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Colin Kelly thought he was done with basketball.

Having grown up in West Deptford, New Jersey, Kelly starred for Gloucester Catholic High School. He shined, particularly in his senior season, where he averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game en route to earning Al Carino Club South Jersey All-Star honors (The Al Carino Basketball Club of South Jersey honors some of the best male and female basketball players the region has to offer).

Kelly turned down offers to play at the Division III level, effectively hanging up his Nikes, his jersey swaying in the rafters of his basketball past. He focused instead on filtering through his list of po-

tential colleges, where he ultimately landed on Hawk Hill after some coaxing from a friend. Basketball was now a distant thought.

That friend turned into a roommate, and Kelly began to navigate through his freshman year.

"It was definitely a weird time," he recalled. "I really didn't know where I wanted to go. I didn't think that [playing Division III] was really for me. [I had] zero interest in coming here to play basketball." Kelly admitted to taking a while to get comfortable at Saint Joseph's. The rigorous academic schedule and new surroundings take their toll on plenty of incoming freshmen.



Colin Kelly walked on to the Saint Joseph's men's basketball team during his sophomore year. He had offers to play Division III basketball, but turned them down. "I didn't think that was really for me," he said.

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However, once basketball season rolled around and Kelly started going to games with friends and experienced a different aspect of Saint Joseph's, his comfort level with the university skyrocketed and his love for the game returned.

"I thought about just wanting to compete with the best," he said "I missed being part of a team. I just wanted to see if I could make it."

After spending freshman year as a spectator in the student section cheering on the Hawks from afar, Kelly decided to try out as a walk-on his sophomore year. He was rewarded with a spot on the men's basketball team, returning to the hardwood after a one-year hiatus. He saw brief action against Charlotte in an Atlantic 10 Tournament first round game, but Kelly was just happy to be back on the court.

He was a co-recipient of the Patrick D. O'Pake Award in his sophomore and junior seasons as the team's "Unsung Hero." It's an award given to the Saint Joseph's scout team for their relentless work ethic and spirit.

About halfway through the 2013-14 season, the 6-foot-5 senior forward has made the most of his limited opportunities on the floor. He grabbed a rebound against nationally-ranked Massachusetts, saw action against Siena at the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Florida, and scored two points in a career-high five minutes in

the Hawks' win over Duquesne. In a game earlier this season against Binghamton, Kelly scored his first collegiate point. It was his first point since his senior year of high school, four years ago.

"It was a cool experience," he said. "I know my parents are pretty proud of it."

Kelly never worries about stats. He's focused solely on doing whatever his team and his coaches need him to do for the greater good. He recognizes there is still plenty of work to be done, especially for the team to reach the goals they set for themselves; in particular, hearing their name announced come tournament time.

"We want to win the Atlantic 10 and go to the NCAA tournament," he said. "That's everyone's mindset, especially the seniors who have never been there."

As a senior, Kelly has had some time to reflect on his four years on Hawk Hill and the memories made both on and off the court. When asked about his favorite basketball memory at Saint Joseph's, he didn't hesitate to bring up a drubbing of an old rival.

"When we beat Villanova at home two years ago," he said. The Hawks defeated the Wildcats 74-58 that day at Hagan Arena, ultimately running away with the game in the second half. "It was kind of a 'dunkfest' that game. We blew them out. The gym was packed, it was a lot of fun."

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STATISTICS

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ALL GAMES	125	62	42	20
20	20	10	10	00
100	100	50	30	20

11/09/13	at Belmont	7464	2698	218880	Ronald	88880	Ronald
11/13/13	MARI	8162	3871	20GALL80	Langston	019200	80
11/16/13	8080	7963	4200	208880	Andre	008800	80
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11/29/13	8 Sha	7866	2612	27GALL80	Langston	23ALL80	Langston
12/01/13	8 Ashington	7267	2016	218880	Ronald	008880	Ronald
12/04/13	at 8m8	6907	8039	24GALL80	Langston	888880	Andre
12/07/13	8LLA	6888	4200	08GALL80	Langston	88880	Ronald
12/18/13	80	7565	3651	278800	80	048800	80
12/21/13	at Loyola Maryland	8807	1032	208880	Ronald	888880	Andre
12/29/13	80 8880	7367	4051	0880	88	88880	Ronald
12/31/13	BIG880	7184	4076	20GALL80	Ronald	88880	80
01/04/14	8	5362	4076	04GALL80	Langston	058880	Ronald
01/08/14	8at Massachusetts	6266	4621	088800	80	088800	80
01/11/14	8at George Mason	8480	5027	288800	80	288800	80
01/15/14	80	8405	3937	26GALL80	Langston	280	Pa8
01/18/14	at Penn	8568	8722	20GALL80	Langston	058800	80

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8		6	30139	5023
8088		3	6979	2326
808		17	69180	4069

SAINT JOSEPH'S HAWKS

#	NAME	YR	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
0	Evan Maschmeyer	Jr.	G	6-3	200	Jeffersonville, Ind.	Jeffersonville
10	Langston Galloway	Sr.	G	6-2	202	Baton Rouge, La.	Christian Life Academy
11	Daryus Quarles	Sr.	F	6-6	186	Paulsboro, N.J.	Paulsboro
13	Ronald Roberts, Jr.	Sr.	F	6-8	225	Bayonne, N.J.	Saint Peter's Prep
15	Isaiah Miles	So.	F	6-7	223	Baltimore, Md.	Milford Mill
20	Brendan Casper	Fr.	F	6-6	215	Audobon, Pa.	Methacton
22	Kyle Molock	R-Fr.	G	6-2	192	Dublin, Ohio	Dublin Coffman
24	Chris Wilson	Jr.	G	6-3	210	Fayetteville, N.C.	Terry Sanford
25	Eric Kindler	Jr.	F	6-5	223	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Trinity
32	Papa Ndao	Jr.	F	6-8	225	Dakar, Senegal	Montverde Academy (Fla.)
34	Javon Baumann	R-Fr.	C	6-8	257	Solms-Oberbiel, Germany	Theodor-Henss School
41	Colin Kelly	Sr.	F	6-5	205	West Deptford, N.J.	Gloucester Catholic
43	DeAndre' Bembry	Fr.	F	6-6	200	Charlotte, N.C.	The Patrick School (N.J.)
45	Halil Kanacevic	Sr.	F	6-8	255	Staten Island, N.Y.	Curtis

Head Coach: Phil Martelli (Widener '76) – 19th season

Assistant Coach: Mark Bass (Saint Joseph's '96) – 15th season

Assistant Coach: David Duda (Spring Garden College '88) – Eighth season

Assistant Coach: Geoff Arnold (Saint Joseph's '86) – Sixth season

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#	Name	Field Goals	Free Throws	Fouls
0	Maschmeyer	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
10	Galloway	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
11	Quarles	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
13	Roberts, Jr.	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
15	Miles	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
20	Casper	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
22	Molock	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
24	Wilson	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
25	Kindler	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
32	Ndao	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
34	Baumann	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
41	Kelly	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
43	Bembry	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5
45	Kanacevic	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 2 3 4 5

RHODE ISLAND RAMS

#	NAME	YR	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	H.S./COLLEGE
0	E.C. Matthews	Fr.	G	6-5	190	Romulus, Mich.	Romulus
2	Jarelle Reischel	So.	F	6-6	215	Frankfurt, Germany	Point Pleasant (N.J.)?Rice
4	Jordan Hare	So.	F	6-10	205	Saginaw, Mich.	Arthur Hill
5	Xavier Munford	Sr.	G	6-2	180	Hillside, N.J.	St. Benedict's Prep/Iowa Western
10	Biggie Minnis	So.	G	6-3	185	Philadelphia, Pa.	Atlantic Christian (N.J.)Texas Tech
11	Matthew Butler	Fr.	G	6-2	200	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis East
12	Hassan Martin	Fr.	F	6-7	210	Staten Island, N.Y.	Curtis
13	T.J. Buchanan	Jr.	G	6-3	195	Kalamazoo, Mich.	Kalamazoo Central
14	Ifeanyi Onyekaba	So.	F	6-8	240	Abuja, Nigeria	Virginia Episcopal School
15	A.J. Kemp	Sr.	G	6-2	190	Jersey City, N.J.	Hudson Catholic
20	Eric YOUNCOFSKI	So.	G	5-10	150	Middletown, N.J.	Middletown North
22	Jonathan Nazarko	Jr.	G	6-2	200	East Lyme, Conn.	East Lyme
30	Shane Plunkett	So.	G	6-3	195	Brookville, N.Y.	Long Island Lutheran
34	Mike Aaman	So.	F	6-8	210	Hazlet, N.J.	Raritan
55	Gilydyas Biruta	Jr.	F	6-8	245	Jonava, Lithuania	St. Benedict's Prep/Rutgers

Head Coach: Dan Hurley (Seton Hall '96) – Second season

Assistant Coach: Jim Carr (York '90) – Second season

Assistant Coach: Preston Murphy (Rhode Island '99) – Third season

Assistant Coach: Luke Murray (Fairfield '07) – First season

SCORECARD

#	Name	Field Goals	Free Throws	Fouls
0	Matthews	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
2	Reischel	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
4	Hare	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
5	Munford	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
10	Minnis	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
11	Butler	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
12	Martin	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
13	Buchanan	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
14	Onyekaba	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
15	Kemp	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
20	YOUNCOFSKI	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
22	Nazarko	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
30	Plunkett	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
34	Aaman	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
55	Biruta	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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Kelly still has a year of eligibility remaining, but has also dipped his toes into the postgraduate waters. Last summer, he served an internship in Philadelphia under former Hawk sharpshooter Chet Stachitas.

Off the court, his growth as a person was fostered by both his willingness to take advantage of everything the university had to offer and the relationships forged with his teammates and classmates.

"Once I opened up a little bit, I met a lot of people and made a lot of friends here," he said. "Friends that I know I'll stay friends with for a long time."

With graduation only a few short months away, Kelly is faced with the same challenges and opportunities that all college graduates are faced with. He's looking forward to making the best decision for him, which could even include playing basketball somewhere else next year.

"I'm in the process of that now," he said when asked about his not-so-distant future plans. "I actually interned for (for-

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mer Hawk) Chet Stachitas this summer (at Fusion Logistics, LLC) in Philadelphia. I still have another year of eligibility left. I'm trying to keep my options open right now."

Perhaps he'll make that next big decision on the beautiful beaches of Ocean City, N.J., where he and his family relax during the summer months.

"Everyone always calls me a beach kid," he laughed. "The coaches always bust on me and make fun of my tan."

Those decisions are still months away. For now, Kelly and the rest of the

Hawks are focused on improving every day. The Hawks have won eight of their last nine games, posting a 12-5 overall record, and are on the right track toward achieving their goal of playing deep into March.

by Stephen Albertini

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For the third consecutive year, every Saint Joseph's game will be broadcast on one of the top sports radio stations in the nation, CBS Sports Radio 610 (WIP-AM). This marks the most comprehensive radio package for Hawk basketball since the 2005-06 season. The station will also be the home for Phil Martelli's *HawkTalk* radio show, which will air on Monday evenings from January to March.

Hawk fans everywhere will be able to hear the broadcast of every game through audio streaming at the Hawks' official athletics site, www.SJUHawks.com, which is provided free of charge. Fans will soon be able to take those broadcasts on-the-go with the SJUHawks app for mobile devices.



Veteran color analyst Joe Lunardi (left) and play-by-play man Matt Martucci (right) are back for their fifth season together in 2013-14.

UPCOMING GAMES

Jan. 25	at Richmond	4:00 p.m.	610 WIP	NBCSN
Jan. 29	at Dayton	7:00 p.m.	610 WIP	TCN
Feb. 1	#13 MASSACHUSETTS	6:00 p.m.	610 WIP	CBSSN
Feb. 5	#19 SAINT LOUIS	7:00 p.m.	610 WIP	SNY; TCN

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