

RIVALRIES

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Prior to that, the programs played each other twice in 2013-14 when the Cards spent one year in the American while transitioning from the Big East to the ACC. The Tigers won both games, but U of L leads the series 54-36.

The Cincinnati series also begins this season, at the downtown Heritage Bank Center in the Queen City. It will mark a homecoming for Kelsey, who grew up there and played and coached at Xavier University. The 2026-27 game will be played in Freedom Hall.

U of L has played Cincinnati 100 times, more than any other opponent

in a rivalry that goes back to 1921, with the Cards owning a 56-44 advantage. The most recent meeting was a loss in the 2022 Maui Invitational. Their last regular season game was on Feb. 22, 2014, when U of L upset the seventh-ranked Bearcats 58-57 in the Fifth Third Center.

Meanwhile, another game that would have been highly anticipated isn't going to happen. At the Final Four, Rick Pitino raised the possibility of his St. John's team playing Louisville in Madison Square Garden early next season as the first of a home-and-home series. But during an appearance on ESPN Louisville Friday morning, U of L athletics director Josh Heird said that game didn't make it onto the schedule.

"Pat wants to play that game; I want to play that game," Heird said. "But it didn't make sense for us to play this year. We're going to keep trying to figure it out. We reached out last year and had conversations, and they said, 'No, it doesn't fit into our schedule.' They reached out this year, and it doesn't fit into our schedule.

"I'm hopeful that we can find a chance to play a home-and-home. I think our fans would love it. Obviously, I think their fans would love it. I think it's just a great opportunity for what looks to be two programs on the rise that are going to be really good for years to come."

HEPBURN HEADED TO NBA G LEAGUE ELITE CAMP


Chucky Hepburn, who led U of L to a surprising 27-8 record as a senior point guard this past season, was invited to participate in the NBA G League Elite Camp for draft prospects May 9-11 in Chicago.

The camp provided an opportunity for draft hopefuls to showcase their skills in front of NBA and NBA G League scouts, coaches and front office executives. The players participated in five-on-five games as well as strength and agility drills. Some of that group will be invited to the NBA

Draft Combine later this month.

Hepburn, a transfer from Wisconsin, was named the ACC Defensive Player of the Year and led the league in

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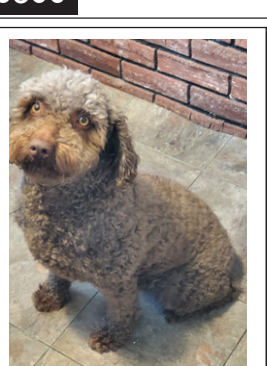
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