

Section:Michael Jordan0

Context: During his rookie season in the NBA, Jordan averaged 28.2 ppg on 51.5 shooting. He quickly became a fan favorite even in opposing arenas, and appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated with the heading "A Star Is Born" just over a month into his professional career. Jordan was also voted in as an All-Star starter by the fans in his rookie season. Controversy arose before the All-Star game when word surfaced that several veteran players—led by Isiah Thomas—were upset by the amount of attention Jordan was receiving. This led to a so-called "freeze-out" on Jordan, where players refused to pass the ball to him throughout the game. The controversy left Jordan relatively unaffected when he returned to regular season play, and he would go on to be voted Rookie of the Year. The Bulls finished the season 38-44 and lost to the Milwaukee Bucks in four games in the first round of the playoffs. Jordan's second season was cut short when he broke his foot in the third game of the year, causing him to miss 64 games. Despite Jordan's injury and a 30-52 record (at the time it was fifth worst record of any team to qualify for the playoffs in NBA history), the Bulls made the playoffs. Jordan recovered in time to participate in the playoffs and performed well upon his return. Against a 1985-86 Boston Celtics team that is often considered one of the greatest in NBA history, Jordan set the still-unbroken record for points in a playoff game with 63 in Game 2. The Celtics, however, managed to sweep the series. Jordan had completely recovered in time for the 1986-87 season, and he had one of the most prolific scoring seasons in NBA history. He joined Wilt Chamberlain as the only two players to score 3,000 points in a season, averaging a league high 37.1 points on 48.2 shooting. In addition, Jordan demonstrated his defensive prowess, as he became the first player in NBA history to record 200 steals and 100 blocked shots in a season. Despite Jordan's success, Magic Johnson won the league's Most Valuable Player Award. The Bulls reached 40 wins, and advanced to the playoffs for the third consecutive year. However, they were again swept by the Celtics. CANNOTANSWER

STUDENT: **What happened in the early years of the NBA?**

TEACHER: ⇨ "" (During his rookie season in the NBA, Jordan averaged 28.2 ppg on 51.5 shooting. He quickly became a fan favorite even in opposing arenas,)

STUDENT: **what team did he play for at this time?**

TEACHER: ⇨ "" (and he would go on to be voted Rookie of the Year. The Bulls)

STUDENT: **How well did the bulls do in the early years?**

TEACHER: ⇨ "" (Despite Jordan's injury and a 30-52 record (at the time it was fifth worst record of any team to qualify for the playoffs in NBA history),)

STUDENT: **what happened next?**

TEACHER: ⇨ "" (the Bulls made the playoffs.)

STUDENT: **How did they do in the playoffs?**

TEACHER: ⇨ "" (The Celtics, however, managed to sweep the series.)

STUDENT: **what was their scoring average during the playoffs?**

TEACHER: ⇨ "" (Jordan set the still-unbroken record for points in a playoff game with 63 in Game 2.)

STUDENT: **Are there any other interesting events that happened in the early years?**

TEACHER: ⇨ Yes, "" (He joined Wilt Chamberlain as the only two players to score 3,000 points in a season, averaging a league high 37.1 points on 48.2 shooting.)