

Basketball Legend – Michael Jordan

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Exceptional talent and natural physical abilities made the outstanding basketball player, Michael Jordan, one of the most admirable people in the world of sports. The former NBA superstar always impressed many by his beautiful movements and unbelievable scores, which made millions of fans watch the Chicago Bulls' basketball games with special interest, becoming completely immersed in this kind of sport.

As the famous sport biographer, Bill Gutman (1995), states, for thirteen years, Michael Jourdan was a leading player for the Chicago Bulls, earning his team unbelievable popularity. He started playing for this team in 1987, receiving a great many awards by the age of 33. According to Gutman, this well-known basketball player was not accepted in his school basketball team when he was a young student. At first, he felt absolutely hopeless, but sometime later, he made the firm decision to achieve success in the sport, so he began daily training. As a result, continuous training and a strong desire to take his place in the world of sports helped him to develop fantastic technical skills, which made him a true superstar!

Basketball experts unanimously acknowledge Jordan's exceptional natural talent. When he jumped to score, he seemed to float in the air. This impression resulted in the idea of selling basketball footwear aimed at emulating Michael Jordan. However, some critics blamed him for his self-centered manner of playing, meaning, that by leading the game, Jordan deprived other players of chances to score. This issue seems to be debatable. In terms of scoring, the opportunity is given to the player who scores well and is not likely to miss.

Having reached the very top of his basketball career, Jordan made an official statement in October, 1993, stating, "I just feel that I don't have anything else to prove to myself" (Jordan, 1993). Soon afterwards, he joined the local baseball team in Chicago, the Birmingham Barons. However, he didn't stay there for long. Fans all over the world happily celebrated his return to basketball and the Chicago Bulls in 1994. In 1996, the basketball team scored another victory in the championship.

In conclusion, it has to be stated that this gifted sportsman has always known where he belonged and was guided both by his natural talent and results of his hard work and intensive

training. He states that being rejected for school basketball only motivated him to improve his skills and stimulated him to aspire to fulfill his dream of playing professional basketball. This is a tribute to his persistent character and remarkable will-power. Jordan is a person with true faith in his abilities, in the game of basketball, and in himself as a person. His attitude towards training and playing has always been professional and, thus, highly rewarding. His father, James Raymond Jordan, once said, "One day, God decided that he wanted to make the perfect basketball player and he made Michael" (Gutman, 1995).

Regardless, the sports career of this prominent player came to an end at the age of just thirty-three years. For many years, he has been an inspirational example to follow for millions of teenagers and a legendary basketball player for many other promising sportsmen.

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