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K.K. Bransford

Mount Notre Dame



Mount Notre Dame senior K.K. Bransford was a champion from the get-go. As one of the top freshmen in the nation four years ago, she led the league in scoring (16 ppg.) and helped the Cougars win a seventh Ohio state championship, tying a state record in girls' basketball. She was rated as the #1 guard in the nation in the class of 2022 and was selected as a member of the USA Women's U16 national team that won the gold medal in the FIBA Americas Championships in Chile. The Div. I collegiate offers began coming in for her while she was still playing in middle school! She has committed to the University of Notre Dame to play basketball next season.

Her sophomore year was more of the same. She led the league in scoring (20.2 ppg.) while helping the team being the #1 rated girls' basketball team in the nation. Unfortunately, the 28-0 Cougars' drive toward another Ohio state championship was derailed in the semifinals when the Covid outbreak canceled the state playoffs.

Currently, with more than 2,000 career points, K.K. is a MaxPreps' and McDonalds' All-American. Entering her senior season, she helped the Cougars win 72 consecutive games. She had numerous big games last season, including scoring 31 points vs. Cookeville, 30 points vs. St. Ursula and 28 points vs. Roger Bacon and Centerville. The 28-0 Cougars once again won the Ohio state championship, the school's eighth, the most in Ohio girls' basketball history. K.K. scored all of the Cougars' eight points in the double-overtime period in the state title game win vs. Newark. She led the GGCL in points per game (21.4), assists per game (5.1), shooting percentage (51.5%) and steals per game (3.0). She was also third in rebounds (6.4 per game). Her efforts were acknowledged on a statewide level when she was named Ohio Ms. Basketball, Gatorade Ohio Player of the Year, MaxPreps' Ohio Player of the Year and GGCL Athlete of the Year for the second time.

KK is playing great this season, too, once again the GGCL's leading scorer (about 22 ppg.). She also leads the league in assists, field goal percentage and steals. She scored 34 points vs. Princeton, 32 points vs. Centerville, 28 points vs. Gahanna Lincoln and 27 vs. Crown Point, the reigning Indiana 4A state champions. She also scored 26 points vs. both Pickerington Central and Olmsted Falls, 25 points vs. Ryle, 24 points vs. Seton and 23 points vs. Sheridan High School, North Canton Hoover and Cooper High School. In the win against Ryle, she nearly had a rare triple-double, with 25 points-nine rebounds-nine assists. She helped the team stretch its consecutive-game win streak to 79 games before the streak was snapped by a loss to Princeton.

A National Honor Society student who is very active in community service, K.K. holds several school basketball records and also plays for the Cincinnati Angels club team. Her favorite athlete is Naomi Osaka, favorite book is The Hate You Give, favorite movie is Creed and most-like-to-meet is LeBron James.



NAME: K.K. Bransford

GRADUATING YEAR: 2022

SCHOOL: Mount Notre Dame

SPORT: Basketball

ACHIEVEMENT: Making Team USA;
inducted into National Honor Society

HEIGHT: 5'10"-175 lbs.

PARENTS: Bryan & Johanna

INFLUENCE: "My brother."

FUTURE GOAL: Win state senior
year

"KK is a generational player and has left her imprint (Cougars!) on and off the floor. Her ability to elevate her game and the players around her on a daily basis is her gift. Her pursuit of greatness is a constant."

- Dr. Scott Rogers, Varsity Basketball Coach

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