

PLAYER PROFILES



UNLV CAREER

Zimmerman Jr. enters his first season in the Runnin' Rebel program in 2015-16 ... Was named the Mountain West's Preseason Freshman of the Year at the league's media day in October ... Was also named to the 2016 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award Watch List, which honors the top centers in college basketball.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2015 graduate of Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, Nev. ... ESPN ranked Zimmerman as the 10th-best player in the class of 2015 and he was named a McDonald's High School All-American ... Played in the McDonald's All-American game in Chicago as well as the Jordan Brand Classic in Brooklyn ... A five-star recruit, he is the third McDonald's All-American to choose UNLV out of high school in the last four years under Runnin' Rebel head coach Dave Rice (the others: Anthony Bennett and Rashad Vaughn) ... Over his four-year career at Bishop Gorman, he was part of 114 victories making him the winningest player in school history ... He also led the school to four straight state titles, becoming the only player in Nevada history to do so at the large-school level ... As a senior, he averaged 14.7 points, 10.1 rebounds, 4.2 assists, 2.4 blocks and 1.2 steals per game ... He appeared in all 33 of the team's games, shooting 55 percent from the field overall and 59 percent on two-point attempts ... The Gaels finished his senior season with a 27-6 overall record and were ranked No. 22 in the country ... Was also a member of USA Basketball U18 National Team during the summer of 2014, which won gold at the FIBA Americas U18 Championships where he was the team's leading rebounder ... Also played for the American team at the 2015 Nike Hoop Summit in Portland ... Played at BGHS for one year with Runnin' Rebel teammate Ben Carter ... Prep coach was Grant Rice, brother of Dave Rice ... Also lettered in volleyball during his freshman year.

GETTING TO KNOW STEPHEN...

BASKETBALL NICKNAME: Big Zimm
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT UNLV: Coming here
FAVORITE FOOD: Cheeseburgers
LEAST FAVORITE FOOD: Seafood
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Adventure Time
IF I COULD INVITE THREE PEOPLE TO DINNER IN HISTORY: Jesus, Mahatma Gandhi and Robin Williams
FAVORITE MOVIE: Tarzan
IF I DIDN'T PLAY BASKETBALL I WOULD: Still be around the game
FAVORITE BOOK: Percy Jackson Series
MOST FAMOUS PLAYER I'VE PLAYED WITH: LeBron James
SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME: Favorite thing to do is eat

FAVORITE BASKETBALL MOVIE: Space Jam
FAVORITE PREGAME FOOD: Subway
FAVORITE THING TO DO ON THE ROAD: Be with my teammates
FAVORITE PLACE I'VE VISITED: Florida
PLACE I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT: Jamaica
MY DREAM ONE-ON-ONE MATCHUP WOULD BE: Larry Bird
MY ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Never grow up
ENJOYS: Listening to music and being with his family and teammates

PERSONAL

Stephen Eric Zimmerman Jr. born Sept. 9, 1996 in Hendersonville, Tenn. ... Has not declared a major ... Wears a size 17 shoe and is left handed ... Son of Lori and Stephen Zimmerman ... Has five siblings: Stephanie (25), Rachel (24), Alyssa (21), Cade (18) and Kylie (12).



MEET THE TEAM

