

The Decision

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He was ready to enter the tournament in NCAA, Frank was with his team in the dressing room with his teammates and coach. They walked out of the dressing rooms ready for shoot around, he was worried because he was playing his first game in NCAA. Coaches from the NBA league were watching him that made him worry even more. The game started. He was waiting for his coach to sub him in. What his coach liked about Frank was that he was a very tall power forward he was 6 foot. "It is time," Coach said, Frank was getting subbed in by Sean Kelly. It was very loud Frank couldn't hear his teammates calling a play. End of the 2nd quarter it was halftime he played the last 10 minutes of the 4th quarter, he finished with 9 rebounds and 22 points. NBA coaches had good stats for him he got more points than Sean Kelly the starter. Games passed, they were almost in the playoffs when coach decided to sub in Frank as a starter, he couldn't believe it. After that Frank went out of the practice facility and shouted "I did it!!!!". They made it to the finals everyone went to the game lucky for them they were home, but that didn't matter they needed the win they couldn't lose that game. The game was very intense the other team's crowd were very loud since they were in their home court. The game was tied with only 1 minute left, coach Falls or Frank's coach was very nervous, It was his first time going to the finals and he couldn't lose this chance. Frank scored with only 7 seconds left, the opposing team had to do something quick, but they couldn't Frank's team pressured every single player.

Lucky they recovered the ball and just dribbled until the 7 seconds were over. It was time to get the trophy, Frank was the one who had raised it, He was proud of himself he had to work very hard to earn that spot. From the first game to the last, coach was crying of the happiness. It was their first win ever, in the other's team home stadium they had the date they won their first NCAA championship and the mvp name who was Frank. The date was in the ceiling where everyone could see it said Titans win their first NCAA championship on 25/3/18.

A year later after NCAA tournament this time they didn't win, but Frank had good stats on this tournament. He was very bored in his house he was doing random stuff, then he took a look at his phone and saw an email from NCAA department. He was trying to guess what happen, but he never knew until he got to the office. When he got there he was very confused, but then they told him congrats you made it into the big league Frank said "To the NBA" the GM told him "no you made it to the college league" told the GM "Wow thanks!!!". He couldn't believe it after playing for the Titans 2 years he was already into the college league. The next day the GM called and told him he had some request at her office, he immediately went to his office. The GM said "you have a request from Ohio State University," Frank said have you seen my highlights from NCAA, Chris Holtmann said "Yes they were excellent thats the type of player Ohio needs,". He was surprised because what he said it could be his election, the GM warned him that they are two more teams that want to request in this week. Those two were very important, GM called at midnight Frank was scared to see his call at midnight, the GM said "Frank I have good news in the waiting list," "Who are they said Frank" "Duke and Kentucky" GM said. That night Frank didn't sleep both teams were good, but he had to choose

his dream college DUKE. He would be with Zion the overpowered rookie and Grayson Allen this was a dream for him.

2 months later he was already a good friend of Grayson they would go to each other's houses, hang out, or going to parties. Each day March Madness college basketball tournament was closer, the asked him which number did he wanted to use and in which position did he feel more comfortable, he answered ‘‘ I would like number 3 and I play for power forward,’’ he was lucky that Duke’s power forward was gone last year so he was playing for starter. He said number 3 because when he was a little boy his favorite player was Allen Iverson every time he scored a 3 pointer he would celebrate and he also did. ‘‘Common boys only one week left for the big tournament’’ coach said, Frank was in the middle of the court waiting for Grayson and Zion Frank finished early the drills. He returned to his apartment he got a call from an unknown number, he answered and said ‘‘Hello?’’ ‘‘Who is this?’’ The guy answered and said ‘‘Hey It’s me Frank coach from the titans’’ Frank said ‘‘Hey how are you’’ that night they had a good talk remembering the moments when he played for the titans. On saturday they had a party at a friends house, Everyone went it was a crazy night for everyone it finished at 2 am, but the next day they had practice at 6:00 am. When they got there they were 30 minutes late with Zion and Grayson coaches closely looked into their eyes and saw eye bags, coaches didn’t yelled to them not like a normal coach, but he let it pass they said never again. They were hyped up, because the next day the tournament was starting he was ready, Frank yelled ‘‘We are going to win, now who is our opponent?’’ He took a look at the calendar and saw Kentucky State University. He immediately knew that they were going to have an intense game, it wasn’t easy for them to win

Kentucky's team had one of the best teams and strongest. Frank knew the whole roster from Kentucky, He needed to guard Tod Lanter.

The Day of the game they were all at the dressing with the white and blue uniform, they walked out they were in their home court. First game of the season, fans of Duke were expecting something good from Frank. After 2 quarter they had everything under control, they were winning by 25 points. Franks match up Ted was having a good game, but he wanted to show Frank that he was better so Ted went in for a layup and elbowed Frank in the nose, he scored but Frank was bleeding unstoppably they subbed Frank for Grayson and the referees saw the replay of the elbowing and immediately counted it as a flagrant foul Ted was ejected for 3 games more. The basketball season finished they won, coaches said that Frank is one of the best players in Duke. On college finals he was the MVP of the tournament and finals MVP, he thanks coach and his team mates. The next day all the team went to the Gm's office and got the ring, then they went to a fancy restaurant to eat. In that restaurant they saw a lot of Duke fans which were asking Frank for autographs and Grayson. Grayson has played for Duke almost 3 years counting this final. He went back home saw social media and saw that coach Jason Kidd was kicked out of the league.

2 years later after 2 tournaments the coaches from NBA said "we should draft Frank he has a good impression for the nba" The sent another message to Frank that said " Hello Mr.Frank would you like to join the NBA." He was screaming all over his apartment and replied to the message " Yes I would like to". The NBA sent a message to all 30 teams of the NBA

including Frank's highlights. The 4 teams they agreed to draft him were:

Lakers, Timberwolves, Cavs, and the Raptors. Which team is he going to go for, his friend Grayson went to the Raptors because he had family in Canada. It took him 2 weeks to choose a team. He didn't choose the Raptors because he knew they were strong this season, but not for him.

"Timberwolves" he said they are perfect being with Karl Anthony Towns, Andrew Wiggins, and Jimmy Butler.

Frank after 7 years playing for the Timberwolves he decided to retire, because of the injuries he had like breaking his knee 3 times and his leg 1. He won 4 Championships, 2 All-Star MVPs, 3 Finals MVPs, and 52 Player of the Game awards. He had to make 1 more decision after retiring his daily job, the 3 options were to be a GM, Team's Coach, or a businessman. He decided to be a coach, since he was very loyal to his team he decided to go to his home team and worked in their facility. Grayson and Zion still played for the NBA and always kept in touch with Frank. After all this time he played basketball he had to take all these decisions, in life we all have to take decisions sometimes very hard and sometimes easy.