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celebrity pipeline

BY JAY BOBBIN

**No Hugh (Bonneville) for
you, Vienna: Here's why**



Hugh
Bonneville

**Q: I was interested to see
Hugh Bonneville hosting
the Vienna Philharmonic's
New Year's Day concert
from England. Was he not
scheduled to go to Vienna
from the start, or was that**

**a last-minute decision? – Melissa Arnold, via
e-mail**

A: We spoke with the "Downton Abbey" alum a couple of months before the PBS-televised "Great Performances" event, and it already had been determined at that point that for his fourth consecutive year of hosting it, he would accomplish that remotely. Also given his recent role on The CW special "Silent Night – A Song for the World," he joked with us that he was becoming known as "the host who sits by the fireplace." Given the nature of the PBS broadcast this last time, it was fitting that Bonneville was situated as he was. Normally filled with spectators on the holiday, Vienna's Musikverein was devoid of an on-site audience as the orchestra presented its traditional program of Strauss music ... due to restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, of course. One of the perks of the job for Bonneville has been his access to some of Vienna's most storied and beautiful locations, and though he told us he would miss making those in-person visits, he certainly understood the necessity.

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names, cities and states. Personal replies cannot be sent.**

player profile

BY GEORGE DICKIE

Ingram relishes go-to role in the Big Easy



Zion Williamson may have the name recognition factor but Brandon Ingram usually has the final shot.

Indeed, when the game is on the line for the New Orleans Pelicans, the ball more often than not will end up in the hands of their 6-foot-7-inch small forward, who has responded with a stellar performance early in 2020-21.

Through the season's first week, the fifth-year man out of Duke was leading the Pels with 23.3 points per game on 45.7 percent shooting with seven rebounds and 6.5 assists. His efforts earned him Western Conference Player of the Month for Week 1.

Also emerging are his leadership characteristics. Ingram wants the ball in pressure situations and when he fails, he has no problem taking the blame. In fact, even when he makes mistakes in an otherwise great game, as he did in a recent 28-point effort in a win over the San Antonio Spurs, he'll fess up.

Which speaks to character, a trait Pelicans' head coach Stan Van Gundy loves and is a big reason why the team chose to award him with a five-year,

\$158 million contract in preseason. It's also why New Orleans made him the linchpin of the deal that sent Anthony Davis west to the Lakers in the fall of 2019.

Ingram and the Pelicans can be seen in action Friday, Jan. 29, when they clash with the Milwaukee Bucks at home in the early game of an ESPN doubleheader.

FULL NAME: Brandon Xavier
Ingram

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6 feet 7
inches, 190 pounds

TEAMS: Los Angeles Lakers
(2016-19); New Orleans Pelicans
(2019-present)

BIRTH DATE: Sept. 2, 1997

DRAFT: Selected in the first
round (second overall) by the Los
Angeles Lakers in 2016

POSITION: Forward

BIRTHPLACE: Kinston, N.C.

COLLEGE: Duke

sports quiz

BY GEORGE DICKIE

Aussies

Questions:

- 1) This former MLB catcher twice hit at least 20 homers in a season for the Milwaukee Brewers. Can you name him?
- 2) What former Australian Rules football player averaged over 43 yards per punt over an 11-year NFL career?
- 3) This golfer won the 2006 U.S. Open. Who is he?
- 4) What veteran NBA big man won a league title with the Golden State Warriors in 2015?
- 5) What 11-year MLB infielder is currently an executive for the Arizona Diamondbacks?
- 6) Who won the British Open in 1986 and 1993?
- 7) What lefty reliever pitched for seven teams from 1993 through 2003?
- 8) What center is the first Australian to play in the NBA?
- 9) What Australian tennis player won 11 Grand Slam titles from 1960 to 1969?

Answers:

- 1) Dave Nilsson
- 2) Darren Bennett
- 3) Geoff Ogilvy
- 4) Andrew Bogut
- 5) Craig Shipley
- 6) Greg Norman
- 7) Graeme Lloyd
- 8) Luc Longley
- 9) Rod Laver