

= Kellen Dunham =

Kellen Dunham ( born June 18 , 1993 ) is an American basketball player who recently completed his college career for the Butler Bulldogs . He is currently playing his senior season on the 2015 ? 16 team . At Pendleton Heights High School in Pendleton , Indiana , Dunham led the state of Indiana in scoring as a senior with 29 @. @ 5 points per game and was named Herald Bulletin Player of the Year . Dunham committed to Butler on July 7 , 2010 and was highly regarded by recruiting services . As a freshman , he was a 2012 ? 13 Atlantic 10 All @- @ Rookie Team selection . He scored 16 @. @ 4 points per game as a sophomore and was named to the 2013 ? 14 All @- @ Big East Second @- @ team . He was a 2014 ? 15 All @- @ Big East First @- @ team selection as a junior .

= = Early life = =

Dunham was born on June 18 , 1993 , the son of Christy and Jim Dunham . He has three younger brothers : Kenton , Cole , and Jamison . Both his parents are basketball fans and raised their sons in a Christian household . Young Kellen learned to shoot on a " Little Tikes " hoop in the Dunham living room . He improved his game through constant practice in elementary school and middle school , to the consternation of some of his friends . When he was in eight grade , he worked on his jump shot with shooting coach Mark Baker , where Dunham learned how to shoot over his head .

Dunham attended Pendleton Heights High School , where he measured 5 feet 10 inches ( 1 @. @ 78 m ) as a freshman . Pendleton Heights head coach Brian Hahn described him as " gangly , skinny , and slow . " In practices , he would shoot for 45 minutes after his teammates were finished . He shot up to 6 feet 4 inches ( 1 @. @ 93 m ) as a sophomore and averaged 17 @. @ 0 points per game . He improved those numbers to 23 @. @ 5 points per game as a junior , leading Pendleton Heights to a 20 ? 6 record . As a junior , he scored 41 points against Fort Wayne Northrop High School .

In his senior season , Dunham averaged 29 @. @ 5 points per game and shot 92 @. @ 1 % from the free throw line , leading the state of Indiana in both categories . He scored 45 points against Alexandria High School . Dunham was named Madison County Player of the Year as a senior after leading Pendleton Heights to a 23 ? 3 record . His season came to an end after a 46 ? 43 overtime loss against Terre Haute North High School in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A Regional at Hinkle Fieldhouse . Dunham was twice named All @- @ State . Dunham finished third in Indiana Mr. Basketball voting , behind Gary Harris and Yogi Ferrell . He was named Herald Bulletin Player of the Year as a senior . He holds the record for the all @- @ time leading scorer at Pendleton Heights with 1 @, @ 899 points and led the Arabians to back @- @ to @- @ back sectional titles .

He signed a letter of intent with Butler on July 7 , 2010 . Rivals.com ranked him the 21st best shooting guard and 93rd best overall player . ESPN included Butler 's 2012 recruiting class among its top recruiting classes from teams in non @- @ BCS conferences , noting Dunham was listed as an ESPN Top 100 recruit and is " a sniper to run off screens and create movement in the halfcourt sets for the next four years . " In ESPN 's scouting report , Dunham was listed as the 78th best overall player , due in large part to the fact that what he " does really well is shoot the basketball . How he goes about his business is akin to a master craftsman applying his trade . Dunham is in constant motion , working to get himself in position to score and he 's typically shot @- @ ready . " Rivals listed him as the best shooter among all recruits of non @- @ BCS teams . Butler head coach Brad Stevens said , " the thing he brings is an incredible ability to put the ball through the net . "

= = College career = =

= = = Freshman = = =

Coming into his freshman year on the 2012 ? 13 team , Dunham was named to the Preseason All @-@ Atlantic 10 Rookie Team . Dunham began practicing basketball drills late at night thanks to senior Rotnei Clarke , and the two became fast friends . In his first college basketball game , a win against Elon , Dunham came off the bench to score 18 points . He was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week on November 12 , 2012 . During the 2012 Maui Invitational Tournament in 2012 , Dunham had one his best games as a freshman as Butler routed the then # 9 team in the country , North Carolina , shooting 56 % ( 5 of 9 ) from 3 @-@ point range and scoring 17 points . Dunham earned Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors on December 10 . On December 31 , he again was named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week . In a game against # 8 Gonzaga on January 19 , 2013 that was featured on ESPN 's College GameDay , he was the second leading scorer , shooting 4 of 8 from three @-@ point range , behind 20 points and a buzzer @-@ beating floater from Roosevelt Jones . Dunham earned his fourth Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors on January 28 . Butler went 27 ? 9 on the season and reached the NCAA Tournament as a six seed . He finished the season averaging 9 @.@ 5 points per game , fifth best on the team . Following the season , Dunham was named to the Atlantic 10 All @-@ Rookie Team .

= = = Sophomore = = =

" Most guys are relaxed , but I look up and I see Kellen , and he 's ... going 110 miles an hour , " said 2013 ? 14 Butler Bulldogs first year head coach Brandon Miller during an August overseas basketball tour . " Sprinting up and down the court . Shooting pull @-@ ups . Going as hard and as fast as he possible can . He goes at a pace , whether its shootaround in Australia , 17 minutes into practice or two hours into practice , that never changes . "

Dunham scored a career @-@ high 32 points against Washington State in the Old Spice Classic , a tournament record . As a result , Dunham was named to the Old Spice Classic All @-@ Tournament Team . Through the first nine games , Dunham averaged 18 @.@ 7 points per game and shot 46 percent from 3 @-@ point range . He was named Big East Player of the Week on December 16 after contributing 25 points to lead Butler past the Purdue Boilermakers , 76 ? 70 in the Crossroads Classic . Dunham had 30 points in a 99 ? 94 double overtime loss to DePaul on January 9 and tied his career @-@ best with six three @-@ pointers , all of which came in the second half .

At the conclusion of the 2013 ? 14 Big East season , Dunham was named to the All @-@ Big East Second Team . Despite his improvements , Butler had a lackluster season , finishing with a 14 ? 17 overall record and bowing out to Seton Hall in the Big East Tournament . Dunham finished the season seventh in the Big East in scoring with a 16 @.@ 4 points per game average to go along with 4 rebounds per game . Dunham shot 39 percent from the field and 35 @.@ 5 from 3 @-@ point range . He hit a 3 @-@ pointer in 29 of the team 's 31 games . After the season , he teamed up with several college players to participate in Athletes in Action 's summer trip to the Philippines . Athletes in Action is a Christian group that helps athletes use sports for spiritual growth .

= = = Junior = = =

Coming into his junior year on the 2014 ? 15 team , Dunham was named to the Preseason All @-@ Big East First Team . Dunham stopped drinking Mountain Dew prior to the season to improve his conditioning . Coach Brandon Miller took a medical leave of absence before the season and did not return ; he was replaced by Chris Holtmann . Dunham was on the Battle 4 Atlantis All @-@ tournament Team . Dunham scored a season @-@ high 28 points on January 3 , 2015 in a 73 ? 69 win over St. John 's . Dunham received Big East Player of the Week honors for the week of February 9 , after scoring 21 points and pulling down seven rebounds in an 85 ? 62 victory versus St. John 's and recording 24 points in an 83 ? 73 win over DePaul .

Dunham averaged 16 @.@ 5 points per game , third best in the Big East , to go along with 2 @.@ 6 rebounds per game . He led Butler to a 23 ? 11 record and six seed in the NCAA Tournament . In the Round of 64 of the NCAA Tournament , Dunham scored 20 points , including an important 3 @-@ pointer with 1 : 18 remaining , to propel Butler to a 56 ? 48 victory over the Texas Longhorns .

The Bulldogs fell to Notre Dame in the Round of 32 , 67 ? 64 . At the conclusion of the season , Dunham was selected to the All @-@ Big East First Team . Dunham was a 2014 ? 15 Men 's All @-@ District V Team selection by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association . He was named to the Second Team All @-@ District V by the National Association of Basketball Coaches .

= = = Senior = = =

Coming into his senior year on the 2015 ? 16 team at Butler , Dunham was named to the Preseason First Team All @-@ Big East . He was listed on the Oscar Robertson Award preseason watchlist . Dunham earned Big East player of the week honors for the week of December 7 , 2015 after contributing 24 points in a 78 @-@ 76 road victory over Cincinnati and 19 points in an 85 @-@ 71 win over Indiana State . He suffered a shooting slump in December , shooting 2 @-@ for @-@ 32 on three @-@ point shots and missing 21 three @-@ pointers in a row . His two point shooting fell from 58 @.@ 7 percent in the first eight games of the season to 26 @.@ 2 percent in the next five .

At the conclusion of the regular season , he was an Honorable Mention All @-@ Big East selection .