DUQUESNE AND THE NBA

Duquesne University has had a total of 33 players drafted, with 20 Dukes having seen action in an NBA game. Chuck Cooper became the first Duquesne player – and first Black player – drafted in the history of the National Basketball Association when he was chosen in the second round of the 1950 draft.

Legend has it that when Celtics owner Walter Brown matter-of-factly announced, "Boston takes Charles Cooper of Duquesne," a fellow owner responded, "Walter, don't you know he's a colored boy?"

"I don't give a damn if he's striped or plaid or polka-dot," Brown said. "Boston takes Charles Cooper of Duquesne!"

The first DU players to see action in the NBA were Moe Becker, Ed Melvin and Walt Miller who all debuted in 1946 with the Pittsburgh Ironmen (Becker also played for the Boston Celtics and Detroit Falcons that season).

Duquesne has had three first round picks in Dick Ricketts (1955), Si Green (1956) and Norm Nixon (1977). Ricketts and Green were both the first players selected in the draft, making Duquesne the only school in NCAA history to have the back-to-back first picks in the NBA Draft. Few remember that Green was selected ahead of San Francisco's Bill Russell in '56.

DU is currently represented in the NBA by guard Mike James. James, who played for the Dukes from 1995-98, originally signed as a free agent with the Miami Heat in 2001. He was then waived by Miami and signed with Boston in July of 2003 where he received his first regular playing time. Later that season, James was traded to the Detroit Pistons and became an important part of the Pistons 2004 World Championship team. James then signed with the Milwaukee Bucks before being dealt to the Houston Rockets - his current team.

DU AND THE NBA DRAFT FAST FACTS

First player drafted: Chuck Cooper, 1950 - 2nd round by the Boston Celtics

Most recent draftee: Derrick Alston, 1994 - 2nd round (33rd overall) by the Philadelphia 76ers

Most Dukes drafted in one year: Three in 1954, 1962 and 1971

First round picks (3): Dick Ricketts (1955, 1st overall by the Milwaukee Hawks), Si Green (1956, 1st overall by the

Rochester Royals) and Norm Nixon (1977, 22nd overall by the Los Angeles Lakers)

Longest stretch without a pick: 10 years entering the 2005 draft (Derrick Alston in 1994 to current)

DU AND THE NBA FAST FACTS

Number of Dukes who have played in the NBA: 20 total

First players to play: Moe Becker (6 games for the Boston Celtics, 20 for the Detroit Falcons & 17 for the Pittsburgh Ironmen), Ed Melvin (57 g. for the Pittsburgh Ironmen) and Walt Miller (12 g. for the Pittsburgh Ironmen) all in 1946. **Last to see action in an NBA game:** Mike James is currently playing for the Houston Rockets.

DUQUESNE AND THE NBA ALL-TIME ROSTER

A total of 20 Duquesne players have seen action in an NBA game • 33 Dukes have been drafted

				HIGH SCHOOL	PROFESSIONAL TEAM(S)
					Celtics/Detroit Falcons/Pittsburgh Ironmen (1947)
					Pittsburgh Ironmen (1947)
					Pittsburgh Ironmen (1947)
Stan Noszka 3	1947-49	G 6-1 .	185	. Pittsburgh Schenley HS	Pittsburgh Ironmen (1947),
0			0.4.0	Dir. 1 114 - 11 110	Boston Celtics (1948-49)
Chuck Cooper 6	1950-55	F 6-5 .	210	. Pittsburgh Westinghouse HS	Boston Celtics (1951-54),
					Milwaukee Hawks (1955),
		_			Fort Wayne Pistons (1956)
					Philadelphia Warriors (1952)
					Syracuse Nationals (1955-57)
Dick Ricketts 3	1955-57	F 6-7 .	215	. Pottstown (PA) HS	Rochester Royals (1956-57),
					Cincinnati Royals (1958)
Sihugo Green 9	1956-65	G 6-2 .	185	. Brooklyn (NY) Boys HS	Rochester Royals (1957),
					St. Louis Hawks (1959-61),
					Chicago Zephyrs (1962-63),
					Baltimore Bullets (1964-65),
					Boston Celtics (1966)
Willie Somerset 2	1965-68	G 5-8 .	170	. Farrell (PA) HS	Baltimore Bullets (1966),
					Houston Mavericks - ABA (1968-69)
					Cincinnati Royals (1971)
					Milwaukee Bucks (1970-71)
					New York Nets - ABA (1972)
					Milwaukee Bucks (1972)
Mike Barr 4	1972-76	G 6-3 .	180	. Canton (OH) Lehman HS	Virginia Squires - ABA (1973-74),
					St. Louis Spirit- ABA (1975-76),
					Kansas City Kings (1977)
					Milwaukee Bucks (1973-77)
					ran Virginia Squires - ABA (1975)
Norm Nixon 10	1977-88	G 6-2 .	170	. Macon (GA) Southwest HS	Los Angeles Lakers (1978-83),
					San Diego Clippers (1984),
					Los Angeles Clippers (1985-86, '89)
Derrick Alston 3	1994-96	C 6-11 .	225	. Hoboken (NJ) HS	Philadelphia 76ers (1995-96),
					Atlanta Hawks (1997)
Mike James 4	2001	G 6-2 .	188	. Amityville (NY) HS	Miami Heat (2002-03),
					Boston Celtics/Detroit Pistons (2004),
				M	ilwaukee Bucks/Houston Rockets (2005)

MEMBERS OF NBA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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Jim Tucker	1954-55	Syracuse Nationals
Sihugo Green	1965-66	Boston Celtics
Bill Zopf	1970-71	Milwaukee Bucks
Norm Nixon	1979-80	Los Angeles Lakers
	1981-82	Los Angeles Lakers
Mike James	2003-04	Detroit Pistons

ALL-STAR GAMES

Norm Nixon (NBA - 1981-82 with Los Angeles Lakers & 1984-85 with Los Angeles Clippers) Willie Somerset (ABA - 1968-69 with Houston Mavericks)

DUQUESNE NBA/ABA DRAFT HISTORY

- 33 total draftees -

PLAYER	YEAR	RND	TEAM
Chuck Cooper	1950	2	Boston Celtics
(first B	lack player	drafted i	n NBA history)
Ed Dahler	1950	2	Philadelphia 76ers
"Red" Manning	1951	8	Fort Wayne Pistons
			Fort Wayne Pistons
Jim Kennedy	1952		Syracuse Nationals
Al Bailey	1953		Syracuse Nationals
			Syracuse Nationals
Don McLane	1954	4	Syracuse Nationals
Fletcher Johnson	1954	9	Syracuse Nationals
Dick Ricketts	1955	1	Milwaukee Hawks
Sihugo Green	1956	1	Rochester Royals
Mickey Winograd	1956		Philadelphia 76ers
Bob Slobodnik	1961	6	Cincinnati Royals
Ned Twyman	1961	6	Boston Celtics
Clyde Arnold	1962	7	Boston Celtics
			Detroit Pistons
Paul Benec	1962	9	New York Knicks
Willie Somerset	1965	8	Baltimore Bullets
			Seattle Supersonics
			New York Nets (ABA)
Gary Major	1969	9	Baltimore Bullets
		ŀ	Kentucky Colonials (ABA)
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PLAYER	YEAR	RND	TEAM
Bill Zopf	. 1970	2	Milwaukee Bucks
			Pittsburgh Pipers (ABA)
Jarrett Durham	. 1971	4	Detroit Pistons
			New York Nets (ABA)
Barry Nelson	. 1971		Milwaukee Bucks
			Pittsburgh Condors (ABA)
Garry Nelson	. 1971	5	Buffalo Braves
			Dallas Chaparrals (ABA)
Mickey Davis	. 1972	7	Milwaukee Bucks
			Denver Rockets (ABA)
Mike Barr	. 1972	13	Chicago Bulls
		407	Virginia Squires (ABA)
D . M .	4070		6 K.C. Kings (NBA Dispersal)
Ruben Montanez	. 1973	9	Chicago Bulls
Lienal Dillinari	1071	4	Virginia Squires (ABA)
Lioner Billingy	. 1974	4	Milwaukee Bucks
Ocean Inches	4075	0	Virginia Squires (ABA)
			Atlanta Hawks
			Los Angeles Lakers
			Philadelphia 76ers
			New Jersey Nets
Deffick Aiston	. 1994	∠	Philadelphia 76ers

MOST DRAFT PICKS BY TEAM

NBA

TEAM	NO.	PLAYER(S)
Syracuse Nationals	5	Kennedy, Bailey, Tucker, McLane, Johnson
Fort Wayne/Detroit Pistons	4	Manning, Cerra, Rice, Durham
Philadelphia Warriors/76ers	4	Dahler, Winograd, Atkins, Alston
Milwaukee Bucks	4	Zopf, B. Nelson, Davis, Billingy
Boston Celtics	3	Tucker, Twyman, Arnold
		Somerset, Major
Chicago Bulls	2	Mike Barr, Montanez
Milwaukee/Atlanta Hawks	2	Di. Ricketts, Jackson
Rochester/Cincinnati Royals	2	Green, Slobodnik
		G. Nelson
Los Angeles Lakers	1	Nixon
New Jersey Nets	1	Myers
		Benec
Seattle Supersonics	1	Guziak

ABA

TEAM	NO.	PLAYER(S) Mike Barr, Montanez, Billingy
Virginia Squires	3	Mike Barr, Montanez, Billingy
New York Nets	2	
Pittsburgh Pipers/Condors	2	Zopf, B. Nelson
Dallas Chapparals	1	G. Nelson
Denver Rockets	1	Davis
Kentucky Colonials	1	Major

DUQUESNE AND THE NFL

Duquesne University has had a total of 22 players drafted. Of the 22 draftees, eight never played in an NFL game. Mike Basrak, the fifth overall pick in the 1937 draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, was the first DU player drafted. The last time a Duquesne player was drafted was in the 19th round of the 1951 draft when Ralph Longmore was taken by the New York Yanks.

Forty-four Dukes have played in the NFL, with a total of 35 suiting up for the Pittsburgh Steelers between 1937 and 1951. The last Duquesne player to take the field for an NFL game prior to free agent Leigh Bodden's current stint with the Cleveland Browns was Al Demao, who played for the Washington Redskins from 1945-53. Demao was named one of the 70 greatest Redskins of all-time in the fall of 2002.

DU AND THE NFL DRAFT FAST FACTS

First player drafted: Mike Basrak, 1937 - 1st round (5th overall) by the Pittsburgh Steelers Most recent draftee: Ralph Longmore, 1951 - 19th round (227th overall) by the New York Yanks

Most Dukes drafted in one year: Six in 1943

First round picks (2): Mike Basrak (1937, 5th overall by Pittsburgh) & Boyd Brumbaugh (1938, 3rd overall by Brooklyn)

Longest stretch without a pick: 53 years entering the 2006 draft (1951 to current)

Draft picks by team (22 total):

Pittsburgh (13)

Brooklyn (2)

Cleveland (2)

New York Yanks (2)

Washington (2)

Chicago (1)

DU AND THE NFL FAST FACTS

Number of Dukes who have played in the NFL: 44 total

First players to play: Nick DeCarbo & Ray Kemp with Pittsburgh in 1933. DeCarbo played in 11 games, Kemp in five. **Last to see action in an NFL game:** Leigh Bodden for the Cleveland Browns in 2004. Prior to that, the last Dukes to play in an NFL game was Al Demao for the Washington Redskins in 1953 (12 games).

Organizations Dukes have played for (last player in parentheses):

Boston (Steve Sinko in 1936)

Brooklyn (Joe Setcavage in 1943)

Buffalo (George Kisiday in 1948)

Chicago (John Rokisky in 1947)

Cleveland (Leigh Bodden in 2004)

Detroit (George Sirochman in 1944)

Miami (Al Wukits in 1946)

New York Yanks (John Rokisky in 1948)

Philadelphia (John Binotto in 1942)

Pittsburgh (Chuck Mehelich in 1951)

Washington (Al Demao in 1953)

DUQUESNE AND THE NFL ALL-TIME ROSTER

44 Dukes have played in the National Football League

* - Al Demao was named one of the 70 greatest Redskins of all-time in the fall of 2002

PLAYER HT	WT	POS	HIGH SCHOOL	PROFESSIONAL TEAM
Mike Basrak+6-2	220	C/I B		Pittsburgh (1937-38)
Leigh Rodden 6-1	195	CB	Northwestern (Md) HS	
Boyd Brumbaugh+ . 5-11	195	FB/TB/HB	Steel Valley HS	Brooklyn (1938); Brooklyn/Pittsburgh (1939); Pittsburgh (1940-41)
Joe Cibulas+6-0	220	. T	Mount Pleasant HS	
Tom Corbo 5-11	210	G/LB	Altoona HS	Cleveland (1944)
Nick DeCarbo 5-9	185	. 6,22 G	New Castle HS	
Al Demao+6-2	214	. C/I B	Arnold HS	
				Pittsburgh (1941-42)
				Pittsburgh (1942)
Ted Grabinski 6-2	207	I B/C/G	Ambridge HS	Pittsburgh (1939-40)
				Pittsburgh (1936-39)
				ted)
Ray Kemp 6-1	215	. T	. Cecil HS	
Joe Malkovich 6-3	205	. C/LB	. Chisholm (Minn.) HS	Pittsburgh (1935)
Joe Maras+ 6-1	. 203	. C/LB/T	. Hibbing (Minn.) HS	Pittsburgh (1938-40)
John Matisi+ 6-2	218	. T	. Union Endicott (N.Y.) HS	Buffalo (1946)
Jim McDonald 6-0	. 195	. HB/DB	. Homestead. Pa. (no HS I	isted) Pittsburgh (1936)
Chuck Mehelich+ 6-1	. 199	. DE/OE	. Verona HS	Pittsburgh (1946-51)
Carl Nery+6-0	. 214	. G	. Springdale HS	Pittsburgh (1940-41)
Armand Niccolai 6-2	226	. T/G/DE/OE	. Monessen HS	Pittsburgh (1934-42)
				Pittsburgh (1938)
Mel O'Delli+ 5-8	176	. HB/DB	. South Huntington HS	Pittsburgh (1944**, '45)
				Pittsburgh (1937-40); ChiPitt. (1944**); Pittsburgh (1945-47)
				Cleveland (1942, '44); Pittsburgh (1945)
George Platukas+ 6-0	196	. OE/DE	. West Hazelton HS	
George Rado 5-9	194	. G/DE	. Brookfield (Ohio) HS	Pittsburgh (1935-36); Philadelphia/Pittsburgh (1937); Philadelphia (1938)
John Rokisky+ 6-2	202	. DE/OE	. Clarksburg (W.Va.) HS	Cleveland (1946); Chicago (1947); New York (1948)
Josh Rue 6-4	245	. FB	. Gateway HS	Arizona (2003)
Bernard Semes 5-7	188	. HB/DE	. Braddock HS	
Joe Setcavage 5-11	190	. BB/DB	. Mahonoy City HS	Brooklyn (1943)
				Boston (1934-36)
Art Strutt 6-0	202	. HB/DB	. Mingo Junction (Ohio) HS	Pittsburgh (1935-36)
Vic Vidoni 6-1	210	. OE/DE	. Fostoria (Ohio) HS/Bridge	eville HS Pittsburgh (1935-36)
				Pittsburgh (1934)
Joe Wiehl (x) 5-11	254	. T	. Charleroi HS	
Al Wukits+6-3	218	. LB/C/G	. Millvale HS P	hilPitt. (1943*); ChiPitt. (1944**); Pittsburgh (1945); Buffalo/Miami (1946)
John Yurchey 5-11	188	. HB/DB	. Bridgeville HS	Pittsburgh (1940)
Silvio Zaninelli 5-10	207	. BB/DB/LB/FB	Avella HS	Pittsburgh (1934-37)
Frank Zoppetti 5-11	185	. TB/DB	,	Pittsburgh (1941)

^{+ -} indicates draftee; *- Steelers combined with Philadelphia Eagles; **- Steelers combined with Chicago Cardinals

ATTENDED BUT DIDN'T FINISH AT DUQUESNE

PLAYER	HT	WT	POS	HIGH SCHOOL	PROFESSIONAL TEAM
Leo Elter* (a)	5-10 .	201	. FB/HB	. Shaler HS	
Bruce Gossett* (b)	6-1 .	204	. K	. Cecil HS	Los Angeles (1964-69); San Francisco (1970-74)
Forrest Hall* (c)	5-8 .	158	. RB	. Philadelphia St.	Joseph's Prep HS San Francisco (1948)
Val Jansante (a)	6-1 .	190	. E	Bentleyville HS	Pittsburgh (1946-50); Pittsburgh/Green Bay (1951)
Bob O'Neil* (d)	6-1 .	229	. LB/OG	. Bridgeville HS	
Frank Wydo (e)	6-4 .	225	. OT/DT	. German Townsh	nip HS Pittsburgh (1947-51); Philadelphia (1952-57)

- (a) Leo Elter & Val Jansante attended Duquesne and Villanova
- (b) Bruce Gossett attended Ferrum, Clarion, Duquesne and Richmond
- (c) Forrest Hall attended Duquesne and San Francisco
- (d) Bob O'Neil attended Duquesne and Notre Dame
- (e) Frank Wydo attended Duquesne and Cornell

⁽x) - Joe Wiehl attended Washington & Jefferson and Duquesne

DUQUESNE AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Nine Dukes have played the Major Leagues

Duquesne's baseball program started in 1888; Lew Moren was the first Duke to make it to the majors

PLAYER	SEAS		POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	
Lewivioren	6	1903-10	KHP	5-11 .	150	. Pittsburgn, Pa	ıPittsburgh NL (1903-04), Philadelphia NL (1907-10)
Enos Kirknatric	k 4	1912-15	R/R	5-10	175	Pittshurgh Pa	iBrooklyn NL (1912-13),
21100 Minipatino	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1012 10	1 (/ 1 (. i illobargii, i a	Baltimore FL (1914-15)
Al Mamaux	12	1913-24	RHP	6-0	168	. Pittsburgh. Pa	Pittsburgh NL (1913-17),
u mamaar mi				0 0 .			Brooklyn NL (1918-23),
							New York Yankees AL (1924)
							ı Chicago FL (1914),
·						•	Chicago/Baltimore FL (1915),
							Pittsburgh NL (1916), New York Giants NL (1917),
							Boston NL (1918), Cincinnati NL (1919),
							Philadelphia NL (1921-22)
Johnny Miljus	7	1915-29	RHP	6-1 .	178	. Pittsburgh, Pa	Pittsburgh Rebels FL (1915),
							Brooklyn NL (1917-21),
							Pittsburgh NL/Cleveland AL (1928),
	_	4000.00	D (D		4=0	5	Cleveland AL (1929)
							St. Louis NL (1959)
Dave Ricketts .	б	1963-70	B/R	6-2 .	195	. Pottstown, Pa	St. Louis NL (1963, '65, '67-'69),
loo Poimal	1	2004 04	I ЦВ	6.2	201	St Manus Bo	Pittsburgh NL (1970) Pittsburgh NL (2001-03),
Joe beimei	4	2001-04	LПР	6-2 .	201	. St. Marys, Pa.	Pilisburgh NE (2001-03), Minnesota AL (2004)
							FL - Federal League
							TE Tederal Edague
WORLD SERIE	S APPE	ARANCES					
Jimmy Smith	1919	Cincinnati	vs. Chicad	o White	Sox		
•		played in o	ne game	did not l	have an	at bat	won series
Al Mamaux	1920	Brooklyn v					
		pitched a to	otal of 4.0	innings	in three	g. (0-0, 4.50 er	a)lost series
Johnny Miljus	1927	Pittsburgh	vs. New Y	ork Yan	kees		
		pitched a to	otal of 6.7	innings	in two g	j. (0-1, 1.35 era))lost series
Dave Ricketts	1967	St. Louis v					
				games	(0-3, .0	00)	won series
	1968	St. Louis v					
		one at bat	in one ga	me (1-1	, 1.000)		lost series
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	4	008					
Joe Beimel Enos Kirkpatricl							

Joe Beimel 1998
Enos Kirkpatrick 1904-12
Al Mamaux 1912-13
Johnny Miljus 1913-15
LewMoren 1902-03
John O'Connell 1923-25
Dave Ricketts 1954-57
Dick Ricketts 1952-55
Jimmy Smith 1914

NOTES

Joe Beimel was drafted in the 18th round of the 1998 amateur draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates ... Al Mamaux was 21-8 with 8 shutouts for Pittsburgh in 1915 (3rd in league in era at 2.04 and 3rd in wins) & 21-15 in 1916 (21 wins were fourth in the league) ... Dave Ricketts was signed by the St. Louis as an amateur free agent in 1957 ... only Duke to play in two World Series' ... October 21, 1969 was traded with Dave Giusti to the Pirates for Carl Taylor and Frank Vanzin

DUQUESNE AND THE WNBA

The WNBA started play in 1997

Duquesne University' has had two players drafted in league history

Duquesne University has had two players drafted in the brief history of the WNBA. Korie Hlede, the leading scorer in Dukes and Atlantic 10 history, was taken with the fourth overall pick of the 1998 draft by the first-year Detroit Shock. Candace Futrell, DU's second all-time leading scorer, was chosen with the third pick in the third round of the 2004 draft by the Connecticut Sun.

Hlede enjoyed a five-year playing career with the Shock, Utah Starzz and New York Liberty before moving over a couple of seats and serving as an assistant coach for the Shock for two seasons. She was part of a staff that helped the Shock to the 2003 Championship. Hlede is currently playing professionally in Hungary.

Futrell, an Altoona, Pa. native, played in 20 games for the Sun as a rookie in 2004.

DU AND THE WNBA DRAFT FAST FACTS

First player drafted: Korie Hlede, 1998 1st round (4th overall) by the Detroit Shock

Most recent draftee: Candace Futrell, 2004 3rd round (29th overall) by the Connecticut Sun

Most Dukes drafted in one year: One in 1998 and 2004

First round picks (1): Korie Hlede (1998, 4th overall by the Detroit Shock)

Longest stretch without a pick: 5 years, from 1999 through 2003

Number of Dukes who have played in the NBA: 2 total First player to play: Korie Hlede with the Detroit Shock in 1998

Last to see action in an NBA game: Candace Futrell for the Connecticut Sun in 2004

PLAYER	SEAS.	YEARS	POS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	PROFESSIONAL TEAM(S)
Korie Hlede	5	1998-02	G	5-9	. 150	Zagreb, Croatia/VII Cimnazjia	Detroit Shock (1998),
							Detroit Shock/Utah Starzz (1999),
							Utah Starzz (2000-01),
							New York Liberty (2002)
Candace Futrell	1	2004	G	5-10	. 154	Altoona (Pa) HS	Connecticut Sun (2004)

NOTES

Hlede led the WNBA in 3-point field goal percentage in 2000 (25-of-58, 43.1%)