



# MEET THE WOLVES

(Week 5)



This week on “Meet the Wolves,” we introduce **Devonte Allen**. Devonte, aka D or Big Bird, is an 18-year-old returning senior who plays as a big man in the post for the Wolves. Devonte was born in Louisiana, and moved to Arkansas until the age of nine. He has been living back in Mandeville ever since. D is the son of Alison Denson, and is the older brother to his two sisters, Kamille and Lauren. Devonte is a bruiser down on the block as he uses his size, strength, and skill to overpower his defenders for easy points at the bucket. To get to know a little more about Devonte, he was asked the following questions:

### **What is it about basketball that made you want to play in high school?**

Devonte said that since he was little he had a ball in his hand, running up and down the basketball court. It wasn't until the last week of the summer after his Jr. high-school season that playing in high-school was something he wanted to do because it wasn't really on his mind since he did not know where he was going to attend. What made him want to play high-school ball was the opportunity to compete with older players and being around people that have the same goals as him.



### **What is your favorite or funniest SPS basketball memory so far?**

D's favorite memory was getting the steal and score that won the Wolves their first CYO Tournament championship. He will also never forget the big dunk he had against Acadiana High in the playoffs.



### **What are you looking forward to the most for this season? Any goals?**

This year Devonte wants to focus mostly on growing together as a team and taking home a state championship.

### **How do you want your teammates to remember you?**

Devonte said he wants his teammates to remember him as a hard worker and a great leader.

### **If you could create a signature shoe, what would it be called?**

D's signature shoe would be called the, “DAllen Superlights.” Devonte's inspiration came from a current NBA player's shoe, Derrick Rose. Derrick Rose came out

with the, “Crazylights” so we think that Devonte is upping the game with a shoe so light that it may almost feel like you are playing barefoot. Not that D needs anymore help getting above the rim as he cleared all my curiosities of if he could dunk this past week in the first game of the season at Karr. With shoes this light, they may need to raise the goals to 12 feet for Devonte!

**Are you more of a round earth guy, or do you agree with Kyrie Irving that the Earth is flat?**

Devonte seemed quite confused as to how Kyrie Irving (Celtics Point Guard) could possibly argue that the Earth is flat as he stated, “I don’t know what Kyrie was thinking, but the earth is obviously round. Can’t think of how it could be flat.” With this third conventional response, it looks like our potential scientific outbreaks are beginning to be outnumbered.

**Who is your favorite member of the Ball family and why? (Lavar, LaMelo, LiAngelo, Lonzo)**

Finally, in week 5 we have a change in opinion! Devonte is mostly a fan of LiAngelo “Gelo” Ball. LiAngelo is the middle brother between Lonzo and LaMelo. He is D’s favorite because he feels that he relates to Gelo with his lowkey and very chilled personality. This is unlike his two other brothers that are always in the media and getting all the attention.



**Do you have any plans after high school?**

Devonte, also being a senior this year, is getting ready to make some important decisions for his future after high-school. He said he wishes to continue playing basketball after high school stating, “I mean, I’ve been doing it for so long why stop now?” But even though D knows he would like to play basketball in college, he still is not sure where he would like to attend to continue his passion. He also said he would like to study in the field of business or management. Sounds like Devonte has great plans for his future!

**Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?**

Devonte said he is very chill, and just likes to hoop and play video games. The good life!

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