



Keith Closs

Full Name: Keith Mitchell Closs

Position: Center

Height/Weight: 7-2 / 215

Birthdate: April 3, 1976 (Hartford, Conn.)

High School: Sierra Vista HS (Los Angeles, Calif.)

College: Central Connecticut State

Central Connecticut State

Season	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	TO	STL	BL	PTS	AVG
1994-95	26	109	197	.553	45	84	.536	193	27	63	12	139	265	10.2
1995-96	28	147	283	.519	80	124	.645	259	34	95	15	178	379	13.5
Totals	54	256	480	.533	125	208	.601	452	61	158	27	317	644	11.9

Three-point field goals: 1994-95, 2-for-13 (.154); 1995-96, 5-for-17 (.294). Totals, 7-for-30 (.233).

Los Angeles Clippers - NBA

Season	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	TO	STL	BL	PTS	AVG
1997-98	58	93	207	.449	46	77	.597	168	19	38	12	81	232	4.0
1998-99	15	12	23	.522	8	10	.800	25	0	6	3	9	32	2.1
1999-00	57	96	197	.487	46	78	.590	179	25	34	13	73	238	4.2
Totals	130	201	427	.471	100	165	.606	372	44	78	28	163	502	3.9

Three-point field goals: 1998-99, 0-for-1; 1999-00, 0-for-3. Totals, 0-for-4.

CBA

Season	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	TO	STL	BL	PTS	AVG
2004-05	41	115	250	.460	44	70	.629	262	32	59	23	156	275	6.7
2006-07	10	20	35	.571	9	17	.529	67	11	15	5	29	49	4.9
Totals	51	135	285	.474	53	87	.609	329	43	74	28	185	324	6.4

Three-point field goals: 2004-05, 1-for-4 (.250).

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2006-07 season in the CBA with the Butte Daredevils, averaging 4.9 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 2.9 blocked shots in ten games. Moved on to the Buffalo Silverbacks of the ABA, averaging 6.3 points, 6.0 rebounds, and 3.3 blocked shots. Split the 2005-06 season in the ABA with the Orange County Buzz and SoCal Legends (statistics unavailable). Played with the Detroit Pros in the IBL in the summer of 2005. Started the 2004-05 season in the ABA with the Detroit Motown Jammers (statistics unavailable) before moving on to the Rockford Lightning and the Gary Steelheads in the CBA, averaging 6.7 points, 6.4 rebounds, and a league-leading 3.8 blocked shots in 41 games. Played with the Pennsylvania Valley Dawgs in the USBL in the summer of 2003, averaging 4.3 points, 3.5 rebounds, and 2.2 blocked shots in 24 games. Was a member of the Harlem Globetrotters in 2001-02. Played with the Valley Dawgs in the USBL in the summer of 2001, averaging 5.1 points and 4.7 rebounds in seven games. Played with the Norwich Neptunes in the Atlantic Basketball Association in 1996-97, averaging 12.3 points, 6.3 rebounds, and a league-leading 5.0 blocked shots.

NBA Highlights: Participated in NBA training camp with the Los Angeles Clippers in the fall of 2001. Averaged 4.2 points, 3.1 rebounds, and 1.3 blocked shots in 14.4 minutes a contest for the Los Angeles Clippers in 1999-00. Started six times. Averaged 2.1 points, 1.7 rebounds, and 0.6 blocked shots in 5.8 minutes a contest for the Clippers in 1998-99. Appeared in 15 games. Averaged 4.0 points, 2.9 rebounds, and a team-high 1.4 blocked shots in 12.8 minutes a contest for the Clippers in his rookie season in 1997-98. Started once. Recorded career-high 15 points vs. Atlanta. An early entry candidate for the 1997 NBA Draft, but was not selected.

College Highlights: Holds the NCAA Division I career mark for blocked shots average (5.87 bpg). Earned First Team All-Mid-Continent Conference as a sophomore. Ranks as Central Connecticut State's all-time leader in blocked shots (317).

Sophomore (1995-96): Led the nation in blocked shots (6.36 bpg) while averaging 13.5 points and a team-high 9.3 rebounds. Blocked ten or more shots five times. Recorded two triple-doubles of points, rebounds, and blocked shots. Scored career-high 34 points vs. Troy State.

Freshman (1994-95): Led the nation in blocked shots (5.3 bpg, a NCAA freshman record) while averaging 10.2 points and 7.4 rebounds. Registered a season-high 12 blocked shots vs. St. Francis (Pa.).

Personal: Is the oldest of six children. Favorite book is "Giant Steps" by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar