



# Steve Nash

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The standard bearer for one of the league's winningest franchises on the court and philanthropist off the court, Steve Nash was a two-time winner of the NBA's highest individual honor as its MVP in both 2004-05 and 2005-06, and one of only 10 players in league history to win the award in consecutive seasons. Nash was an eight-time NBA All-Star, including a franchise-record tying six berths as a Sun (Walter Davis), and a six-time All-NBA selection, including three First Team nods, all with Phoenix (2005, 2006, 2007). On Oct. 30, 2015, Nash received the organization's highest honor as he became the 14th person inducted into the Suns Ring of Honor.

Originally selected by the Suns with the 15th overall pick of the 1996 NBA Draft, Nash was the face of a franchise that owns the fourth-highest win percentage in NBA history and the third-best record in the league from 2004-05 through 2011-12 during Nash's second tenure in the Valley. An 18-year NBA veteran, including 10 seasons as a Sun overall, Nash led Phoenix to three Western Conference Finals appearances and to two of the three 60-win campaigns in franchise history.

In addition to the formal accolades, Nash's Hall of Fame resume includes a list of virtually unparalleled accomplishments. Among the most prolific passers in NBA history, Nash ranks third all-time in career assists (10,335) and became the all-time leader in Suns' franchise history on Feb. 1, 2012. He is one of only three players in league history to lead the league in assist average in five different seasons (Stockton-9, Kidd-5), and the oldest player to do so overall. Only one other NBA player ever has averaged 11 assists past the age of 33 (Stockton, 1995-96), something Nash did three times. He averaged double-digit assists in a franchise-record seven seasons, all seven of which came at the age of 30 or older, an NBA record.

Widely regarded as one of the NBA's best all-around shooters, Nash shot better than 50 percent from the field, 40 percent from three-point range and 90 percent from the line in the same season four different times (2005-06, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10); Nash and legend Larry Bird are the only players who have even done so twice. Nash is first all-time in career free throw percentage (.9043) and is one of only four players in NBA history to shoot 90 percent or better from the line in seven different seasons (Ray Allen, Reggie Miller, Rick Barry). Twice he led the league in free throw percentage (2005-06, 2009-10), and three times he set a single-season franchise record for accuracy (2005-06, 2008-09, 2009-10).

Among the numerous and wide-ranging awards his professional and personal endeavors have garnered, Nash was named to the Order of Canada in 2007, his home nations' highest civilian honor, for his success on the court and his humanitarian efforts. Nash was also the recipient

of the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award presented annually by the Professional Basketball Writers Association (PBWA). He is a two-time winner of the Lionel Conacher Award as Canada's top male athlete (2002, 2005), was also honored by PBWA in 2012 with the Magic Johnson Award, given to the player who best combines excellence on the court with cooperation with media and fans, and was named one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in 2006. Canada's most popular non-hockey athlete, Nash was named the General Manager of the Canadian Men's National Team in 2012.

His well-known Steve Nash Foundation is dedicated to assisting underserved children in their health, personal development, education and enjoyment of life with efforts focused in British Columbia, Arizona and Paraguay. Nash opened Educare Arizona Early Childhood Education and Health Center in Phoenix in 2011, a facility that provides 200 low-income children with full-day, full-year care and education. The foundation won the 2008 Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy.

One of the NBA's "greenest" players, in 2007 Nash opened the Steve Nash Sports Club in Vancouver, the first sports gym to aspire to meet standards for energy conservation and environmentally friendly practices. His Nike "Trash Talk" shoe is made from the wasted manufacturing scraps of other shoes, packaged in a box made entirely of recycled fiber and went on sale to the public on Earth Day 2009. Nash also partnered with Arizona Public Service (APS), the state's largest and longest-serving electric utility, and appeared in popular television advertisements to promote the company's solar and renewable energy initiatives.

An avid and recognized filmmaker, his "Meathawk" production company is responsible for projects ranging from short YouTube sketches to the acclaimed ESPN 30-for-30 documentary, "Into the Wind," the story of Canadian hero Terry Fox.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa on Feb. 7, 1974, Nash moved to Canada at the age of 18 months. The son of John and Jean Nash, he has twin daughters, Lola and Bella, and one son, Matteo.