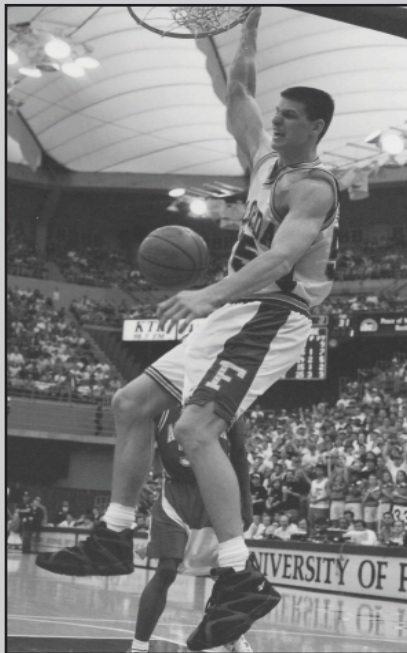


## LEGENDS OF THE GAME...

### ANDREW DeCLERCQ • Florida (1991-95)

Former Florida men's basketball legend Andrew DeClercq donned the Orange and Blue as a center and power forward for the Gators from 1992-95. A Clearwater, Fla., native, DeClercq was known for his hard nosed, hard-work hustling style of play, both during his tenure as a Florida Gator, and beyond, in his 11-year career in the NBA.



A Gator team captain his junior and senior seasons, DeClercq played an intricate role on Florida's first Final Four team in 1994, when the Gators went 29-8 (12-4 SEC) en route to a Final Four appearance in Charlotte, N.C. DeClercq was named to the 1994 NCAA Tournament All-East Regional Team after the Gators topped James Madison, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Boston College before being edged, 70-65, by eventual 1994 National Champion, Duke, in the semifinal game.

During his career as a Gator, DeClercq started a school-record 128 straight games and led UF in rebounding as a sophomore, junior and senior, while pacing the Gators in blocks each of his four seasons in Gainesville. A member of the Gators' 1,000-point club after scoring 1,309 points in his Florida career, DeClercq racked up 23 career double-doubles, 61 double-figure scoring games and 34 career games with double-figure rebounds. A four-time All-Southeastern Conference selection, including a first-team All-SEC honor his senior season, DeClercq also excelled in the classroom for the Gators as an Academic All-SEC honoree in 1995.

DeClercq was drafted with the 34th overall pick, the fifth pick of the second round, in the 1995 National Basketball Association Draft by the Golden State Warriors, and enjoyed stints with the Boston Celtics, Cleveland Cavaliers, and most recently, the Orlando Magic from 2000-05. DeClercq wrapped

up his tenure in the NBA after the 2004-05 season with the Orlando Magic. Along with former Magic teammate Keith Tower, DeClercq is actively involved in a church he started in Orlando, HighPoint Church.

