

La Familia coach feels right at home at UK

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LEXINGTON — Jon Hood admitted it felt “weird” when he walked into the Joe Craft Center earlier this week.

“It’s weird not seeing the panini cards on the wall,” said Hood, coach of Kentucky’s La Familia alumni team that will be competing in The Basketball Tournament. “So much has changed. ... I spent a long period of my life in this building — a lot of hours, mornings, nights, middle of the day, summers, winters, tornado warnings, the whole deal in here.

“This was home for a long time and it’s still home. Thankfully, thankfully, it’s still home. Thankfully, coach (Mark) Pope allows us to come back.”

Hood, a former Mr. Basketball at North Hopkins High School, played at Kentucky from 2009-14. He suffered a season-ending torn ACL and missed the 2011-12 season. Hood said coming back to Kentucky is “very special.”

“At the end of the day, it’s basketball,” he said. “This is a Kentucky alumni team, but we’ve got four non-UK guys and guys that transferred away from here. It’s about that goal. (Coach John Calipari) used to say

it all the time. This team will never be assembled ever again.”

La Familia will take on The Ville, Louisville’s alumni team, in a best-of-three series beginning Saturday at Historic Memorial Coliseum. La Familia lost to The Ville in the semifinals two years ago and was ousted in the second round last year.

At first glance, Hood said this year’s squad is better, especially defensively.

“We can guard, and they’re going to have to beat us one-on-one,” Hood said. “Whoever we play is going to have to beat us one-on-one. We’re going to make it difficult. If they want to drag Willie (Cauley-Stein) out there and try to play one-on-one with the guard — good luck. We’ll see.”

Going into Saturday’s showdown against The Ville, Hood said when Kentucky plays Louisville, even in an alumni game, “It’s always a rivalry.”

“The stuff that happened two years ago (In the TBT) that doesn’t exactly help it become a non-rivalry,” he

said. “... personally, I don’t have a problem with some of the guys. Like, I think some of it’s a little over-hyped.”

After spending time as an assistant coach at Missouri Western State University, Hood works with BSNSports, which sells uniforms, gear and equipment to prep and college athletic teams.

Reid Travis and Quade Green are no longer on the team. Goodwin will join La Familia in Monday’s game at Freedom Hall.

“We exhaust all efforts getting guys committed to play and securing their travel plans to Lexington,” said La Familia general manager Twany Beckham. “Unfortunately, things happen that are totally out of our team’s control. The fortunate thing is we’ve put together a group that’s very talented and will be ready to compete and win on Saturday.”



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The State Medical Board of Ohio
30 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
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In the Matter of:
Hemei Liu
Case No.: 25-CRF-0167

On June 10, 2026, the State Medical Board of Ohio sent certified copies of the non-disciplinary Entry of Order approved and confirmed by the State Medical Board to Hemei Liu, via registered email to her email address of record, with no response. A copy of the order is available at www.elicense.ohio.gov.

Ms. Liu may be entitled to an appeal. Any party desiring to appeal this order shall file a notice of appeal with the State Medical Board of Ohio, located at 30 E. Broad St., 3rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, setting forth the order appealed from and stating that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The notice of appeal may, but need not, set forth the specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law.

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