

number of games he'd played in a season. Jordan refused to let end his career this way, coming back to play again in the 2002-03 season. This season was a better overall experience for Jordan. He passed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, scoring the most points scored in all-star games as well as being the only player on the Wizards roster to play in all 82 games. He'd also had his jersey retired by a team on which he never even played (Miami Heat). Jordan played his last game on April 16, 2003, at The First Union Center against the Philadelphia 76ers. When it was time for Jordan to make his last trip back to the bench, he received a 3-minute long standing ovation. He waved goodbye to a crowd that wasn't his, but who loved him nonetheless.

Michael Jordan is a candidate for being the greatest basketball player of all time as a result of his drive to be better than everyone else. Not only did he push himself, but all the players he's ever teamed up with say that he would push them to be the best that they could and that each player was at their best when Jordan was on the floor. He also holds the record for the highest career regular-season scoring average as well as the highest career playoff scoring average. The longevity of Jordan's career is impressive on its own, but to have stayed as competitive as he did all the way through it is another story. He had a passion for the game that was evident in his playing and is likely to never be surpassed or even matched by any player.

Lebron R. James Sr. was born on December 30, 1984, in Akron Ohio. His Gloria raised him alone though she was only 16 years old when he was born. James' father was never in the picture, claiming he wasn't ready to be a parent later ending up in jail. Gloria had many boyfriends, none of them staying around for too long.

James had struggled to make friends in school but that was never a priority for him anyhow. His main concern was his football team. As time went on, James had begun to miss school regularly. Word about this had gotten to his PeeWee football coach who then confronted James' mother. She admitted that her child didn't have a stable living environment, Lebron James' coach (Frankie Walker) then proceeded to have him move in with him and his family. James had been given an assignment of daily chores along with the rest of Walker's kids. It seemed as if James' new surroundings had made an immediate impact on his school life. He became a B- average student and even received an award for his attendance at the end of his fifth-grade year.

Frankie Walker not only housed James but he worked with him on his basketball skills. He taught James how to shoot with his left hand and improved his overall knowledge of the fundamentals of the game. At this point, it had been 18 months since Lebron James had moved into Walker's home. Gloria contacted Walker to let him know that she would like to be with her son and requested that he move back home with her. Walker agreed that James should be with his mother and sent him to live with his mother once again. Shortly after doing so, James and his mother fell into some financial trouble and she sent him to live with the Walker family again.

Lebron James' freshman year in high school at St Vincent-St Mary High School was a spectacular one. As a freshman on the varsity team, James led the team with the highest offensive stats, averaging 6 assists and just over 18 points that season. By his sophomore year, James had captured the attention of coaches and players alike when he became the first sophomore to be invited to the USA Basketball Development Festival. Throughout the five games of the event, James had racked up a total of 120 points and was chosen as the camp's MVP.

James' next stop was the ABCD Camp at Fairleigh Dickson University in New Jersey. The player that everybody wanted to see was Lenny Cooke, the 6'8 forward from New York. James put his passing skills on display in the tournament, leading everyone to draw comparisons between James and NBA vet Magic Johnson. Fans couldn't help but notice that James was bored of the competition he faced even seeming to allow his mind to wander while on the bench. Before the conclusion of the camp, the media had rumored that Lebron James would be declaring himself for the NBA draft at the end of his junior year. James was quick to deny this, saying that was not his plan at all. As James' junior year approached its end, he had the attention of every basketball enthusiast in the world.