

Steve Nash was born February 7, 1974, in Johannesburg , South Africa. After two years in South Africa, Nash family immigrated to Canada. The family played a variety of sports including soccer, hockey, lacrosse and tennis while growing up on Vancouver Island. Steve would later go on to attend Santa Clara University, where he was twice named West Coast Conference Player of the Year and led the Broncos to 3 NCAA Tournament appearances in 4 years.

In 1996 he was drafted by the Phoenix Suns as the 15th pick overall. After playing behind Jason Kidd and Kevin Johnson in Phoenix, Steve was traded to the Dallas Mavericks after just two years. While in Dallas, Steve became an instrumental part in turning the tide for the Mavericks franchise. Behind Steve's emergence as a starting point guard and leader, the Mavericks became one of the perennial powerhouses of the NBA. After six strong seasons in Dallas, Steve opted to re-sign with the Suns, bringing his career back to the Valley of the Sun.

In Phoenix, Steve emerged as the premier point guard in the NBA. As a result of his unquestioned skills and his on the court leadership, Steve earned two straight NBA MVP Awards, putting him in a class with other NBA greats. In 2012, Steve signed with the Los Angeles Lakers.

When he's not penetrating defenses on the hardwood, Steve is an active member of his multiple communities. Through the Steve Nash Foundation ([www.stevenash.org](http://www.stevenash.org)), Steve assists underserved children in Arizona, Canada, Paraguay and Uganda, increasing access to health and education resources. In Canada, Steve Nash Youth Basketball is a national grassroots development program, reaching more than 19,000 kids in every province and territory. Steve's dedication to philanthropy has made him an MVP both on and off the court.