

= Khris Middleton =

James Khristian " Khris " Middleton (born August 12 , 1991) is an American professional basketball player for the Milwaukee Bucks of the National Basketball Association (NBA) . He attended Porter @-@ Gaud School , where he was coached by John Pearson . As a junior and senior , he was named South Carolina Player of the Year , and was a McDonald 's All @-@ American nominee . He went on to play college basketball for Texas A & M University , where he started the majority of the games in his freshman year . In his sophomore season , he earned second @-@ team All @-@ Big 12 honors after leading the Aggies in scoring with 14 @.@ 3 points per game . Middleton was selected by the Detroit Pistons with the 39th overall pick of the 2012 NBA draft .

= = Early life and high school = =

Middleton was born on August 12 , 1991 in Charleston , South Carolina to James and Nichelle Middleton . He has one older sister named Brittney , and his cousin , Josh Powell , has played in the NBA . Another cousin , Kenny Manigault , plays basketball for Wichita State University and was teammates with Middleton on the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team Carolina Celtics . Two other teammates on the Carolina Celtics accepted Division I basketball scholarships , Jamal Curry (Radford) and Devin Booker (Clemson) .

Middleton attended Porter @-@ Gaud School and played basketball for the Cyclones under coach John Pearson . As a sophomore , he averaged 12 points and eight rebounds per game . In his junior season , Middleton posted averages of 21 points and 8 @.@ 6 rebounds per game and was named state player of the year . He repeated as player of the year as a senior , scoring 22 @.@ 4 points per game and grabbing 8 @.@ 6 rebounds per game in leading Porter @-@ Gaud to the state title game . Middleton was named Most Valuable Player of the Porter @-@ Gaud Holiday Classic , scoring 22 points in the championship . He was nominated for the 2009 McDonald 's All @-@ American Boys Game , but was not selected to participate .

ESPN ranked him the 64th best prospect in the Class of 2009 , and noted he was the best shooter at his position . Middleton was recruited by Texas A & M , Virginia Tech , South Carolina , Michigan , and Saint Joseph 's . He chose Texas A & M , and signed with the Aggies on May 30 , 2008 . He liked the college town atmosphere , and got along well with the coaching staff .

= = College career = =

= = = Freshman = = =

Coming into his freshman year , Middleton expected to fill the three point shooting void of departed senior Josh Carter . Middleton 's college career started slowly , connecting on 1 @-@ of @-@ 12 field goals in limited action of his first three games . After a season @-@ ending leg injury to Derrick Roland on December 11 , 2009 , Middleton was forced to take a larger role in the offense and started 18 of the last 20 games . On February 3 , 2010 , he scored 16 points to help Texas A & M erase an 11 @-@ point second half deficit to defeat Missouri 77 @-@ 74 . In a 69 @-@ 53 NCAA Tournament Round of 64 victory over Utah State , Middleton scored a season @-@ high 19 points on 7 @-@ of @-@ 10 shooting . Texas A & M 's season ended with a loss in the Round of 32 to Purdue ; the Aggies finished with a record of 24 @-@ 10 . Overall Khris Middleton averaged 7 @.@ 2 points and 3 @.@ 7 rebounds per game and led the team in scoring five times .

= = = Sophomore = = =

As a sophomore , Middleton led the team and finished ninth in the Big 12 in scoring at 14 @.@ 3 points per game while also contributing 5 @.@ 2 rebounds per game . He hit 45 percent of his shots

from the floor and 78 @. @ 4 percent of his free throws . Middleton scored in excess of 10 points in 27 games and led the team in scoring 16 times . He scored a career @- @ high 31 points in a 71 @- @ 62 overtime victory over Arkansas , including 11 of the team 's las 12 points in regulation . This earned him Big 12 Player of the Week and Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week honors for the week of December 13 ? 19 , 2010 . On January 15 , 2011 , Middleton tallied 28 points , including 11 in overtime , to defeat Missouri 91 @- @ 89 .

Middleton @- @ led Texas A & M went 24 @- @ 9 and lost in the NCAA Tournament Round of 64 to Florida State 57 @- @ 50 , in a contest in which Middleton contributed 16 points . He was selected to the All @- @ Big 12 Second Team at the conclusion of the regular season . The U.S. Basketball Writers Association named Middleton to the 10 @- @ man All @- @ District VII team covering college basketball players in the states of Texas , Arkansas , and Louisiana . He was recognized as an All @- @ Eighth District second @- @ team selection by the National Association of Basketball Coaches making him eligible for the State Farm Division I All ? America teams . Since the Big 12 Conference was its own district , this is equivalent to being named second team All @- @ Big 12 by the NABC .

= = = Junior = = =

Prior to Middleton 's junior season , head coach Mark Turgeon left to take the same position at the University of Maryland and was replaced by Billy Kennedy of Murray State . Middleton was impressed with Kennedy 's coaching acumen and chose to remain an Aggie . He was listed on the preseason watchlist for the Wooden Award . Middleton was a unanimous choice to the preseason All @- @ Big 12 team .

Despite being the preseason co @- @ favorite in the league , Texas A & M finished 14 @- @ 18 overall and 4 @- @ 14 in the Big 12 . The team was hampered by a rash of injuries , including a knee injury that forced Middleton to sit for 12 games . He averaged 13 @. @ 2 points and 5 @. @ 0 rebounds per game , down from the previous season . On April 9 , 2012 , Middleton declared for the NBA Draft , forgoing his final season of collegiate eligibility . He thanked Texas A & M in a statement .

= = = College statistics = = =

= = Professional career = =

= = = Detroit Pistons (2012 ? 2013) = = =

Middleton was selected by the Detroit Pistons with the 39th overall pick in the 2012 NBA draft . On August 15 , 2012 , he signed his rookie scale contract with the Pistons . On December 12 , 2012 , he was assigned to the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of the NBA Development League . A week later , he was recalled by the Pistons . He finished his rookie season having managed just 27 games for the Pistons while averaging 6 @. @ 1 points , 1 @. @ 9 rebounds and 1 @. @ 0 assists in 17 @. @ 6 minutes per game .

= = = Milwaukee Bucks (2013 ? present) = = =

On July 31 , 2013 , Middleton was traded , along with Brandon Knight and Viacheslav Kravtsov , to the Milwaukee Bucks in exchange for guard Brandon Jennings . In contrast to his limited action in 2012 ? 13 , Middleton played all 82 games in 2013 ? 14 , while starting 64 and averaging 12 @. @ 1 points , 3 @. @ 8 rebounds , 2 @. @ 1 assists and 1 @. @ 0 steals in 30 @. @ 0 minutes per game . On December 6 , 2013 , he scored a then career @- @ high 29 points in a 109 ? 105 win over the Washington Wizards .

On December 15 , 2014 , the Bucks were down by one to the Phoenix Suns with under four

seconds remaining in regulation as Middleton hit a contested game @-@ winning buzzer beater to defeat the Suns , 96 ? 94 . In just under 29 minutes of action off the bench , he recorded 14 points , 3 assists , 1 rebound and 1 steal . On March 7 , 2015 , he scored a then career @-@ high 30 points on 11 @-@ of @-@ 20 shooting in a 91 ? 85 win over the Washington Wizards . In his second season with the Bucks , Middleton emerged as an important " 3 @-@ and @-@ D " player , shooting 46 @. @ 7 percent from the floor and 40 @. @ 7 percent from behind the three @-@ point arc . He averaged 13 @. @ 4 points , 4 @. @ 4 rebounds and 2 @. @ 3 assists per game .

On July 9 , 2015 , Middleton re @-@ signed with the Bucks to a five @-@ year , \$ 70 million contract , with a player option for the fifth year . This constituted a significant pay raise for Middleton , as he earned \$ 915 @, @ 000 the prior year . On December 29 , 2015 , in a loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder , he scored a career @-@ high 36 points on 13 @-@ of @-@ 22 from the field and 6 @-@ of @-@ 9 from three @-@ point range . On March 4 , 2016 , in a win over the Minnesota Timberwolves , he scored 32 points on 11 @-@ of @-@ 16 shooting , including 8 @-@ of @-@ 9 on three @-@ pointers , marking the most three @-@ pointers made by a Bucks player since Carlos Delfino had eight on March 18 , 2011 . He tied his career high of 36 points on April 10 , 2016 in a 109 ? 108 overtime win over the Philadelphia 76ers .

= = Personal life = =

Middleton is a Christian .

On July 7 , 2015 , Middleton penned a column in The Players ' Tribune about the 2015 Charleston church shooting . He explained that the shooting affected him deeply because he grew up in Charleston and his grandmother , Juanita Middleton , knew four of the nine people slaughtered . Khriston Middleton had personally met one of the victims , Cynthia Hurd , as she dropped her nephew off at a basketball camp not long before the shooting . " In Charleston , we ? re staying strong , but the wounds are still deep , " he wrote .

= = NBA career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =