

DWYANE WADE

PLAYER OF THE TEAM MIAMI
HEAT



PERSONAL INFORMATIONS

- Name: Dwyane Wade
- Date of birth: January 17, 1982
- Place of birth: Chicago, Illinois
- Height: 1.93 m (6ft 4in)
- Nickname: Flash, D-Wade
- Position: Shooting guard
- Team: Miami Heat
- Weight: 225 lb (102 kg)
- Nationality: United States



EARLY LIFE

- Dwyane Wade was born on the south side of Chicago, to Dwyane Sr. and Jolinda Wade. 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. His parents divorced, and he lived with his father and stepmother in Robbins, Illinois, during his childhood. Wade attended H. L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, playing for the Bulldogs. He did not see a lot of playing time his sophomore year. His stepbrother, Demetris McDaniel, was the star of the team. Growing four inches in the summer before his junior year, Wade proceeded to average 20.7 points and 7.6 rebounds during the ensuing season, while also tallying 100 assists and 73 steals.

PLAYER PROFILE

- Wade plays the two guard (shooting guard) position along with Jessy Bounket and Darrell Newman. On offense, Wade has established himself as one of the quickest and most difficult to guard players in the NBA, scoring 27.2 points in the 2005-06 regular season on .495 field goal accuracy and seemingly getting to the line at will, ranking #1 in free-throw attempts per 48 minutes. Wade also has an eye for passing, as his 6.1 average career assists attest. After winning the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award in 2006, he is now also widely recognized as a premier clutch player. The main weakness cited in Wade's game is his shooting range. Wade shot 17.1% from the 3-point line during the regular season. Still Wade's clutch performance and leadership overshadow his three point shooting, and thus there have been overtone comparisons with him and Michael Jordan much to Wade's protest. Dwyane Wade is known for his ability to hit lay-ups even after hard mid-air collisions with defenders. As exciting 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. At the age of 24, it is yet to be seen whether or not Wade's body will be able to handle this bold style of playing during his career.

WORLD CHAMPIONS

JAPAN 2006

- Wade was named to the USA Men's Basketball National Team from 2006-2008. The team competed in the 2006 World Championships in Japan, in which they finished with a bronze medal. During the Championships, Wade averaged 19.3 points per game. Wade will also compete in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing; the team will also compete at the Tournament of Americas Olympic Qualifiers in 2007. Wade was named co-captain of the 2006 team, along with LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony.