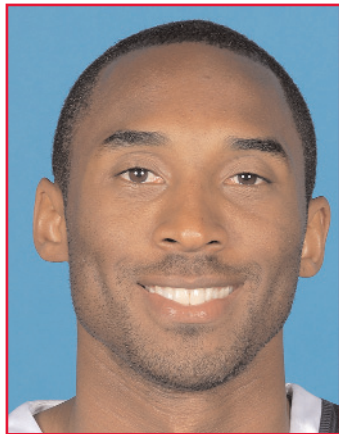


# #10 KOBE BRYANT

Guard \* 6'6" (199 cms) \* 205 lbs. (93 kgs) \* Los Angeles Lakers \* Lower Merion H.S. (PA)

## USA BASKETBALL NOTES



- Member of the 2007 USA FIBA Americas Championship Team that finished 10-0, won gold and qualified the United States men for the 2008 Olympics. The USA Team was comprised of members of USA Basketball Senior National Team program.
- Started in all 10 of the USA's FIBA Americas Championship games. Averaged a team third best 15.3 ppg., 2.0 rpg., 2.9 apg. (fourth highest on team), a

team leading 1.6 spg., averaged a team second (tied) most 19.9 minutes a game, while shooting 54.8 percent (51-93 FGs) from the field overall, 45.9 percent (17-37 3pt FGs) from 3-point, and 87.2 percent (34-39 FTs) from the foul line. Ranked third on the team for made and attempted free throws, ranked fourth for made field goals, made 3-pointers.

- Ranked among all FIBA Americas Championship competitors 15th in scoring, 14th in assists, eighth in steals, 14th in 3-point percentage and third in free throw percentage.
- Scored in double-digits in eight of 10 games. Recorded 27 points in USA's 91-76 win over Argentina in second round.
- In the 2007 State Farm USA Basketball Challenge, helped lead the USA Blue Team to a come-from-behind 105-104 victory and recorded 26 points, and added four rebounds, five assists, five steals in 31 minutes. He drained the game winner on a 14' jumper above the foul line with :06 left in the game.
- Forced out of basketball action for the 2006 USA Senior National Team after having minor surgery on his right knee on July 15, 2006.
- Named on March 5, 2006, to the 2006-2008 USA Basketball Men's Senior National Team.

## NBA HONORS

- Voted the 2007-08 NBA MVP.
- All-NBA first team in 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- All-NBA second team in 2000 and 2001.
- All-NBA third team in 1999 and 2005.
- NBA All-Defensive first team in 2000, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- NBA All-Defensive second team in 2001 and 2002.
- Ten time NBA All-Star Game participant, named a starter in each of the last 10 games, two-time MVP of the NBA All-Star Game.
- Named a starter for the Western Conference at the 2008 NBA All-Star Game after leading the Western Conference in voting

with 2,004,940 votes. Played just 2:52 because of an injured finger.

- Named MVP of the 2007 NBA All-Star Game in his hometown of Philadelphia after compiling 31 points, six assists, six steals and five assists in 28 minutes of action to lead the West over the East 153-132.
- Finished runner-up in the 2007 PlayStation Skills Challenge that was won by USA teammate Dwyane Wade and which also featured LeBron James and Chris Paul.
- Named a member of the 2006 Western Conference All-Star Team and recorded eight points, seven assists a game high eight assists and three steals in just over 26 minutes of play.
- Named to the 1999-2000 NBA All-Interview second team.
- Became the youngest player to start an All-Star Game in 1998.
- Named to the 1996-97 NBA All-Rookie second team.
- Won the Nestle Crunch Slam Dunk during the 1997 NBA All-Star Weekend in Cleveland.
- Participated in the 1997 Schick Rookie Game and posted a rookie game-record 31 points and eight rebounds.
- Has been named the Western Conference Player of the Month nine times, twice in 2008 - February and April.
- Has been named the Western Conference Player of the Week 18 times, twice in 2007-08.

## NBA MILESTONES

- Became the youngest player to reach 18,000 points in NBA history (16th fastest) versus Charlotte (1/26/07).
- Ranks third in NBA history (behind Wilt Chamberlain -118; Michael Jordan - 31) and first in Laker franchise history with 21 career 50-plus point games (through 2006-07).
- Became just the second player in NBA history and the first Lakers player to score 50 or more points in four consecutive games, joining Wilt Chamberlain, who holds the record with seven consecutive games of 50 or more points (December 1961). Recorded 65 points in a win against the Blazers (3/16/07), 50 points against the Timberwolves (3/18/07), 60 points in a victory over the Grizzlies (3/22/07) and 50 points in a win over the Hornets (3/23/07). His streak was snapped on March 25 when he was held to 43 points in a 115-113 win over Golden State.
- Captured the 2005-06 NBA regular season scoring title averaging 35.4 ppg., the eighth highest scoring average of all time, and the seventh most points scored in a season with 2,832 total points.
- Scored 81 points against Toronto on Jan. 22, 2006, the second most all-time in NBA history and recorded six games of 50 or more points in 2005-06.
- In 2003, for the first time in his career, he received the most votes (1,474,386) in NBA All-Star balloting.
- Member of the 2000, 2001 and 2002 Lakers NBA championship teams.

- Holds NBA record for most made 3-point field goals in one game with 12 versus Seattle SuperSonics (1/7/03), shares NBA record for most 3-pointers made in one half with eight (3/28/03).
- Appeared in 131 career NBA Playoff games, started 111 (through 2007 Playoffs) and has averaged 23.3 ppg., 4.9 rpg., 4.5 apg., 1.3 spg., while shooting 43.9 percent from the field and 79.6 percent from the foul line.
- Has appeared and started in nine All-Star Games (through 2007), and has averaged 20.0 ppg., 5.0 rpg., 5.2 apg., 2.9 spg., while shooting 50.0 percent from the floor and 77.8 percent from the charity line.
- Versus Indiana on March 5, 2003, reached 10,000 points for his career, making him the youngest player (24 years, 193 days) in NBA history to reach that plateau.
- Made his NBA debut against the Minnesota Timberwolves on Nov. 3, 1996, at the age of 18 years, 2 months and 11 days old. Lists as the second youngest player in Laker History (behind Andrew Bynum) to appear in a regular season game and is the third youngest player to ever appear in an NBA game (only Bynum and Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal were younger).

## NBA NOTES

- Completed in 2007-08 his 12th NBA season, all with the Lakers.
- Helped lead the Lakers in 2007-08 to a Western Conference best 57-25 regular season record, the Pacific Division title and the 2008 NBA Finals.
- Diagnosed on Feb. 14, 2008, with a complete tear of the radial collateral ligament and a volar plate injury at the MCP joint of the small finger of his right hand.
- Finished 2007-08 NBA regular season averaging 28.3 ppg., also averaged 6.3 rpg., 5.4 apg., 1.8 spg., while shooting 44.9 percent from the floor, 36.1 percent from 3-point, and 84.0 percent from the foul line.
- Finished 2007-08 ranked first in the NBA in points scored (2323); first in field goals attempted (1690); second in points per game; second in field goals made (775); second in free throws made (775); fourth in free throws attempted (742); fifth in steals (151); fifth in efficiency ranking (26.6); ninth in steals per game; 10th in minutes per game (38.9); 13th in 3-point field goals attempted (415); 19th in assists per game; 21st in 3-point field goals made (150); 29th in free throw percentage; 38th in double-doubles (20); and 43rd in rebounds per game.
- Assembled in February 2003 one of the greatest individual scoring streaks in NBA history. Scored 40 or more in nine straight games (41 versus Seattle, 2/23; 40 vs. Portland, 2/21; 40 versus Utah, 2/19; 52 versus Houston, 2/18; 40 versus New York, 2/16; 44 versus San Antonio, 2/14; 51 versus Denver, 2/12; 42 versus Denver, 2/11; and 46 versus New York, 2/6). The all-time record belongs to Wilt Chamberlain, who scored 40-plus in 14-straight games twice during the 1961-62 season. Michael Jordan also scored 40-plus in nine straight in the 1986-87 season.
- Made a record-breaking 12 3-pointers in a single game on Jan. 7, 2003, against the Seattle SuperSonics.
- As a member of the 2002 Laker championship team, averaged 26.6 ppg., 5.8 apg. and 4.6 rpg. in 19 postseason games.
- Selected out of high school by the Charlotte Hornets in the



first round (13th pick overall) of the 1996 NBA Draft.

- His draft rights were traded by the Hornets to the Los Angeles Lakers for Vlade Divac on July 11, 1996.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

- Became the 27th player to jump from high school to the NBA.
- Concluded his high school career as the all-time leading scorer in Southeastern Pennsylvania history with 2,883 points, surpassing the mark established by Wilt Chamberlain (2,359).
- Named the 1996 Naismith High School Player of the Year and Gatorade Circle of Champions High School Player of the Year senior year.
- Selected by *USA Today* and *Parade Magazine* as the 1996 National High School Player of the Year as a senior at Lower Merion High School (Pa.) after averaging 30.8 ppg., 12.0 rpg., 6.5 apg., 4.0 spg. and 3.8 bpg.
- Led Lower Merion H.S. to a 31-3 record and Class AAAA state title as a senior, and compiled a 77-13 record his final three seasons.

## PERSONAL NOTES

- Born August 23, 1978, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- He and wife, Vanessa, have two daughters, Natalia Diamante and Gianna Maria
- His parents named him after a type of steak (Kobe) seen on a restaurant menu prior to his birth.
- Spent eight years as a child in Italy and is fluent in Italian.
- Has two older sisters, Sharia and Shaya.
- His father, Joe "Jelly Bean" Bryant, averaged 8.7 ppg. in 606 career games in the NBA.

*Kobe Bryant's statistics can be found on page 63*

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## USA Basketball Statistics

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>G/S</u>	<u>FGM-FGA</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>3PM-3PA</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>FTM-FTA</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>REB/AVG</u>	<u>PTS/AVG</u>	<u>AST</u>	<u>BLK</u>	<u>STL</u>
2007 OLYQ	10/10	51- 93	.548	17-37	.459	34-39	.872	20/ 2.0	153/ 15.3	2.9	0.4	1.6
2007 SNT	1/ 1	10- 22	.450	4- 9	.444	2- 2	1.000	4/ 4.0	26/ 26.0	5.0	0.0	5.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>61-115</b>	<b>.530</b>	<b>21-46</b>	<b>.457</b>	<b>36-41</b>	<b>.878</b>	<b>24/ 2.2</b>	<b>179/ 16.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>

**2007 OLYQ** - 2007 USA FIBA Americas Championship Team, Las Vegas, Nevada (the USA finished 10-0, won the gold medal and qualified the U.S. men for the 2008 Olympics).

**2007 SNT** - 2007 State Farm USA Basketball Challenge USA Blue Team, Las Vegas, Nevada (the USA Blue Team defeated USA White Team 105-104).

## NBA Statistics

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2007-08	82/ 82	775- 1690	.459	150- 415	.361	623- 742	.840	517/ 6.3	2323/ 28.3	5.4	0.5	1.8
2006-07	77/ 77	813- 1757	.463	137- 398	.344	667- 768	.868	439/ 5.7	2430/ 31.6	5.4	0.5	1.4
2005-06	80/ 80	978- 2173	.450	180- 518	.347	696- 819	.850	425/ 5.3	2832/ 35.4	4.5	0.4	1.8
2004-05	66/ 66	573- 1131	.433	131- 387	.339	542- 664	.816	392/ 5.9	1819/ 27.6	6.0	0.8	1.3
2003-04	65/ 64	516- 1178	.438	71- 217	.327	454- 533	.852	359/ 5.5	1557/ 24.0	5.1	0.4	1.7
2002-03	82/ 82	868- 1924	.451	124- 324	.383	601- 713	.843	564/ 6.9	2461/ 30.0	5.9	0.8	2.2
2001-02	80/ 80	749- 1597	.469	33- 132	.250	488- 589	.829	441/ 5.5	2019/ 25.2	5.5	0.4	1.5
2000-01	68/ 68	701- 1510	.464	61- 200	.305	475- 557	.853	399/ 5.9	1938/ 28.5	5.0	0.6	1.7
1999-00	66/ 62	554- 1183	.468	46- 144	.319	331- 403	.821	416/ 6.3	1485/ 22.5	4.9	0.9	1.6
1998-99	50/ 50	362- 779	.465	27- 101	.267	245- 292	.839	264/ 5.3	996/ 19.9	3.8	1.0	1.4
1997-98	79/ 1	391- 913	.428	75- 220	.341	363- 457	.794	242/ 3.1	1220/ 15.4	2.5	0.5	0.9
1996-97	71/ 6	176- 422	.417	51- 136	.375	136- 166	.819	132/ 1.9	539/ 7.6	1.3	0.3	0.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>866/718</b>	<b>7456-16450</b>	<b>.453</b>	<b>1086-3192</b>	<b>.340</b>	<b>5621-6703</b>	<b>.839</b>	<b>4590/ 5.3</b>	<b>21619/ 25.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>