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## **TBT 2024 Roster and Bracket Revealed for Kentucky Alumni Team La Familia**

***La Familia, Coached by Tyler Ulis and Led by Eric Bledsoe, to Face 305 Ballers on July 19***

**LEXINGTON, KY (June 26, 2024)** – The Basketball Tournament (TBT) – the \$1 million, winner-take-all summer basketball event broadcast live on FOX Sports – will see the debut of La Familia, a Kentucky alumni team. La Familia will host the Lexington Regional, looking to defend home court at Rupp Arena from July 19-23.

La Familia, the second seed in the Lexington Region, will be coached by 2016 SEC Player of the Year and former NBA player Tyler Ulis. Darius Miller, Jon Hood, and Sean Wright are the team's assistant coaches. The team is organized by Twany Beckham and Sam Malone. La Familia's current roster includes:

- Kellan Grady (2021-22)
- Nate Sestina (2019-20)
- Reid Travis (2018-19)
- Andrew Harrison (2013-15)
- James Young (2013-14)
- Willie Cauley-Stein (2012-15)
- Marquis Teague (2011-12)
- Doron Lamb (2010-12)
- Daniel Orton (2009-10)
- Eric Bledsoe (2009-10)

Additional player announcements for La Familia will be announced via TBT and the team's social media channels.

The rest of the Lexington region includes:

#1 seed Herd That (Marshall alumni)

#3 seed WoCo Showtime (Wofford alumni)

#4 seed War Ready (Auburn Alumni)

#5 seed D2 Waymakers  
#6 seed The Nawf  
#7 seed 305 Ballers  
#8 seed Jackson TN Boom

La Familia will play 305 Ballers on Friday, July 19, at 8 p.m. ET on FS2. If La Familia advances to the second round, they will face the winner of WoCo Showtime (Wofford Alumni) and The Nawf on Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. ET on FOX.

The Lexington Regional championship game is Tuesday, July 23 at 9 p.m. ET on FS1.

Club Blue, the official NIL partner of Kentucky Athletics, has also partnered with TBT on the Lexington Regional. A portion of ticket sales for all games at Rupp Arena will go to Club Blue to support Kentucky student-athletes.

The winner of the Lexington Regional will play the winner of the Louisville Regional in the quarterfinals on July 29 or 30 (official game date, time, and location to be determined). The semifinals and \$1 million winner-take-all championship game will be Aug. 2 and Aug. 4 in Philadelphia at the Daskalakis Athletic Center.

For more information on La Familia and tickets for the Lexington Regional, visit [TheTournament.com](http://TheTournament.com).

#### **About The Basketball Tournament**

The home of the Elam Ending®, The Basketball Tournament has grown from a unique idea among friends to one of the most exciting and engaging events on the summer sports calendar, with national exposure, social media buzz and regional championships across the country - culminating in a winner-take-all \$1 million game. Every year it attracts some of the best players in the world. For more information on TBT's eleventh season, visit [www.thetournament.com](http://www.thetournament.com)

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