

= Kevin Durant =

Kevin Wayne Durant (born September 29 , 1988) is an American professional basketball player for the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association (NBA) . Durant has won an NBA Most Valuable Player Award , four NBA scoring titles , the NBA Rookie of the Year Award , and an Olympic gold medal . He has also been selected to six All @-@ NBA teams and seven All @-@ Star teams .

Durant was a heavily recruited high school prospect . He played one season of college basketball for the University of Texas , where he won numerous year @-@ end awards and became the first ever freshman to be named Naismith College Player of the Year . In the 2007 NBA draft , he was selected with the second overall pick by the Seattle SuperSonics . After his rookie season , the team relocated to Oklahoma City and became the Thunder . Durant helped lead Oklahoma City to the 2012 NBA Finals , losing to the Miami Heat in five games . He played nine seasons for the Thunder organization before joining the Warriors in 2016 .

= = Early life = =

Durant was born on September 29 , 1988 in Washington , D.C. to Wanda (née Durant) and Wayne Pratt . When Durant was an infant , his father deserted the family ; Wanda and Wayne eventually divorced , and Durant ' s grandmother Barbara Davis helped raise him . By age 13 , his father re @-@ entered his life and traveled the country with him to basketball tournaments . Durant has one sister , Brianna , and two brothers , Tony and Rayvonne . Growing up , Durant wanted to play for his favorite team , the Toronto Raptors , which included his favorite player , Vince Carter . He played Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball for several teams in the Maryland area and was teammates with future National Basketball Association (NBA) players Michael Beasley , Greivis Vasquez , and Ty Lawson , the former of whom Durant remains friends with to this day . During this time , he began wearing # 35 as his jersey number in honor of his AAU coach , Charles Craig , who was murdered at the age of 35 .

After playing two years of high school basketball at National Christian Academy and one year at Oak Hill Academy , Durant transferred to Montrose Christian School for his senior year , growing five inches before the start of the season and beginning the year with a height of six feet , seven inches . Prior to the start of the season , he committed to the University of Texas . At the conclusion of the year , he was named the Washington Post All @-@ Met Basketball Player of the Year , as well as the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 McDonald 's All @-@ American Game . He was widely regarded as the second @-@ best high school prospect of 2006 .

= = College career = =

For the 2006 ? 07 college season , Durant averaged 25 @.@ 8 points , 11 @.@ 1 rebounds , and 1 @.@ 3 assists per game and led all freshmen in scoring . The Longhorns finished the year with a 25 ? 10 record overall and a 12 ? 4 record in conference . Awarded a fourth seed in the NCAA Tournament , Texas won their first round match @-@ up against New Mexico State but were upset in the second round by USC despite a 30 point and 9 rebound performance from Durant . Durant earned a number of season @-@ end awards and honors , including being named the Naismith College Player of the Year , becoming the first ever freshman to win the award . On April 11 , he officially declared for the 2007 NBA draft . His jersey was later retired by the Longhorns .

= = College career statistics = = =

Cited from ESPN .

= = Professional career = =

== Seattle SuperSonics (2007 ? 2008) ==

Durant was selected with the second overall pick in the 2007 NBA draft by the Seattle SuperSonics . In his first career game , he registered 18 points , 5 rebounds , and 3 steals against the Denver Nuggets . On November 16 , he made the first game @-@ winning shot of his career in a game against the Atlanta Hawks . At the conclusion of the season , he was named the NBA Rookie of the Year behind averages of 20 @.@ 3 points , 4 @.@ 4 rebounds , and 2 @.@ 4 assists per game . He joined Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James as the only teenagers in league history to average at least 20 points per game over an entire season .

== Oklahoma City Thunder (2008 ? 2016) ==

=== Breakthrough (2008 ? 10) ===

Following Durant 's debut season , the SuperSonics relocated from Seattle to Oklahoma City , becoming the Thunder and switching to new colors blue , orange , and yellow . The team also drafted UCLA guard Russell Westbrook , who would form an All @-@ Star combination with Durant in later years . At the 2009 NBA All @-@ Star Weekend , Durant set a Rookie Challenge record with 46 points . By the conclusion of the year , he had raised his scoring average by five points from the prior season to 25 @.@ 3 points per game , and was considered a strong candidate for the Most Improved Player Award , eventually finishing third in the voting .

During the 2009 ? 10 season , Durant was selected to his first NBA All @-@ Star Game . Behind his play , the Thunder improved their record by 27 wins from the previous year and defied expectations to make the playoffs . With a scoring average of 30 @.@ 1 points per game , he became the youngest @-@ ever NBA scoring champion and was selected to his first All @-@ NBA team . In his playoff debut , he scored 24 points in a Game 1 loss against the Los Angeles Lakers . Oklahoma City would go on to lose the series in six games , but the team 's performance led sports analysts to label them as an upcoming title contender .

=== Deep playoff runs (2010 ? 13) ===

Prior to the start of the 2010 ? 11 season , Durant announced via Twitter that he had signed a five @-@ year contract extension with the Thunder worth approximately \$ 86 million . For the second consecutive year , he led the NBA in scoring , averaging 27 @.@ 7 points a game . Behind his leadership , the Thunder won 55 games and earned the fourth seed in the Western Conference . In the playoffs , Oklahoma City defeated the Denver Nuggets and Memphis Grizzlies en route to a Conference Finals match @-@ up versus the Dallas Mavericks , losing in five games .

On February 19 of the lockout @-@ shortened 2011 ? 12 season , Durant recorded his first career 50 point game , scoring 51 points against the Denver Nuggets . At the All @-@ Star Game , he scored 36 points and was awarded his first NBA All @-@ Star Game Most Valuable Player Award . He finished the year with a scoring average of 28 points per game , representing his third straight scoring title . Behind his play , the Thunder won 47 games and entered the playoffs as the Western Conference 's second seed . In Game 1 of the first round against the Mavericks , Durant hit a game @-@ winner with 1 @.@ 5 seconds remaining . Oklahoma City would go on to defeat Dallas , the Lakers , and the San Antonio Spurs before losing to the Miami Heat in the Finals . For the series , Durant led all players with 30 @.@ 6 points per game , doing so on a 54 @.@ 8 shooting rate .

With a scoring average of 28 @.@ 1 points per game to finish the 2012 ? 13 season , Durant failed to defend his scoring title ; however , with a 51 percent shooting rate , a 41 @.@ 6 percent three point shooting rate , and a 90 @.@ 5 free throw shooting rate , he became the youngest player in NBA history to join the 50 ? 40 ? 90 club . Finishing the year with a 60 ? 22 record , Oklahoma City earned the first seed in the Western Conference . In the first round of the playoffs against the

Houston Rockets , Russell Westbrook tore his meniscus , forcing him to miss the remainder of the postseason . Without Westbrook , Durant was given more responsibility , averaging a career @-@ high 30 @.@ 8 points per game throughout the playoffs , but Oklahoma City were eventually eliminated in the second round by the Memphis Grizzlies .

=== MVP season (2013 ? 14) ===

In January of the 2013 ? 14 season , Durant averaged 35 @.@ 9 points per game while scoring 30 or more points in 12 straight games , including a career @-@ high 54 points against the Golden State Warriors . The Thunder finished the season with 59 wins and Durant was voted the NBA Most Valuable Player behind averages of 32 points , 7 @.@ 4 rebounds , and 5 @.@ 5 assists per game . In the first round of the playoffs , he had a series of inconsistent performances against the Grizzlies and the Thunder fell behind 3 ? 2 , prompting The Oklahoman to dub him " Mr. Unreliable " . He responded by scoring 36 points in a Game 6 victory . Oklahoma City eventually eliminated Memphis and the Los Angeles Clippers before losing to the eventual champion Spurs in the Conference Finals .

=== Injury @-@ riddled season (2014 ? 15) ===

Prior to the start of the 2014 ? 15 season , Durant was diagnosed with a Jones fracture in his right foot and was ruled out for six to eight weeks . He subsequently missed the first 17 games of the year , making his season debut for the Thunder on December 2 against the New Orleans Pelicans . On December 18 , he injured his ankle against the Golden State Warriors , returning to action on December 31 against the Phoenix Suns to score a season @-@ high 44 points . He then sprained his left big toe in late January . On February 22 , he was sidelined again after undergoing a minor procedure to help reduce pain and discomfort in his surgically repaired right foot , and on March 27 , he was officially ruled out for the rest of the season after deciding to undergo foot surgery . In just 27 games , he averaged 25 @.@ 4 points , 6 @.@ 6 rebounds and 4 @.@ 1 assists per game .

=== Final season with Oklahoma City (2015 ? 16) ===

On October 30 , 2015 , in a double @-@ overtime win over the Orlando Magic , Durant and Russell Westbrook became the first pair of teammates to each score at least 40 points in a single game since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen accomplished the feat in 1996 . Durant had 43 and Westbrook had 48 as the Thunder defeated the Magic 139 ? 136 . Durant missed six games between November 13 and November 22 with a hamstring injury , returning to action November 23 to score 27 points against the Utah Jazz . On December 10 , he recorded his seventh career triple @-@ double with 25 points , 12 rebounds and 10 assists in a 107 ? 94 win over the Atlanta Hawks . On December 27 , Durant recorded 26 points and 10 assists in a 122 ? 112 win over the Denver Nuggets . In that game , Durant and Westbrook became the first teammates to each have at least 25 points and 10 assists in a regulation game since Utah 's John Stockton (31 points , 11 assists) and Karl Malone (27 points , 10 assists) on February 2 , 1996 . On January 4 , he was named NBA Western Conference co @-@ Player of the Month for December alongside Westbrook . On January 26 , he scored a season @-@ high 44 points in a 128 ? 122 overtime win over the New York Knicks . On February 2 , he was named NBA Western Conference Player of the Month for January . On March 22 , in a win over the Houston Rockets , Durant tied a career high by scoring at least 20 points for the 56th consecutive game . He passed that mark two days later with 20 points against the Utah Jazz . On April 9 , he scored 31 points against the Sacramento Kings , recording a mark of at least 20 points in 63 straight games , tying Kobe Bryant (2005 ? 07) for the longest such streak . Two days later , he scored 34 points against the Los Angeles Lakers , setting the record at 64 straight games with at least 20 points .

The Thunder finished the regular season as the third seed in the Western Conference with a 55 ? 27 record . In the first round of the playoffs , the Thunder faced the sixth @-@ seeded Dallas

Mavericks , and in a Game 2 loss on April 18 , Durant scored 21 points but made just 7 @-@ of @-@ 33 shots in the worst postseason shooting performance , both by percentage and number of misses , of his career . Durant 's 26 misses were the most in his 716 @-@ game career , including the regular @-@ season and the playoffs . After defeating the Mavericks 4 ? 1 , the Thunder moved on to face the San Antonio Spurs in the second round . In Game 4 of the series , Durant tied his playoff career high with 41 points to help the Thunder even the series at 2 ? 2 . The Thunder defeated the Spurs 4 ? 2 and advanced to the Western Conference Finals where they faced the Golden State Warriors . Despite going up 3 ? 1 in the conference finals , the Thunder were defeated 4 ? 3 by the Warriors to be eliminated from the playoffs .

= = = Golden State Warriors (2016 ? present) = = =

On July 4 , 2016 , Durant announced his intentions to sign with the Golden State Warriors . The move was received negatively by the public and NBA analysts , with many comparing the move to LeBron James ' 2010 off @-@ season departure from the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Miami Heat . On July 7 , he was officially introduced by the Warriors organization and signed a two @-@ year , \$ 54 @. @ 3 million contract , with a player option after the first year .

= = National team career = =

In February 2007 , Durant received an invitation to the United States national team training camp . Despite a strong performance , he was cut from Team USA when the roster was trimmed to its twelve @-@ player limit . Coach Mike Krzyzewski cited the experience of the remaining players as the deciding factor in making the cut . Durant was finally selected to the national team at the 2010 FIBA World Championship and became their leader as other All @-@ Stars were unavailable , a role he downplayed . At the tournament , he led Team USA to its first FIBA World Championship since 1994 , earning MVP honors in the process . His final averages for the competition were 22 @. @ 8 points , 6 @. @ 1 rebounds , 3 @. @ 1 assists , and 1 @. @ 4 steals per game over nine games .

At the 2012 Olympics , Durant set the record for total points scored in an Olympic basketball tournament . With averages of 19 @. @ 5 points , 5 @. @ 8 rebounds , 2 @. @ 6 assists , and 1 @. @ 6 steals per game , he helped the national team go undefeated en route to a gold medal . In the tournament 's final game , he led all scorers with 30 points .

= = Player profile = =

Standing 6 feet 9 inches tall (2 @. @ 06 m) and weighing 240 pounds (109 kg) , Durant plays mostly at the small forward position . His career averages are 27 @. @ 4 points , 7 rebounds , and 3 @. @ 7 assists per game . He has earned All @-@ NBA honors six times (2009 ? 14 , 2016) and was voted Rookie of the Year in his debut season . He has won an MVP Award and finished second in the voting three times , a trend he has expressed frustration over .

Described as a " scoring prodigy " by John Hollinger , Durant regularly finishes as one of the NBA 's points leaders and has won the scoring title four times . A strong outside shooter , he is one of only seven members of the 50 ? 40 ? 90 club , and his 2013 campaign was called " one of the greatest shooting seasons in league history " by Grantland 's Zach Lowe . One of the biggest reason 's for Durant 's shooting prowess is his seven @-@ foot , four inch wingspan , which helps him get his shot off cleanly over most defenders . He is also a strong finisher at the rim , converting on 72 @. @ 2 percent of shots in the paint in 2012 . Early in his career , he was criticized for his slim build , defense , and passing . Over time , he grew as a playmaker , increasing his assist numbers every year from 2010 to 2014 . He also showed defensive improvement , with opponents averaging just .62 points per isolation play against him in 2014 , the best success rate for defensive players who faced at least 100 isolations that season .

= = Off the court = =

Durant describes himself as a " high school kid " and enjoys playing video games in his spare time . He is very close with his mother , Wanda , a relationship that was detailed in the Lifetime movie The Real MVP : The Wanda Pratt Story . A Christian , Durant goes to chapel before every game and has religious tattoos on his stomach , wrist , and back . He owns several properties in the Oklahoma City area and listed his primary residence , located in the affluent Club Villa neighborhood , for sale for \$ 1 @. @ 95 million in 2013 . That same year , he opened a restaurant , KD 's Southern Cuisine , in the Bricktown neighborhood and became engaged to Monica Wright , a WNBA player . In 2016 , he was a credentialed photographer for the The Players ' Tribune at Super Bowl 50 .

Durant was formerly represented by agents Aaron Goodwin and Rob Pelinka . He left Pelinka in 2013 and signed with the Roc Nation group , headed by Jay @- @ Z. Durant has endorsement deals with Nike , Sprint , Gatorade , Panini , General Electric , and 2K Sports . In 2012 , he tried his hand at acting , appearing in the children 's film Thunderstruck . In 2013 , he earned \$ 35 million , making him the fourth @- @ highest @- @ earning basketball player that year . In an interview with Sports Illustrated , Durant claimed that , despite his high earnings potential , " global marketing and all that stuff " does not interest him .

One of the most popular players in the league , Durant 's jersey regularly ranks as one of the NBA 's best @- @ selling and he is consistently one of the top All @- @ Star vote @- @ getters . He has developed a reputation for his kind demeanor ; in 2013 , Foot Locker released a series of commercials calling him the " nicest guy in the NBA " , and he has become a beloved figure in Oklahoma City , known for his " nice escapades " toward the Thunder 's staff . In 2014 , he partnered with KIND snacks and launched StrongAndKind.com to show " being kind is not a sign of weakness . "

Throughout his career , Durant has participated in philanthropic causes . In 2013 , he pledged \$ 1 million to the American Red Cross for the victims of the 2013 Moore tornado . His generosity inspired the Thunder and Nike to match his donation . He is also a spokesperson for the Washington , D.C. branch of P 'Tones Records , a nationwide non @- @ profit after @- @ school music program .

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= = = Regular season = = =

= = = Playoffs = = =

= = Awards and honors = =

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NBA Most Valuable Player : 2014

7x NBA All @- @ Star : 2010 , 2011 , 2012 , 2013 , 2014 , 2015 , 2016

5x All @- @ NBA First Team : 2010 , 2011 , 2012 , 2013 , 2014

All @- @ NBA Second Team : 2016

4x NBA scoring champion : 2010 , 2011 , 2012 , 2014

NBA All @- @ Star Game MVP : 2012

NBA Rookie of the Year : 2008

All @- @ Rookie First Team : 2008

NBA Rookie Challenge MVP : 2009

= = = United States National Team = = =

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Olympic gold medalist : 2012

FIBA World Championship gold medalist : 2010

FIBA World Championship Most Valuable Player : 2010

= = = College = = =

Naismith College Player of the Year : 2007

NABC Division I Player of the Year : 2007

AP Player of the Year : 2007

AP All @-@ America 1st Team : 2007

Oscar Robertson Trophy : 2007

Adolph Rupp Trophy : 2007

John R. Wooden Award : 2007

Big 12 Player of the Year : (2007)

USBWA National Freshman of the Year : (2007)