

= Magnum Rolle =

Magnum Rolle (born February 23 , 1986) is a Bahamian professional basketball player for the Nakhorn Phanom Mad Goats of the Thailand Basketball League . Born in Freeport , Bahamas , Rolle did not play basketball until his freshman year of high school and was taught by his coach at St. George 's High School , Darrel Sears . After his senior year at St. George 's , Rolle transferred to the Laurinburg Institute in North Carolina , where he was an integral part in leading the team to an undefeated record and the national prep school championship . He was considered a five @-@ star prospect out of Laurinburg , and committed to play at Louisiana State University (LSU) .

Rolle came off the bench on a team that reached the Final Four in his freshman campaign . After his sophomore year , he transferred to Louisiana Tech in 2007 and was forced to skip the 2007 ? 08 season as a redshirt . While a junior , Rolle tripled his points @-@ per @-@ game average from 4 @.@ 0 to 12 @.@ 2 . He was named to the All @-@ WAC (Western Athletic Conference) Defensive Team and All @-@ WAC Newcomer Team . In his senior year , he led the WAC in blocks and finished fourth in career blocked shots at Louisiana Tech despite playing only two seasons .

He was drafted with the 51st overall pick in the 2010 NBA Draft by the Oklahoma City Thunder and was subsequently traded to the Indiana Pacers . Rolle was waived by the Pacers on October 25 , at the end of training camp and was later chosen with the third overall pick in 2010 NBA Development League Draft by the Maine Red Claws .

= = Early life = =

Rolle was born on February 23 , 1986 in Freeport , Bahamas . His mother is Maryse Rolle , a painter , and he has one sibling . He was named after Tom Selleck 's TV show Magnum , P.I. He can trace his ancestry to freed slaves and is a distant cousin of National Football League (NFL) players Myron , Antrel , and Samari Rolle .

Originally a soccer player , Rolle did not play basketball until he was 15 , when local coach Darrel Sears saw him walking across a basketball court and saw Rolle 's great height . Sears asked if he knew how to play ; Rolle said no . Sears asked him to try shooting from the foul line . His first shot , according to Rolle , completely missed the backboard and fell into the bushes behind it . At the time Rolle was not interested in the game and only attended Sears ' practices because free fried chicken was provided .

= = High school and prep school career = =

At St. George 's High School in Freeport , Rolle quickly developed his basketball skills and also competed in track and field events . He averaged 20 @.@ 3 points and 13 @.@ 6 rebounds per game while enrolled at that school . Rolle first dreamed of playing in the National Basketball Association (NBA) when he was 16 years old , after he came back from a basketball camp in Arkansas , but had some academic issues to work out . Rolle 's grade point average (GPA) was 1 @.@ 0 early in his career at St. George 's , forcing him to repeat ninth and tenth grade . Due to a drive to succeed academically and athletically , he eventually raised his GPA to 3 @.@ 0 .

In 2003 , following his senior year at St. George 's , Rolle attended the Nike All @-@ America Camp and convinced his mother to let him attend a preparatory school in the United States , where he could showcase his abilities and hone his talents . They eventually settled on the Laurinburg Institute , a small school in North Carolina founded in 1904 . Due to an unrepaired leak , the school 's gymnasium was condemned in 1997 , and the basketball team was forced to play home games as far as 30 miles (48 km) away . In Rolle 's only year at the institute , his team went 40 ? 0 and won the national prep school championship . Under head coach Chris Chaney , Rolle recorded a per @-@ game average of 10 @.@ 1 points , 10 @.@ 2 rebounds , and 4 @.@ 5 blocked shots and had a field goal and free throw percentage of 64 percent and 76 percent , respectively .

Rolle also played with the Arkansas Wings on the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) circuit while at the Laurinburg Institute . He received scholarship offers from Arizona , Florida State , Kansas ,

Kentucky , LSU , and North Carolina . After verbally committing to Florida State in March 2004 , Rolle reopened his recruitment in July . He decided on LSU , to which fellow Laurinburg teammate Chris Johnson had already committed , and signed his letter of intent on November 18 , 2004 . Rolle was listed as the eighth @-@ best power forward in the class of 2005 and 32nd overall recruit by Rivals.com.

= = College career = =

= = = LSU = = =

= = = = Freshman = = = =

On November 18 , 2005 , in an 84 ? 56 defeat of Southern University , Rolle made his collegiate debut , playing 14 minutes and scoring six points while also grabbing three rebounds . Rolle shot 4 @-@ of @-@ 8 from the field and contributed season bests in rebounds (10) and points (8) to help lead LSU past Nicholls State . He equaled his season high in points against the Vanderbilt Commodores on February 2 , 2006 , in only nine minutes of playing time . The Tigers surprised many with a Final Four run , and in that game Rolle led the team in rebounds with eight , recorded two points from 1 @-@ of @-@ 1 shooting , and blocked a shot , all in 14 minutes of playing time . Despite this performance , LSU 's opponent UCLA ultimately prevailed , 59 ? 45 . During the 2005 ? 06 season , Rolle averaged 2 @.@ 2 points , 2 @.@ 5 rebounds , and 8 @.@ 7 minutes per game as a freshman , picking up 21 blocks on the year .

= = = = Sophomore = = = =

Coming into the 2006 ? 07 season , the Tigers returned four starters , including Glen " Big Baby " Davis , and LSU fans hoped that Rolle would replace the shot blocking skills of Tyrus Thomas , who had left early for the NBA . As such , Andy Katz of ESPN named them the fifth best team in the nation in the preseason . Rolle 's averages improved slightly to 4 @.@ 0 points , 4 @.@ 1 rebounds , and 16 @.@ 7 minutes per contest , with nine starts and 31 blocks . He had a season @-@ best nine rebounds against Tulane on December 22 , and recorded his first double @-@ digit scoring night against the Tennessee Volunteers on March 8 , 2007 , in the SEC Tournament , when he shot 5 @-@ for @-@ 7 from the field in 18 minutes for 10 points . However , two herniated discs in his back impeded further progress . The Tigers finished the year 17 ? 15 and 5 ? 11 in SEC play .

Rolle left the LSU program on May 23 . LSU coach John Brady claimed this was due to concerns over Rolle 's development . Darrel Sears , his former high school coach , said Rolle had been unhappy with LSU since December 2006 , and that Brady had been making snide comments about Rolle for a while . After Rolle left LSU , he was courted by Division I schools Wyoming , Marshall , Oral Roberts , Delaware , Louisiana Tech , and South Florida . Although initially interested in South Florida due to its proximity to his Bahamas home , Rolle chose to transfer to Louisiana Tech to play under Kerry Rupp .

= = = Louisiana Tech = = =

= = = = Junior = = = =

Rolle was forced to redshirt the 2007 ? 08 season due to transfer rules . In his first game as a Bulldog , on November 15 , 2008 , he registered nine rebounds and eight points , including four consecutive points within the last minute , to propel Louisiana Tech past Louisiana @-@ Lafayette , 61 ? 59 . Rolle 's first double @-@ double came against Grambling State on November 18 , with 12

points and 14 rebounds . He led the team in scoring with a then @-@ career high of 17 points in a blowout 78 ? 55 loss to # 10 UCLA on December 28 , while also contributing seven rebounds . On January 29 , 2009 , Rolle had a perfect night from the field , shooting 11 @-@ for @-@ 11 with 23 points . In a 60 ? 52 defeat at the hands of Utah State on February 7 , Rolle fell and injured his hip early in the game , but he came back later to finish with eight points . He had a season high 25 points to go along with 11 rebounds and four blocked shots in leading the Bulldogs to a victory over Murray State 69 ? 60 on February 21 . In the next game , an 80 ? 71 win over New Mexico State , Rolle equalled his season high in points (25) and grabbed 12 rebounds .

During the 2008 ? 09 season , Rolle started 30 games for the Bulldogs and averaged 12 @.@ 2 points , 7 @.@ 2 rebounds , and 1 @.@ 7 blocks per game . He registered five double @-@ doubles while scoring in excess of 10 points on 18 occasions . After the season , Rolle was named to the All @-@ WAC Defensive Team and All @-@ WAC Newcomer Team . In addition , the Louisiana Sports Writers Association recognized Rolle as a member of the All @-@ Louisiana third team . Louisiana Tech teammate Kyle Gibson was named to its first team .

Rolle briefly flirted with the 2009 NBA Draft . He declared for early entry in the draft , but did not hire an agent . After talking to NBA spokespeople , who said he was a borderline second @-@ round selection , Rolle considered staying in college an extra year to earn a degree . He eventually pulled his name out of the draft , thus ensuring his college eligibility .

= = = = Senior = = = =

The WAC preseason polls were released on October 29 , and Louisiana Tech was predicted to finish sixth in the media poll and fifth in the coaches poll . Fellow senior Gibson was named to the preseason All @-@ WAC second team , but Rolle was not honored by any preseason award . In the Bulldogs ' home opener against Arkansas @-@ Little Rock , Rolle was the leader in scoring with 23 points in crushing the Trojans 86 ? 66 . Gibson and Olu Ashaolu also scored more than 20 points to push Louisiana Tech to a 4 ? 1 start , their best since 2001 . Rolle 's career high in points was 29 , scored against Houston in a 99 ? 94 defeat of the Cougars on December 29 ; Rolle also grabbed 10 boards . In the semifinal of the WAC tournament , against the # 1 seeded Utah State Aggies , Rolle injured his ankle less than three minutes into the game , a factor in the Bulldogs ' 30 @-@ point loss . They finished the regular season 23 ? 10 , including a 9 ? 7 record in conference . That was good enough for an invitation to the 2010 CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT) , in which Louisiana Tech defeated Southern Miss in the first round despite missing Rolle . In Rolle 's final collegiate game , he contributed nine points off the bench despite a 69 ? 40 rout of the Bulldogs by Missouri State in the CIT 's quarterfinals .

During the 2009 ? 10 season , Rolle started 33 games , in 24 of which he scored in double figures and in 11 of which he had double @-@ doubles . He rejected more shots than anyone else in the WAC , averaging 2 @.@ 1 blocks per game , and finished fourth in career blocked shots at Louisiana Tech despite playing there for only two seasons . Rolle also posted averages of 8 @.@ 4 rebounds per game , third in the WAC (behind Luke Babbitt of Nevada and Chis Oakes of San Jose State) , and 13 @.@ 9 points per game , 12th in the WAC . His field goal percentage was 51 @.@ 1 , tied with Babbitt for third in conference and behind Tai Wesley of Utah State and Ike Okoye of Boise State . At the conclusion of the season , Rolle was named to the Lefty Driesell All @-@ America Defensive Team , All @-@ WAC Defensive Team , All @-@ WAC Second Team , and All @-@ Louisiana Second Team . He graduated from Louisiana Tech with a bachelor 's degree in sociology in March 2010 , becoming the first person in his family to earn a degree .

= = Professional career = =

= = = NBA Draft = = =

Prior to the 2010 NBA Draft , Rolle hired Fletcher Cockrell to be his agent . ESPN , NBADraft.net ,

and DraftExpress.com projected him to be a possible mid @-@ to @-@ late second @-@ round selection . He worked out with the Washington Wizards , Phoenix Suns , Milwaukee Bucks , Charlotte Bobcats , and Indiana Pacers . Dave @-@ Te ' Thomas of CBS Sports said that Rolle had a good wingspan and was very athletic . He added while larger NBA forwards might push him around , he was an intense player and would not back down if challenged . Thomas compared Rolle to former LSU teammate Tyrus Thomas .

On June 25 , Rolle was chosen with the 51st overall pick by the Oklahoma City Thunder . His rights were traded to the Pacers for Ryan Reid , who was the 57th overall pick , along with undisclosed cash considerations . Rolle was the first NBA player drafted out of Louisiana Tech since Paul Millsap was picked by the Utah Jazz with the 47th pick of the 2006 NBA Draft . In addition , he was the first Grand Bahamian selected in the draft . Bahamas Minister of Youth Sports and Culture Charles Maynard and Minister of Works and Transport Neko C Grant congratulated Rolle on his historic achievement .

= = = Indiana Pacers = = =

= = = Summer League = = =

Rolle played well in the 2010 Orlando Summer League , garnering averages of 28 minutes , 13 @.@ 4 points , seven rebounds , and two blocked shots per game . On opening day of the summer league , the Pacers beat the Orlando Magic 86 ? 77 behind Rolle 's 13 points , five rebounds , two blocks , and a steal . In the second game , an 80 ? 69 loss to the New Jersey Nets , Rolle scored nine points , brought down three rebounds , and rejected three shots . Against the Utah Jazz , Rolle 's 10 points , eight rebounds , and four blocks facilitated an 83 ? 74 Pacers win . The fourth game , which The Bahamas Tribune said was the most thrilling of the summer league , featured a 27 @-@ point deficit erased by Indiana for a comeback win over the Boston Celtics . Rolle had a double @-@ double , with 19 points and 11 boards . The Pacers and him wrapped up the Orlando Summer League with a 77 ? 73 defeat by the Oklahoma City Thunder , in which Rolle posted 16 points , eight rebounds and two blocks .

= = = Training camp = = =

Rolle , along with fellow Pacer rookie Lance Stephenson , was named one of the " steals of the draft " by The Boston Globe . Rolle was invited to the Pacers ' training camp , where he injured his head , requiring stitches . On September 28 , the Pacers announced they had officially signed Rolle to a two @-@ year contract , but his salary was not disclosed . In five preseason games , he averaged 1 @.@ 8 points per game and 1 @.@ 4 rebounds per game .

However , he was waived on October 25 , at the end of training camp , in order to shrink the roster to NBA @-@ mandated 15 players . The Pacers tried to trade Dahntay Jones and Solomon Jones to keep Rolle , but the trade fell through and the Pacers were reluctant to drop Solomon Jones due to a lack of depth in the frontcourt . Had he made the roster , Rolle would have earned \$ 510 @,@ 000 , but instead he made \$ 50 @,@ 000 in a buyout .

= = = Maine Red Claws = = =

In the 2010 NBA Development League Draft , held on November 1 , Rolle was chosen with the third overall pick by the Maine Red Claws . The Red Claws were the affiliated team of the Boston Celtics and the Charlotte Bobcats . According to Red Claws general manager Jon Jennings , several D @-@ League teams thought he had the most upside of anyone on the draft .

On November 26 , Rolle was waived by the Red Claws because of a knee injury which was due to keep Rolle out ' indefinitely ' . In two games with the Red Claws , Rolle averaged 7 @.@ 5 points , 3 @.@ 5 rebounds and 3 @.@ 5 blocks per game . His rights were retained by the Red Claws .

On March 3 , 2011 , he returned to the Red Claws . He played 13 more games with the Red Claws before he was called up to the Atlanta Hawks . Overall , he averaged 14 @.@ 1 points and 5 @.@ 5 rebounds in 25 @.@ 9 minutes per game with the Red Claws .

= = = Atlanta Hawks = = =

On April 11 , 2011 , Rolle signed with the Atlanta Hawks but did not play a game with Atlanta during the 2010 @-@ 11 season . During the 2011 NBA lockout , he signed with South Korean team Changwon LG Sakers but also did not appear in a game with Changwon .

After the lockout ended , Rolle returned to the Hawks for the training camp . However , he was released before the start of the season .

= = = Orlando Magic = = =

In July 2012 , Rolle joined the Orlando Magic for the 2012 NBA Summer League .

= = = Japan = = =

In August 2012 , Rolle signed with the Mitsubishi Diamond Dolphins of the Japanese Basketball League for the 2012 ? 13 season .

In 2013 , he re @-@ signed with the Dolphins for the 2013 ? 14 season. in just his second year became an NBL Allstar and led his team to the playoff 's . Rolle also led the league in scoring in the Emperors Cup tournament , Advancing to the final Four top teams .

= = = Thailand = = =

On June 2016 , Rolle signed with MadGoats Basketball Club of the Thailand Basketball League .

= = Career statistics = =

= = = NCAA = = =