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Anthony Tolliver

Anthony Lamar Tolliver (born June 1, 1985) is an American professional basketball player who last played for the Memphis Grizzlies of the National Basketball Association (NBA). He played college basketball for Creighton University. He went to high school at Kickapoo High School.

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Tolliver with the Timberwolves in 2019

Anthony Tolliver	
Free agent	
Position	Power forward
Personal information	
Born	June 1, 1985 Springfield, Missouri
Nationality	American
Listed height	6 ft 8 in (2.03 m)
Listed weight	240 lb (109 kg)
Career information	
High school	Kickapoo (Springfield, Missouri)
College	Creighton (2003–2007)
NBA draft	2007 / Undrafted
Playing career	2007–present
Career history	
2007–2008	Iowa Energy
2008	Eisbären Bremerhaven

High school and college career

Tolliver committed to Creighton in the fall of 2002. He was one of four players from his Kickapoo High School team to play Division I basketball; the team ended his senior season of 2002–03 ranked 12th by the USA Today and as the Missouri Class 5A State Champions.

At Creighton, Tolliver played in a reserve role during his freshman season behind veterans Brody Deren, Mike Grimes, and Joe Dabbert, but saw action in 27 games. He started 30 of Creighton's 34 games his sophomore season, including an 8-point, 7-rebound performance in a 75-57 victory over Missouri State in the 2005 MVC tournament championship game.

Tolliver earned second-team all-MVC honors during his junior season and had a memorable last-second shot to win a game against Wichita State on January 28, 2006.[1]

Tolliver was named first-team all MVC, a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS award, and to the Collegeinsider.com mid-major All-America team during his senior year, and helped Creighton return to the NCAA Tournament and a 22-11 record. Tolliver started all 33 of the team's games and broke the 1,000 point mark for his career in his final collegiate game against Nevada in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. While playing for Creighton, he developed a unique ability to draw charging penalties while on defense.[2]

Professional career

Iowa Energy (2007–2008)

After going undrafted out of Creighton in 2007, he spent the preseason with the Cleveland Cavaliers, making the opening-day roster, but never playing.[3] He spent much of the 2007–08 season with the Iowa Energy of the NBA Development League, averaging 11.5 points and 6.4 rebounds per game,[4]

Eisbären Bremerhaven and D-League

He later joined collegiate teammate Nate Funk with Eisbären Bremerhaven of the German Basketball Bundesliga.[3] Following a stint in Germany which saw him average 14.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game,[5] he was signed by the San Antonio Spurs in July 2008.[6]

Tolliver spent the early part of the 2008–09 campaign shuttling between San Antonio and Austin of the D-League. After appearing in 11 early games with San Antonio (averaging 3.5 points and 2.3 rebounds in 12.1 minutes per game), he was sent to Austin for six games, where he averaged 17.8 points and 7.8 rebounds in his second D-League stint.[7] He appeared in eight more games with San Antonio before being waived January 7, 2009.[8] He signed with Iowa again shortly after; he then signed with New Orleans[9] after three games with Iowa. After his ten-day contract expired without renewal, he returned to Iowa for a third stint. He was averaging 12.6 points and 8.1 rebounds per game with the Energy when he signed with Galatasaray Café Crown of the Turkish Basketball League.[10]

2008–2009	San Antonio Spurs
2008	→Austin Toros
2009	Iowa Energy
2009	Galatasaray Cafe Crown
2009	Idaho Stampede
2009	Portland Trail Blazers
2010	Idaho Stampede
2010	Golden State Warriors
2010–2012	Minnesota Timberwolves
2012–2013	Atlanta Hawks
2013–2014	Charlotte Bobcats
2014	Phoenix Suns
2014–2016	Detroit Pistons
2016–2017	Sacramento Kings
2017–2018	Detroit Pistons
2018–2019	Minnesota Timberwolves
2019–2020	Portland Trail Blazers
2020	Sacramento Kings
2020	Memphis Grizzlies

Career highlights and awards

- NBA D-League All-Star (2010)
- First-team All-MVC (2007)
- Second-team All-MVC (2006)
- All-MVC Most-Improved Team (2006)

Stats (https://www.nba.com/playerfile/anthony_tolliver) at NBA.com

Stats (https://www.basketball-reference.com/players/t/tollian01.html) at Basketball-Reference.com

In December 2009, Tolliver was playing for the Idaho Stampede of the NBA Development League when the Portland Trail Blazers signed him to a short-term contract.[11] The Blazers were able to temporarily sign a 16th player, one more than the usual league maximum, after the NBA granted the team a hardship exemption following a series of injuries to several key players.[12] Tolliver played two games for Portland before being released on December 29, 2009, returning to Idaho.[13]

Golden State Warriors (2010)

On January 17, 2010, Tolliver was signed to a ten-day contract by the Golden State Warriors, who were also struggling with injuries. He was signed to a contract through the rest of the 2009–10 season on February 7, 2010.[14]

On April 7, 2010, Tolliver scored a career-high 34 points, shooting 14 for 22 from the field and 5 for 7 from the line. He also made one three-pointer and grabbed 8 rebounds. During the 2009–2010 season with the Warriors, he averaged 12.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

Minnesota Timberwolves (2010–2012)

In the 2010 off-season, Tolliver joined the Minnesota Timberwolves on a two-year deal worth $4.5 million.[15]

Atlanta Hawks (2012–2013)

In September 2012, Tolliver signed a one-year, $854,389 contract with the Atlanta Hawks.[16]

Charlotte Bobcats (2013–2014)

On August 19, 2013, Tolliver signed a one-year, $1 million contract with the Charlotte Bobcats.[17]

Phoenix Suns (2014)

On July 21, 2014, Tolliver signed a 2-year, $6 million contract with the Phoenix Suns.[18][19] He went on to play 24 games for Phoenix in 2014–15 while averaging 3.3 points and 1.8 rebounds per game.

Tolliver in March 2011

Detroit Pistons (2014–2016)

He was traded to the Detroit Pistons on December 24, 2014 in exchange for Tony Mitchell.[20]

Sacramento Kings (2016–2017)

On July 9, 2016, Tolliver signed a 2-year, $16 million contract with the Sacramento Kings.[21][22] On June 1, 2017, he was waived by the Kings.[23]

Return to Detroit (2017–2018)

On July 14, 2017, Tolliver signed a one-year, $3.3 million contract with the Detroit Pistons.[24][25] He finished second in 3-point shooting percentage in the league after shooting 46.1%, behind only teammate Reggie Bullock.[26]

Return to Minnesota (2018–2019)

On July 9, 2018, Tolliver signed a one-year, $5.75 million contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves.[27][28]

Return to Portland (2019–2020)

On July 3, 2019, Tolliver signed a one-year, $2.56 million deal with the Portland Trail Blazers.[29]

Return to Sacramento (2020)

On January 20, 2020, Tolliver was traded back to the Sacramento Kings along with Kent Bazemore and two future second round picks in exchange for Trevor Ariza, Wenyen Gabriel and Caleb Swanigan.[30] On February 29, 2020, Tolliver was waived by the Sacramento Kings[31] after a contract buyout agreement was reached.
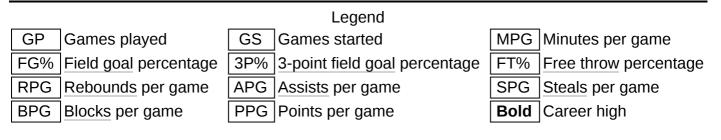
Memphis Grizzlies (2020–present)

On March 2, 2020, the Memphis Grizzlies announced that they had signed Tolliver to a 10-day contract.[32]

Community involvement

Tolliver is a member of the "Starting Five", along with Malcolm Brogdon, Joe Harris, Justin Anderson, and Garrett Temple. Their goal was to raise $225,000 through Hoops2O, founded by Brogdon, to fund five wells in East Africa by the end of the 2018–19 season.[33]

Career statistics

Legend

GP	Games played		GS	Games started		MPG	Minutes per game
FG%	Field goal percentage		3P%	3-point field goal percentage		FT%	Free throw percentage
RPG	Rebounds per game		APG	Assists per game		SPG	Steals per game
BPG	Blocks per game		PPG	Points per game		**Bold**	Career high

NBA

Regular season

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
2008–09	San Antonio	19	0	25.9	.292	.220	.500	2.2	.9	.3	.1	2.7
2009–10	Portland	2	0	2.0	.000	.000	.000	.5	.0	.0	.0	.0
2009–10	Golden State	44	**29**	**32.3**	.431	.331	.769	**7.3**	**2.0**	**.7**	**.8**	**12.3**
2010–11	Minnesota	65	4	21.0	.450	.409	.802	4.5	1.3	.4	.4	6.7
2011–12	Minnesota	51	0	17.3	.390	.248	.745	3.0	.4	.4	.4	4.1
2012–13	Atlanta	62	11	15.5	.380	.338	**.863**	2.5	.5	.2	.2	4.1
2013–14	Charlotte	64	9	20.3	.420	.413	.805	2.6	.7	.3	.2	6.1
2014–15	Phoenix	24	0	11.3	.351	.387	.667	1.8	.4	.2	.0	3.3
2014–15	Detroit	52	11	22.3	.423	.360	.794	3.7	.9	.4	.3	7.7
2015–16	Detroit	72	5	18.6	.386	.360	.617	3.2	.7	.4	.2	5.3
2016–17	Sacramento	65	9	22.7	.442	.391	.744	3.7	1.2	.5	.3	7.1
2017–18	Detroit	**79**	14	22.2	**.464**	**.436**	.797	3.1	1.1	.4	.3	8.9
2018–19	Minnesota	65	0	16.6	.382	.377	.783	2.7	.7	.3	.3	5.0
2019–20	Portland	33	9	16.8	.368	.337	.684	3.3	.3	.2	.3	3.9
2019–20	Sacramento	9	0	9.1	.176	.133	.500	1.2	.3	.4	.1	1.0
Career		706	101	19.6	.415	.373	.770	3.4	.9	.4	.3	6.2

Playoffs

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
2013	Atlanta	**6**	0	**11.3**	**.571**	**.636**	.333	**1.5**	.2	**.2**	.2	**4.0**
2014	Charlotte	4	0	5.3	.500	.500	**1.000**	1.0	**.3**	.0	.0	1.5
2016	Detroit	3	0	8.7	.500	.000	.000	1.3	**.3**	.0	**.3**	1.3
Career		13	0	8.8	.550	.533	.667	1.3	.2	.1	.2	2.6

NBA D-League

Regular season

Year	Team	GP	GS	MPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	PPG
2007–08	Iowa	**25**	11	27.4	**.509**	.360	.672	6.4	.9	.9	1.1	11.6
2008–09	Austin	6	6	**38.3**	.500	**.488**	.778	7.8	**2.8**	1.2	.3	17.8
2008–09	Iowa	11	8	35.2	.462	.327	**.806**	8.1	1.5	**1.4**	**1.5**	12.6
2009–10	Idaho	14	**14**	37.5	.469	.349	.785	**11.4**	2.5	1.3	1.2	**21.4**
Career		56	39	32.6	.486	.371	.746	8.1	1.6	1.1	1.1	14.9

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