

LUFILE, MESHACK

POSITION:	Forward
HEIGHT:	6-9 (2.06 m)
WEIGHT:	240 lbs (109 kg)
BIRTHDATE:	Oct. 21, 1992 (Burlington, Ont.)
HIGH SCHOOL:	St. Mary's Catholic (Hamilton, Ont.)
UNIVERSITY:	Cape Breton '16
INSTAGRAM:	@lufiletheway
HOW ACQUIRED:	Originally signed with Ottawa as a free-agent in July 2024
YEARS PRO:	8

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Sits 36th in league history with 36 career offensive rebounds and in a tie for 47th all-time with 45 CEBL games played ... Has played for five different CEBL teams in his career and averaged 4.6 points and 3.4 rebounds

2024-25: Spent the season with KTP Basket of the Finnish Korisliiga and finished the year first in blocks (26), second in rebounds (154), third in points (335) and fifth in assists (42) ... Started 25 of the 28 games in which he appeared ... Had a season-high 25 points on Nov. 6 at Pyrinto Tampere (91-89 loss) ... Shot above 50 percent from the floor for the third consecutive season (.573) to sit tenth leaguewide ... Had his most rebounds in a game since 11/7/19 when he recorded 14 on Dec. 21 at Korihait (106-88 loss)

2023-24: Played for three teams on the year starting with CS Municipal Ploiesti (ROM DivA) where he appeared in 14 games and averaged 8.5 points per-game to sit fifth on the club ... Concluded the overseas portion of his season with three consecutive double-digit scoring games including a season-high 24 on 5/11/24 vs. CSM Focsani (99-61 win) ... Joined the Scarborough Shooting Stars (CEBL) and played in three games and averaged 4.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per-game ... Signed with Ottawa on 7/16/24 and averaged 3.7 points and 2.3 rebounds per-game in seven appearances

2022-23: Started 31 of his 32 games with BC PH Miercurea Ciuc (ROM DivA) and led the team in points per-game (16.3) and blocks per-game (0.7) ... Ranked second in total rebounds (174) ... Failed to score in double figures in just four games ... Attempted a season-high 15 field goals in a 25-point, seven-rebound, four-assist effort on 4/19/23 vs. CS Municipal Ploiesti (83-77 loss) ... Joined the third CEBL team of his career when he dressed for the Edmonton Stingers on 6/23/23 and provided six points and six rebounds in a 103-77 win at Brampton ... Established a new CEBL single-game high in points with 15 on 7/8/23 vs. Winnipeg (99-95 loss) while playing a personal CEBL single-game high in minutes (26)

2021-22: Suited up for the Newfoundland Growlers in their lone season of CEBL play where he ranked second on the team in blocks (10) and fourth in rebounds (64) ... Established CEBL season highs in points per-game (5.4) and minutes per-game (13.9) over 10 total games

2019-20: Played for BC PH Miercurea Ciuc the entire year and led the team in scoring (276), rebounds (148) and blocks (19) ... Recorded a double-double in his second game for the club when he recorded 15 points and 14 rebounds on 10/19/19 at BC Athletic Constanta (68-58 loss) ... Had the most rebounds in a single-game among all Romanian Divizia A players when he registered 23, to go along with 18 points, on 11/7/19 vs. CSM Sighetul Marmatiei (83-65 win)

2018-19: Spent the majority of the season with the Halifax Hurricanes (CAN NBL) and averaged 4.6 points and 3.3 rebounds per-game ... Provided a personal CAN NBL single-game high in points (17) and rebounds (10) to record his lone career CAN NBL double-double on 3/20/19 vs. Windsor (144-78 win) ... Helped his team advance to the division finals where the Hurricanes fell four games to three to the eventual league champion, Moncton Magic ... Made his CEBL debut for the Guelph Nighthawks on 5/18/19 vs. Fraser Valley (95-94 win) recording two points in three minutes of play ... Played in seven games with the club and averaged 3.6 points 1.6 rebounds per-game

2017-18: Averaged 8.4 points per-game with LWD Aris Leeuwarden (DBL) in five contests before joining the Island Storm (CAN NBL) for his final 20 appearances of the season ... Made his Island debut on 12/31/17 at Halifax (123-116 loss) recording four points

2016-17: Began his professional career for LWD Aris Leeuwarden and led the team in blocks per-game (0.7) and ranked third on the team in points (12.1) and rebounds (6.1) per-game ... Had his first professional double-double on 10/30/16 vs. Feyenoord Rotterdam (74-73 win) by way of registering 14 points and 10 rebounds ... Recorded double-digit scoring efforts in five consecutive games from 12/7/16 to 1/19/17 with the final contest of the run establishing his season high in points (26)

COLLEGE CAREER

2015-16: Named the AUS Defensive Player of the Year while being recognized as a Second-Team All-Star for the Cape Breton Capers ... Led the AUS in field goal percentage for a second consecutive season (.677) and sat second in rebounds (180) and blocks (29) ... Averaged 9.0 rebounds per-game ... Eclipsed 30 points in a single-game three times highlighted by a season high of 35 on 11/11/15 vs. St.FX (98-87 win)

2014-15: Started all 20 games in his fourth season with Cape Breton and recorded double digit scoring efforts in all but one game on the season ... Earned a spot on the AUS First All-Star Team ... Was the seventh highest scoring player in the conference with 17.6 points per-game and led the AUS in field goal percentage (.697) ... Registered a personal university single-game high in points with 36 on 22 field goal attempts on 2/14/15 vs. Saint Mary's (85-64 win)

2013-14: Made nine starts in 15 games ... Led the conference in field goal percentage (.585) and ranked sixth in blocks (19) and seventh in offensive rebounds (43) ... Had a season high 19 points on two occasions (an 84-69 win vs. St.FX on 11/9/13 and a 77-75 win vs. Saint Mary's on 1/18/14) ... Registered two double-doubles on the year when he provided 19 points and 13 rebounds on 11/9/13 vs. St.FX (84-69 win) and 11 points and 10 rebounds on 2/2/14 at Memorial (75-73 win)

2012-13: Helped Cape Breton compile a 19-1 regular season record by way of averaging 12.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per-game ... Finished second in the conference with a .578 shooting percentage and ranked fifth in the AUS with 21 blocks ... Had the first double-double of his university career with 11 points and 10 rebounds in a season opening 101-61 win at Memorial ... Established a personal AUS single-game high in rebounds with 19 on 2/22/13 vs. UNB (88-75 win) ... Registered 12 points, six rebounds, three assists, two blocks and a steal to help Cape Breton earn their first AUS title since 2010 with an 83-75 win vs. Acadia on 3/3/13

2011-12: Appeared in 20 games during his freshman campaign and averaged 8.0 points, 4.2 rebounds and 0.8 blocks per-game ... Made his first career university start on 1/14/12 vs. Memorial (94-61 win) recording seven points, seven rebounds and three blocks ... Concluded the regular season by way of scoring at least 10 points in seven of his final nine games

PERSONAL

Son of Benjamin and Leonnie Lufire ... Mother played basketball growing up in the Congo while his father was a wrestler ... Has three brothers who all have previous CEBL experience with Abednego and Chadrack both playing for Guelph during the 2019 season and Elijah having suited up for Calgary, Scarborough and Niagara over the course of his career ... Averaged 22 points and 11 rebounds in his senior season of high school

Professional Statistics																					
Per-Game																					
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF
2016-17	LWD Aris Leeuwarden (DBL)	28	27.7	12.1	4.6	8.2	.568	0.0	0.2	.200	2.8	4.2	.667	2.2	3.9	6.1	1.0	0.7	0.7	2.3	1.4
2017-18	Island (CAN NBL)	20	5.4	2.7	1.2	2.5	.490	0.1	0.1	.500	0.2	0.4	.625	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5
2017-18	LWD Aris Leeuwarden (DBL)	5	24.6	8.4	3.2	6.6	.485	0.0	0.2	.000	2.0	2.6	.769	2.8	4.2	7.0	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.2	3.2
2018-19	Halifax (CAN NBL)	37	12.2	4.6	1.7	3.0	.564	0.0	0.1	.500	1.2	2.1	.597	1.6	1.6	3.3	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.5	1.6
2018-19	Guelph (CEBL)	7	10.4	3.6	1.6	3.1	.500	0.1	0.7	.200	0.3	0.4	.667	0.9	0.7	1.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6
2019-20	BC PH Miercurea Ciuc (ROM Div A)	17	34.8	16.2	6.5	11.0	.588	0.3	0.8	.357	3.0	4.8	.630	3.8	4.9	8.7	1.5	0.8	1.1	2.5	1.9
2021-22	Newfoundland (CEBL)	14	13.9	5.4	2.0	4.4	.459	0.0	0.1	.000	1.4	2.5	.571	2.0	2.6	4.6	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.6	1.5
2022-23	BC PH Miercurea Ciuc (ROM DIV A)	32	30.9	16.3	6.3	10.3	.614	0.5	1.3	.357	3.2	4.5	.703	2.4	3.0	5.4	1.2	0.4	0.7	2.3	1.6
2022-23	Edmonton (CEBL)	14	9.9	4.8	1.9	3.2	.600	0.0	0.2	.000	0.9	1.4	.650	1.2	1.9	3.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.6
2023-24	CS Municipal Ploiesti (ROM Div A)	14	16.7	8.5	3.5	5.5	.636	0.4	0.8	.455	1.1	1.6	.696	1.6	2.1	3.7	0.6	0.1	0.2	1.1	1.2
2023-24	Ottawa (CEBL)	7	8.9	3.7	1.9	3.7	.500	0.0	0.4	.000	0.0	0.0	.000	0.6	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.7	1.0
2023-24	Scarborough (CEBL)	3	13.8	4.3	2.0	4.0	.500	0.0	0.3	.000	0.3	0.7	.500	3.0	2.7	5.7	1.0	0.0	1.3	1.0	3.0
2024-25	KTP Basket (Korisliiga)	28	23.5	12.0	4.9	8.5	.573	0.6	1.5	.419	1.5	2.2	.705	2.2	3.2	5.5	1.5	0.4	0.9	2.2	2.6
Career		226	17.9	7.9	3.2	5.7	.544	0.2	0.5	.230	1.4	2.1	.598	1.9	2.5	4.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	1.2	1.7

Totals																							
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF		
2016-17	LWD Aris Leeuwarden (DBL)	28	776	339	130	229	.568	1	5	.200	78	117	.667	63	108	171	27	20	19	64	38		
2017-18	Island (CAN NBL)	20	108	54	24	49	.490	1	2	.500	5	8	.625	5	12	17	6	0	1	4	10		
2017-18	LWD Aris Leeuwarden (DBL)	5	123	42	16	33	.485	0	1	.000	10	13	.769	14	21	35	2	3	6	6	16		
2018-19	Halifax (CAN NBL)	37	451	171	62	110	.564	1	2	.500	46	77	.597	60	61	121	22	5	16	19	59		
2018-19	Guelph (CEBL)	7	73	25	11	22	.500	1	5	.200	2	3	.667	6	5	11	3	2	2	4	4		
2019-20	BC PH Miercurea Ciuc (ROM Div A)	17	591	276	110	187	.588	5	14	.357	51	81	.630	64	84	148	26	13	19	42	32		
2021-22	Newfoundland (CEBL)	14	194	76	28	61	.459	0	1	.000	20	35	.571	28	36	64	4	1	10	9	21		
2022-23	BC PH Miercurea Ciuc (ROM DIV A)	32	988	521	202	329	.614	15	42	.357	102	145	.703	77	97	174	38	13	21	74	51		
2022-23	Edmonton (CEBL)	14	138	67	27	45	.600	0	3	.000	13	20	.650	17	26	43	4	1	3	14	22		
2023-24	CS Municipal Ploiesti (ROM Div A)	14	234	119	49	77	.636	5	11	.455	16	23	.696	22	30	52	8	1	3	16	17		
2023-24	Ottawa (CEBL)	7	62	26	13	26	.500	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	4	12	16	4	0	4	5	7		
2023-24	Scarborough (CEBL)	3	41	13	6	12	.500	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	9	8	17	3	0	4	3	9		
2024-25	KTP Basket (Korisliiga)	28	658	335	137	239	.573	18	43	.419	43	61	.705	63	91	154	42	12	26	62	72		
Career		226	4,437	2,064	815	1,419	.544	47	133	.230	387	585	.598	432	591	1,023	189	71	134	322	358		

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Per-Game																							
Team	Year	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF		
2011-12	Cape Breton	20	14.4	8.0	3.4	6.0	.563	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.9	.658	2.0	2.2	4.2	0.6	0.1	0.8	1.6	2.5		
2012-13	Cape Breton	20	18.6	12.1	4.8	8.3	.578	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	4.5	.562	2.9	3.7	6.5	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.6	2.0		
2013-14	Cape Breton	15	20.5	12.3	5.3	9.0	.585	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	3.4	.529	2.9	3.3	6.1	0.2	0.4	1.3	1.9	2.2		
2014-15	Cape Breton	20	23.9	17.6	7.4	10.6	.697	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	4.9	.592	3.7	3.7	6.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.8	2.3		
2015-16	Cape Breton	20	27.0	16.2	6.5	9.6	.677	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	5.1	.634	3.6	5.5	9.0	1.3	0.4	1.5	3.0	1.9		
Career	U SPORTS	95	20.9	13.2	5.5	8.7	.620	0.0	0.0	.000	2.3	4.0	.595	3.0	3.7	6.5	0.7	0.4	1.1	2.0	2.2		

Totals																					
Year	Team	G	MIN	PTS	FGM	FGA	FG%	3PM	3PA	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF
2011-12	Cape Breton	20	349	159	67	119	.563	0	1	.000	25	38	.658	39	44	83	11	2	16	31	50
2012-13	Cape Breton	20	371	242	96	166	.578	0	0	.000	50	89	.562	58	73	131	14	11	21	31	39
2013-14	Cape Breton	15	307	185	79	135	.585	0	0	.000	27	51	.529	43	49	92	3	6	19	29	33
2014-15	Cape Breton	20	477	352	147	211	.697	0	0	.000	58	98	.592	58	74	132	13	10	15	35	45
2015-16	Cape Breton	20	540	324	130	192	.677	0	0	.000	64	101	.634	71	109	180	25	7	29	59	37
Career	U SPORTS	95	2,044	1,262	519	823	.620	0	1	.000	224	377	.595	269	349	618	66	36	100	185	204