

= Kevin Grady =

Kevin Lee Grady , Jr . (born June 24 , 1986) is a former American football running back . He completed his athletic eligibility for the Michigan Wolverines football team during the 2009 NCAA Division I FBS football season . He began his Michigan career as a tailback but was converted to fullback . He has also played for the Chicago Slaughter of the Indoor Football League .

In high school , he led his team to consecutive Michigan High School Athletic Association Championships . Along the way , he established numerous Michigan High School Athletic Association career football rushing records while playing for East Grand Rapids High School , many of which still stand . He was also widely @-@ regarded as the best junior class high school football player in the nation during the 2003 high school football season .

At the University of Michigan , he became the school 's first athlete to graduate high school a semester early in order to participate in Spring football practice . He was Mike Hart 's backup at tailback during his first two years at Michigan . He missed his third year due to injury and returned to play fullback during his final two years of eligibility .

= = High school career = =

Grady was born in Grand Rapids , Michigan . During high school , Grady was a four @-@ year varsity starter at East Grand Rapids High School . There he earned many honors and achievements , including being named All @-@ State and the title of EA Sports junior player of the year . He led East Grand Rapids to consecutive state Division 3 football championships . He was one of the top high school running backs in the nation in high school on par with Jonathan Stewart , Rashard Mendenhall , Marlon Lucky , Antone Smith and Jamaal Charles . He was a 5 @-@ star blue chip recruit ranked among the top 5 running backs in the nation according to both Scout.com and Rivals.com. He holds the following Michigan High School Athletic Association records :

Most career rushing yards (8 @,@ 431)

Most career touchdowns (151)

Most career points (924)

Most career rushing attempts (1 @,@ 154)

He formerly held the following record :

Most consecutive games with 100 yards rushing (24)

Grady did not consider any other schools en route to signing with Michigan .

= = College career = =

Although football players had been enrolling early at Bowl Championship Series (BCS) programs for several years , Grady was the first University of Michigan football player to do so . In subsequent years several other players followed his lead , including Justin Boren and Carlos Brown the following year . By graduating high school early , he was able to attend the 2005 Rose Bowl and participate in 2005 Spring football practice .

= = = Freshman year (2005) = = =

As a freshman in 2005 , Grady rushed 121 times for 483 yards and five touchdowns as a backup and injury replacement for starter Mike Hart , who only played in eight games due to injuries . Grady also caught 14 passes for 113 yards receiving . One of his touchdowns gave Michigan an 18 ? 12 lead in the third quarter of the Ohio State game . In the end Grady made two starts at tailback , and was one of only six freshman to have played for the 2005 Michigan Wolverines football team .

= = = Sophomore year (2006) = = =

Based on his performance during 2006 spring practice , Grady received the John F. Maulbetsch

Award . In 2006 , he entered the season as Hart 's primary backup , ahead of senior Jerome Jackson , freshmen Brandon Minor , and Carlos Brown on the depth chart . On opening day , Grady 's five carries were second on the team , but some questioned why his total was so low . As the season progressed , he remained second on the depth chart , seeing limited playing time due to injuries as well as starter Mike Hart being healthy and starting all thirteen games . Grady rushed for 187 yards and three touchdowns on 55 carries and added one reception for eight yards . His net rushing yards from scrimmage ranked fourth on the 2006 Michigan Wolverines football team .

= = = Junior year (2007) = = =

Prior to spring football practice in 2007 , Grady switched his jersey number from 3 to 24 , his high school number and the day on which he was born . Later that year he was converted to fullback . During a scrimmage in early April , Grady tore his anterior cruciate ligament . On April 16 , 2007 , he had surgery . He would miss the entire 2007 season recovering from his injuries ; by making use of a redshirt year , however , he was able to not use up a year of eligibility .

= = = Junior (redshirt) year (2008) = = =

In 2008 , Rich Rodriguez replaced Lloyd Carr as head coach . During spring football , Grady was still recovering from injuries .

In July 2008 , Grady was pulled over while driving in Wyoming , Michigan with a blood alcohol content of .281 , more than three times the state 's legal limit . He originally pleaded not guilty . Grady began the 2008 season on suspension from the 2008 Wolverines , while Brown , Minor and freshmen Michael Shaw and Sam McGuffie fought for time . During the season , Grady pleaded guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving .

In early August , it appeared that juniors Brown and Minor would vie for the starting job because of Grady 's suspension . With both Brown and Minor nursing injuries , Sam McGuffie was tentatively penciled into the starting position on the depth chart . In the end , Grady only accumulated 33 yards rushing for the season .

= = = Senior (redshirt) year (2009) = = =

In the spring of 2009 , Grady was accused by court officials of not adhering to his probation reporting requirements and not meeting the 24 hours of community service requirement of his probation , among other violations . As a result , he was jailed for seven days in May 2009 .

Kevin 's brother , Kelvin Grady , was a point guard on the Michigan Wolverines men 's basketball team before transferring to the Michigan football team after the 2008 ? 09 season . On October 17 , 2009 , the two became the first pair of brothers to score a touchdown in the same game for Michigan as far as could be told by the school 's record books . Over the course of the season , Kevin started three games at fullback for the 2009 Wolverines . He compiled 80 yards rushing on 10 carries bringing his career total to 783 yards on 200 carries and 10 touchdowns . He also made 5 receptions bringing his career total to 20 for 150 yards .

Grady was not selected in the 2010 NFL Draft and was not an immediate undrafted free agent . However , only 17 % of the top 100 high school football players from 2003 ? 05 were selected in the NFL Draft .

= = Personal = =

On November 26 , 2010 , Grady was arrested and charged again for driving under the influence after recording a .3 blood @-@ alcohol level on a breathalyzer test . He is required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings three times a week . On December 31 , 2010 , the Indoor Football League announced that the Chicago Slaughter had signed Grady . On May 11 , 2011 , four days after scoring 6 touchdowns for the Slaughter , Grady was sentenced to twenty days in jail for his

November drunk driving offense . The sentence included two years of probation , 80 hours of community service , random drug tests , confinement to the state of Michigan until given leave by the judge , and 180 days of car immobilization . In addition , the sentence resulted in him being dropped from the Slaughter .