



6-2 • Sophomore • Forward
Eagle River • Alaska
(Chugiak)

Honors and Awards

- Big 12 Freshman of the Year (Dallas Morning News)
- Big 12 All-Rookie Team (Coaches, 2006)
- Big 12 Rookie of the Week (Jan. 9, 2006; Feb. 6, 2006)
- Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament Team (2005)
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Fall, 2005; Spring, 2006)
- NU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representative
- Gatorade Alaska Player of the Year (2005)
- First-Team Alaska Class 4A All-State (2005)
- First NU Women's Basketball Player from Alaska

Outlook

A year after putting together one of the best seasons by a freshman in school history, Kelsey Griffin hopes to accomplish greater things as a sophomore.

The 2006 Big 12 Freshman of the Year as chosen by the Dallas Morning News, Griffin was Nebraska's second-leading scorer and top rebounder during an impressive rookie campaign.

She averaged 13.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per game despite being limited the final nine games of the season by illness.

A poised scorer on the block, Griffin has continued to increase her shooting range while gaining confidence in her outside shot.

Along with her scoring and rebounding abilities, Griffin is also an outstanding defender, posting 24 blocks and 40 steals in her freshman season. In addition to being able to match up with larger post players, Griffin also has the quickness to guard smaller backcourt players one-on-one on the wing.

Nebraska Coach Connie Yori said a healthy Griffin could help the Huskers return to the postseason for the fourth consecutive year.

"Kelsey has an outstanding work ethic, and she knows how to play hard when she's out on the court," Yori said. "Her illness really limited one of the strengths of her game last season, which was her ability to go all out for long periods of time. If she is fully healthy,

her energy level and aggressiveness on the court is tough to stop."

Freshman (2005-06)

Griffin produced one of the best freshman seasons in Nebraska history, capturing Big 12 Freshman-of-the-Year honors from the Dallas Morning News.

A member of the five-player Big 12 All-Rookie team chosen by the league coaches, Griffin became just the fifth player in Nebraska history to score 400 points as a freshman.

She closed her rookie campaign with 19 points and seven rebounds against Kansas State in the WNIT

quarterfinals to finish fourth on NU's freshman scoring list with 424 points.

Griffin finished the year averaging 13.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, despite battling illness for the final nine games of the season, which significantly affected her final averages.

Despite the illness, her scoring and rebounding averages both ranked among the top 10 freshman efforts in school history. She also remained in the starting lineup for all 32 games, becoming just the fourth freshman in NU history, and the first since Meggan Yedsena in 1990-91, to start every game of her rookie campaign.



Griffin's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	-- Rebounds --		PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
									Off-Def	Tot-Avg.						
2005-06	32-32	793	151-279	.541	1-4	.250	121-174	.695	83-109	192-6.0	82-4	28	48	24	40	424-13.3
Career	32-32	793	151-279	.541	1-4	.250	121-174	.695	83-109	192-6.0	82-4	28	48	24	40	424-13.3



The first player from the state of Alaska in Nebraska women's basketball history, Griffin set the NU freshman record with 121 made free throws on the season, while her 174 attempts ranked second among freshmen in school history.

Her 54.1 percent accuracy from the field also ranked as the third-best success rate by a freshman at Nebraska.

Griffin achieved the 100-point scoring mark faster than any player in Husker history, achieving the mark in the first minute of her seventh game. Her spring to the century mark was accelerated by one of the best individual efforts by a freshman in school history when she poured in 31 points and pulled down 14 rebounds against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in her fourth career game.

Griffin's performance against the Islanders came on 9-of-18 shooting from the field and a 13-of-18 effort at the free throw line. Her 18 attempts tied the overall school record for free throw attempts in a single game. Her performance also earned her a spot on the Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament team.

She added another top-five freshman performance of all-time at NU with 28 points and 12 rebounds to go along with a career-high three blocked shots at Kansas State on Feb. 4. That effort helped her earn the second Big 12 Rookie-of-the-Week award of her career on Feb. 6.

She produced the second double-double of her career with 16 points and 12 rebounds against Missouri on Jan. 11, just two days after earning her first Big 12 Rookie-of-the-Week honor.

Griffin produced four games with 20 or more points, including a 22-point effort at Northwestern on Dec. 10, and 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting from the field against No. 24 Texas A&M on Feb. 11.

She posted double figures in scoring 21 times, while pulling down double-figure rebounds on three occasions during the season. She notched three double-doubles on the year, which came against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Missouri (Jan. 11) and at Kansas State (Feb. 4).

High School

Griffin was the top player in the state of Alaska as a senior in 2004-05, claiming Gatorade State Player-of-the-Year honors. She earned first-team Class 4A all-state honors as a senior and was a three-time All-Cook Inlet Conference selection for Coach Tracy Adams at Chugiak High School.

Griffin was the most dominant all-around player in the state, averaging 19.4 points, 11.2 rebounds, 4.4 assists, 4.3 steals and 2.1 blocked shots per game.

Griffin's hard work at both ends of the court helped the Mustangs earn a third-place finish at the Class 4A state tournament her senior season. Griffin missed nearly all of her junior season with a knee injury, but returned at the end of the season to lead Chugiak back to the state tournament. Chugiak eventually lost to Juneau and finished fourth.

As a sophomore, Griffin helped Chugiak to the Class 4A state title. In the championship game win over Wasilla, Griffin had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

In addition to her success on the basketball court, Griffin also competed in volleyball for the Mustangs. She was also a standout in the classroom as an honor roll member throughout high school.

Personal

The daughter of Jim Griffin and Jan Griffin, Kelsey was born July 2, 1987. She has one brother, Geoff Ferguson, 26, and a sister, Jayme Griffin, 16.

Kelsey has not declared a major. She carries a 3.467 grade-point average and is a two-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

She chose Nebraska over Michigan State and Arizona State.



GRIFFIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Category	Total	Game
Points	31	Texas A&M-CC (11/27/05)
Rebounds	14	Texas A&M-CC (11/27/05)
Assists	3	Texas Tech (1/21/06) Michigan (12/17/05)
Steals	4	Iowa State (2/1/06)
Blocks	3	Kansas State (2/4/06)
FGA	18	Kansas State (2/4/06) Texas A&M-CC (11/27/05)
FGM	9	Four times, most recently Texas A&M (2/11/06)
FTA	18	Texas A&M-CC (11/27/05)
FTM	13	Texas A&M-CC (11/27/05)
3-PT FGA	1	Four times, most recently Kansas State (2/18/06)
3-PT FGM	1	Kansas State (2/4/06)

Griffin's Big 12 Statistics

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