs in his first four games ... **on October 1<sup>st</sup>** had a career high 30 points, going 7 for 9 on 3FGs vs. Roche Vandee.

**In June 2022** was selected by Cholet Basket out of three invited players, after a two-day test held at the end of May in which he did very well.

**In 2019** won the U13 Paris Division 1 championship, ending up as the Final MVP scoring 26 of the team's 53 points.

## SCOUTING REPORT

Emerging combo guard who can play both guard position well and with increased height, could also develop into a guard/small forward (2/3). He is in the midst of a rapid ascension and yet still possesses a wealth of untapped potential. There are tools in place to check all the boxes when it comes to positional size, length, athleticism, playmaking, shooting, defensive ability, skills and overall basketball instincts with good IQ. He stands at 6-foot-6 (shoes on) with long arms and legs and will continue growing (*97,3% bone scan taken in Zaragoza in May '23 at 6-4 no shoes*). He plays with pace, is exceptionally fluid in the open floor and virtually glides with the ball at times. He shoots a good ball from the outside and has a good handle with both combination moves and stop-and-go change of pace. Shows maturity and desire to share the ball, using his good court vision to deliver high quality passes both in half court sets and in transition. Makes good decisions when using the ball-screen. N'faba is working to find the balance between being aggressive with his own attack and creating for those around him. He is also working to find rhythm and consistency in his "without the ball game". All will come together as he has the desire to improve and excel. He is building up a very good body and needs to be able to play through contact all times to score in traffic and get more "and1" opportunities which is in his repertoire as he can finish well with both hands and is not afraid of contact.

His overall motor is good as he plays with intensity both offensively and defensively. His stamina and willingness to be physical is becoming more and more consistent. Has made tremendous improvements from November 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 on till present.

Look for N'faba to be a two-way player who can impact on both ends of the floor. Enjoys playing defence as much as he plays offense in a very competitive set up. Can score in a variety of ways but plays with altruism and intelligence displaying good passing skills and timing. Knows how to accelerate or slow down. Knows how to play under control. Effective both on the open court and half court sets. Above average rebounder and shot blocker at the guard position.

Has a perfect basketball body. Long, broad shoulders, thin waste ... with very fast muscle fibre twitches making him naturally very reactive, explosive, quick & fast. Continued work will make him a high level athlete.

He is a diamond in a rough with overall great abilities and desire to improve and succeed. All the tools are in place for him to become an elite next level player. Hard worker who also displays good personality and a strong character with a competitive attitude. Intelligent, responsible and clever. Coachable. Keeps himself out-of-troubles.

At the age of 16,6 years N'faba had the following max. results.  
Bench press ... 95 kgs. 1 hit, two series. Improved to 100 kgs (16,10 years old)  
At 16,3 regular squats 140 kgs. 5 hits. At 16,11 regular squat 160 kgs. 1 hit.  
5000 meters run: 21 minutes ... 400 meters run 1',05".

***Last updated: November 29th 2024***



*Photo: N'faba Mane at the free throw line at the Hoopfest vs. Canyon International on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2023*