



During his years at Shawnee, while playing basketball for Joe Kessler, Malik Allen built an impressive record with many accolades. In addition to being named South Jersey and Burlington County *Player of the Year*, Malik was also named an All-State competitor and was a career leader in rebounding and blocked shots at Shawnee. As a three year captain and four year varsity letter winner, Malik helped guide Shawnee to two New Jersey Tournament of Champions runner-up appearances, two Group IV State titles, four South Jersey Group IV Championships, and was a *Parade Magazine* honorable mention All-American as a senior. In his senior year, Malik was a starter on the 1995 team that was ranked #1 in the country by *Hoop Scoop Magazine*, as well as 1st Team All Burlington County, 1st Team All South Jersey, 1st Team All State, Player of the Year in Burlington County, Player of the Year in South Jersey, All-Tournament team at the Beach Ball Classic in Myrtle Beach, Magic Roundball Classic Participant, and a McDonald's All-American.



While attending Villanova University as a Communications major, Malik "Leek" Allen continued his basketball career playing for the Wildcats and was described in his Villanova biography as having a "soft shooting touch combined with solid post moves to make him a mobile offensive threat," and a "superb shot blocker, consistently knocks down the 15 foot face-up jumper." Malik started 93 games of the 125 games he appeared in during his four year career at Villanova. He averaged 9.0 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game while shooting .516 FG. Malik was an All-Big East Second Team selection his senior season after leading the Wildcats with 14.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 1.88 blocks, and finished his career at Villanova with 1,131 points and 708 rebounds.

After graduating Villanova, Malik played with the San Diego WildFire of the American Basketball Association and the Trenton Stars of the International Basketball League (2000-01). He was then signed as a free agent in the NBA by Miami Heat, and played for seven different teams during his career: Miami (2001-05), Charlotte (2004-05), Chicago (2005-07), New Jersey (2007-08), Dallas (2007-08), Milwaukee (2008-09) and Denver. During his professional career, Malik appeared in twenty-four career playoff games (six starts): three with Dallas (2008), eleven with Chicago (2005-07) and ten with Miami (2004).

After playing more than ten years professionally, Malik was named Assistant Coach for the Detroit Pistons in August of 2014, and served in that position for four years. In August of 2018, Malik was hired as Assistant Coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Head Coach of the Timberwolves, Tom Thibodeau, said about the hiring of Malik: "He came up the hard way, undrafted, terrific career as a player," and "everywhere he has been, his teammates loved him and he's done a great job as a coach."

Malik and his wife Kara (Saylor) met at Villanova, and the two married in Philadelphia, and are parents to Dante and Maya.

Congratulations, Malik!