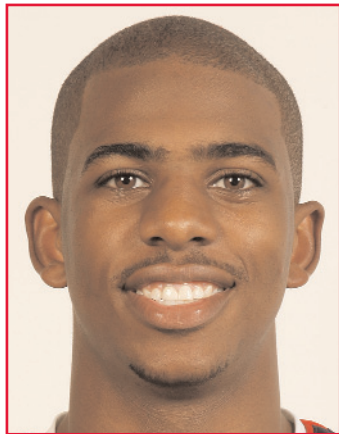


#13 CHRIS PAUL

Guard * 6'0" (183 cms) * 175 lbs. (79 kgs) * New Orleans Hornets * Wake Forest University

USA BASKETBALL NOTES



- Was unable to participate in the 2007 USA Senior National Team training camp after having surgery on his left foot.
- Helped lead USA to an 8-1 record and bronze medal at the 2006 FIBA World Championship in Japan.
- Averaged at the World Championship 7.0 ppg., 3.4 rpg., a team leading 4.9 apg., a team (tied) leading 1.9 spg., in 23.7 mpg.
- Played in nine games and

started six in the 2006 World Championship.

- Set a new U.S. record for assists in the World Championships with 44 assists and a 4.9 apg. average. His 17 steals ranks tied for sixth for steals in a World Championship.
- Finished the 2006 FIBA World Championship ranked first in assists-to-turnovers ratio, third in assists and tied for ninth in steals.
- Named on August 17 a member of the 2006 USA World Championship Team.
- Helped lead the USA Senior National Team to a 5-0 record during its pre-World Championship tour averaging 6.2 ppg. and a team high 4.2 apg.
- Named on March 5, 2006, to the 2006-2008 USA Basketball Men's Senior National Team.
- Named 2005 USA Basketball Co-Male Athlete of the Year.
- Member of the 2004 USA World Championship For Young Men Qualifying Team that went 5-0 and captured the gold medal, qualifying the United States for the 2005 FIBA World Championship For Young Men.
- Started all four games (the contest versus Venezuela was won by forfeit) and averaged a USA fourth best 10.5 ppg. and passed off for a team high 31 assists.
- Ranked first among all tournament participants for assists (7.75 apg.) and 3-point field goal percentage (.636), second for assist-to-turnover ratio (3.44), tied for 13th for steals (1.8 spg.) and ranked 23rd for scoring.
- Scored a high of 19 points and recorded eight assists versus Canada in the semifinal game and passed off for a USA World Championship For Young Men Qualifying Team record 13 assists against Puerto Rico.
- Tallied four points, three rebounds, five assists and a pair of steals as the USA defeated the Canadian Young Men 88-54 in an exhibition contest.
- Selected a member of the 2002 USA Youth Development Festival East Team that finished 3-2 and earned the silver

medal, averaged 9.0 ppg., 5.6 rpg., 3.6 apg. and snatched a Festival third best 14 steals.

NBA HONORS

- Named All-NBA first team in 2008.
- Finished second in voting for the 2007-08 NBA MVP award.
- Named 2008 NBA All-Defensive second team.
- Named a reserve member of the 2008 NBA All-Star Western Conference Team, recorded 16 points, a game best 14 assists and four steals in 27:16 of action.
- Competed in the 2008 PlayStation Skills Challenge.
- Named 2006 NBA Rookie of the Year, receiving 124 of 125 first-place votes, the largest percentage of votes since David Robinson received 100 percent in 1989-90.
- Named by NBA general managers the 2005-06 NBA Rookie of the Year.
- Was the only unanimous NBA All-Rookie first team selection.
- Played for the Sophomore squad at the 2007 Rookie Challenge during the All-Star Weekend and recorded 16 oinks, a game record 17 assists, and nine steals.
- Played on the Rookie Team in the 2006 Rookie Challenge Game and tallied eight points, 11 assists and five steals.
- Competed in the 2006 PlayStation Skills Challenge.
- Named NBA Western Conference Player of the Month for March 2008 and December 2007.
- Named NBA Western Conference Player of the Week for Mar. 17-23, 2008; Dec.24-30, 2007; and Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2005.
- Became the fifth rookie to win the Rookie of the Month award for every month of his rookie season, joining LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Tim Duncan and David Robinson.

NBA MILESTONES

- Became in 2008 the first player in NBA history to have at least 30 points and 10 assists in his first two playoff games.
- Led the NBA in 2007-08 in assists (11.6 apg) and steals (2.7 spg), becoming the first player since John Stockton in 1992 to lead the NBA in both categories the same season.
- Led the NBA in total steals as a rookie to become just the second rookie to accomplish the feat (Brevin Knight is the other).
- Set seven Hornets rookie records including most assists in a game and season, highest free throw percentage, most free throws made and attempted in a game, and most steals in a game and season.

NBA NOTES

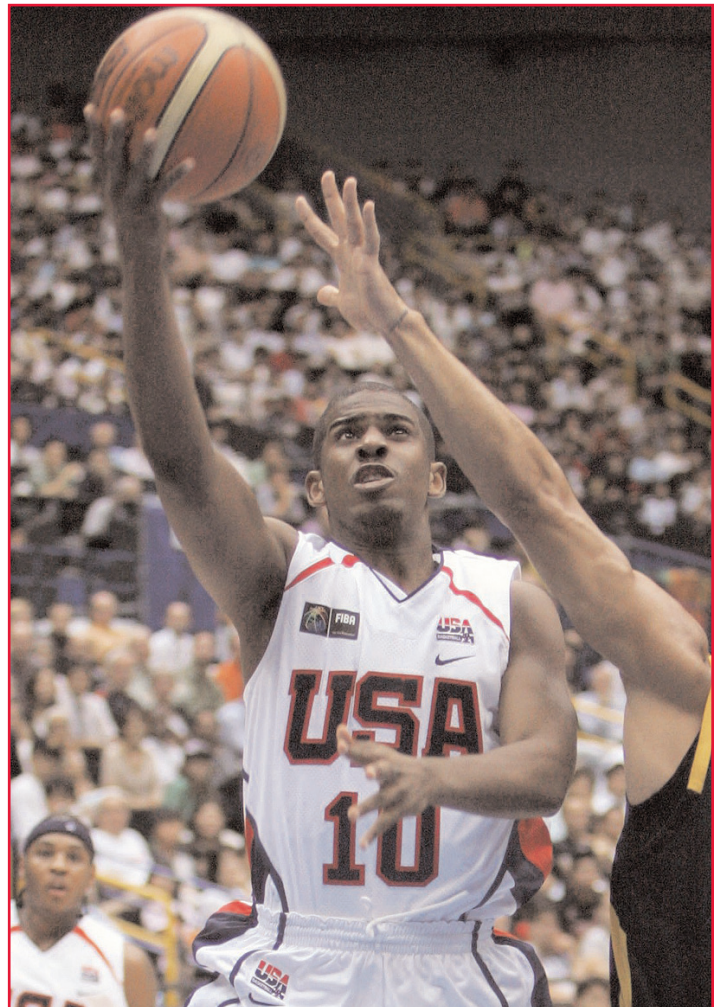
- Completed in 2007-08 his third NBA season and helped lead New Orleans Hornets to a Western Conference tied for second best record of 56-26 (17 more wins than 2006-07), Southwest Division title, and 2008 NBA Playoffs.
- Started in 80 of the 80 games he played in 2007-08 and finished the NBA regular season averaging career highs of

21.1 ppg., 11.6 apg., 2.7 spg., and 4.0 rpg., and shot career best of 48.8 percent from the field, 36.9 percent from 3-point, and 85.1 percent from the foul line.

- Finished 2007-08 ranked first overall in the NBA in assists per game; first in steals per game; first in assists (925); first in steals (217); second in double-doubles (56); third in efficiency ranking (27.89); 12th in field goals made (630); 15th in points (1684); 18th in points per game; 18th in field goals attempted (1291); 20th in free throw percentage; 22nd in minutes per game (37.6); 26th in free throws made (332); 33rd in free throws attempted (390); 38th in field goal percentage;
- Had surgery on his left foot April 21, 2007.
- Among all rookies in 2005-06, ranked first in scoring, assists, steals, minutes played per game, double-doubles (21), efficiency ranking, and was fourth in rebounding, 14th in free throw percentage, and 27th in 3-point percentage.
- Was the only NBA rookie in 2005-06 to record a triple-double, and he recorded two.
- Selected by New Orleans as the fourth overall pick of the 2005 NBA Draft.

COLLEGIATE NOTES

- In two seasons at Wake Forest University, team tallied a 48-16 record for a 75.0 winning percentage and made two NCAA Tournament appearances, advancing to the 2004 Sweet Sixteen.
- Compiled in two seasons 948 points (15.0 ppg.), 245 rebounds (3.9 rpg.), 395 assists (6.3 apg.), 160 steals (2.5 spg.), while shooting 47.2 percent from the field, 47.0 percent from 3-point and 83.8 percent from the foul line.
- Ranks second among Wake Forest's all-time career leaders for 3-point shooting percentage (46.9 percent), seventh in assists, seventh in steals.
- Consensus 2004-05 All-American first team after averaging 15.3 ppg., 4.5 rpg., 6.6 apg., while shooting 45.1 percent from the field, 47.4 percent from 3-point and 83.4 from the foul line.
- Named 2005 All-Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) First Team and All-ACC Defensive Team.
- Named 2004 National Freshman of the Year by The Sporting News, College Insider.com, was Dick Vitale's 2004 Diaper Dandy of the Year and listed on Basketball Times' National All-Freshman First Team.
- Named 2004 ACC Rookie of the Year, ACC All-Rookie Team selection, 2004 ACC All-Defensive Team, 2004 All-ACC Third Team, 2004 ACC All-Tournament Second Team.
- Owns the all-time ACC record for freshman season steals with 84, surpassing Duke's Jason Williams' 81 in 1999-00.
- One of Wake's top freshmen in history, lists No. 1 among all-time Wake freshmen season leaders in steals, assists (183), 3-point field goal percentage (.465) and free throw percentage (.843) and ranks third in both points (460) and scoring average (14.8 ppg.).
- Ranks third among all-time Wake single-season steals leaders, fourth in 3-point field goal percentage and fifth in assists.
- Started all 31 games played as a freshman, helping Wake Forest to the 2004 NCAA Sweet Sixteen and a 21-10 record and averaged a team second best 14.8 ppg. and team highs of 5.9 apg. and 2.7 spg.



- Ranked eighth among 2003-04 NCAA leaders in steals per game and tied for 22nd for assists per game.

PERSONAL NOTES

- Born May 6, 1985 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- Son of Charles and Robin Paul.
- Brother C.J. played basketball at University of South Carolina-Spartanburg.
- As a freshman at Wake Forest, carried with him to every game a copy of his grandfather's obituary. Paul's grandfather was tragically killed during his senior year of high school. On the day of the funeral, Paul went out and scored 61 points -- one for every year of his grandfather's life.
- Attended West Forsyth High School (N.C.) and averaged 30.8 ppg., 8.0 apg., 6.0 spg. and 5.0 rpg. as a senior in leading his team to a 27-3 record and the Class 4A Eastern Regional finals.
- Passed out 10 assists in the 2003 McDonald's High School All-American Game.
- Honored with the 2003 McDonald's High School All-American Game Sportsmanship Award.
- Named a 2003 *Parade Magazine* All-American, 2003 All-USA second team by *USA Today*, named the 2003 North Carolina High School Player of the Year by The Associated Press and 2003 Mr. Basketball by the *Charlotte Observer*.

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USA Basketball Statistics

<u>TEAM</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>
2006 WC	9/ 6	22- 51	.431	5-18	.278	14-18	.778	31/ 3.4	63/ 7.0	4.8	0.1	1.9
2006 SNT	5/ 2	10- 17	.588	4- 9	.444	7-13	.538	10/ 2.0	31/ 6.2	4.3	0.0	1.2
2004 YMQ	4/ 4	16- 37	.432	7-11	.636	3- 5	.600	15/ 3.8	42/ 10.5	7.8	0.2	1.8
2004 YMQX	1/ 1	2- 8	.250	0- 1	.000	0- 0	.000	3/ 3.0	4/ 4.0	5.0	0.0	2.0
2002 YDFE	5/ 2	16- 39	.410	9-23	.391	4- 7	.571	28/ 5.6	45/ 9.0	3.6	0.0	2.8
Totals	24/15	66-152	.434	25-62	.403	28-43	.651	87/ 3.6	185/ 7.7	5.0	0.1	1.9

2006 WC - 2006 USA World Championship Team, Saitama, Japan (the USA finished 8-1 and won the bronze medal).

2006 SNT - 2006 USA Basketball Senior National Team (the USA compiled a 5-0 record).

2004 YMQ - 2004 USA World Championship For Young Men Qualifying Team, Halifax, Canada (the USA finished 5-0 and won the gold medal).

2004 YMQX - 2004 USA World Championship For Young Men Qualifying Team exhibition game, Saint John, Canada (the USA defeated Canada 88-54).

2002 YDFE - 2002 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival East Team, Colorado Springs, Colorado (East Team finished 3-2 and earned the silver medal).

NBA 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>
2007-08	80/80	630-1291	.488	92-249	.369	332-390	.851	321/ 4.0	1684/ 21.1	11.6	0.1	2.7
2006-07	64/64	381- 871	.437	50-143	.350	292- 357	.818	280/ 4.4	1104/ 17.3	8.9	0.0	1.8
2005-06	78/78	407- 947	.430	50-177	.282	394- 465	.847	400/ 5.1	1258/ 16.1	7.8	0.1	2.2
Totals	222/222	1418-3109	.456	192-569	.337	1018-1212	.840	1001/ 4.5	4046/ 18.2	9.5	0.0	2.3

College 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>
2004-05	32/31	143-317	.451	46- 97	.474	156-187	.834	144/ 4.5	488/ 15.3	6.6	0.1	2.4
2003-04	31/31	135-272	.496	40- 86	.465	150-178	.843	101/ 3.3	460/ 14.8	5.9	0.4	2.7
Totals	63/62	278-589	.472	86-183	.470	306-265	.838	245/ 3.9	948/ 15.0	6.3	0.2	2.5