

= Brandon Roy =

Brandon Dawayne Roy (born July 23 , 1984) is an American retired professional basketball player who played for the Portland Trail Blazers and Minnesota Timberwolves in the National Basketball Association (NBA) . He was selected sixth in the 2006 NBA draft , having completed four years playing for the Washington Huskies . His nickname was " B @-@ Roy " , but he was also referred to as " The Natural " by Trail Blazers announcer Brian Wheeler . On December 10 , 2011 , Roy announced his retirement from basketball due to a degenerative knee condition , though he returned in 2012 to play five games for the Timberwolves .

Born in Seattle , Washington , Roy became known for his immediate impact on the Trail Blazers . Zach Randolph , then the team captain , was traded to the New York Knicks at the end of Roy 's first season in 2006 - 07 , which cleared the way for Roy to take on a leadership role on the team . That season , Roy won the NBA Rookie of the Year Award in a near @-@ unanimous vote . He was selected as a reserve to the 2008 , 2009 , and 2010 All @-@ Star games . Roy played the most minutes of any Western Conference player , and tied for the most points in the West in the 2008 season , and he played the most minutes of any player during the 2009 season .

= = Early years = =

Roy was born in Seattle , Washington , on July 23 , 1984 , and attended the African @-@ American Academy elementary school . He first started taking basketball seriously while playing for the Amateur Athletic Union , one of the largest sports organizations in the United States . He attended Garfield High School in Seattle , and was considered one of the state 's best high school players . He was an early @-@ entry candidate for the 2002 NBA draft straight out of high school , but he withdrew his name after consideration .

Roy attended Nate McMillan 's basketball camp in the 1990s when the future Blazer coach was still playing for the Seattle SuperSonics .

Considered a four @-@ star recruit by Scout.com , Roy was listed as the No. 6 shooting guard and the No. 36 player in the nation in 2002 .

= = College career = =

Roy faced challenges before entering college . His parents and his older brother had not attended college , and due to a learning disability Roy had difficulty with the SAT ; his reading comprehension was slow , which increased the time he needed for tests . He had taken the test four times (with tutors) before finally meeting the NCAA requirements . Unsure whether he would be able to attend a four @-@ year college , Roy worked on the Seattle docks , cleaning shipping containers for \$ 11 / hour .

In 2002 , Roy started to play for the University of Washington (UW) . He remained there for four years under head coach Lorenzo Romar . He majored in American Ethnic Studies . After his junior year , Roy considered entering the draft , but changed his mind when he learned that teammate Nate Robinson and high school senior and UW signee Martell Webster intended to enter the draft . He saw an opportunity to rise in the ranks on his college team , and improve his draft position .

On December 29 , 2005 , Roy led the Huskies to victory over the Arizona State Sun Devils with a college career @-@ high 35 points and became the 31st Washington player to score 1 @, @ 000 points in a career . The following game he equalled his career @-@ high of 35 points in a double overtime loss to the Arizona Wildcats .

During his senior year Roy averaged 20 @. @ 2 points per game while leading the Huskies to a 26 ? 7 season and a second straight Sweet Sixteen appearance . Roy was named Pac @-@ 10 player of the year and received All @-@ American honors at the end of the season , while also being a finalist for the Wooden , Naismith , Oscar Robertson , and Adolph Rupp awards . Roy had a 2006 pre @-@ draft workout with the Trail Blazers prior to being selected by the Minnesota Timberwolves as the sixth overall pick . However , he was immediately traded to the Trail Blazers for the draft

rights of Randy Foye . On January 22 , 2009 , before a University of Washington Husky home game versus the USC Trojans , his number 3 uniform was retired .

= = = College statistics = = =

= = = College awards and honors = = =

Consensus NCAA All @-@ American First Team (2006)

AP All @-@ American First Team (2006)

USBWA All @-@ American First Team (2006)

Sporting News All @-@ American First Team (2006)

NABC All @-@ American Second Team (2006)

Pac @-@ 10 Player of the Year (2006)

All @-@ Pac @-@ 10 First Team (2006)

Pac @-@ 12 All @-@ Tournament Team (2006)

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= = = Portland Trail Blazers (2006 ? 2011) = = =

= = = = 2006 ? 07 season = = = =

Roy 's NBA debut was in his hometown against the Seattle SuperSonics . He scored 20 points in that game , and 19 in the following game . An impingement in his left heel kept him out of 20 games early in the season , but he scored his first career double @-@ double shortly after his return , on December 22 , 2006 , against the Toronto Raptors . At the end of January 2007 , Roy led all NBA rookies with 14 @.@ 5 points per game . He became the fourth Trail Blazer to be selected for the rookie squad of the NBA All @-@ Star Weekend Rookie Challenge since its inception in 1994 . He was the first Trail Blazer to participate in the All @-@ Star Weekend since Rasheed Wallace 's selection as an all star reserve in 2001 .

He was the Western Conference 's Rookie of the Month in January , February , and March 2007 . After averaging 16 @.@ 8 points , 4 @.@ 4 rebounds and 4 @.@ 0 assists per game during the 2006 ? 07 NBA season , Roy was named NBA Rookie of the Year . He received 127 out of 128 first @-@ place votes . Due to injury , he played in only 57 games in that season , the second @-@ fewest games for a Rookie of the Year . He was the third Trail Blazer to win the award , the first two being Geoff Petrie and Sidney Wicks .

= = = = 2007 ? 08 season = = = =

Roy started in the first 48 games of the 2007 ? 08 season , averaging 19 @.@ 1 points , 5 @.@ 8 assists and 4 @.@ 6 rebounds . He also led the Blazers to a 13 @-@ game winning streak in the month of December . Roy was selected as a reserve for the 2008 NBA All @-@ Star Game . He scored 18 points in that game , and also had 9 rebounds . He injured his right ankle in the final game before the All @-@ Star Weekend . Although he earned accolades for his play over the weekend , the injury impacted his play in the following weeks . He played in the Rookie Challenge for the second time , this time as a " sophomore " ; teammate LaMarcus Aldridge was also on the sophomore squad . Roy played about 29 minutes in the All @-@ Star game , the most of any Western Conference player . He also tied Chris Paul and Amar 'e Stoudemire for the most points with 18 .

===== 2008 ? 09 season =====

In the 2008 preseason , Roy underwent a 20 @-@ minute medical procedure in Vancouver , Washington , during which team physician Don Roberts removed a piece of cartilage that was causing irritation in Roy 's left knee . Roy missed several weeks of action because of the rehabilitation , but was ready on the opening day of the season against the Los Angeles Lakers . On November 6 , against the Houston Rockets , Roy hit a game @-@ winning 30 @-@ foot jumper in overtime with eight @-@ tenths of a second left . On December 18 , Roy scored a career @-@ high 52 points against the Phoenix Suns . He made 14 of 27 shots from the field , 19 of 21 from the free @-@ throw line , and 5 of 7 from the three @-@ point line . He also added six assists , five rebounds and a blocked shot , all without a turnover . On January 24 , Roy tied a Blazers franchise record with 10 steals against the Washington Wizards . On February 8 with the Blazers trailing by 1 against the Knicks , Roy made a layup at the buzzer to win it 109 ? 108 . As of February 16 , 2009 , Roy has had 24 shots which tied or won the games with 35 seconds or less . Roy was again selected as a reserve in the 2009 NBA All @-@ Star Game , where he scored 14 points in 7 @-@ for @-@ 8 shooting , grabbed 5 boards , and dished out 5 assists in a game @-@ high 31 minutes of action . On April 13 , Roy was named Western Conference Player of the Week , the fourth time he has won the award . Roy and Clyde Drexler are the only Portland Trail Blazers to win the award four times . Roy finished 9th in MVP voting for the 2008 ? 09 season , garnering one 4th @-@ place vote and four 5th @-@ place votes for a total of 7 points . Roy was named to the All @-@ NBA Second Team on May 13 , and was the first Blazer to make an All @-@ NBA team since the 1991 ? 92 season .

===== 2009 ? 10 season =====

On August 5 , 2009 , it was confirmed that Roy had agreed to a four @-@ year maximum @-@ salary contract with a fifth @-@ year player option , keeping him a Trail Blazer until at least the 2013 ? 14 season .

Roy was selected to compete in the 2010 NBA All @-@ Star Game , marking his third selection as an NBA All @-@ Star . However , Roy was sidelined because of a right hamstring injury he sustained on January 13 against the Milwaukee Bucks , and re @-@ aggravated on January 20 against the Philadelphia 76ers .

On April 11 , 2010 , Roy injured his right knee . Magnetic resonance imaging that night confirmed a right knee bone contusion (bone bruise) and on April 12 , further examination of the MRI showed a slight meniscus tear . Roy underwent surgery on April 16 and was expected to miss at least the first round of the 2010 NBA Playoffs , but returned for Game 4 after eight days of recovery time to lead the Blazers to a win .

Roy was named to the All @-@ NBA Third Team on May 6 , and this was his second season in a row to be named to an All @-@ NBA Team .

===== 2010 ? 11 season =====

Roy started the first month of the season scoring at his normal rate , but by December it started showing that his knees , which have bothered him since college and were injured in April , were ailing due to lack of cartilage . He missed nine games before the Trail Blazers announced that he would be out indefinitely . It was widely speculated that Roy would not be able to play at an All @-@ Star level again . This forced the team to start running its offense through forward LaMarcus Aldridge and backup guard Wesley Matthews .

On January 17 , 2011 , Roy underwent arthroscopic surgery on both of his knees . He returned to the lineup on February 25 , scoring 18 points off the bench , including a clutch three @-@ pointer to force overtime , and helping the Blazers win the game 107 @-@ 106 . Roy then took on a reserve role for the rest of the season , scoring inconsistently to finish with a career @-@ low season average of 12 @-@ 2 points , 2 @-@ 6 rebounds , 2 @-@ 7 assists and 28 minutes in 47 games .

The Blazers then faced the Dallas Mavericks in the first round of the 2011 NBA Playoffs . Roy shot 1 @-@ for @-@ 8 the first 2 games , including a Game 2 where he saw only 8 minutes of playing time and went scoreless . The Blazers lost both games and trailed 0 @-@ 2 in the series . He expressed his frustration about being the last substitution during the first 2 quarters , and playing for 8 minutes after getting 26 minutes in Game 1 . The series then went to Portland , and Roy scored 16 points in 23 minutes off the bench to boost the Blazers to a 97 @-@ 92 Game 3 win .

Both the Blazers and Mavericks started Game 4 with a quiet first half , with Dallas leading slightly . The Blazers then missed their first 15 shots after halftime as the Mavs ' lead grew as big as 67 @-@ 44 . Roy then made a three @-@ pointer near the end of the third to cut the lead to 67 @-@ 49 . In the fourth quarter , Roy scored 18 points after going 1 @-@ for @-@ 3 the previous 3 quarters , including a clutch 4 @-@ point play to tie the game and a bank shot from the middle of the paint with 49 seconds left to give his team the lead for good , finishing with 24 points to lead the Blazers to an improbable 84 @-@ 82 win to tie the series . The Blazers would go on to lose the series in 6 games , but it gave hope for Roy to start again next season .

= = = Retirement = = =

Just before NBA training camp opened following the resolution of the 2011 NBA lockout , Roy announced that his knees had degenerated so much ? he lacked cartilage between the bones of both knees ? that he was retiring from basketball .

Following his announcement of retirement , the Portland Trail Blazers used their amnesty clause on Roy for salary cap flexibility .

= = = Comeback = = =

In June 2012 , Roy announced that he was planning to make a comeback to the NBA . He said he had recovered enough to play after having the platelet @-@ rich plasma procedure that Kobe Bryant has also had to keep his knees healthy . He could not play for Portland under the current NBA Collective Bargaining Agreement because of Portland 's amnesty of him in 2011 . Roy entered the free agent market on July 1 , 2012 . Roy reportedly had expressed interest in signing with the Dallas Mavericks , Golden State Warriors , Minnesota Timberwolves , Indiana Pacers , or Chicago Bulls .

= = = Minnesota Timberwolves (2012 ? 2013) = = =

On July 31 , 2012 , Roy signed with the Minnesota Timberwolves . The deal put Roy with All @-@ Star forward Kevin Love and point guard Ricky Rubio . He decided to wear No. 3 , the number he wore during his college years at Washington . He felt well during training camp but suffered an injury after a collision during a preseason game on October 26 , 2012 . He played in five regular season games before needing season @-@ ending surgery on his right knee . He averaged 5 @.@ 8 points per game , 2 @.@ 8 rebounds per game , and 4 @.@ 6 assists per game in 24 @.@ 4 minutes during the 2012 @-@ 13 season . Roy was waived by Minnesota on May 10 , 2013 . Afterwards , he said , " Any time you walk away from the game , you have ' what @-@ ifs ' . I feel like I was able to answer those questions last year by going out there and giving it a try . "

= = Personal life = =

Roy 's longtime girlfriend Tiana Bardwell delivered their first child , Brandon Jr . , whom they nicknamed BJ , on March 27 , 2007 , in Seattle .

About two months later , Roy took Bardwell out to look at rings " just to get an idea of what she 'd like " . On June 16 , 2007 , while both were at Roy 's home in Renton , Washington , he sent Bardwell a text message instructing her to look in a drawer in his closet , telling her that she could have whatever she found . Bardwell discovered a ring that she had mentioned she liked , at which

point Roy entered the room with their son and said , " BJ wants to know if you will marry his daddy " . Bardwell immediately accepted . Roy said the entire proposal was " free @-@ styled " . Roy and Bardwell had their second child , Mariah Leilani , in January 2009 . Roy and Bardwell got married on September 4 , 2010 , in West Linn .

= = Awards and honors = =

3x : NBA All Star : 2008 , 2009 , 2010 .
2x : All @-@ NBA Team : 2009 All @-@ NBA Second Team : 2010
NBA Rookie of the Year : 2007
NBA All @-@ Rookie Team : 2007 NBA All @-@ Rookie First Team .
Western Conference Player of the Week
December 3 ? 9 , 2007
December 10 ? 17 , 2007
November 24 ? 30 , 2008
April 6 ? 12 , 2009
March 8 ? 14 , 2010

= = NBA career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =

= = = Career highs = = =

Points : 52 on December 18 , 2008 , against the Phoenix Suns .
Rebounds : 14 on February 21 , 2008 , against the Seattle SuperSonics .
Assists : 12 on February 29 , 2008 , and April 4 , 2009 , against the Los Angeles Lakers .
Blocks : 3 on March 3 , 2010 , against the Indiana Pacers .
Steals : 10 on January 24 , 2009 , against the Washington Wizards .