



Karl Malone

career

TIMELINE

Karl Malone, 1988

1985

- **June 18, 1985:** Summerfield, La., native gets drafted No. 13 overall by the Jazz out of Louisiana Tech, but only after NBA busts Keith Lee and Kenny Green are taken in the two spots ahead of him.
- **Aug. 8, 1985:** Signs first contract with the Jazz.

1988

- **Feb. 7, 1988:** Plays in first NBA All-Star Game, scoring 22 points with 10 rebounds in Chicago.

1989

- **April 29, 1989:** Pulls down a career playoff-high 22 rebounds in a game against Golden State.
- **Feb. 12, 1989:** Wins NBA All-Star Game MVP honors after scoring 28 points on 12-of-17 shooting from the field with nine rebounds at Houston.

1990

- **Jan. 27, 1990:** Scores a career-high 61 points on 21-of-26 shooting from the field and 19-of-19 shooting from the free-throw line in 144-96 win over Milwaukee.

1991

- **Dec. 18, 1991:** Begins streak of 575 straight games scoring in double figures. Also begins streak of 543 consecutive games played.

1992

- **Aug. 8, 1992:** Wins Olympic gold medal as member of United States "Dream Team" in Summer Games at Barcelona, Spain.

1993

- **Feb. 21, 1993:** Shares MVP honors with Jazz teammate John Stockton in NBA All-Star Game at Salt Lake City.

1996

- **Aug. 3, 1996:** Wins second Olympic gold medal as member of United States "Dream Team II" in Summer Games at Atlanta.
- **Dec. 22, 1996:** Pulls down 10,000th rebound in game against Cleveland.

1997

- **Feb. 9, 1997:** Honored as one of 50 Greatest Players in NBA History at NBA All-Star Game in Cleveland.
- **March 9, 1997:** Scores 25,000th career point in game at Minnesota.
- **May 10, 1997:** Makes 18 straight free throws against the Los Angeles

Lakers, setting record for most free throws without a miss in an NBA playoff game.

- **May 18, 1997:** Wins NBA MVP Award for first time, beating Michael Jordan 986-957 in media balloting.
- **May 29, 1997:** Sets screen that helps John Stockton hit 26-foot 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds to go in Western Conference Finals playoff game against Houston, sending Jazz into first NBA Finals.
- **June 6, 1997:** Scores 37 points and pulls down 10 rebounds in Game 3 of Jazz's first appearance in the NBA Finals, a series with Chicago that Utah would eventually lose in six games.
- **Sept. 27, 1997:** Establishes "Karl Malone Foundation for Kids," one of the most-generous player-sponsored charities in professional sports.

1998

- **Feb. 8, 1998:** Gets mad at future Lakers teammate Kobe Bryant for waving off his screen at NBA All-Star Game in New York.

■ **April 8, 1998:** Ends streak of 543 consecutive games played due to league-imposed suspension.

- **June 12, 1998:** Scores 39 points as Jazz win Game 5 to stay alive in NBA Finals.
- **June 14, 1998:** Scores 31 points and pulls down 11 rebounds in sixth and final game of Jazz's second straight NBA Finals loss to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

1999

- **March 27, 1999:** Scores just seven points before being ejected from game against Los Angeles Clippers, ending streak of 575 straight games scoring in double figures, the third-longest in NBA history behind only Michael Jordan (840) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (787).
- **May 4, 1999:** Records third of three career triple-doubles, scoring 29 points with 12 rebounds and 10 assists against the Los Angeles Clippers.
- **June 3, 1999:** Wins NBA MVP Award for second time, beating Alonzo Mourning 827-773 in media balloting.

- **Aug. 1, 1999:** Signs final contract with the Jazz, worth \$66.5 million for four seasons, including \$19.25 million in 2002-03.

2000

- **April 12, 2000:** Becomes first player in NBA history to score 2,000 points in a season 12 times.
- **April 22, 2000:** Scores a career playoff-high 50 points in first-round Game 1 against Seattle, a 104-93 Jazz win.
- **Dec. 5, 2000:** Moves past Wilt Chamberlain and into second place on NBA's all-time points list while scoring 31 in game against Toronto.
- **Dec. 23, 2000:** Blocks 1,000th shot of career in game at Minnesota.
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2001

- **Feb. 11, 2001:** Makes most-recent appearance in NBA All-Star Game, going scoreless in four minutes at Washington.
- **March 24, 2001:** Becomes NBA's

all-time leader in free throws made, passing Moses Malone in game against Washington.

- **Nov. 13, 2001:** Selected NBA's dirtiest player in fan survey conducted by USATODAY.com, edging Portland's Rasheed Wallace.
- **Nov. 17, 2001:** Becomes NBA's all-time leader in defensive rebounds, passing Robert Parish in game against Milwaukee
- **Dec. 10, 2001:** Becomes NBA's all-time leader in free throws attempted, passing Wilt Chamberlain in game against Dallas.

2002

- **Feb. 10, 2002:** Does not play in NBA All-Star Game at Philadelphia, marking second absence in 14 All-Star Game selections.
- **March 15, 2002:** Misses game at Detroit due to the flu, marking first game missed due to injury or illness since April 22, 1989.
- **March 19, 2002:** Plays 50,000th career minute in game against Detroit, passing Elvin Hayes and moving into

second place all-time in minutes played.

2003

- **March 10, 2003:** Passes Nate Thurmond and moves into seventh place on the NBA's all-time rebounding list during game at Miami.
- **March 12, 2003:** Scores 36,000th career point off a pass from John Stockton during season-high 40-point game at Orlando.
- **March 14, 2003:** Records 2,000th career steal during game at Indiana, becoming first player in the history of the NBA with at least 35,000 points, 10,000 rebounds, 4,000 assists and 2,000 steals.
- **March 18, 2003:** Dishes 5,000th career assist in game vs. Denver, joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as one of only two players with at least 30,000 points, 10,000 rebounds and 5,000 assists.
- **April 14, 2003:** Officially named to USA Basketball senior men's team that will play in August tournament at Puerto Rico in bid to qualify for 2004

Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

- **April 30, 2003:** Plays final game for Jazz, a first-round playoff series loss at Sacramento.
- **July 10, 2003:** Orally commits to leave Utah for run at a championship ring with Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal, Gary Payton and the Los Angeles Lakers, who will pay him just \$1.5 million.
- **July 16, 2003:** Signs two-year, \$3 million contract with Los Angeles.

2004

- **April-May:** Helped Lakers defeat Houston, San Antonio and Minnesota in Western Conference playoffs, but re-injured his right knee in finals, making him less-than 100 percent for finals against Detroit.
- **June 15, 2004:** Fails to play in final game as Detroit defeats Los Angeles 100-87 and wins series 4 games to 1.
- **Nov. 22, 2004:** Attends John Stockton's number retirement ceremony at Delta Center
- **Dec. 2004:** Gets into public dispute with Kobe Bryant over rehabbing and

is accused of making a pass at Bryant's wife.

2005

- **Feb. 5, 2005:** Meets with San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich and star Tim Duncan about possibly joining the Spurs for the stretch run and the playoffs.
- **Feb. 13, 2005:** Announces his retirement from the NBA in a Delta Center press conference.

2006

- **March 23, 2006:** Number to be retired by Utah Jazz, statue unveiled on Delta Center plaza.



Karl Malone, 2003