

= Fred VanVleet =

Fred VanVleet ( born February 25 , 1994 ) is an American professional basketball player for the Toronto Raptors of the National Basketball Association ( NBA ) . At Auburn High School in Rockford , Illinois , he was an All @-@ State player who was mostly recruited by mid @-@ major basketball programs . In college , he has contributed to a resurgence of Wichita State Shockers basketball that included a final four run in the 2013 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament by the 2012 ? 13 Shocker team as a freshman and an undefeated regular season by the 2013 ? 14 team as a sophomore . By his sophomore year , he was on midseason watchlists for most major awards . He was named as a 2014 NCAA Men 's Basketball All @-@ American by a variety of media outlets . As a junior for the 2014 ? 15 Shockers , he was an All @-@ Missouri Valley Conference first team selection and received All @-@ American honorable mention recognition from the Associated Press . He is the Wichita State career assists leader . He was named Missouri Valley Conference Men 's Basketball Player of the Year as both a sophomore and a senior .

= = High school career = =

VanVleet played for Auburn High School in Rockford , Illinois , where he was an All @-@ State first team selection by the Chicago Sun @-@ Times ( Class 4A ) , Associated Press ( Class 4A ) , and Chicago Tribune as a senior in 2012 . In 2012 , VanVleet helped lead Auburn to a 22 @-@ game winning streak which resulted in the school 's first Illinois High School Association ( IHSA ) final four since 1975 . He led the Knights to a 3rd @-@ place finish in the IHSA state tournament .

Van Vleet remained loyal to his local Rockford Amateur Athletic Union ( AAU ) club team rather than accept offers to more high profile teams in Chicago . Van Vleet did not feel it would make a difference in his recruiting : " As long as you 're leading whoever you 're playing with , the coaches are going to see that . If they see you competing and winning with guys maybe I shouldn 't be winning with , that 's maybe even an advantage for me . " He received basketball scholarship offers from Colorado State , Northern Illinois , Southern Illinois , Drake , Detroit and Kent State . His stepfather felt that he was being overlooked by many Chicago metropolitan area schools because of his decision not to join a Chicago AAU team . He cut his list down to Kent State , Northern Illinois and Wichita State . When he accepted an offer to play for Wichita State , he became the only member of the national class of 2012 Rivals.com top 150 to attend a Missouri Valley Conference school .

= = College career = =

= = = Freshman year = = =

As a freshman , VanVleet contributed double digit scoring twice ( versus Gonzaga and Ohio State ) in the 2013 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament from off the bench as the 2012 ? 13 Shockers team reached the final four . Against Gonzaga , his 13 points included basket with 1 : 28 remaining that helped the Shockers secure only the fifth sweet sixteen appearance by a number 9 seed since the tournament went to 64 teams in 1985 . His 12 points against Ohio State included a late basket that helped the Shockers become the fifth team with a seeding higher than eight to make it to the final four since 1979 when seeding began .

= = = Sophomore year = = =

He broke out as a sophomore , as expected . On January 8 , he posted 10 assists against Illinois State . On January 23 , 2014 , he was selected to the 23 @-@ man Oscar Robertson Award midseason watchlist by the United States Basketball Writers Association . On February 13 , he was named one of the 30 finalists for Naismith College Player of the Year . On February 17 , VanVleet

was selected as one of 23 finalists for the Bob Cousy Award . When the Rockford native returned to the Chicago metropolitan area on February 19 to lead Wichita State against Loyola , he went 6 @-@ for @-@ 6 from the field and 10 @-@ for @-@ 10 on his free throw attempts for a game @-@ high 22 points and added 8 rebounds and 6 assists to help Wichita State raise its record to 28 ? 0 . On February 28 , he was named one of the 10 semi @-@ finalists for the Naismith Award .

VanVleet helped lead the 2013 ? 14 team to the first 31 ? 0 regular season in NCAA Division I men 's basketball history . As a result , he was named to the Missouri Valley Conference All @-@ Conference first team and selected as the Missouri Valley Conference Men 's Basketball Player of the Year . He was also selected to the 2014 Missouri Valley Conference Most @-@ Improved Team . Following the 2014 Missouri Valley Conference Men 's Basketball Tournament , VanVleet was a 2014 NCAA Men 's Basketball All @-@ American second team selection by Sports Illustrated and Bleacher Report , third @-@ team selection by the Sporting News and the NABC . He earned honorable mention recognition from the Associated Press . On March 11 VanVleet was named to the all @-@ District VI ( IA , MO , KS , OK , NE , ND , SD ) team by the United States Basketball Writers Association ( USBWA ) . VanVleet was listed on the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All ? District 16 first team on March 12 . VanVleet was named as one of six finalists for the Cousy Award ( along with Kyle Anderson , Aaron Craft , Tyler Ennis , Shabazz Napier and Marcus Paige ) . Following his sophomore season , he delivered the commencement address at his high school alma mater and became a highly demanded public speaker .

= = = Junior year = = =

VanVleet was Preseason All @-@ American first team selection by USA Today , Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook , Bleacher Report , CBSSports.com , Sports Illustrated , and Associated Press . He was a second team selection by Athlon Sports , SB Nation , and NBCSports.com. In its preseason top 100 player ranking , VanVleet was listed at number 5 by ESPN . VanVleet was named to the 36 @-@ man Bob Cousy Award Preseason Watch List . He was also listed as a John R. Wooden Award Preseason Top 50 candidate and a Oscar Robertson Trophy Watch List selection . VanVleet was also included in the early December Naismith Award top 50 watch list .

On November 14 VanVleet tallied 7 steals in the opener against New Mexico State , which tied a school record . On December 3 , against # 25 Utah VanVleet , helped Wichita State recover from a 9 @-@ point deficit in the final 2 : 45 of regulation with 8 points ( including two three @-@ point shots in the final 1 : 15 ) and an assist on a three @-@ point shot , but with 7 seconds remaining in overtime and Wichita trailing by one , he missed the front end of a one and one . In his return visit to Chicago and the Gentile Center to play Loyola on January 11 , he again was perfect from the field with a 5 @-@ for @-@ 5 performance and added a career @-@ high tying 10 assists ( as well as 6 rebounds and 3 steals ) for his first career double @-@ double . VanVleet , however , snapped his perfect streak of 20 free throws made in his home state with a 3 @-@ for @-@ 4 performance . In the rematch against Loyola on January 28 , VanVleet posted a career @-@ high 27 points . On February 7 , VanVleet posted the first triple double for Wichita State Shockers men 's basketball in 43 years with a 10 @-@ point 10 @-@ rebound 11 @-@ assist 4 @-@ steal performance against Missouri State . On February 16 , VanVleet was Missouri Valley Conference Co @-@ Player of the Week ( with Seth Tuttle ) . On February 26 , VanVleet broke the all @-@ time Wichita State career assist record against Evansville with 431 assists , surpassing Warren Armstrong who had 429 and Toure Murry who had 430 . VanVleet was one of 17 finalists for the Cousy Award . The Shockers defeated Northern Iowa on February 28 to win the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title . In the opening game of the 2015 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament for the Shockers , VanVleet matched a career high with 27 points against Indiana . He finished the tournament with 17 @-@ point and 25 @-@ point performances against # 2 @-@ seeded Kansas and # 3 @-@ seeded Notre Dame , respectively .

VanVleet was named an All @-@ MVC first team selection following the regular season . He was also recognized by the Associated Press as an honorable mention selection for its All @-@ America

team .

= = Senior year = =

VanVleet was a selection to the 20 @-@ man Bob Cousy Award preseason watchlist , and the 30 @-@ man Lute Olson Award preseason watchlist . He was a second team selection to the Sporting News , Sports Illustrated and Athlon Sports preseason All @-@ American teams . He was a third team selection to the CBS Sports , USA Today and NBC Sports preseason All @-@ American teams . Lindy 's Sports did not name an All @-@ America team , but did rank all college basketball players by position and presented a top 25 list at each position . It included VanVleet as its second best point guard . In preseason top 100 player rankings Van Vleet was ranked 14 by ESPN and 17 by NBC Sports . He made the initial 50 @-@ man John R. Wooden Award watch list on November 17 . On December 2 , VanVleet earned recognition on the 50 @-@ man Naismith College Player of the Year watchlist and 33 @-@ man Robertson Trophy watchlists .

VanVleet , who was dealing with hamstringing issues , rolled his right ankle and saw only 3 minutes of action in the season opener against the Charleston Southern Buccaneers on November 13 . Although he played in the next game against Tulsa , he aggravated his hamstring in the game and was expected to miss the next few games . Without a healthy VanVleet , Wichita State fell to two games below .500 for the first time since the 2008 ? 09 Shockers team and endured their first three @-@ game losing streak since VanVleet was coming off the bench as a freshman for the 2012 ? 13 Shockers as well as the worst start to a season ( 2 ? 4 ) since the 2007 ? 08 team . VanVleet returned to the lineup on December 5 against St. Louis to stop the losing streak . His 13 @.@ 5 points , 5 @.@ 0 assists and 4 @.@ 0 rebounds averages in wins on December 9 over UNLV and on December 12 win over # 25 Utah earned him Missouri Valley Player of the Week honors on December 14 . He again earned Player of the Week honors on January 11 when he led the Shockers to victories over conference co @-@ leading Evansville on January 6 and Southern Illinois on January 9 with 11 @.@ 0 points , 8 @.@ 5 rebounds , 7 @.@ 5 assists and 2 @.@ 5 steals averages . His 12 rebounds against Southern Illinois was a career high . VanVleet was named to the January 25 20 @-@ man Oscar Robertson Trophy midseason watch list . On January 31 , VanVleet made all 15 of his free throw attempts on his way to a career high 32 points against Evansville . The following day , he earned his third MVC Player of the Week honor . On February 3 in the 1500th victory in Wichita State Shockers men 's basketball history and in head coach Gregg Marshall 's school record @-@ setting 221st victory , VanVleet notched a double @-@ double with 12 points and a career high @-@ tying 11 assists against Southern Illinois . He was named to the 35 @-@ man midseason watchlist for the Naismith Trophy on February 11 . VanVleet was included in the Wooden Award Late season Top 20 Watch List on February 12 . In the 2016 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament , VanVleet led the team to victories over Vanderbilt and Arizona . Against Vanderbilt in the First Four round , he and fellow senior Ron Baker led an 11 ? 0 run to break a 30 ? 30 tie on March 15 . The pair scored all 11 points in the run and tied with a game @-@ high 14 points . On March 17 , VanVleet and Baker led 11 @-@ seed Wichita State to a victory over 6 @-@ seed and AP Poll 17th @-@ ranked Arizona . VanVleet posted a game @-@ high 16 points , 5 steals and 4 rebounds .

Following the regular season , VanVleet was named to the Missouri Valley Conference all @-@ league first team ( for the third consecutive season ) and the MVC Larry Bird Trophy Player of the Year for the second time in three years . VanVleet was also an AP All @-@ America honorable mention .

= = Professional career = =

VanVleet was not selected in the 2016 NBA draft after declining two offers to agree to play in the NBA Development League at \$ 20 @,@ 000 for two years by teams interested in drafting him in the second round . VanVleet signed to play in the 2016 NBA Summer League with the Toronto Raptors with the expectation that he will be in the Raptors ' training camp . His summer league contract had

a guarantee of three game appearances . On July 18 , he signed a multi @-@ year deal with the Raptors . At the time of his signing , the Raptors had 14 players entering training camp on guaranteed contracts , including point guards Kyle Lowry , Cory Joseph , and Delon Wright .

= = National team career = =

VanVleet was among the 22 players selected to try out for the 12 @-@ man Team USA at the 2015 Pan American Games . He was among the 16 finalists for the team , but he did not make the final 12 @-@ man team .

= = Personal = =

VanVleet is the son of Fred Manning , who was shot dead in 1999 . Manning had played basketball at Guilford High School in Rockford . VanVleet 's mother is named Susan . VanVleet has a brother named Darnell . VanVleet 's stepfather is Joe Danforth .

He is a sociology major at Wichita State .