

BRIAN O'DONNELL

#41



6-4, 225, Junior, Forward, Mahopac, N.Y./ John F. Kennedy High School

Has established himself as one of the top all-around players in the Freedom Conference...enters the upcoming 2003-2004 season as a legitimate all-America candidate...Two-year starter...plays much bigger than his 6-4, 225-pound frame; is first player since T.J. McNulty (1996-1998) and seventh in Royals history to lead the team in rebounding in consecutive seasons...is shooting 48.8 percent from the field, including 47.8 percent from the 3-point arc, and 71.9 percent from the free throw line in his career...has scored in double figures 41 times and has pulled down 10-or-more rebounds in a game 22 times...has 17 "double-doubles" in points and rebounds in his career...holds career averages of 12.5 points and 8.8 rebounds per game...is only 55 rebounds shy of surpassing Gene Mumford (540 rebounds, 1968-71) for 16th-place on the Royals' all-time rebounding list.

Sophomore Year (2002-2003)

Started 29 of 30 games...led the Royals in rebounding (9.2), 3-point field goal percentage (.482), free throw percentage (.725) and blocks (0.93), and finished second in scoring (13.5)...was named second-team all-Freedom Conference and first-team all-Northeastern Pennsylvania Basketball Media...finished second in the Freedom Conference in 3-point field goal percentage, third in rebounding, sixth in blocks, ninth in free throw percentage, 12th in field goal percentage and tied for 15th in steals...his 275 rebounds was the most for a Royal since all-American Matt Cusano pulled down 362 in 1992-1993...scored in double figures 26 times, including a career-high 23-point effort in an 85-79 loss to DeSales University at the Long Center on February 15...averaged 13 points and 6.7 rebounds in three NCAA Division III tournament games...finished the year by scoring in double figures in his last ten games...pulled down 10-or-more rebounds in a game 10 times, including tying his career-high with 16 each against Susquehanna on November 24, Elizabethtown on December 14 and FDU-Florham on February 12...recorded five "double-doubles" in points and rebounds in his first six games and had nine overall, including a 14-point, 11-rebound performance in the Royals' heart-stopping 77-75 victory over Ursinus College in the second round of the NCAA tournament at the Long Center...improved his outside shooting considerably, knocking down 48.7 percent of his 3-point field goal attempts (40 of 83), a remarkable accomplishment since he attempted only seven 3-pointers the previous year...canned a 3-pointer with less than a minute to play to give the Royals' a 55-54 lead which eventually resulted in a 56-54 victory over Buffalo State in the opening round of the NCAA tournament at the Long Center on March 6...shot 50 percent-or-better from the field and 40 percent-or-better from the 3-point arc 17 times...was named to the Pepsi-Weis Markets Tip-Off Classic all-tournament team after averaging 13 points and 12.5 rebounds against Gallaudet, a 70-48 victory, and Susquehanna, a 73-71 loss...played 30-or-more minutes in a game 16 times.

Freshman Year (2001-2002)

Averaged 11.2 points, a team-leading 8.4 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.0 steals per game to earn the 2002 Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year and the 2002 Northeastern Pennsylvania Basketball Media Newcomer of the Year awards...scored in doubles figures 15 times...finished second on the team in free throws made (86) and free throws attempted (121) and third in blocked shots (11)...had eight "double-doubles" in points and rebounds, including a 20-point, 11-rebound effort in a 70-67 season-ending loss at Lycoming in the semifinals of the Freedom Conference tournament...pulled down 10-or-more rebounds in a game 12 times, including a career-high 16 in an 82-77 win at Connecticut College on November 20...shot 49.0 percent from the field and 71.1 percent from the free throw line...shot 50 percent-or-better from the field 13 times...his 211 rebounds were only seven less than his first cousin, Kevin Courtney, who pulled down for the Royals during the 2000-2001 season...had more assists than turnovers...nearly 37 percent of his rebounds came on the offensive end...in the final 12 games of the season, averaged 14.5 points and 9.8 rebounds per game...was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Week and The University of Scranton Athlete of the Week for the period ending January 20 after scoring 33 points and pulling down 24 rebounds in leading the Royals to victories over DeSales (Jan. 16) and Wilkes (Jan. 19).

Personal

Full Name: Brian Peter O'Donnell
Major: Accounting
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Movie: "Dumb & Dumber"
Favorite Magazine: Sports Illustrated

Parents: Michael & Patricia O'Donnell
Date of Birth: October 18, 1982
Favorite Book: Hoop Dreams
Favorite TV Show: "Seinfeld"

Awards & Honors

2002-2003 (Sophomore Year)

- *Freedom Conference 2nd-team selection
- *Freedom Conference Honor Roll (Jan. 27)
- *Northeastern Pennsylvania Basketball Media 1st-team selection
- *UofS Athlete of the Week (Dec. 1)
- *Weis Markets/Pepsi Tip-Off Classic all-tournament team (Susquehanna University)

2001-2002 (Freshman Year)

- *Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year
- *Freedom Conf. Player of the Week (Jan. 20)
- *Northeastern Pennsylvania Basketball Media Newcomer of the Year
- *UofS Athlete of the Week (Jan. 20)

Career Best

- Points** - 23, vs. DeSALES, 2/15/2003
- Rebounds** - 16, on five occasions
- Assists** - 6, vs. DREW, 2/1/2002
- Blocks** - 3, on five occasions
- Steals** - 3, on five occasions

Career Statistics

Year	G/S	FG/A	FG%	3PT/A	3PT%	FT/A	FT%	RB/AVG	A	TO	BS	ST	PTS/AVG
2001-2002	25/24	96-196	.490	3-7	.429	86-121	.711	211/8.4	54	46	11		24281/11.2
2002-2003	30/29	128-263	.487	40-83	.482	108-149	.725	275/9.2	65	61	28		33404/13.5
Totals	55/53	224-459	.488	43-90	.478	194-270	.719	486/8.8	119	107	39		57685/12.5