

= Shareef Abdur @-@ Rahim =

Shareef Abdur @-@ Rahim (born December 11 , 1976) is an American retired professional basketball player . He was also the director of player personnel for the Sacramento Kings of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the general manager of the Reno Bighorns , the Kings ' minor @-@ league affiliate . He last played in the NBA for the Kings . On the basketball court , he played both forward or center positions . Abdur @-@ Rahim was a standout player during his high school days . He left University of California , Berkeley after one year to enter the 1996 NBA Draft .

In his early NBA career , Abdur @-@ Rahim was the star of the Vancouver Grizzlies franchise for five seasons . He was traded by the Grizzlies in 2001 and then played for the Atlanta Hawks and Portland Trail Blazers before joining his last team , the Sacramento Kings . Nicknamed " Reef " , Abdur @-@ Rahim was named an NBA All @-@ Star in the 2001 ? 02 season . He also played on the United States men 's national basketball team that won the gold medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics . Prior to joining the Kings , despite the fact that he achieved solid statistics throughout his career , Abdur @-@ Rahim shared the NBA record for most number of games played without making a playoff appearance . Following persistent injuries to his right knee , Abdur @-@ Rahim announced his retirement from basketball on September 22 , 2008 .

= = Early life = =

Shareef Abdur @-@ Rahim is the second eldest sibling in a family of twelve children born to Aminah and William Abdur @-@ Rahim . Abdur @-@ Rahim , whose first name means " noble " and whose last name means " Servant of the Most Merciful One " , is a devout Muslim . He values his parents for their guiding influence on him since his youth and credits them with his life philosophy : " remember how you came on all your accomplishments and stay humble . " From an early age , Abdur @-@ Rahim was surrounded by family members who played basketball ; his brother , Muhammad , played at the University of Detroit while his younger brother , Amir , played at Southeastern Louisiana University . Abdur @-@ Rahim himself started playing competitive basketball at Joseph Wheeler High School in Marietta , Georgia . At Wheeler , he was named " Mr. Basketball " in back @-@ to @-@ back seasons , and he led the school to a state title as a junior in 1994 .

Abdur @-@ Rahim later attended college at the University of California , Berkeley , where he maintained a GPA of 3 @.@ 5 . At California , he averaged 21 @.@ 1 points per game (ppg) and 8 @.@ 4 rebounds per game (rpg) in 28 games . He was the first freshman in Pac @-@ 10 history to win Conference Player of the Year honors , and was named Third Team All @-@ America by the Associated Press . Also named the Pac @-@ 10 Freshman of the Year , Abdur @-@ Rahim set single @-@ season freshman records for points , scoring average , field goals , and free throws . After a year at California however , he decided to leave college to enter the 1996 NBA Draft .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Vancouver Grizzlies = = =

Abdur @-@ Rahim was selected third overall by the Vancouver Grizzlies in the 1996 Draft , behind Allen Iverson and Marcus Camby . He made an immediate impact playing for the Grizzlies , becoming the team 's leading scorer while setting a franchise record of 18 @.@ 7 ppg . He also averaged 6 @.@ 9 rebounds and 2 @.@ 2 assists in 35 minutes per game . He finished third in balloting for the Schick NBA Rookie of the Year behind Philadelphia 's Allen Iverson and Minnesota 's Stephon Marbury , and he was picked for the All @-@ Rookie First Team . By the end of the 1996 ? 97 season , Abdur @-@ Rahim led the team in scoring on 33 occasions , rebounding on 23 occasions .

For the next few seasons , Abdur @-@ Rahim remained the centerpiece of the Grizzlies team . In

his sophomore season , he averaged 22 @. @ 3 ppg , 7 @. @ 1 rpg and 2 @. @ 6 assists per game (apg) . The following season , he elevated his performance with 23 @. @ 0 ppg , 7 @. @ 5 rpg , and 3 @. @ 4 apg . Despite his best efforts , the Grizzlies remained grounded at the bottom two spots of the Midwest Division in his first four seasons . For the 2000 ? 01 season , Abdur @-@ Rahim finished with a 20 ppg @-@ plus average for the fourth straight season and was ranked in the top 20 in 13 NBA statistical categories , once again leading the Grizzlies in both ppg and rpg . Abdur @-@ Rahim 's importance to the team was highlighted in a game against the Indiana Pacers on December 1 , 2000 , when he earned all of the 20 points scored by the Grizzlies in the final quarter of the game .

= = = Atlanta Hawks = = =

On June 27 , 2001 , the Atlanta Hawks reached an agreement to acquire Abdur @-@ Rahim and the 27th overall pick in the 2001 NBA Draft from the Vancouver Grizzlies in exchange for Brevin Knight , Lorenzen Wright and Pau Gasol , the third overall pick in the 2001 NBA Draft . Abdur @-@ Rahim 's return to his hometown , and expected partnership with sophomore Jason Terry , provided a significant amount of buzz around the league . While the Hawks finished the 2001 ? 02 campaign with a 33 ? 49 win @-@ loss record , Abdur @-@ Rahim 's performances , including a career @-@ high 50 @-@ point game , ensured that he would be selected to the NBA All @-@ Star game for that season .

In his second season with the Hawks , Abdur @-@ Rahim achieved another personal milestone on December 28 , 2002 , when his jump shot against the Washington Wizards made him the sixth @-@ youngest player in NBA history to reach 10 @, @ 000 @-@ points . Although Glenn Robinson , Jason Terry and Abdur @-@ Rahim combined to average 57 @. @ 9 ppg and become the highest @-@ scoring trio in the league for the 2002 ? 03 season , the Hawks failed to make the playoffs again . With an average of 19 @. @ 9 ppg and 8 @. @ 4 rpg , Abdur @-@ Rahim played in all but one of the Hawks ' games . By the end of the season , Hawks General Manager Billy Knight decided major changes had to be made for the franchise to move forward , and Abdur @-@ Rahim was traded the next season .

= = = Portland Trail Blazers = = =

Abdur @-@ Rahim was sent , along with Theo Ratliff and Dan Dickau , to the Portland Trail Blazers on February 9 , 2004 in exchange for Rasheed Wallace and Wesley Person . His impact in the two seasons with the Trail Blazers was considerably less than in previous seasons . His average was 16.3ppg / 7.5rpg and 16 @. @ 8 / 7.3rpg for the 2003 ? 04 and 2004 ? 05 campaigns respectively . At the end of the 2004 ? 05 season , Abdur @-@ Rahim became a free agent .

During the 2005 off @-@ season , he was traded via a sign and trade agreement (in principle) to the New Jersey Nets for a first @-@ round draft pick (which Portland planned to trade to the Phoenix Suns for Leandro Barbosa) . On August 4 , 2005 , though the news conference was planned to announce the postponement of his arrival , it was revealed that he failed a required physical due to scar tissue found in his knee . The trade was put on hold , pending a second opinion from other medical sources . On August 7 , Abdur @-@ Rahim was quoted saying : " I don 't feel I want to be a Net " . He felt the knee was a non @-@ issue , claiming that he never missed a game in his entire career because of the knee injury . Two days later , it was announced that New Jersey decided to rescind the trade .

= = = Sacramento Kings = = =

On August 12 , 2005 , Abdur @-@ Rahim signed a free @-@ agent contract with the Sacramento Kings . In his first season with them , Abdur @-@ Rahim started in 30 of the 72 games he played . As a starter , he averaged 16 @. @ 0 ppg , 6 @. @ 2 rpg and 3 @. @ 0 apg . He shot .543 for field goal percentage , and almost .800 from the free throw line . The Kings went on to qualify for the

2006 playoffs . Abdur @-@ Rahim made his postseason career debut against the San Antonio Spurs . At the same time , he ended a streak of having played the most number of games in NBA history without participating in the post @-@ season . In his second season with the Kings , Abdur @-@ Rahim continued to be deployed as a sixth man ; however , the Kings failed to secure a playoff berth as Abdur @-@ Rahim recorded 9 @.@ 9 ppg . The 2007 ? 08 season proved to be Abdur @-@ Rahim 's last , as he played only six games and his persistent knee injury forced him to announce his retirement on September 22 , 2008 . He joined the Sacramento Kings ' coaching staff as an assistant the following week . On October 7 , 2010 Abdur @-@ Rahim was hired to be the assistant general manager for the Sacramento Kings . He later became the team 's director of player personnel , a position he held in 2014 after new ownership had taken over in 2013 . Abdur @-@ Rahim left the team in September 2014 . League sources would later report his departure occurred after the 2014 NBA Draft , where Abdur @-@ Rahim had arguments with coach Mike Malone and general manager Pete D 'Alessandro .

= = National team career = =

Prior to joining the NBA , Abdur @-@ Rahim was the USA 's leading scorer and rebounder at the 1994 COPABA Junior World Championship Qualifying Tournament held in Argentina . He averaged a double @-@ double of 16 @.@ 8 points and 10 @.@ 1 rebounds . While trying for a team high in blocked shots averaging 1 @.@ 6 blocks per game , he helped push the American squad to an 8 ? 0 record , the gold medal , and a qualifying berth in the 1995 FIBA Junior World Championship . The following May he was named to USA Basketball 's 1995 Junior Select Team that captured an 86 ? 77 victory over an International Select Team in the inaugural Hoop Summit Game .

While playing for the Grizzlies , together with several NBA stars such as Kevin Garnett and Tim Hardaway , Abdur @-@ Rahim was selected to be part of the USA Men 's basketball team which won the gold medal at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney , Australia as a replacement for the injured Grant Hill .

= = NBA career statistics = =

= = = Regular season = = =

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= = Coaching career = =

= = = Sacramento Kings = = =

On October 2 , 2008 , Abdur @-@ Rahim was named as the assistant coach for the Sacramento Kings .

= = Executive career = =

= = = Sacramento Kings = = =

On October 7 , 2010 , the Kings announced Abdur @-@ Rahim as their assistant general manager .

== Reno Bighorns ==

On August 29 , 2013 , Abdur @-@ Rahim was named as the new general manager of the Reno Bighorns for the 2013 ? 14 season .

== NBA ==

Abdur @-@ Rahim is currently the associate vice president of basketball operations of the NBA .

== Personal life ==

Abdur @-@ Rahim and his wife Delicia have two children : a son , Jabri , and a daughter , Samiyah . Abdur @-@ Rahim has started his own foundation , the Future Foundation , which provides after school and other support services for youth at @-@ risk in Atlanta . On television , Abdur @-@ Rahim has appeared on an episode of The Jamie Foxx Show with fellow NBA players Gary Payton and Vin Baker . After retiring , Abdur @-@ Rahim returned to U.C. Berkeley , graduating with a degree in sociology in 2012 with a 3 @. @ 8 GPA .

Abdur @-@ Rahim is currently an MBA candidate at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business .