

= Dwyane Wade =

Dwyane Tyrone Wade Jr. (born January 17 , 1982) is an American professional basketball player for the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Association (NBA) . He has established himself as one of the most well @-@ known and popular players in the league . Wade had the top selling jersey in the NBA for nearly two years , leading the league in jersey sales from the 2005 NBA Playoffs , until the midpoint of the 2006 ? 07 season . His first name is pronounced the same as the more common spellings " Dwayne " and " Duane " .

After entering the league as the fifth pick in the 2003 NBA draft , Wade was named to the All @-@ Rookie team and the All @-@ Star team the following eleven seasons . In his third season , Wade led the Miami Heat to their first NBA championship in franchise history . He was named the 2006 NBA Finals MVP as the Heat won the series 4 ? 2 over the Dallas Mavericks . At the 2008 Summer Olympics , Wade led the United States men 's basketball team , commonly known as the " Redeem Team " , in scoring , and helped them capture gold medal honors in Beijing , China . In the 2008 ? 09 season , Wade led the league in scoring and earned his first NBA scoring title .

After LeBron James and Chris Bosh joined the Heat , Wade was part of Miami 's second championship win in the 2012 NBA Finals , when Miami defeated the Oklahoma City Thunder . He won his third NBA championship in 2013 , when the Heat defeated the San Antonio Spurs in the 2013 NBA Finals . In 2014 , the Heat reached the Finals for the fourth consecutive year , but lost in five games to the San Antonio Spurs .

= = Early life = =

Dwyane Wade was born on the South Side of Chicago , Illinois , to JoLinda and Dwyane Wade Sr , whose name 's unusual spelling was decided by his own mother . In 1977 , JoLinda , at the age of 18 , already had two children . Wade has described his upbringing in Chicago as being very difficult . Wade stated that " [his] mom was on drugs and [his] family was in the gang environment , so it was a rough childhood . " At a very young age , Wade already witnessed police raids and found dead bodies several times in a nearby garbage can . When he was only 4 months old , his parents separated - and would later divorce . Jolinda was given custody of the two children , and she moved to her mother 's house with them . The family struggled financially , and it was around that time when Jolinda started dealing drugs . His mom was addicted to several substances including cigarettes , alcohol , heroin , and cocaine . JoLinda would get high with friends at her home , even in the presence of her children . In an interview with ESPN , Wade said " I 've seen the needles laying around the house . I 've seen my mother shoot up before . I 've seen a lot of things my mother didn 't even know I 'd seen as a kid . " At the age of 6 , he recalls police - with guns drawn - raiding his home as they searched for his mother . When Wade turned 8 years old , his older sister , Tragil , tricked him - by telling him they were going to the movies - into living with his father , a former Army sergeant , and stepmother in a nearby neighborhood . Wade would still occasionally visit his mom . A year later , his father moved the family to Robbins , Illinois . After moving to Robbins , Wade didn 't see his mother for two years . During this time , JoLinda was able to access a free supply of drugs by volunteering to be a tester - i.e. , someone who tests street drugs for impurities before the dealers try to sell them . JoLinda was hospitalized and nearly died after she mistakenly injected herself with LSD . In 1994 , JoLinda was arrested for possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell and locked up in Cook County Jail . Wade , at the age of 10 , reunited with his mom by talking with her at Cook County Jail through a glass panel over a telephone . JoLinda served 23 months in prison for her crimes , but while serving her second sentence in 1997 , she failed to report to prison while on work release .

Wade turned to sports , especially basketball and football , to avoid the temptations of participating in drug and gang @-@ related activities . Wade 's mom and dad would often take him to the park to play basketball . He cites one of his older sisters , Tragil , as the individual most responsible for his childhood upbringing and for steering him in the proper direction . As a child growing up in the Chicago area , Wade idolized Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan , and has said he patterns his

game after him .

Wade attended Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn . Wade quickly found success as a wide receiver on the football team , but he needed to work extremely hard to earn playing time on the varsity basketball team during his junior year . While he did not acquire much playing time during his second year , his stepbrother , Demetris McDaniel , was the star of the team . Wade grew four inches in the summer before his junior year and saw an increase in playing time , averaging 20 @. @ 7 points and 7 @. @ 6 rebounds per game . The following year , Wade averaged 27 @. @ 0 points and 11 @. @ 0 rebounds per game while leading his team to a 24 ? 5 record . It advanced to the title game of the Class AA Eisenhower Sectional . During this season he set school records for points (676) and steals (106) in a season . Wade has stated that his high school coach , Jack Fitzgerald , was one of the most positive influences in his life during this time . Wade was recruited by only three college basketball teams (Marquette University , Illinois State , and DePaul University) due to academic problems .

During most of Wade 's time at Marquette , his mother was either eluding the law or serving time in jail for selling crack cocaine . On October 14 , 2001 , JoLinda declared that she would change her life and get clean while attending a service at a Chicago church . Wade , then a sophomore at Marquette , went home for Christmas to be with his mom , whom he believed was clean and sober for the first time in his life . However , JoLinda admitted to him that she was actually going back to prison . Wade told ESPN , " I was hurt because I felt like I was just getting my mom back , and now she had to leave again . " On January 2 , 2002 , his mother went back to prison to serve her 14 @- @ month sentence . She says she has been clean since 2003 .

= = College career = =

Wade chose to play college basketball for Tom Crean at Marquette University in Milwaukee , Wisconsin . During Wade 's freshman year at Marquette , he was ineligible to play with the men 's team as he had fallen short of academic standards set by the NCAA 's Proposition 48 . Wade sought tutoring to improve his writing skills in order to regain eligibility .

= = = 2001 ? 02 season = = =

Wade earned eligibility to play for the 2001 ? 2002 season , and he led the Golden Eagles in scoring with 17 @. @ 8 ppg , led the conference in steals at 2 @. @ 47 per game , and averaged of 6 @. @ 6 rebounds and 3 @. @ 4 assists per game . Marquette finished with a 26 ? 7 record , the school 's best record since the 1993 ? 94 season .

= = = 2002 ? 03 season = = =

In 2002 ? 03 , Wade led Marquette in scoring again with 21 @. @ 5 ppg , and Marquette won the school 's first and only Conference USA championship with a 27 ? 6 record . That season Wade led the Golden Eagles to the Final Four , the school 's first appearance in the Final Four since winning the 1977 national championship . After the season , he was named to the All @- @ America First Team by the Associated Press ; Wade is the first Marquette basketball player since 1978 to do so .

Wade 's performance during the Midwest Regional Final of the 2003 NCAA Tournament was highly publicized by the national press . Against heavily favored , top @- @ ranked and top @- @ seeded Kentucky Wildcats , Wade recorded a triple @- @ double with 29 points , 11 rebounds , and 11 assists . His triple double was the fourth in NCAA Tournament history . Wade 's exceptional play helped lead Marquette over the Wildcats 83 ? 69 and into the Final Four ; Wade was named MVP of the Midwest Regional . Marquette finished the season ranked No.6 in the AP poll , the school 's highest ranking since the 1976 ? 77 season . Wade 's strong tournament play resulted in increased visibility in the national media and , consequently , a high draft projection . As a result , he elected to forgo his senior year at Marquette and enter the 2003 NBA draft . On February 3 , 2007 , almost four years after Wade played in his final collegiate game , Marquette retired his jersey at halftime of a

game against Providence . Although Marquette requires student @-@ athletes to graduate prior to receiving jersey retirement honors , the University made a special exception for Wade based on his accomplishments since leaving Marquette .

On March 5 , 2003 , JoLinda Wade was released from prison . Three days later she saw Dwyane play basketball for the first time in five years . She watched Marquette beat Cincinnati , 70 @-@ 61 , at the Bradley Center to win the Conference USA regular @-@ season championship . Dwyane had 26 points , 10 rebounds , and five assists .

= = NBA career = =

= = = Miami Heat (2003 ? 2016) = = =

= = = = Rookie year (2003 ? 04) = = = =

Selected 5th overall in the 2003 NBA draft by the Miami Heat , Wade quickly emerged as a productive player on a youthful Miami Heat team and averaged 16 @.@ 2 points on 46 @.@ 5 % shooting with averages of 4 @.@ 0 rebounds and 4 @.@ 5 assists per game . Wade is one of only four Marquette University players to be drafted in the first round ; his is the highest draft selection in school history . After a 5 ? 15 start , the Heat would gradually improve and finish 42 ? 40 to qualify for the NBA playoffs . He further distinguished himself with outstanding performances in the playoffs , particularly against the Indiana Pacers in the Eastern Conference Semi @-@ finals . In the end , however , Wade 's successful rookie season was somewhat overshadowed by the success of fellow rookies Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James . Wade did earn unanimous selection to the 2004 NBA All @-@ Rookie Team , and also finished third in rookie of the year voting (behind James and Anthony) . He was ranked in the top five among rookies in several major statistical categories , including second in field goal percentage , second in steals , third in scoring , fourth in assists , and fourth in minutes played . In the playoffs Wade hit a game winning shot in Game 1 of the Heat 's first round series against the New Orleans Hornets . The Heat won the series 4 ? 3 and advanced to the second round to face the top @-@ seeded and best record team in the NBA , the Indiana Pacers , in a very entertaining series that almost pushed the 61 @-@ win Pacers to the edge , though Miami would eventually lose the series in six games . He became the fourth rookie since the shot clock era began to lead his team in scoring and assist average in the postseason .

= = = = Breakthrough year (2004 ? 05) = = = =

Before the 2004 ? 05 season , Shaquille O 'Neal was traded from the Los Angeles Lakers to the Heat . The following season , Miami improved by 17 games , from a 42 ? 40 record in the 2003 ? 04 season to an Eastern Conference @-@ best 59 ? 23 record in the 2004 ? 05 season . The league 's coaches selected Wade to be a reserve in the 2005 All @-@ Star Game . He scored 14 points in 24 minutes of play .

In the first round of the 2005 NBA Playoffs , Wade averaged 26 @.@ 3 points , 8 @.@ 8 assists , and 6 @.@ 0 rebounds while maintaining a 50 % field @-@ goal percentage as the Heat swept the New Jersey Nets . Wade continued his high level of play in the second round by averaging 31 points , 7 rebounds , and 8 assists per game as the Heat swept the Washington Wizards . The Heat 's playoff run was stopped by the Detroit Pistons , the previous season 's champions , in 7 games in the Eastern Conference Finals . Wade scored 42 and 36 points in Games 2 and 3 respectively despite playing with sinusitis , the flu , and a knee strain . He also suffered a strained rib muscle in Game 5 of the Conference Finals that prevented him from playing in the series ' sixth game and limited him in the seventh . The Heat lost the series in the seventh game despite leading three games to two after the fifth game and holding a lead with three minutes remaining in Game 7 .

===== NBA champion and Finals MVP (2005 ? 06) =====

By the 2005 ? 06 season Wade had developed into one of the most prominent players in the NBA and was elected to his second All @-@ Star Game , this time a starter . In the 2006 All @-@ Star Game , Wade made the game winning put @-@ back off of the Philadelphia 76ers ' Allen Iverson 's missed shot , to lead the East to a 122 ? 120 victory over the West . He scored 20 points on 9 / 11 field goals in 30 minutes of play . He finished the 2005 ? 06 regular season averaging 27 @.@ 2 points , 6 @.@ 7 assists , 5 @.@ 7 rebounds , and 1 @.@ 95 steals per game .

Against the Chicago Bulls in the first round of the 2006 NBA Playoffs , Wade shook off a few injuries that scared Heat fans , including a severely bruised hip in Game 5 . Returning late in the half , Wade resurrected his team by scoring 15 of his 28 points while suffering from intense pain , leading the Heat to the much @-@ needed 3 ? 2 series lead . After this , Wade successfully led his team to the 2006 NBA Finals , despite suffering from flu @-@ like symptoms in game 6 of the Eastern Conference Finals against the Detroit Pistons . He put up a double @-@ double with 14 points and 10 assists in that game , including an 8 @-@ point flurry to close out the third quarter that put the game out of reach .

In his first trip to the NBA Finals , in which Miami faced off against the Dallas Mavericks , Wade had some especially memorable moments . His performance in games three , four , and five , in which he scored 42 , 36 , and 43 points , respectively , helped bring the Heat back from a 0 ? 2 deficit to lead the series 3 @-@ 2 . In Game 3 Wade tied his career playoff high with 42 points and grabbed a career high 13 rebounds . Fifteen of his 42 points came in the fourth quarter , in which the Heat erased a 13 @-@ point deficit over the final 6 : 29 with a 22 ? 7 run which included a go @-@ ahead jumper by NBA veteran Gary Payton that sealed the win . The Heat went on to win Game 6 behind Wade 's 36 points , taking the series 4 ? 2 , and Wade was presented with the Finals MVP trophy . He became the fifth youngest player in NBA history to capture NBA Finals MVP honors and recorded the third highest scoring average by a player in his first NBA Finals with 34 @.@ 7 points per game . His 33 @.@ 8 PER in the NBA finals was ranked by ESPN 's John Hollinger as the greatest Finals performance since the NBA @-@ ABA merger .

===== Injuries and missing playoffs (2006 ? 08) =====

In the 2006 ? 07 season , Wade missed a total of 31 games due to injury . He was elected to his third straight All @-@ Star Game and received All @-@ NBA honors . He became the first guard to earn All @-@ NBA honors after missing at least 31 games in a season since Pete Maravich of the Utah Jazz earned Second Team honors during the 1977 ? 78 season . Despite Wade 's play , the Heat struggled early in the season with injuries and were 20 ? 25 on February 1 , 2007 . But with Shaquille O 'Neal healthy and Pat Riley returning to the bench after undergoing hip and knee surgeries respectively , the Heat seemed poised to surge into the second half of the season . However , during a game against the Houston Rockets on February 21 , 2007 , while attempting to steal the ball from Shane Battier , Wade dislocated his left shoulder and was assisted off the court in a wheelchair . After the injury he was left with the decision to either rehabilitate the shoulder or undergo season @-@ ending surgery . Wade later announced that he would put off the surgery and rehabilitate his shoulder with the intention of rejoining the team in time for the playoffs . After missing 23 games to recover from the injury , Wade returned to the active roster in a game against the Charlotte Bobcats . Sporting a black sleeve to help protect his dislocated left shoulder , Wade played 27 minutes and recorded 12 points and 8 assists , in a 111 ? 103 overtime loss . For the season , Wade averaged 27 @.@ 4 points , 7 @.@ 5 assists , 4 @.@ 7 rebounds , and 2 @.@ 1 steals per game shooting 50 % from the field , and finished the season as the NBA 's leader in PER (Player efficiency rating) .

In the playoffs , Wade averaged 23 @.@ 5 points , 6 @.@ 3 assists , and 4 @.@ 8 rebounds per game , as the Heat were swept in the first round by the Chicago Bulls . Following the playoffs , Wade underwent a pair of successful surgeries to repair his dislocated left shoulder and left knee . The knee ailment , commonly called " jumper 's knee " , prevented Wade from joining USA

Basketball in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament over the summer .

After missing the Tournament of Americas Olympic Qualifiers over the summer , Miami 's eight pre @-@ season games and first seven regular season games to recover from off @-@ season left knee and left shoulder surgeries , Wade made his first appearance of the 2007 ? 08 season on November 14 , 2007 . Battling pain in his left knee throughout the season , Wade was elected to his fourth consecutive All @-@ Star Game appearance . However , with the Heat holding the worst record in the NBA and Wade still experiencing problems in his left knee , Heat coach Pat Riley announced Wade would miss the final 21 games of the season to undergo OssaTron treatment on his left knee . Wade averaged 24 @.@ 6 points , 6 @.@ 9 assists , 4 @.@ 2 rebounds , and 1 @.@ 7 steals per game for the season .

= = = = Scoring champion and playoff defeats (2008 ? 10) = = = =

After undergoing months of rehabilitation on his left knee and helping the U.S. Olympic team win a gold medal at the 2008 Olympics , in which he led the team in scoring , Wade returned to the starting lineup at the start of the 2008 ? 09 season . Early in the season , Wade became the second player in NBA history to tally at least 40 points , 10 assists and five blocked shots in a game since Alvan Adams did so in the 1976 ? 77 season . With a healthy Wade leading the league in scoring and the Heat making a push for a playoff position , Wade was elected to his fifth consecutive All @-@ Star game appearance .

Following the All @-@ Star game , Wade recorded 50 points on 56 @.@ 6 % shooting and added 5 rebounds and 5 assists in a blow @-@ out loss against the Orlando Magic . Wade became the fourth player in NBA history to score at least 50 points while his team lost by at least 20 in a game . The following game , Wade recorded a career @-@ high 16 assists and added 31 points and 7 rebounds in a 103 ? 91 win against the Detroit Pistons . Wade became the second player to record 15 or more assists after scoring at least 50 points since Wilt Chamberlain did so in 1968 . Two games later , Wade tied a franchise record with 24 points in the fourth quarter , as he led the Heat back from a 15 @-@ point deficit in the final nine minutes of the quarter to secure a 120 ? 115 win over the New York Knicks . For the game , Wade recorded 46 points on 55 % field goal shooting , 10 assists , 8 rebounds , 4 steals and 3 blocks . Wade followed the performance with a second @-@ consecutive 40 @-@ point game against the Cleveland Cavaliers . Playing against his Eastern Conference rival and good friend , LeBron James , Wade registered 41 points on 53 % shooting , 9 assists , 7 steals , 7 rebounds and one block as the Heat lost 107 ? 100 . The following game , in former teammate Shaquille O 'Neal 's return to Miami since being traded , Wade tied a career @-@ high with 16 assists and added 35 points on 62 % shooting , 6 rebounds , a steal and a block , as the Heat defeated the Phoenix Suns 135 ? 129 . Wade became the only player in Heat history to have multiple games with at least 30 points and 15 assists . Less than a week later , Wade tied his franchise record with his 78th consecutive game of scoring in double figures in a double overtime thriller against the Chicago Bulls , in which he scored the game @-@ winning three @-@ point basket to secure a 130 ? 127 win . Wade finished with 48 points on 71 @.@ 4 % shooting , 12 assists , 6 rebounds , 4 steals and 3 blocks in 50 minutes . According to the Elias Sports Bureau , Wade joined Wilt Chamberlain as the only other player in NBA history to score that many points and have that many assists in a game , while having as high of a field goal percentage . Two games later , Wade surpassed Alonzo Mourning and became the Heat 's all @-@ time leading scorer in a triple overtime classic against the Utah Jazz . Wade finished with 50 points , 10 rebounds , 9 assists , 4 steals , and 2 blocks in a 140 ? 129 win .

During the season , Wade became the first player in NBA history to accumulate at least 2 @,@ 000 points , 500 assists , 100 steals , and 100 blocks in a season and is the first player of 6 ft . 5 in. or shorter to register at least 100 blocks in a season . Wade also became just the fifth player in NBA history to reach 2 @,@ 000 points , 500 assists , and 150 steals in a season . After a 97 ? 92 win against the Charlotte Bobcats , Wade helped the Heat clinch a playoff berth and become only the second team in NBA History to reach the postseason after winning 15 or fewer games the year before . In a 122 ? 105 win against the New York Knicks , Wade recorded a career high 55 points on

63 % field goal shooting and added 9 rebounds and 4 assists . Wade recorded 50 points through three quarters and was pulled out of the game while he was one point shy of eclipsing the franchise record of 56 points set by Glen Rice . For the season , Wade averaged a league high 30 @. @ 2 points per game , earning his first NBA Scoring Title , and added 7 @. @ 5 assists , 5 @. @ 0 rebounds , 2 @. @ 2 steals , and 1 @. @ 3 blocks per game . Wade finished the season with higher point , assist , steal and block averages than LeBron James and Kobe Bryant , who both finished ahead of Wade in the MVP race .

On November 1 , in just his third game of the 2009 ? 10 season Wade recorded his 10,000th career point in a 95 ? 87 win against the Chicago Bulls . On November 12 against the Cleveland Cavaliers , Wade made a spectacular dunk over Anderson Varejão , considered by many to be one of the greatest of the season until then . LeBron James himself described the dunk as " great , probably top 10 all @-@ time " . Two days later against the New Jersey Nets , with the Heat down by two in the final seconds , Wade hit a clutch three @-@ point shot , giving the Heat the win by one point , 81 ? 80 . On January 6 , Wade scored a season @-@ high 44 points in an overtime loss against the Boston Celtics , the most points scored by a player in a losing effort in the season until that point . On January 21 , Wade was selected to play for the East in the 2010 NBA All @-@ Star Game , which was his sixth overall All @-@ Star appearance . Wade was named the game 's MVP after recording 28 points , 11 assists , 5 steals and 6 rebounds .

In just his second game back from the All @-@ Star Game on February 17 , Wade strained his calf in the first quarter . He left the game with 8 points in 8 minutes of play , ending his personal and also Heat 's franchise record streak of 148 consecutive games with at least 10 points . On April 2 , Wade was named Eastern Conference Player of the Month and Player of the Week twice for his play in the month of March , leading the Heat to a 12 ? 3 , the team 's best record since March 2006 . It was his first Player of the Month award of the season and 5th of his career . He averaged 26 @. @ 9 and 7 @. @ 5 assists per game , which both ranked third in the Eastern Conference , and 2 @. @ 3 steals per game , which ranked first . Wade recorded six 30 points games and had six double @-@ doubles in the month , including a season @-@ high 14 assists in an overtime win against the Los Angeles Lakers on March 4 .

For the season , Wade averaged 26 @. @ 6 points on 47 @. @ 6 % field goal shooting , 6 @. @ 5 assists , 4 @. @ 8 rebounds , 1 @. @ 8 steals and 1 @. @ 1 blocks per game , while leading his team to a 47 ? 35 record , clinching the fifth seed in the NBA Playoffs . In the first round , with the Heat facing a sweep against the Boston Celtics , Wade recorded a career playoff @-@ high and also franchise record 46 points , outscoring the entire Celtics team in the 4th quarter with 19 points versus 15 by Boston . It was also Wade 's sixth career playoff game with at least 40 points scored . Despite averaging 33 @. @ 2 points on 56 @. @ 4 % shooting , 6 @. @ 8 assists , 5 @. @ 6 rebounds , 1 @. @ 6 steals and 1 @. @ 6 blocks , Wade and the Heat would lose to Boston in five games .

= = = = The Big 3 era and back @-@ to @-@ back championships (2010 ? 14) = = = =

During the off @-@ season , Miami @-@ Dade County commissioners voted unanimously to rename the county " Miami @-@ Wade County " for one week from July 1 ? 7 , 2010 in Wade 's honor and to try and convince Wade to stay in Miami and sign with the Heat . On July 7 , it was announced that Wade would be re @-@ signing with the Miami Heat , along with former Toronto Raptor Chris Bosh . The following day , LeBron James announced he would be joining the Heat to play with Wade and Bosh , causing a stir in the media and among fans . The deals were officially announced on July 10 ; Bosh and James arrived via sign @-@ and @-@ trade deals . The Heat finished with a 58 @-@ 24 record in the first year of the Big 3 Era and earned the second seed in the Eastern Conference . For the season , Wade averaged 25 @. @ 5 points , 6 @. @ 4 rebounds , 4 @. @ 6 assists , and 1 @. @ 5 steals per game , shooting 50 % from the field . After defeating the Philadelphia 76ers , Boston Celtics , and Chicago Bulls , the Heat reached the Finals , but lost to the Dallas Mavericks in six games . Wade averaged 26 @. @ 5 points , 7 rebounds and 5 @. @ 2 assists per game for the NBA Finals and 24 @. @ 5 points , 7 @. @ 1 rebounds and 4 @. @ 4 for the

entire playoffs . Prior to the beginning of the 2011 ? 12 NBA season , Bosh in 2012 opined Wade should take the last second shot instead of Bosh or James to win or lose a game based off Wade 's past success .

On February 26 , 2012 at the All @-@ Star Game Wade recorded what was only the third triple @-@ double in the history of the contest , posting 24 points , 10 rebounds and 10 assists , joining Michael Jordan and LeBron James as the only players ever to record the prestigious stat (at the 1997 and 2011 games respectively) . On March 10 , 2012 Wade made the game @-@ winning shot against the Indiana Pacers to give the Heat a 93 ? 91 overtime win . Wade finished the season averaging 22 @.@ 1 points , 4 @.@ 8 assists , 4 @.@ 6 rebounds , and 1 @.@ 7 steals per game . In the playoffs , the Heat defeated the New York Knicks in 5 games in the first round , then defeated the Indiana Pacers in 6 games in the second round . Wade heated up in Game 6 of the second round , recording 41 points and 10 rebounds . The Celtics took the Heat to seven games in the Eastern Conference Finals , but the Heat prevailed and advanced to the NBA Finals . They lost to the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 1 of the finals , but won the next four games , and Wade secured his second NBA title . Wade averaged 22 @.@ 6 points per game in the series . The Heat became the first team in NBA history to win a championship after trailing in three different playoff series .

Before the start of the 2012 ? 13 NBA season , Wade underwent surgery due to a left knee injury . He missed the 2012 Summer Olympics . While Wade missed the Heat 's first pre @-@ season game against the Atlanta Hawks , he returned in time for the Heat 's second pre @-@ season game against the Los Angeles Clippers , which was held at the MasterCard Center in Beijing , China . Miami won the game 94 ? 80 . On December 26 , 2012 , during an away game against the Charlotte Bobcats , Wade kicked guard Ramon Sessions in the groin . The following day , Wade was suspended by the NBA for one game . Wade finished the 2012 @-@ 2013 season with averages of 21 @.@ 2 points , 5 rebounds and 5 @.@ 1 assists per game .

In the playoffs , injuries limited Wade to a career low scoring average of 15 @.@ 9 points per game , but he upped his average to 19 @.@ 6 points a game during the NBA Finals against the San Antonio Spurs . After the teams split the first two games in Miami , the Spurs blew out the Heat in game 3 to take a 2 @-@ 1 series lead . In game 4 , Wade scored 32 points on 56 percent shooting to go with 6 steals as the Heat defeated the Spurs 109 @-@ 93 . The Spurs would bounce back in game 5 despite Wade 's 25 points and 10 assists . Wade scored 14 points in Miami 's overtime win in game 6 , followed by 23 points and 10 rebounds in game 7 as the Heat clinched their second straight championship and Wade 's third title .

In the 2013 ? 14 season , Wade played in 54 games due to injury and the team 's decision to rest him during back @-@ to @-@ back games . Wade averaged 19 points per game and posted a career high 54 percent field goal percentage , and had notable games in victories against elite teams such as a 32 @-@ point outing against the Pacers on November 7 and 29 points against the Los Angeles Clippers on December 18 . In the playoffs , the team increased Wade 's minutes per game , noted by a 28 @-@ point performance in the closing game of Miami 's second round victory over the Brooklyn Nets and a 23 @-@ point outing in a crucial game 2 road victory against Indiana in the Eastern Finals . The Heat would go on to win the series in six games , advancing to their fourth straight NBA Finals . Wade averaged 19 @.@ 1 points a game during the playoffs on 52 percent shooting , his best percentage in a playoff run since 2010 . The Heat would once again face the San Antonio Spurs in the 2014 NBA Finals . However , they would lose in five games .

== == Post Big 3 era (2014 ? 2016) == ==

On June 28 , 2014 , Wade and teammates James and Bosh all opted @-@ out of their contracts in order to cut costs with the intention of all re @-@ signing . James announced on his website on July 11 that he was returning to Cleveland after four successful seasons with Wade in Miami . Four days later , Wade re @-@ signed with the Heat and was later joined by a returning Bosh , Udonis Haslem , Chris Andersen and Mario Chalmers as well as former rivals Danny Granger and Luol Deng .

After playing in the Heat 's first eight games of the 2014 ? 15 season , Wade missed seven

consecutive games due to a hamstring injury . He returned to action on November 30 against the New York Knicks to score a then season @-@ high 27 points in an 88 @-@ 79 win . On December 17 , despite Wade 's season @-@ high 42 points , the Heat were defeated 105 @-@ 87 by the Utah Jazz . He was named an All @-@ Star for the 11th time , however on February 11 , he pulled out of the game due to another hamstring injury and was replaced by Kyle Korver . The Heat finished the season with a 37 @-@ 45 win / loss record , as Wade missed the post @-@ season for just the second time in his career .

On June 29 , 2015 , Wade opted out of his contract with the Heat to become a free agent . On July 10 , 2015 , he re @-@ signed with the Heat once again to a one @-@ year , \$ 20 million contract . Wade hit just seven shots from beyond the arc during the entire 2015 ? 16 regular season . However , the 2016 postseason saw a change in Wade 's play . He converted on his first seven three @-@ point shot attempts before missing his first one during a Game 3 loss to the Toronto Raptors in the conference semi @-@ finals . According to Elias Sports Bureau , Wade had never made more than five three @-@ pointers in a row during his career .

= = = Chicago Bulls (2016 ? present) = = =

On July 6 , 2016 , Wade announced , in a letter to Miami , that he had agreed to join the Chicago Bulls on a two @-@ year deal worth \$ 47 @.@ 5 million . Wade said he felt unwanted and under appreciated by Heat president Pat Riley , and noted that his relationship with Riley was in tatters by the end of negotiations . On July 15 , he officially signed with the Bulls .

= = United States national team = =

Wade was a member of the 2004 US Olympics team with fellow NBA All @-@ Stars LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony . The team competed in the 2006 FIBA World Championship in Japan , in which Wade averaged 19 @.@ 3 points per game . The team won a bronze medal , which disappointed many USA fans who had hoped for a return to the days of the original " Dream Team " . Wade was named to the USA Men 's Basketball National Team from 2006 to 2008 . He was named co @-@ captain of the 2006 team , along with James and Anthony . In 2007 , due to injury , Wade was unable to compete at the Tournament of Americas Olympic Qualifiers , where the United States compiled a 10 ? 0 record and qualified for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing , China .

At the 2008 Olympics , the United States went unbeaten and earned gold medal honors , defeating the 2006 World Champion Spain in the final game . Wade led the team in scoring throughout the tournament and tallied a game high 27 points in 27 minutes on 75 % field goal shooting and added 4 steals , 2 assists and 2 rebounds in the game . For the tournament , he averaged a team high 16 points in 18 minutes on 67 % field goal shooting , 4 rebounds , 2 assists and 2 @.@ 3 steals , as the United States lived up to their Redeem Team moniker and captured gold medal honors for the first time since 2000 .

On June 28 , 2012 , it was reported that Wade would miss the 2012 Olympics in London because of knee surgery .

= = Player profile = =

Standing at 6 feet 4 inches tall (1 @.@ 93 m) and weighing 220 pounds (100 kg) , Wade is a shooting guard that is also capable of playing point guard as he did during his rookie season and in subsequent seasons with smaller lineups . On offense , he has established himself as one of the quickest and most difficult players to guard , as well as one of the best slashers in the NBA . Wade 's signature one @-@ two step allows him to dash past bigger defenders and occasionally get the extra foul shot . Wade is able to get to the free throw line consistently ; he ranked first in free @-@ throw attempts per 48 minutes in 2004 ? 05 and again in the 2006 ? 07 season . He has proven himself an unselfish player , averaging 6 @.@ 1 assists per game throughout his career . After winning the NBA Finals MVP Award in 2006 , Wade developed a reputation as one of the premier

clutch players in the NBA . He has gained a reputation for being capable of hitting game winning baskets and potential game winning free throws .

David Thorpe , an athletic trainer who runs a training center for NBA players in the offseason , also cites Wade 's developing post up game as one of his strengths . " Watching Wade operate on the left block is literally like watching old footage of MJ (Michael Jordan) " , comments Thorpe . Thorpe goes on to say that Wade 's best moves from the post are his turnaround jump shot , double pivot , and what Thorpe terms as a " freeze fake " , a pump fake Wade uses to get his opponent to jump , so that he can then drive around him to the basket . The main weakness cited in Wade 's ability is his lack of three @-@ point range ; he has averaged .289 on three @-@ point field goal attempts for his career .

Wade is best known for his ability to convert difficult lay @-@ ups , even after hard mid @-@ air collisions with larger defenders . As crowd pleasing as his high @-@ flying style of basketball may be , some have expressed concerns over the dangers of playing in this manner , as Wade has already hurt his knees and wrists after mid @-@ air collisions with larger players . Wade has also established himself on defense for his ability to block shots and accumulate steals . He became the NBA 's all @-@ time leader in blocks for players listed 6 ' 4 " (193 cm) and under , which he achieved in only 679 games , over 400 games less than the previous record holder : Dennis Johnson (1100) .

During the big three era , Wade has seen his overall offensive production decrease , a result of sharing the offense with LeBron James and Chris Bosh , but has succeeded at overall shooting a greater percentage despite taking less shots and playing more off the ball .

= = NBA career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =

= = Awards and honors = =

3 × NBA champion : 2006 , 2012 , 2013

NBA Finals MVP : 2006

NBA scoring champion : 2009

NBA All @-@ Star Game MVP : 2010

12 × NBA All @-@ Star : 2005 , 2006 , 2007 , 2008 , 2009 , 2010 , 2011 , 2012 , 2013 , 2014 , 2015 , 2016

8 × All @-@ NBA :

First Team : 2009 , 2010

Second Team : 2005 , 2006 , 2011

Third Team : 2007 , 2012 , 2013

3 × All @-@ Defense :

Second Team : 2005 , 2009 , 2010

NBA All @-@ Rookie First Team : 2004

NBA All @-@ Star Skills Challenge champion : 2006 , 2007

Gold medal with Team USA : 2008 Summer Olympic Games

Bronze medal with Team USA : 2004 Summer Olympic Games

Bronze medal with Team USA : 2006 FIBA World Championship

Miami Heat all @-@ time leading scorer

Miami Heat all @-@ time assists leader

2005 Best Breakthrough Athlete ESPY Award

2006 Best NBA Player ESPY Award

2006 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year

2006 Sporting News Sportsman of the Year

Wade won the 2012 @-@ 13 season @-@ long NBA Community Assist Award

= = Personal life = =

Wade married his high school girlfriend Siohvaughn Funches in 2002 . He filed for a divorce in 2007 , which was granted in 2010 after a lengthy and acrimonious court battle . In 2011 , Wade was granted sole custody of his two sons with Funches , Zaire Blessing Dwyane Wade (born February 4 , 2002) and Zion Malachi Airamis Wade (born May 29 , 2007) . Wade also raises a nephew , Dahveon (born 2002) , who is the son of Wade 's sister Deanna . Wade began dating actress Gabrielle Union in 2009 . According to Wade , he and Union briefly split up at some point early in 2013 due to career demands . During that time , Wade and longtime friend Aja Metoyer conceived a son , Xavier Zechariah Wade (born November 10 , 2013) . Wade and Union became engaged in December 2013 , and married on August 30 , 2014 in Miami .

Wade 's nicknames include D @-@ Wade and Flash , which was given to him by former teammate Shaquille O 'Neal who would sing , " He 's the greatest in the Universe " , in reference to the Queen song of the same name from the 1980 film Flash Gordon . The Heat 's 2005 NBA Playoff run and Wade 's performances with Shaquille O 'Neal hampered by injury , led to an explosion of media attention and rapid increase in Wade 's popularity . During those playoffs , Wade 's jersey became the top selling jersey in the league and remained so for nearly two years . After the Heat 's success and Wade 's memorable performances during the 2006 NBA Playoffs , Wade was further elevated into the public 's eye and appeared on several talk shows , including Late Show with David Letterman and Live with Regis and Kelly . He also made a guest star appearance on Disney Channel 's Austin & Ally as himself , who is an obsessed fan of Austin Moon .

Wade has been featured in a number of magazine articles and publications . In 2005 , he was featured on People 's 50 Most Beautiful People , and in 2006 he was named the NBA 's best dressed player by GQ Magazine . In 2007 , Esquire named him to their 4th annual Best Dressed Men in the World list for the second straight year . Wade has endorsement deals with companies such as Gatorade , Lincoln , Staples , Sean John , T @-@ Mobile (his TV commercials feature him paired with NBA legend Charles Barkley) , and Topps . He had his own line of shoes with Converse named " The Wade " and a series of Sidekick phones known as the D @-@ Wade Edition with T @-@ Mobile . During the 2009 ? 10 season , Wade switched from Converse to Nike 's Jordan Brand . Wade noted that the partnership ended on good terms , stating , " When I came into the NBA , I didn 't have a lot of exposure and Converse gave me an opportunity to head a brand and be the face of a brand . I 'm really thankful for six long , good years . I 've gotten five shoes out of the deal and my dream came true at the Converse brand , because they put my name on a pair of sneakers . " Wade was hand @-@ chosen by Michael Jordan and debuted the Air Jordan 2010 during the 2010 NBA All @-@ Star break . During the 2011 NBA Playoffs , Wade debuted his first signature shoe for the Jordan Brand , joining fellow players Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul , who have their own signature shoes for the brand . After his Jordan Brand contract expired in 2012 , Wade signed with the Chinese athletic brand Li @-@ Ning .

= = = Philanthropy = = =

Wade is well known for his philanthropic involvement in various organizations . In 2003 , he founded The Wade 's World Foundation , which provides support to community @-@ based organizations that promote education , health , and social skills for children in at @-@ risk situations . He hosts a variety of community outreach programs in Chicago and South Florida . In 2008 , he announced his partnership with former teammate Alonzo Mourning 's charitable foundation and co @-@ hosted ZO 's Summer Groove , an annual summer event . On December 24 , 2008 , Wade purchased a new home for a South Florida woman whose nephew accidentally burned down the family home . In

addition , Wade donated some furnishings , clothing , and gifts to the family for the holiday .

After breaking his own Miami Heat single @-@ season scoring record , Wade gave the jersey he wore in that night 's victory to 8 @-@ year @-@ old Michael Stolzenberg , an avid Heat fan that had his hands and feet removed surgically due to a bacterial infection . Wade stated that he knew Stolzenberg previously and wished to add to his collection of Heat memorabilia . Wade has been known for visiting other sick children , usually in private to avoid placing himself in the media spotlight .

In September 2009 , Wade donated money from his foundation to keep the Robbins , Illinois public library from having to shut down . He handed the library director Priscilla Coatney a \$ 25 @,@ 000 check in order to resurrect the building , which brought Coatney to tears . He called the donation a " small contribution " , and reminisced about the difficult experiences he faced as a child , stating that he sometimes did not know how he would find his next meal . In January 2010 , Wade and Alonzo Mourning co @-@ founded The Athletes Relief Fund for Haiti " , which raised money to help the victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake . In the three days since the fund began soliciting donations from athletes , Wade announced that the " Athletes Relief Fund for Haiti " had already raised over \$ 800 @,@ 000 . Wade stated , " I expected nothing less from my friends and colleagues in the sports community , our commitment to this cause knows no bounds , and we will continue to accept any and all donations throughout the days ahead . " Wade is also an avid supporter of St. Jude Children 's Research Hospital and has served as an Ambassador for their Hoops for St. Jude basketball initiative .

= = = Religion = = =

Wade is a devout Christian and chose the number 3 because it represents the Holy Trinity . He tithes 10 % of his salary to a church in Chicago . His mother , Jolinda , strengthened her ties with Christianity in 2001 after years of drug abuse and dealing . She served as a minister during her final prison sentence in 2002 and 2003 . She was ordained as a Baptist minister in January 2007 , and formed the non @-@ denominational Temple of Praise Binding and Loosing Ministry in Chicago . In May 2008 , Wade purchased a church building for his mother 's ministry .