

Prepared for:

The Minnesota Timberwolves – **Case Study**

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Overview of Role

As an independent international scouting consultant, I will provide your organization with direct access to high-level evaluations on emerging African, US top talents with African decent and African/European top prospects. My work will help strengthen recruiting pipelines and provide a competitive advantage in acquiring information on top international players.

My responsibilities will include:

- Scouting elite-level talent across Africa, Europe, and US high schools and college prospects with African heritage.
- Conducting background checks and gathering intel on players' character, family, academic, and athletic history.
- Advising on strategic trends in African basketball development and international recruiting.
- Representing the program at targeted events while maintaining a discreet and highly effective presence.

Scope of Work

Talent Identification & Scouting

- Track and evaluate top African-born and heritage players from U14 to U23.
- Generate scouting reports including performance metrics, intangibles, growth projection, and risk analysis.
- Attend domestic and international showcases, youth tournaments, club competitions, FIBA-sanctioned events, and BAL competitions.
- Attend local college and high games tracking some of the top high school prospects as well as college prospects with African heritage.
- Gathering intelligence of who are the top African prospects that will be entering the draft.

Intel & Background Research

- Conduct discreet due diligence on prospects: character references, family structure, academic performance, and off-court behavior.
- Leverage my network of coaches, federations, agents, and communities to build reliable player profiles.

Monitoring Development Trends

- Provide quarterly briefings on the African basketball ecosystem, including infrastructure, academies, federation dynamics, and player migration trends.
- Highlight development hubs and training pipelines that are producing talent of interest.
- Utilize trips already covered through FIBA Youth Regional Camps, National Camps, and Coaching Courses to maximize on-the-groundwork and ensure up-to-date knowledge of emerging talent.
- Leverage strong connections with leading African programs and local coaches to stay informed on transitions of prospects to the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

Major Event Coverage (Winter 2025/26 Launch)

Events:

1. **Africa Basketball League (BAL)** regional qualification tournaments.
2. **AFRIA BASKETBALL LEAGUE (BAL) Finals** – May 2026, Kigali Rwanda.
3. **FIBA** annual age group world Championships.
4. **AfroBasket** Men's Championships

Note: The different yearly events are crucial, as many top African prospects and NBA Academy players will be competing. Early evaluation and background research at these events will be essential to gain valuable insights and build long-term recruiting profiles.

Proposed Specific Additional Key Events (2026/27 Season):

- FIBA Africa U16 Championship (TBD)
- FIBA Africa U17 Championship (TBD)
- FIBA Africa U18 Championship (TBD)
- Elite 16 BAL Qualifiers – October/November 2025
- Annual SEED Academy Forum.
- Giants of Africa Festival/Basketball Camps (TBD).
- NBA annual Basketball Without Borders Africa (TBD).
- Africa Youth Basketball League (AYBL) Final Four *(if launched)*
- African Schools Basketball Championship *(Dates TBD)*
- Select NCAA foreign tours in Africa.
- Local high school, academies, and invitational camps across West, East, and Southern Africa.

Compensation Structure

Retainer Option (*preferred model for continuous availability*)

- **Monthly retainer:** Seven thousand dollars USD/month (\$5,000)
Covers ongoing scouting, background Intel work, and access to concise internal reports and recommendations.

Per Event Coverage

- **Event Fee:** TBD? USD per event (includes prep and post-event report)
- **Local Travels & Accommodation:** Covered fully by your organization (economy or premium economy airfare for local US travels, 3 or 4-star hotel minimum for hotel accommodation)
- **Per Diem:** One hundred dollars (\$100) USD/day during event travels.
- **Pro-Edge Sports** would make anywhere from 9 to 10 international trips each year. Your organization would cover at least 3 of these trips.

Deliverables

- **Event Scouting Reports:** Written tentative reports evaluation with video (where available), performance analysis, and recommendations.
- **Intel Briefings:** Player background profiles, family/academic info, and agent involvement.
- **Development Memos:** Insights into local basketball trends, youth development gaps, and talent forecasts.
- **Quarterly Talent Watchlist:** Top 10–15 players tracked with updates.

Track Record of Impact

I have been involved in the development and scouting of numerous elite African players as well players of African descent who have been drafted into the NBA or are positioned as top international prospects. These includes:

NAME: Luc Mbah a Moute:

COLLEGE: UCLA

CURRENT TEAM: Retired NBA,

COUNTRY: Cameroon

NAME: Precious Achiuwa

COLLEGE: MEMPHIS

CURRENT TEAM: New York Knicks,

COUNTRY: Nigeria

NAME: Udoka Azubuike

COLLEGE: KANSAS

CURRENT TEAM: Montenegro Subia (Played in the NBA)

COUNTRY: NIGERIA

NAME: Ege Demir

COLLEGE: University of Oregon

CURRENT TEAM: University of Oregon

COUNTRY: Nigeria/Turkey

NAME: Serge Ibaka

COLLEGE: Did not play college ball

CURRENT TEAM: Retired NBA

COUNTRY: Republic of Congo

NAME: Gorgui Dieng

COLLEGE: Louisville

CURRENT TEAM: Retired NBA

COUNTRY: Senegal

NAME: Joel Embiid

COLLEGE: Kansas

CURRENT TEAM: Philadelphia 76ers

COUNTRY: Cameroon

Pascal Siakam

COLLEGE: New Mexico State

CURRENT TEAM: Indiana Pacers,

COUNTRY: Cameroon

NAME: Yves Missi

COLLEGE: Baylor

CURRENT TEAM: New Orleans Pelicans

COUNTRY: Cameroon

NAME: Ulrich Chomche

COLLEGE: NBA Africa Academy

CURRENT TEAM: Toronto Raptors,

COUNTRY: Cameroon

NAME: Khaman Maluach

COLLEGE: Duke

HIGH SCHOOL: NBA Africa Academy

CURRENT TEAM: Pheonix Suns

COUNTRY: South Sudan

NAME: Ruben Chinyelu

COLLEGE: University of Florida
HIGH SCHOOL: NBA Africa Academy
COUNTRY: Nigeria

NAME: Thierry Darlan

COLLEGE: Santa Clara
HIGH SCHOOL: NBA Africa Academy
COUNTRY: Central African Republic

NAME: Adem Bona

COLLEGE: UCLA
HIGH SCHOOL: Prolific Prep, CA
CURRENT TEAM: 76ers
COUNTRY: NIGERIA/TURKEY

NAME: Dabone Sadikou

CURRENT TEAM: FC BARCALONA
COLLEGE: NIL
COUNTRY: BURKINA FASO

NAME: Tounde Youssefou

COLLEGE: Baylor University
HIGH SCHOOL: ST. Joseph High School, CA
COUNTRY: Benin

NAME: Mohamed Sylla

COLLEGE: Georgia Tech
HIGH SCHOOL: BELLA VISTA COLLEGE PREP, AZ
COUNTRY: SENEGAL

NAME: Joakim Boumtje

CURRENT TEAM: FC Barcelona
COLLEGE: NIL
COUNTRY: Cameroon

Confidentiality & Strategic Advantage

- All work will be carried out discreetly, giving your program an edge in international recruiting.
- My established network across the US, Africa and Europe provides me with access to information and relationships that are not widely available.