

## Topic Page: [Jordan, Michael \(1963 - \)](#)

Definition: **Jordan, Michael Jeffrey** from *Philip's Encyclopedia*

US basketball player. Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to six National Basketball Association titles (1991-93, 1996-98) and was named Most Valuable Player five times (1988, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997). Jordan played in the US teams that won gold medals at the 1984 and 1992 Olympics. In 1993 he switched to baseball, but returned to the Bulls in 1995. Jordan retired in 1999, but made a comeback with the Washington Wizards in 2001.

### Summary Article: **Jordan, Michael (Jeffrey)**

From *The Hutchinson Unabridged Encyclopedia with Atlas and Weather Guide*

US basketball player. Named by the US magazine *Sports Illustrated* as the 'Best Basketball Player of the 20th Century' (1999), he played for the Chicago Bulls from 1984, and led them to National Basketball Association (NBA) championship wins in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, and 1998. During the 1986–87 season he scored 3,000 points, only the second player in NBA history to do so. He retired from professional basketball in October 1993 to pursue a professional baseball career, but returned to the game in March 1995. He announced his retirement in 1999, citing mental exhaustion as the reason why he was leaving the sport, but again returned to the game in October 2001 playing for the Washington Wizards until his final retirement in April 2003.

Jordan led the league in scoring a record ten times. Only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Karl Malone, and Wilt Chamberlain have scored more than Jordan's 32,292 career points in the NBA. In a total of 179 play-off games he scored a record 5,987 points at an average of 33.4. He was selected for the All-Star game 14 times, and won the game's MVP award three times.

### **Career highlights**

regular season scoring: 32,292 points (average 30.1); play-off scoring: 5,987 points (average 33.4);

**NBA Championship** 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998

**NBA All-Star** 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003

**Olympic Games** gold 1984, 1992

### **Awards**

**NBA Most Valuable Player (regular season)** 1988, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998

**NBA Most Valuable Player (finals)** 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998

**NBA Rookie of the Year** 1985

**NBA Defensive Player of the Year** 1988

Born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina, Jordan attended the University of North Carolina where he was a key player for his team when they won the 1982 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship. He also played on the victorious 1984 and 1992 US Olympic basketball teams. 'Air Jordan' sneakers were popular in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

In 1992 he became the world's highest paid sportsperson, earning three times more in advertising endorsements than for playing basketball.

In January 1998 Jordan broke Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's NBA record of scoring 10 points or more in 787 consecutive games, and extended the streak to 842 games. In June 2006, Jordan became part-owner of the Charlotte Bobcats and was named 'Managing Member of Basketball Operations'. In 2010 Jordan became the main owner of the team.

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