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# JOHN DeGROAT

6-6 ■ 220 ■ Senior ■ Forward

Newburgh, N.Y. ■ Northeastern Colorado J.C. ■ Monticello H.S.

## THE STORYLINE

John DeGroat enters his senior year after transferring to Pitt from Northeastern Colorado Junior College prior to the 2004-05 season. A physical, athletic, active defender, good shooter and tough, aggressive rebounder, DeGroat contributed at both forward positions in 2004-05. His most memorable performance came at Boston College when he sparked Pitt with five spectacular offensive rebounds. As one of two seniors, look for DeGroat to expand his role in 2005-06.

## 2004-05

Earned the team's Most Improved Player Award at the annual awards banquet...Played in 23 of 29 games on the year...Averaged 6.9 minutes per game...Scored 10 points (5-8 FG), added seven rebounds (five offensive) in 16 minutes off the bench at Boston College, 2/28. Also added a flying dunk off an offensive rebound that sparked the Panthers in the second half...Played 16 minutes off the bench at St. John's, 1/18...Scored seven points, hit two 3-pointers, grabbed four rebounds in 18 minutes vs. Loyola, 11/

27...Scored career-high 11 points (5-7 FG), pulled down seven rebounds, dished out three assists and made two steals in 16 minutes of the season opener vs. Howard, 11/20.

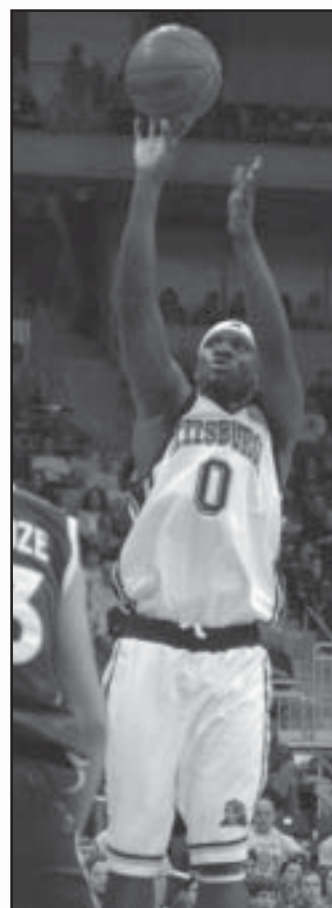
## PRIOR TO PITTSBURGH

Played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo., for Head Coach Brian Joyce...Averaged 11.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, shot 49.4 percent (128-259) from the floor, and 44.4 percent (32-72) on 3-point attempts in leading Northeastern J.C. to a 22-11 record as a sophomore...Named to *Street & Smith's* Super Sophomore All-America Second Team...*NBA draft.com* rated him among the nation's top-five players and No. 1 junior college shooting guard in America...Named a 2003-04 season preseason junior college national player of the year candidate while his team entered the 2003-04 season ranked No. 11 nationally by *Street & Smith's*...Averaged 10 points and six rebounds per game as a freshman on a team with four NCAA Division I players on its roster...Helped lead Northeastern to

a 17-13 record against one of the nation's toughest schedules...Named a preseason Second Team All-America by *Street & Smith's* magazine...Rated as one of the top-10 players (out of 400) at Jerry Mullen's Junior College Exposure Camp in Tulsa, Okla.

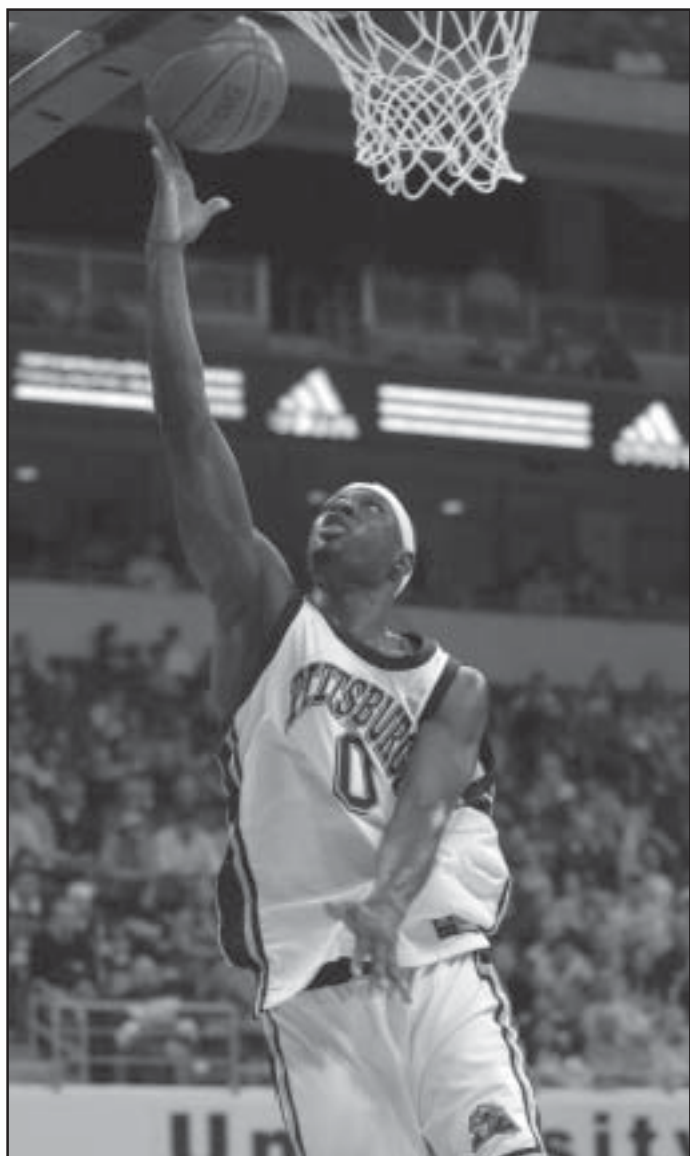
## HIGH SCHOOL

A 2002 graduate of Monticello High School in Monticello, N.Y., where he played for Head Coach Dick O'Neil...As a senior, led Monticello to the Section IX Class B state title and a 21-3 record, its best in school history...Averaged 24.3 points, 13.5 rebounds and three steals per game and selected Third Team All-State as a senior...Named the state playoff regional MVP...Selected 2001 Tri-County and *Times-Herald* Player of the Year...In his three-year career, scored over 1,000 points, one of only five players to do so at Monticello...Scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in leading Monticello to a 65-50 win over Onteora in the Section IX Class B title game...Earned the Mayor's Cup Trophy, awarded to Sullivan County's top student-



## DeGROAT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	Total			Three-Point			Rebounds			PF	FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg			
						FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	FT	FIA	Pct	Off									Def	Tot	Avg
2004-05	23	0	158	6.9	18	36	.500	4	13	.308	3	8	.375	15	20	35	1.5	13	0	11	14	2	2	43	1.9
Total	23	0	158	6.9	18	36	.500	4	13	.308	3	8	.375	15	20	35	1.5	13	0	11	14	2	2	43	1.9
<b>BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON</b>																									
2004-05	13	0	68	5.2	6	14	.429	0	4	.000	1	3	.333	6	9	15	1.2	8	0	4	4	1	0	13	1.0
Total	13	0	68	5.2	6	14	.429	0	4	.000	1	3	.333	6	9	15	1.2	8	0	4	4	1	0	13	1.0
<b>BIG EAST TOURNAMENT</b>																									
2005	1	0	2	2.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	0	2	2.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
<b>NCAA TOURNAMENT</b>																									
2005	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0



**DeGROAT'S CAREER HIGHS**

**Points:** 11, Howard, 11/20/04.  
**FG made:** 5, two times- at Boston College, 2/28/05; Howard, 11/20/04.  
**FG attempts:** 8, at Boston College, 2/28/05.  
**3FG Made:** 2, Loyola, 11/27/04.  
**3FG attempts:** 4, Loyola, 11/27/04.  
**FT made:** 1, three times.  
**FT attempts:** 3, Howard, 11/20/04.  
**Rebounds:** 7, two times- at Boston College, 2/28/05; Howard, 11/20/04.  
**Off. Rebs.:** 5, at Boston College, 2/18/05.  
**Def. Rebs.:** 4, Loyola, 11/27/04.  
**Assists:** 3, Howard, 11/20/04.  
**Steals:** 2, Howard, 11/20/04.  
**Blocks:** 1, two times.  
**Minutes:** 18, Loyola, 11/27/04.

athlete...Averaged 19.6 points per game and named Second Team All-State as a junior...Scored 18.4 points as a sophomore...Scored 26 points in one half in the Upstate/Downstate All-Star Basketball Game and Coaches vs. Cancer contest...Also played soccer and was a sprinter on the track and field team (100-yard dash).

**PERSONAL**

Born John Franklin DeGroat on January 7, 1985 in Albany, N.Y....Son of Thomas and Deborah Mack...Has two brothers E.J. and Jesse and sister Katina...Sister Katina Mack played for Penn State (1992-96)...Mack ranks 10<sup>th</sup> all-time on Penn State's career scoring

list (1,463 points)...Nickname is "Franchise"...Favorite food includes anything spicy...Favorite sport other than basketball is golf...Most gratifying moment in sports is his first dunk in high school...Role model and the best athlete he ever competed against is his brother Jesse...When he was little, he pretended to be Lawrence Taylor...Friends on other college teams include Wyoming's Derek Wabbington, Marshall's Jean Francois, UT-Martin's Zerek Knight and UC-Irvin's Marcus McIntosh...Became the second player in Pitt school history to wear jersey number 0...Also considered Oregon, Oklahoma and Gonzaga...Majors in administration of justice.