

— Duquesne University —

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YEAR	G/GS	MIN/AVG	FG-AT	PCT	3M-AT	PCT	FT-AT	PCT	O/D	REB	PF-DQ	A	TO	BK	S	PTS-AVG
2004	29/4	484/16.7	58-94	.617	0-2	.000	58-80	.725	43/63	106-3.7	61-1	11	30	33	8	174-6.0
2005	30/30	877/29.2	119-231	.515	0-6	.000	108-146	.740	84/118	202-6.7	81-3	30	62	46	21	346-11.5
2006*	3/2	66/22.0	5-22	.227	1-4	.250	7-9	.778	4/7	11-3.7	5-0	3	8	2	0	18-6.0
2007	23/16	613/26.7	131-253	.518	17-57	.298	84-105	.800	66/101	167-7.3	66-3	32	50	59	23	363-15.8
2008	30/17	573/19.1	109-205	.532	19-52	.365	102-125	.816	38/83	121-4.0	76-2	26	44	45	16	339-11.3
TOTAL	115/69	2,613/22.7	422-805	.524	37-121	.306	359-465	.772	235/372	607-5.3	289-9	102	194	185	68	1,240-10.8

* - had his 2005-06 season cut short by Dec. 15 shoulder surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder

Career Highlights

Scotland native chose to forego professional opportunities overseas to return for the 2007-08 season ... competed in 2007-08 while taking graduate level classes completed his undergraduate degree in management in May of 2007 ... finished his career ranked 19th on Duquesne's all-time scoring list with 1,240 career points ... began his career as a freshman in 2003-04, was named the Atlantic 10 Chris Daniels Award winner (most-improved) in 2004-05 and saw his 2005-06 season ended prematurely by December shoulder surgery (torn labrum) followed by 4-6 months of rehabilitation ... returned in 2006-07 only to miss the first six games when three stress fractures were discovered in his left foot ... was a preseason second team All-Atlantic 10 pick prior to the injury to his left - shooting - shoulder ... came back to become the first Duquesne player ever named to the A-10 All-Defense Team (first team named in 1996-97) in 2007 saw action in all 30 games in 2007-08 ... played in 115 career games with 69 starts ... the 115 games played tied the second-highest total in school history ... scored in double digits 63 times ... posted 16 double-doubles and scored 20 or more in a game 12 times ... was a three-year starter (not including 2005-06) ... finished his career ranked second on DU's all-time blocked shots list with 185 ... posted the fourth-, seventh- and tenth-highest single-season blocked shot totals in school history (59 in 2006-07, 46 in 2004-05 & 45 in 2007-08) ... his .524 career field goal percentage ranked sixth on Duquesne's all-time list and his 359 free throws made ranked tied for eighth all-time ... nearly doubled his scoring and rebounding averages from his freshman to sophomore year ... spent part of the summers following his freshman and sophomore seasons playing for the Scottish National Team ... came to Duquesne after prepping for one year at Maine Central Institute ... was a three-time member of the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team ... was named A-10 men's basketball Student-Athlete of the Year in 2006-07 & 2007-08 ... just the third player in A-10 history to win the award twice ... was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 2 team in each of his final two years ... was one of 30 players initially nominated for the 2008 Lowe's Senior Class Award that "honors the attributes of college basketball seniors who remain committed to their university and pursue the many rewards that a senior season and complete college education brings" ... was one of two Scotland-born players in NCAA Division I in 2007-08 ... played his first three seasons under head coach Danny Nee and last two under Ron Everhart.

As a Senior (2007-08)

Split time at forward/center with 6-10 junior Shawn James ... averaged 11.3 points and 4.0 rebounds in 19.1 minutes per game ... shot .532 from the field and .816 from the foul line ... blocked 45 shots ... was one of three double-digit scorers along with James (12.6 ppg.) and junior guard Kojo Mensah (12.1 ppg.) ... was second to Mensah (124-of-158) with 125 free throw attempts (102-of-125) ... scored in double digits 14 times ... DU was 11-3 in those games ... became the 31st member of the Duquesne 1,000-point club with a free throw at the 18:52 mark of the second half of Duquesne's game against Pitt on Dec. 5 ... finished his career 19th on DU's all-time list with 1,240 points ... opened the season with a career-high 29 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in 17 minutes in a 129-59 win over Howard ... was named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week following the Howard game (Nov. 11) ... suffered a mild concussion early in the second half at Rhode Island, limiting him to just six minutes in the 80-78 loss to the No. 22 (AP) Rams ... two games later, with James sidelined by a knee injury, Achara stepped up to post his second double-double of the year with 18 points and a season-high 12 rebounds in a 28 minutes vs. St. Bonaventure ... added a season-best three steals against the Bonnies ... had his front tooth knocked out early in the second half of the Feb. 6 Saint Joseph's game leading to his third root canal in a span of three weeks (he had a tooth loosened on Jan. 13 at Rhode Island leading to a pair of Jan. 22 root canals) ... scored 21 points (7-of-9 from field) and tied his career high with five blocks at La Salle ... in James' other missed game (shoulder injury), Achara hit a career-high five 3-pointers in scoring 24 in 38 minutes at Temple ... he had never made more than three "3's" in a game prior to the outburst at Temple ... led the team with 13 charges taken ... scored 24 points in two of his last three college games (at Temple and on Senior Day vs. Saint Louis).

ACHARA'S HONORS

AS A SENIOR (2007-08)

- Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team
- Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year
- Lowe's Senior Class Award nominee
- A-10 Player of the Week (Nov. 11)

AS A JUNIOR (2006-07)

- Atlantic 10 All-Defense Team
- Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team
- Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year

AS A SOPHOMORE (2004-05)

- Atlantic 10 Chris Daniels Award (Most Improved Player)
- Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

ON DU'S CAREER LISTS

Blocks	185	2nd
Games Played	115	T2nd
Field Goal Pct.	.524	6th
Free Throws Made	359	T8th
Points	1,240	19th

ACHARA: A CLOSER LOOK

DOUBLE-DOUBLES	16
Freshman (29 g.)	1
Sophomore (30 g.)	8
Junior (3 g.)	0
Junior (23 g.)	5
Senior (30 g.)	2
20-POINT GAMES	12
Freshman (29 g.)	0
Sophomore (30 g.)	2
Junior (3 g.)	0
Junior (23 g.)	6
Senior (30 g.)	4
DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING G.	63
Freshman (29 g.)	7
Sophomore (30 g.)	21
Junior (3 g.)	1
Junior (23 g.)	20
Senior (30 g.)	14
DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUND G.	16
Freshman (29 g.)	1
Sophomore (30 g.)	8
Junior (3 g.)	0
Junior (23 g.)	5
Senior (30 g.)	2

ACHARA CAREER HIGHS

Points	29 vs. Howard	Sr.
Rebounds	14 at Fordham	So.
Field Goals	11 vs. Howard	Sr.
Field Goal Att.	18 vs. St. Bonaventure	Sr.
Three-Pointers	5 at Temple	Sr.
Three-Point Att.	7 at UMass	Jr.
Free Throws	12 vs. St. Bonaventure & Saint Louis	Jr. Sr.
Free Throw Att.	15 vs. St. Bonaventure	Jr.
Assists	4 vs. Temple at St. Bonaventure	Jr. Jr.
Steals	5 at George Washington	Jr.
Blocked Shots	5 four times at La Salle last	Sr.
Minutes Played	38 at Temple vs. Fordham	Sr. Jr.

TOP SCORING GAMES

29	Howard	Nov. 9, 2007	Sr.
26	St. Bonaventure	Feb. 24, 2007	Jr.
25	at St. Bonaventure	Feb. 3, 2007	Jr.
24	Saint Louis	Mar. 8, 2008	Sr.
24	at Temple	Mar. 5, 2008	Sr.
24	at La Salle	Jan. 29, 2005	So.
23	at Dayton (2 OT)	Jan. 5, 2005	So.
22	at George Washington	Mar. 3, 2007	Jr.
22	Temple	Jan. 27, 2007	Jr.
22	at Saint Francis, Pa.	Dec. 22, 2006	Jr.
21	at La Salle	Feb. 9, 2008	Sr.
20	at Fordham	Feb. 18, 2007	Jr.

TOP REBOUNDING GAMES

14	at Fordham	Mar. 2, 2005	So.
12	St. Bonaventure	Jan. 23, 2008	Sr.
12	at George Washington	Mar. 3, 2007	Jr.
11	Howard	Nov. 9, 2007	Sr.
11	at Fordham	Feb. 18, 2007	Jr.
11	at La Salle	Feb. 7, 2007	Jr.
11	at St. Bonaventure	Feb. 3, 2007	Jr.
11	at Dayton (2 OT)	Jan. 5, 2005	So.
11	Maryland-Baltimore Co.	Dec. 11, 2004	So.
11	at George Mason	Nov. 27, 2004	So.
11	at New Mexico	Nov. 14, 2004	So.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES (16)

10-11	Massachusetts	Jan. 18, 2004	Fr.
10-11	at New Mexico	Nov. 14, 2004	So.
11-10	Lafayette	Nov. 20, 2004	So.
15-11	at George Mason	Nov. 27, 2004	So.
16-11	Maryland-Baltimore Co.	Dec. 11, 2004	So.
23-11	at Dayton (2 OT)	Jan. 5, 2005	So.
11-10	at Richmond	Feb. 1, 2005	So.
10-14	at Fordham	Mar. 2, 2005	So.
12-10	vs. Fordham (A10)	Mar. 9, 2005	So.
25-11	at St. Bonaventure	Feb. 3, 2007	Jr.
17-11	at La Salle	Feb. 7, 2007	Jr.
20-11	at Fordham	Feb. 18, 2007	Jr.
22-12	at George Washington	Mar. 3, 2007	Jr.
14-10	vs. Saint Louis (A10)	Mar. 7, 2007	Jr.
29-11	Howard	Nov. 9, 2007	Sr.
18-12	St. Bonaventure	Jan. 23, 2008	Sr.

MOST BLOCKED SHOTS

5	at La Salle	Feb. 9, 2008	Sr.
5	Charlotte	Feb. 21, 2007	Jr.
5	Youngstown State	Dec. 31, 2004	So.
5	Robert Morris	Dec. 28, 2003	Fr.

As a Junior (2006-07)

Spent the majority of his summer in Pittsburgh rehabbing from shoulder surgery that cut short his 2005-06 season ... dropped over 20 pounds prior to the season and competed at 240 ... also changed his jersey number to 2 ... gave up his old number, 42, in favor of No. 2 to signify a "second chance" following the injury ... led the team in rebounding (7.3 rpg.), field goal percentage (.518) and blocked shots (59) ... was second in scoring at 15.8 ppg. ... finished 16th nationally and second in the A-10 in blocks (2.57) ... was ninth in the league in scoring, seventh in rebounding, fifth in field goal percentage and eighth in free throw percentage (.800) ... scored in double digits 20 times ... topped the 20-point mark six times ... led the team with five double-digit rebound games ... capped the season by being the first DU player ever named to the Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team (est. in 1996-97) ... was also named men's basketball Student-Athlete of the Year and earned a spot on the All-Academic Team ... was one block shy of tying the school single-season record of 60 held by Derrick Alston (set in 1991-92 and tied by Alston in 1992-93) ... played as well as anyone in the A-10 over the last month of the season ... in 10 February/March games, he averaged 18.7 points, 9.3 rebounds and 3.1 blocks in 25.9 minutes per game ... had four double-doubles and set new career highs for points (26 vs. St. Bonaventure) and steals (5 at George Washington) and tied his career highs for assists (4 vs. Temple) and blocks (5 vs. Charlotte) over that span ... started the year on a down note when he was diagnosed with three stress fractures in his left foot on Nov. 10 ... discarded the protective boot he wore for three weeks on Dec. 2 and began practicing on Monday, Dec. 4 ... made an unexpected return at Pitt (18 minutes) two days later ... it was his first game action since Dec. 3, 2005 vs. Robert Morris (he played in just three games in 2005-06 with a torn labrum in his left shoulder ... he had season-ending surgery Dec. 15, 2005) ... made his first start on Dec. 9 vs. West Virginia and went 6-of-6 from the field in scoring 15 points in 25 minutes and followed that by scoring 13 of his 17 points in the second half (8-of-12 from the field) at Niagara ... topped both outings by hitting a game-winning 3-pointer from the top of the key with 0:00 left to give the Dukes a 72-71 win at Saint Francis, Pa. - ending a seven-game losing streak and 17-game non-conference road losing streak that dated back to December 2002 ... finished with a game-high 22 points (2-of-4 from the 3-point arc) to go along with eight rebounds against the Red Flash ... he entered the Saint Francis game 1-of-14 from the arc for his career ... added 17 points in 29 minutes before fouling out in DU's upset win at Boston College ... played a key role in limiting Saint Louis' 6-10, 270-pound center Ian Vouyoukas to six points and seven field goal attempts in 34 minutes in a 73-63 win at SLU ... went 3-of-7 from the 3-point arc in scoring 17 at UMass ... blocked four shots, including a big rejection of a Brian Roberts shot with under 10 seconds left, in the 93-89 win over Dayton ... tied his career high with 22 points (7-of-9 from the field and 8-of-9 from the foul line) in 26 minutes vs. Temple ... his two free throws with 38 seconds left gave the Dukes the lead for good against the Owls ... posted his first double-double of the season (and 10th of his career) with a then career-high 25 points and 11 rebounds in 22 minutes at St. Bonaventure ... followed that with a double-double at La Salle (17-11 with 4 blocks) ... just missed his third and fourth-straight double-doubles with 16-9 vs. Rhode Island and 13-9 at Richmond before going for 20 and 11 at Fordham ... tied his career high with five rejections to go along with 16 points vs. Charlotte ... set a new career scoring high with 26 vs. St. Bonaventure on Feb. 24 ... finished the regular season with 22 points, 12 rebounds a career-high five steals and three blocks at George Washington ... ended the year with another double-double (14-10) vs. Saint Louis in the first round of the Atlantic 10 Championship.

As a Junior (2005-06) - medical redshirt

Preseason second team All-Atlantic 10 pick, played in three games before undergoing season-ending surgery on Dec. 15 to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder ... injured the shoulder while blocking a shot in a preseason scrimmage versus Cleveland State on Nov. 12 ... tried to play through the injury early in the season with little success ... entered the year ranked

third on Duquesne's career field goal accuracy list at 54.5 percent ... went 5-of-22 from the field (including an 0-of-10 effort at Oakland) in three games while trying to play with the bad shoulder ... played in the first two games versus Arkansas-Pine Bluff and at Oakland ... sat out at Akron and returned for the final time on Dec. 3 versus Robert Morris ... averaged 6.0 points and 3.7 rebounds in the three games he played.

As a Sophomore (2004-05)

Averaged 11.5 points and 6.7 rebounds in starting all 30 games in the pivot ... shot a team-best .515 from the field and also led the squad with 46 blocked shots in an average of 29.2 minutes per game ... scored in double digits 21 times ... finished the year with eight double-doubles ... Saint Joseph's Dwayne Jones (19), La Salle's Steven Smith (10) and Fordham's Bryant Dunston (9) were the only A-10 players with more double-doubles than Achara ... opened conference play with a then career-high 23 points and then career high-tying 11 rebounds in DU's 94-93 double-overtime win at Dayton ... the Dayton victory was the Dukes' first at UD since 1983 ... also posted A-10 double-doubles at Richmond (11-10), at Fordham (10-14) and again vs. Fordham in the Atlantic 10 Tournament (12-10) ... his 14 boards at Fordham were a career high ... set a career scoring high with 24 points on 8-of-12 shooting at La Salle on Jan. 29 ... became the first Duquesne player to win the Atlantic 10 Chris Daniels Award, which is given annually to the league's most improved player ... had a streak of 17 consecutive free throws made snapped at Saint Joseph's on Feb. 5 ... finished the year at .740 from the charity stripe ... tied his career high with five blocked shots vs. Youngstown State ... his 49 rejections tied for the fifth-highest single-season total in school history and also ranked tied for fourth in the Atlantic 10.

As a Freshman (2003-04)

Played in all 29 games as a true freshman, averaging 6.0 points and 3.7 rebounds in 16.7 minutes per game ... shot .725 from the foul line and a team-best .617 from the field ... led the team with 33 blocked shots ... started four of the last six games ... averaged 9.3 ppg. and shot .684 (13-of-19) from the field as DU went 3-1 in his four starts ... posted five of his seven double-digit scoring games in the Dukes' last eight outings ... had a four-game double digit scoring streak snapped at Xavier on Feb. 28 ... posted his first career double-double (10-11) in DU's 88-62 regular-season win over UMass ... scored a then career-high 13 points twice (at Dayton and vs. UMass in the Atlantic 10 Tournament) ... his five blocked shots vs. Robert Morris were the most by a Duquesne player since Eriq Mason blocked six vs. Illinois State in December of 1996 ... blocked three shots in a game on four other occasions.

Prep School

Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine (head coach Ed Jones) ... joined the starting line-up midway through the season in helping MCI to a 16-10 record and second-place finish in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) ... scored 14 points in an 85-83 loss to Brewster in the quarterfinal round of the New England "A" Prep Championship ... averaged 9.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots per game ... his scoring average increased to between 12 and 14 points per game over the second half of the season ... eight of his 16 MCI teammates also earned Division I scholarships: Brian Andre (Buffalo), George Wright-Easy and Darnell Evans (St. Francis, Pa.), Marquis Kately (California), Chris Moore (Tulane), Frank Robinson (East Carolina), Mike Tuck (Loyola, Md.) and Rekalin Sims (Kentucky).

Scottish National Team

Spent the summers of 2004 and 2005 playing for the Scottish Senior National Team ... was not able to compete in 2006 because he was rehabilitating his injured shoulder ... was named Most Valuable Player of the South Africa Tournament played in Johannesburg on August 5-7, 2005 ... averaged 21.3 points and 8.0 rebounds as the Scots went 2-1 in the tournament designed to help South Africa, Angola Select and Mozambique prepare for the African championship ... opened the tournament with 12 points and nine rebounds in a 78-68 win over Angola Select and followed that with 26 points and six boards in an 83-81 victory over Mozambique ... finished the three-game tournament with 26 points and nine rebounds in a 90-76 loss to South Africa ... shot .833 from the foul line (20-of-24) and averaged 2.3 assists, 2.0 steals and 2.0 blocks per game in the tournament ... he even connected on 4-of-8 3-point attempts ... went on a two-day South African safari with his Scottish National teammates following the Johannesburg tourney ... helped Scotland to a bronze medal finish in the 2004 European Promotion Cup ... was the leading rebounder (12.0) and sixth-leading scorer (18.2) in championship round play (5 games) ... scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the bronze medal-deciding 101-78 victory over Azerbaijan ... added 22 points and 14 boards in an 80-71 loss to Luxembourg ... also had a double-double (17-10) in a win over Albania ... shot a team-best .565 from the field in helping the Scots to a 4-1 record - their best mark ever at a European Promotion Cup ... also played for the Scots at the European Promotion Cup in Malta in June 2002 ... in 1999, at the age of 16, he was the youngest member of the Senior National Team ... was the Scottish Junior Player of the Year in 2000 and 2001 ... pulled down 13 rebounds in a 76-74 loss to Cyprus in the gold medal game of the 2001 European Promotion Cup Tournament ... led the Falkirk Clark Eriksson Fury to the Scottish National League senior title.

High School

Stirling High School in Stirling, Scotland ... school did not have an organized basketball program ... was one of four recipients of the W.G. Malcolm Prize for service to the school and community ... also received a special commendation for basketball for hard work and outstanding effort ... played center/forward for the soccer team until age 16 ... grew four inches, from 6-4 to 6-8, between the ages of 15 and 16 ... graduated with high honors in 2001 ... played for Middlesborough Academy following high school.

Personal

Kieron's mother, Marion Fzea, a family support worker in Stirling, Scotland, is a former member of the U18 Scottish Women's National Basketball Team ... his older brother, Idris, who also plays basketball, most recently competed in the Special Olympics Glasgow 2005 Great Britain Games ... Idris represented Britain in basketball at the 2000 Special Olympics at Athens, Greece ... Kieron committed to the Dukes in November 2003 ... made his lone official visit to DU ... full name is Kieron Robert Achara ... date of birth: 7/3/83 in Stirling, Scotland.

