



LEBRON JAMES



CLEVELAND CAVALIERS	2003 - 2010
MIAMI HEAT	2010 - 2014
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS	2014 - 2018
L.A. LAKERS	2018 - CURRENT

EARLY LIFE AND HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

James was born on December 30, 1984, in Akron, Ohio. He was the only child to mum Gloria James who brought him up alone at the age of 16. His father Anthony McClelland was in and out of prison and had no interest in being a parent. Gloria struggled being a young single parent and decided to let LeBron live with another family to ensure a stable upbringing.

LeBron went to live with the Walker family and at the age of 9 his love of basketball began. At this early age, James showed a natural talent for basketball. He was recruited by St. Vincent-St. Mary High School to join their basketball team in 1999. In total, James scored 2,657 points, 892 rebounds and 523 assists during his four years there.

As a freshman at college, LeBron averaged 18 points per game. He helped the team to a Division III state title by scoring 25 points in the championship game. Very soon, word of his advanced basketball skills spread, and James received several honours for his performance. As a high school sophomore, he was chosen for the *USA Today* All-USA First Team. He was the first sophomore ever selected for this award. His team also won the Division III state title for the second year in a row.

CAREER

In 2003, LeBron was selected as a rookie to play for his hometown team Cleveland Cavaliers. In his first game, he recorded the most points scored by a rookie player and was awarded the NBA Rookie of the Year Award. He soon rose to superstardom after this and was named the NBA All Star Game Most Valuable Player in 2006.

Due to fan and media criticism, James moved to join Miami Heat in 2010 but was only there for four seasons before returning to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Completing a further four seasons with the Cavaliers, he had many ups and downs including some of the most memorable moments of his career but also found defeat hard to take.

A switch of teams again happened in 2018 when he moved to the L.A. Lakers. Unfortunately, the next two years were marred with injury and it was the first time in 12 years that James did not make the All NBA First Team.





CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- At 19, LeBron became the youngest member of the basketball squad in 2004 Athens Olympics.
- He made NBA history again in 2005, when he became the youngest player to score more than 50 points in one game. He was selected for the NBA All-Star game for the first time.
- In February 2019, James became the fifth NBA player to reach 32,000 points. On March 6, 2019, in a game against Denver Nuggets, he surpassed Michael Jordan to become the fourth highest scorer on the NBA list.
- He made NBA history in 2013, at age 28, he became the youngest and 38th NBA player to score 20,000 points, succeeding Kobe Bryant of the Lakers—who accomplished this feat when he was 29.

FAMILY AND PERSONAL LIFE

LeBron James married Savannah Brinson, his high school sweetheart. Together they have three children; two sons: LeBron James, Jr. (born 2004) and Bryce Maximus James (born 2007), and a daughter Zhuri James (born 2014).

As a philanthropist, he is an active supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of America, Children's Defence Fund, and ONEXONE. He has also established his own charity foundation called the LeBron James Family Foundation.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. What year was LeBron James born?
2. At college how many points did he average per game?
3. What year was he named the NBA Rookie of the Year Award?
4. Where were the Olympics held in 2004?
5. How many children does James have?