

Mohammed Abdulsalam

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NATONALITÉ
Nigéria

STATUT
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POSTE
5 - Pivot

PAYS / ÉQUIPE ACTUEL
Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2022/2023)

RÉSUMÉ

Mohammed ABDULSALAM 2,06 m, 116 Kg, Né le 7 septembre 1997 à Ibadan (Nigéria), Nationalité : Nigérian, Statut : Cotonou, Poste : Pivot

BIOGRAPHIE
C'est l'histoire d'un pivot provenant du Nigéria, qui est arrivé en Caroline du Nord sur la pointe des pieds et qui se taille une solide réputation au sens propre comme au sens figuré. Costaud, volumineux, Mohammed ABDULSALAM a multiplié son temps de jeu par 4 et son évaluation par 6 durant son cursus universitaire au sein d'une fac reconnu. Membre des Spartans, il est symbole de stabilité et demeure un point d'appui sur lequel son Université peut compter. Il termine son cursus cet été et est actuellement sur le marché, à la recherche de sa première expérience professionnelle. Nul doute que son profil de déménageur pourrait séduire une équipe LNB réaliser un pari gagnant, comme a pu le faire Aix Maurienne l'été passée avec Gavin KENSMIL. Il a terminé 8eme rebondeur de la Southern Conference 2022/2023, Champion de sa Conference 2020/2021 (même conference que le Roannais Silvio de Sousa, le Vichyssois Tray Boyd III, le Burgien James Dickey III et Jordy Kuiper (Lorient)).

POINTS FORTS
Mohammed ABDULSALAM est un joueur intérieur solide à la fois sur ses appuis mais aussi sur ses impacts. Energizer dans l'esprit, il a un body language communicatif, qui peut plaire à un entraineur. Il a souvent tendance à mettre beaucoup d'énergie dès lors où il est sur le terrain et, plus particulièrement, lorsqu'il le ballon en main. Les dribbles sont forts, les prises de positions fermes et chaque finition est effectuée avec rage. Ses pourcentages à 2 pts affichent une stabilité remarquable, juste au-dessus de la barre des 50%. Son investissement au rebond est de plus en plus impactant, et sa protection du ballon après rebond est à montrer dans toutes les écoles. Défensivement, il n'a pas de compétences innées mais « sent bien le coup », en affichant un timing de jump intéressant et se montrant dangereux sur les lignes de passe.

POINTS FAIBLES
Investi des deux côtés du terrain sans que cela ne souffre de la moindre contestation, Mohammed ABDULSALAM peut parfois avoir le revers de la médaille et se montrer excessif dans son engagement. Il peut alors vite monter en surpression défensive, ce qui va le contraindre à céder des duels face à des adversaires plus véloces, ou à concéder des fautes. Il rencontre des difficultés dans la gestion de ces dernières d'ailleurs (plus de 3 fautes de moyenne en 22 minutes de temps de jeu moyen). Offensivement, il est capable de terminer sur sa main gauche, mais il n'utilise pas suffisamment en amont de la finition pour se créer sa propre situation de tir.

RESUMÉ
Arrivé sur la pointe des pieds en NCAA, ce joueur au statut Cotonou a démontré qu'il est un solide intérieur et qu'il peut progresser régulièrement au sein d'une fac reconnue. Après un cursus intéressant mais sans réelles fulgurances, il pourrait mettre ses qualités physiques et son énergie au service d'un club de LNB qui souhaite faire un pari à l'apparence audacieuse mais qui s'avèrera payant avec certitude. (présenté le 15 juin 2023).

CARRIÉRE

SAISONS	PAYS / ÉQUIPES	CHAMPIONNATS
2022/2023	Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	NCAA 1
2021/2022	Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	NCAA 1
2020/2021	Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	NCAA 1
2019/2020	Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	NCAA 1
2018/2019	Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	NCAA 1

MOYENNE

SAISONS	MATCHS	MIN	PTS	%2PTS	%3PTS	%LF	RD	RO	RT	PDS	INT	C	BP	EVAL
2022/2023 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	32	22.2	7.2	50.6	0.0	61.3	5.0	2.1	7.1	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.4	7.6
2021/2022 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	31	20.0	6.4	53.9	0.0	59.6	3.0	1.7	4.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.8	4.7
2020/2021 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	30	19.0	6.6	51.3	0.0	63.0	4.0	2.9	6.9	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.1	7.8
2019/2020 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	31	16.3	3.8	50.5	0.0	36.7	2.2	1.3	3.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	3.5
2018/2019 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	31	5.3	0.9	52.2	0.0	42.9	0.7	0.6	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.8

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2021/2022 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	31	620	198	82/152	0/0	34/57	93	53	146	19	16	9	56	146

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2019/2020 - NCAA 1 Etats-Unis / University of North Carolina at Greensboro	31	505	118	53/105	0/0	11/30	68	40	109	19	22	16	25	109
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COUNTRY / CURRENT TEAM
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SUMMARY

Mohammed ABDULSALAM
Height: 2.06 m (6'9")
Weight: 116 kg (256 lbs)
Date of Birth: September 7, 1997
Birthplace: Ibadan, Nigeria
Nationality: Nigerian
Status: Cotonou
Position: Center

BIOGRAPHY
Mohammed ABDULSALAM is a Nigerian center who quietly arrived in North Carolina before steadily building a strong reputation, both literally and figuratively. A powerful and physically imposing big man, he increased his playing time fourfold and improved his efficiency rating sixfold throughout his collegiate career at a respected NCAA program.

A member of the Spartans, he became a symbol of consistency and a reliable cornerstone for his university. Having completed his college career, he is now available on the professional market and looking for his first opportunity overseas.

There is little doubt that his physical profile and relentless style of play could appeal to an LNB club willing to take a calculated gamble—much like Aix Maurienne successfully did with Gavin KENSMIL the previous summer.

During the 2022–23 season, he ranked 8th in the Southern Conference in rebounds. He was also a Southern Conference Champion in 2020–21, competing in the same conference as Silvio De Sousa (Roanne), Tray Boyd III (Vichy), James Dickey III (Bourg-en-Bresse), and Jordy Kuiper (Lorient).

STRENGTHS
Mohammed ABDULSALAM is a physically dominant interior player with excellent balance and tremendous strength. He plays with high energy and displays contagious body language that coaches appreciate. Whenever he steps onto the floor, he consistently brings intensity, particularly when the ball is in his hands.

His dribbles are powerful, he establishes deep post position with authority, and he finishes every play with aggression and determination. His two-point shooting percentage has remained remarkably consistent throughout his college career, staying just above the 50% mark.

His rebounding impact has steadily improved over the years, and his ability to secure the ball after grabbing a rebound is exemplary. Defensively, although he is not an elite natural defender, he has a strong feel for the game, showing good timing as a shot blocker and proving disruptive in passing lanes thanks to his anticipation.

WEAKNESSES
Although fully committed on both ends of the floor, Mohammed ABDULSALAM's aggressive approach can sometimes work against him. His defensive intensity occasionally becomes excessive, causing him to overcommit against quicker opponents or pick up unnecessary fouls.

Managing foul trouble remains one of his biggest challenges, as he averaged more than three fouls per game in just 22 minutes of playing time.

Offensively, while he is capable of finishing with his left hand, he does not use it often enough earlier in his moves to create his own scoring opportunities, limiting the variety of his offensive arsenal.

SUMMARY
After arriving in the NCAA with little attention, this Cotonou-status center proved himself to be a dependable interior presence who consistently improved throughout his college career at a respected program.
While his collegiate career was marked more by steady progression than spectacular performances, his combination of size, physicality, rebounding ability, and relentless energy makes him an intriguing prospect for an LNB club looking to invest in a high-upside player. What may initially appear to be a bold gamble has every chance of becoming a rewarding one.
Profile presented on June 15, 2023.

CAREER

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