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Spotlight on

Jerome James

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This month KidsFare had the opportunity to catch up with rookie Jerome James. Jerome hasn't seen much action as of yet, but it's just a matter of time. Standing at a towering 7'1", he led the NCAA Division I last year in blocks. Let's check out what Jerome had to say.

During the lockout you performed with the Harlem Globetrotters. What was the highlight from this experience?

Traveling with that group of guys, and seeing different parts of the world I have never seen before.

At Florida A&M you were majoring in Pre-Law before you were drafted. Did you expect to end up in the NBA?

Yes I did. That's one reason I chose that major. I anticipated I would be in the NBA and would need that background in a few years.

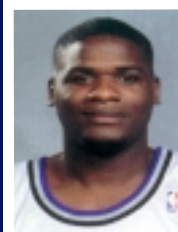
If you didn't have this opportunity what would you see yourself doing?
Going into entertainment law.

What tips do you have for kids trying to improve their basketball game?
No matter what other people say, believe in yourself. Don't let anybody say you can't do it.

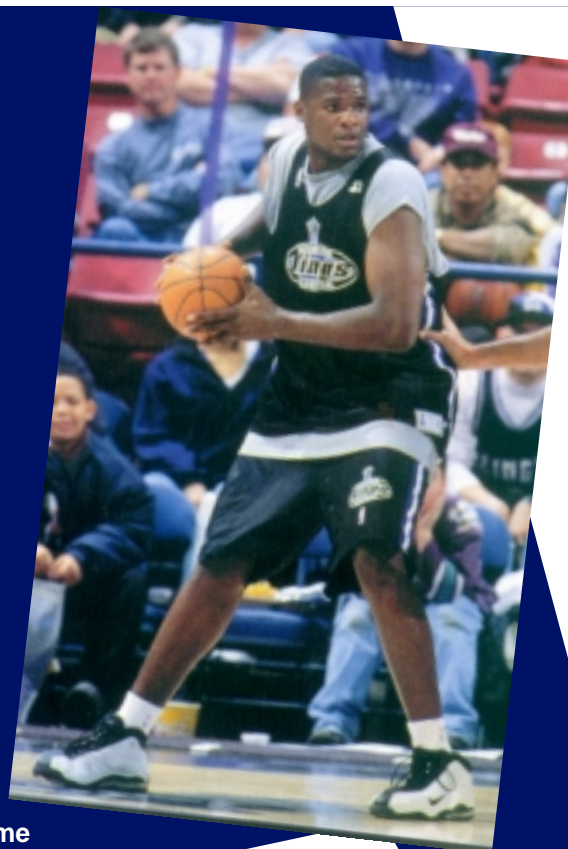
Who was your favorite basketball player growing up?
Michael Jordan.

At 7'1", people have compared your frame to Shaq's. With your size what do you bring to the Kings?

A bigger, stronger, frontline, with Shaq-like qualities on the court. Just dominance with blocked shots, and rebounding.



Jerome James:
Nickname – "Big J.J."
Shoe Size - 22
Favorite cereal - Fruit Loops
Favorite cartoon - Batman
Favorite movie - Dr. Doolittle
Hobbies - singing, writing, reading



Position
Center

Height / Weight
7-1 / 300

Birthdate
November 17, 1975

Birthplace
Tampa, FL

College
Florida A&M 1998

High School
Pentacostal Christian Academy (Tampa, FL)

How Acquired
Second-round draft selection (36th overall) by Sacramento in 1998 NBA Draft.

Years In NBA
Rookie

the Name Game

Who are these Kings?

"Fundy" "Big J.J."
"C-Webb" "C-Rob"
"Big Nasty" "Hawk"

answers below

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? Will Jason Williams be the NBA Rookie of the Year?

Chef Slamson's Corner



HEY KIDS, what does Slamson eat before he runs out on the court at Arco Arena and does a high flying, acrobatic, power-packed, mamma-jamma-slamma? Chocolate chip cookies of course! -"just like mom use to make for me when I was a lil' Slamson cub."

Here is Slamson's mothers' chocolate chip cookie recipe. Remember to ask for your parents' permission before you use anything in the kitchen.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup granulated [white] sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup (2 sticks, 1/2 pound)
butter, softened
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups (12-oz) Semi-Sweet
Chocolate Chips

COMBINE flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in large mixer bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition; gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets.

BAKE in preheated 375-degree [Fahrenheit] oven for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.
PAN COOKIE VARIATION: PREPARE dough as above. Spread into greased 15"x10" jelly-roll pan. Bake in preheated 375-degree [Fahrenheit] oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack.

FOR HIGH ALTITUDE BAKING (>5,200 feet): INCREASE flour to 2 1/2 cups; add 2 teaspoonfuls water with flour; reduce both granulated sugar and brown sugar to 2/3 cup each. Bake at 375 degrees Fahrenheit, drop cookies for 8 to 10 minutes and pan cookies for 17 to 19 minutes.

answers

"Fundy" -- Lawrence Funderburke
"Big J.J." -- Jerome James
"Hawk" -- Vernon Maxwell
"C-Rob" -- Chris Robinson
"Big Nasty" -- Corliss Williamson
"C. Webb" -- Chris Webber