

Vince Carter

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Vince Carter was an inspiration to many people such as myself, because he inspires people to be their best person and to not give up on their dreams. Carter was born on January 26th 1977. His parents' names were Michelle and Vincent Carter. Carter was a professional basketball player. His athletic ability made him realise that he was good at ball sports.

Carter's physique was perfection, it's like he was made to play only basketball. Carter is 1.98m in height, and he weighs 100kg. His wingspan is 2 metres and 11 centimetres! His vertical was outstandingly high, he had a vertical of 43 inches, this is one of the highest verticals to ever be measured in NBA history. He was known as the greatest dunker the NBA has ever seen. This was because he was the first person to dunk over someone. The top of his head even reached a whole inch above the rim (3.05M)

This is why he chose to play basketball. After he'd been playing for a few years, he made the choice to go pro. He played efficiently and explosively. Carter was later drafted in 1998 to join the Toronto Raptors, where he performed outstandingly well, therefore he was named Rookie of the year in 1999. He started playing for the Raptors in 1998 but stopped playing for them in 2004. In 2004 he started playing for the New Jersey Nets. He was then traded for the Orlando Magic in 2009. This was a next level team due to their impressive chemistry in game. Sadly, Carter was on the Orlando Magic for just about a year.

In 2010 he started playing for the Phoenix Suns. He was on the Suns for only a year. In total, Vince Carter played for eight different teams.

Carter retired from the NBA in 2020. He had a career of 22 years. The reason why he played for so many years in the NBA was because the confidence in his ability to keep up with guys half his age came from his dedication to fitness and a strategic training plan. That was shifted and adapted year after year. “You have to be willing to try new things,” Carter told Men's Journal. Carter has a net worth of 60 million dollars because of his legendary career. His past made a big impact on the NBA. Carter's most famous nicknames were Vinsanity, Air Canada and Half man Half Amazing. They called him this because of his incredible dunks. Here are a few NBA in game highlights of him dunking:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrIfS5_TyQQ



<https://photos.com/featured/vince-carter-ron-hoskins.html>

Carter is one of the reasons why basketball is such a popular sport. His impact on the NBA was very inspiring for many people. The fact that he can still dunk at age 44 is very impressive. Here is a short clip of him dunking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWy37ZMKBao>

Carter retired from the NBA in 2020, he was 43 years old back then. The amount of confidence he had that he could keep going was extraordinary. He didn't let his age stop him from doing what he loves most, inspiring people to never stop doing what they love the most. One of the reasons why I started playing basketball was because I saw a very motivational video of Carter training other athletes in basketball. Seeing this video made me think “Maybe I can, just maybe”.