



Mike Benton

Full Name: Michael Malik Benton

Position: Center

Height/Weight: 6-9 / 270

Birthdate: April 8, 1980 (Covington, GA)

High School: Newton County HS (Covington, GA)

College: College of Charleston

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Season	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	TO	STL	BL	PTS	AVG
1999-00	27	21	38	.553	14	24	.583	43	1	16	6	13	56	2.1
2001-02	28	60	117	.513	36	59	.610	164	4	33	13	55	156	5.6
2002-03	32	121	200	.605	48	91	.527	208	13	48	18	74	290	9.1
2003-04	29	109	187	.583	79	117	.675	198	14	46	19	82	297	10.5
Totals	116	311	542	.574	177	291	.608	613	32	143	56	224	799	6.9

Columbus – NBA D-League

Season	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	TO	STL	BL	PTS	AVG
2004-05	48	159	305	.521	74	125	.592	318	26	55	22	98	392	8.2

Caracas - Venezuela

Season	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	TO	STL	BL	PTS	AVG
2005	12	50	88	.568	15	29	.517	64	7	16	10	23	115	9.6

Three-point field goals: 0-for-2 (.000).

Pro Career Highlights: Spent the 2005-06 season with Buyuk Kolej Ankara in the Turkish League, averaging 13.9 points and a league-leading 10.8 rebounds. Started the summer of 2005 with the Rome Gladiators in the WBA, averaging 3.5 points and 4.8 rebounds in four games. Moved on to Venezuela to play for Cocodrilos de Caracas, averaging 9.6 points and 5.3 rebounds in 12 games. Played with the Columbus Riverdragons in the NBA Development League in 2004-05, averaging 8.2 points, 6.6 rebounds, and 2.0 blocked shots in 48 games. Selected by the Riverdragons in the eighth round (#43 pick overall) of the 2004 NBA D-League Draft. Played with the Rome Gladiators in the WBA in the summer of 2004, averaging 6.4 points and 5.0 rebounds in eight games.

College Highlights: Finished collegiate career as the school's second all-time leader in blocked shots (221) in its Division I history. Sat out the 2000-01 season as a redshirt.

Senior (2003-04): Averaged 10.2 points, 6.8 rebounds, and a league-leading 2.8 blocked shots. Started 28 of 29 games. Posted six double-doubles. Matched career-high with 20 points on 9-for-11 shooting, grabbed ten rebounds, and blocked five shots at Coastal Carolina. Tallied 16 points, 11 rebounds, and six blocks against Bucknell. Recorded 19 points and ten rebounds against East Tennessee State. Blocked career-high seven shots against UNC-Wilmington. Scored 14 points and grabbed career-high 15 rebounds against Chattanooga in the Southern Conference Tournament.

Junior (2002-03): Averaged 9.1 points, a team-high 6.5 rebounds (sixth in the league), and 2.3 blocked shots (ranked second) in 23.0 minutes a contest. Started 29 of 32 games. Ranked second in the Southern Conference in field goal percentage (60.5 percent). Recorded five double-doubles. Recorded season-high 20 points against Wofford. Posted back-to-back double-doubles in the Southern Conference Tournament, with 11 points and ten rebounds against Georgia Southern and 13 points and a season-high 14 rebounds against East Tennessee State.

Redshirt Sophomore (2001-02): Averaged 5.6 points, 5.9 rebounds, and 2.0 blocked shots in 19.0 minutes a contest. Started 14 of 28 games. Scored season-high 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against Chattanooga. Blocked season-high six shots in the rematch. Matched season-high with 16 points and snared season-high 13 rebounds against Western Carolina.

Freshman (1999-00): Averaged 2.1 points and 1.6 rebounds in 6.7 minutes a contest. Posted season-high eight points against Furman. Grabbed season-high seven rebounds against East Tennessee State.

Personal: Nickname is 'Big Mike'. Favorite food is pizza. Enjoys playing video games in his spare time.