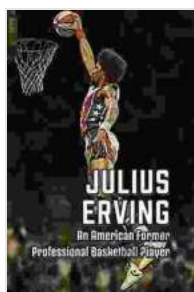


Julius Erving: The Legend of Dr. J, The American Basketball Icon

Julius Erving, also known as Dr. J, is an American former professional basketball player who played in the American Basketball Association (ABA) and the National Basketball Association (NBA) for 16 seasons. Widely considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time, Erving was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.



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Erving was born in Hempstead, New York, on February 22, 1950. He began playing basketball at an early age and quickly developed a reputation as a gifted player. In high school, he led his team to two state championships and was named a Parade All-American. After graduating from high school, Erving attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he played for the Minutemen basketball team. In his three seasons at UMass, Erving averaged 26.3 points and 20.2 rebounds per game, and he led the team to two NCAA Tournament appearances.

In 1971, Erving was selected by the Milwaukee Bucks with the 12th overall pick in the NBA draft. However, he opted to sign with the Virginia Squires of the ABA instead. In his first season with the Squires, Erving averaged 27.3 points and 15.7 rebounds per game, and he led the team to the ABA Finals. The following season, Erving averaged 31.9 points and 17.6 rebounds per game, and he was named the ABA's Most Valuable Player (MVP).

In 1976, Erving was traded to the New York Nets of the ABA. He played for the Nets for three seasons, and he led the team to two ABA championships. In 1977, Erving was named the ABA's MVP for the second time.

In 1976, the ABA and NBA merged, and the Nets joined the NBA. Erving continued to play for the Nets for two more seasons, and he led the team to the NBA Finals in 1979. In 1980, Erving was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers. He played for the 76ers for eight seasons, and he led the team to the NBA championship in 1983.

Erving retired from the NBA in 1987. He finished his career with 30,026 points, 11,256 rebounds, and 5,605 assists. He was a 11-time NBA All-Star, and he was named the NBA's MVP in 1981.

Since retiring from the NBA, Erving has worked as a broadcaster and an entrepreneur. He is currently a part-owner of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Erving's Legacy

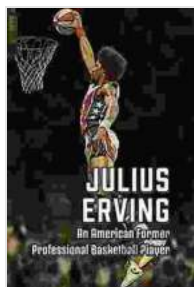
Julius Erving is one of the most iconic basketball players of all time. He was a gifted scorer, rebounder, and passer, and he was known for his spectacular dunks. Erving helped to popularize the ABA, and he was a key

figure in the merger of the ABA and NBA. He is a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and his number 6 jersey has been retired by the Philadelphia 76ers.

Erving's legacy extends beyond the basketball court. He is a role model for young people, and he has been active in many charitable causes. He is a respected businessman, and he is a successful author. Julius Erving is a true American icon.

Julius Erving's Stats

| Season | Team | GP | PPG | RPG | APG | FT% | 3P% | ORB | DRB | TRB | PF | STL | BLK |
|---------|--------------------|----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1971-72 | Virginia Squires | 84 | 27.3 | 15.7 | 4.0 | | | | | | | | |
| 1972-73 | Virginia Squires | 84 | 31.9 | 17.6 | 5.0 | | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | Virginia Squires | 84 | 28.4 | 12.6 | 4.8 | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | New York Nets | 84 | 27.9 | 10.9 | 5.2 | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 | New York Nets | 84 | 29.3 | 13.5 | 5.5 | | | | | | | | |
| 1976-77 | New York Nets | 82 | 29.2 | 12.1 | 5.2 | | | | | | | | |
| 1977-78 | New Jersey Nets | 82 | 26.9 | 10.5 | 5.0 | | | | | | | | |
| 1978-79 | New Jersey Nets | 82 | 25.5 | 10.8 | 4.8 | | | | | | | | |
| 1979-80 | Philadelphia 76ers | 82 | 26.9 | 10.5 | 4.4 | | | | | | | | |
| 1980-81 | Philadelphia 76ers | 82 | 24.6 | 8.9 | 4.4 | | | | | | | | |
| 1981-82 | Philadelphia 76ers | 82 | 23.1 | 7.3 | 3.6 | | | | | | | | |
| 1982-83 | Philadelphia 76ers | 78 | 21.4 | 6.9 | 3.8 | | | | | | | | |
| 1983-84 | Philadelphia 76ers | 75 | 20.0 | 7.5 | 3.6 | | | | | | | | |
| 1984-85 | Philadelphia 76ers | 79 | | | | | | | | | | | |



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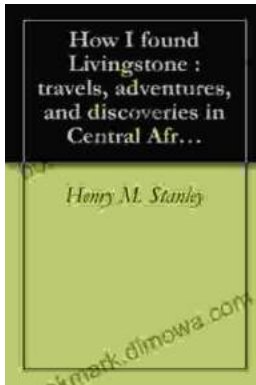
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