

= Kit Mueller =

Christopher J. " Kit " Mueller (born c . 1971) is a retired American basketball player . He played high school basketball in the Chicago metropolitan area for Downers Grove South High School . Subsequently , he starred for the Princeton Tigers men 's basketball team , where he was a two @-@ time Ivy League Men 's Basketball Player of the Year (1990 and 1991) and three @-@ time first team All @-@ Ivy League player (1989 , 1990 and 1991) as a center . He was also a two @-@ time Academic All @-@ America selection . As an All @-@ Ivy League performer , he led his team to three consecutive Ivy League Championships and NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournaments .

He matriculated to Princeton University , after an injury late in his senior year caused other Division I schools to withdraw their offers . As of 2011 , he continues to rank second and fourth in school history in career assists (381) and points (1546) , respectively . He led the team in rebounds all four seasons and in points , assists and blocked shots three times each . He led the Ivy League in field goal percentage three times and ranks third all @-@ time in Princeton history in that statistic for his career .

The team earned three consecutive Ivy League championships during his career , including an undefeated conference record during his senior season . Despite the team 's success and his individual accolades , his Princeton tenure was punctuated by three NCAA Tournament first round losses by a total of seven points , most notably the March 17 , 1989 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament first round 50 ? 49 loss to the number @-@ one seeded Georgetown Hoyas team featuring Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutombo as well as 1989 Big East Conference Men 's Basketball Player of the Year Charles Smith .

After his collegiate career ended , Mueller played professional basketball in Switzerland . Then he returned to Chicago , where he became a hedge fund trader . In Chicago , he has played amateur 3 @-@ on @-@ 3 basketball with other Ivy League athletes at national competitions .

= = High school = =

Mueller attended Downers Grove South High School . As a freshman , he led the sophomore team with 18 points per game . He came off the bench for the varsity team as a sophomore to average 10 points per game as a 6 @-@ foot @-@ 3 @-@ inch (1 @-@ 91 m) 185 @-@ pound (84 kg) forward . He grew 2 inches (5 @-@ 1 cm) and 20 pounds (9 @-@ 1 kg) prior to his junior season and became a center . As a junior , his outside shot was still undeveloped , but he averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds , leading his team to the 1986 Des Plaines Valley League championship and a second straight trip to the sectional finals . The team was ranked in the Chicago Sun @-@ Times Super 25 for a couple of weeks during the season . He was benched for one game in early March of his junior year for disciplinary reasons by coach Dick Flaiz . The Chicago Sun @-@ Times named him the MVP of the league . Mueller also played varsity tennis as a junior . Following the school year , he played in the suburban summer basketball league at Triton College in River Grove , Illinois .

As a senior , he was his team 's only returning varsity letterman , and was ranked by the Chicago Sun @-@ Times among the preseason top 50 Metro Chicago basketball players . Off The Glass , a national basketball magazine , ranked him among the 19 best basketball players in the state of Illinois , along with Walter Bond , Marcus Liberty , Brian Banks and Rodell Davis . At the beginning of December of his senior season , the team was ranked 23rd in the Chicago Sun @-@ Times ' Metro Chicago top 25 , and there was talk of the team improving on the 23 ? 6 record of the prior year . He led the West Suburban Conference in scoring and rebounding most of the season and was an All @-@ Conference selection . Mueller posted his career @-@ high 45 points on March 3 , 1987 in an 83 ? 47 victory against Montini High School . By the end of his senior season , he was one of the 20 All @-@ Chicago Area selections by the Chicago Sun @-@ Times , in a class that included Eric Anderson , Bond , Liberty and Sam Mack , after averaging 23 points and 14 rebounds . However , unlike Anderson , Liberty and Bond , he was not one of the 9 area All @-@ State

nominees .

Mueller , who scored 1290 out of 1600 on his SAT and a 31 on his ACT , was a highly recruited high school basketball player . However , by early March 1987 , he had not signed a National Letter of Intent as a commitment to any school . At that time , he was keeping a pair of piranhas at home in an aquarium and accidentally injured his left foot by breaking the aquarium 's glass . The resulting injury caused severe damage to his leg including a severed achilles tendon ; he had surgery to repair the damage in late March . Division I schools like Northwestern University withdrew their scholarship offers ; however , Princeton maintained an interest , with supporters like John Rogers behind him . As most of his scholarship offers were withdrawn , he began to focus on schools that could provide him an academic opportunity in the event that his basketball career was over . He eventually matriculated to Princeton unsure of whether he would ever play competitive basketball again .

= = College = =

As a freshman , Mueller helped the 1987 ? 88 Tigers win their final three games in March to finish the season with a 17 ? 9 (9 ? 5 Ivy League) record . He posted 25 points in the March 1 , 1988 67 ? 65 victory against Penn . Then , two games later in the final game of the season on March 5 , he added 22 in 79 ? 58 victory over league champion Cornell . He finished the season as the Ivy League statistical champion in field goal percentage for the first of three times . He led the team in rebounds and blocked shots .

Mueller began his career wearing the number 55 , but switched to 00 by his sophomore year . During his sophomore season , the 1988 ? 89 team earned a # 1 vs. # 16 matchup in the first round of the 1989 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament with their Pete Carril @-@ coached princeton offense . The New York Times reported that the matchup seemed comical to some even though Carril had a system that frustrated many offensive systems and had already produced upsets . In the St. Patrick 's Day Georgetown game , the 16th @-@ seeded Tigers were 23 point underdogs according to the Las Vegas bookmakers and Dick Vitale had promised to serve as a Tiger ballboy if they won . Entering the game , the last four Ivy League representatives in the tournament had lost in the first round by an average of 35 points . During the game , Mueller 's defensive assignment was Mourning , and he contributed 9 points and 8 assists to Princeton 's 49 @-@ point effort . During the game , Mueller played beyond the foul line on the offensive end , forcing Mourning to leave passing lanes open for back @-@ door attacks . Although the strategy enabled Princeton to stay in the game , Mourning had seven blocked shots , including two in the final fifteen seconds . Mueller 's final shot was deflected by Mourning , which is remembered by Princeton fans as an uncalled foul . The team finished with a 19 ? 8 (11 ? 3) record . Later in the same tournament , Duke would use Christian Laettner at the top of the key , like Princeton had used Mueller , and eliminate Georgetown by shutting down Mourning . The Princeton @-@ Georgetown game is regarded as one of only a handful of close # 1 vs. # 16 matchups in NCAA tournament history . For the season , he repeated as Ivy League field goal percentage champion . He was a first @-@ team All @-@ Ivy honoree . He led the team in points , rebounds , assists and blocked shots .

As a junior , Mueller led the 1989 ? 90 Tigers to a repeat Ivy League championship as the Ivy League Player of the Year . The team earned a 13 seed for the 1990 NCAA Tournament . The team finished with a 20 ? 7 (11 ? 3) record after losing to the Arkansas Razorbacks by a 68 ? 64 margin . Mueller was one of only six Tigers to appear in the game and led the team with 19 points . As a junior , Mueller earned a third team Academic All @-@ America recognition from College Sports Information Directors of America . He was a first @-@ team All @-@ Ivy performer as well as Ivy League Player of the Year . He led the team in points , rebounds , and assists .

In a February 23 , 1991 , game against Cornell , Mueller earned his current position as Princeton 's second all @-@ time leading scorer one night after the 1990 ? 91 Princeton Tigers men 's basketball team had clinched its third consecutive Ivy League championship with a victory over Columbia . The team went undefeated in the Ivy League and earned a birth in the 1991 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament . After its strong tournament performances in the prior two

seasons and strong regular season , the team earned a number 8 seed , which was a record for the highest seed by an Ivy League school at the time . The team had another close but disappointing loss , this time by a 50 ? 48 margin to Villanova , finishing with a 24 ? 3 (14 ? 0) record . That year , senior Mueller served as team captain , and earned first team Academic All @-@ America honors . That season marked the third year that Mueller led the team in points , assists and blocked shots and fourth time he led the team in rebounds . For the season , he earned his third Ivy League field goal percentage championship . He repeated as Ivy League Player of the Year and was a first @-@ team All @-@ Ivy performer for the third consecutive season .

He continues to remain prominent in the Princeton basketball record books . When Mueller ended his career , his 1546 career points trailed only Bill Bradley and his 381 career assists were also second in school history . His single @-@ season assist totals of 140 in 1989 @-@ 90 and 128 in 1990 @-@ 91 remain second and fourth in school history . Only one other Tiger has totalled 11 assists in a game (a feat Mueller achieved three times) . His career 59 @.@ 5 field goal percentage is third in school history , as is his sophomore single @-@ season rate of 64 @.@ 9 % . A 2009 publication by ESPN ranked him among the five greatest basketball players in Princeton history . On March 19 , 2012 , Doug Davis surpassed Mueller for second place on the Princeton scoring list . On March 1 , 2013 , Ian Hummer passed him as well .

= = Post graduate = =

After graduation , Mueller played professional basketball in Switzerland . He then became a professional hedge fund trader , and has played in competitive 3 @-@ on @-@ 3 basketball leagues with various combinations of Ivy League athletes including Arne Duncan , Craig Robinson , Mitch Henderson and Rogers in the mid to late 1990s and early 2000s . The mid @-@ 1990s versions of the team were Chicago area champions . In 1998 , he won a 3 @-@ on @-@ 3 tournament in Dallas with Rogers and Robinson . Both the 2001 and 2003 versions of the team , named " Slow and Steady " , qualified for national competition . The 2003 team with Duncan , Robinson , Henderson and Brian Earl made the national championship .