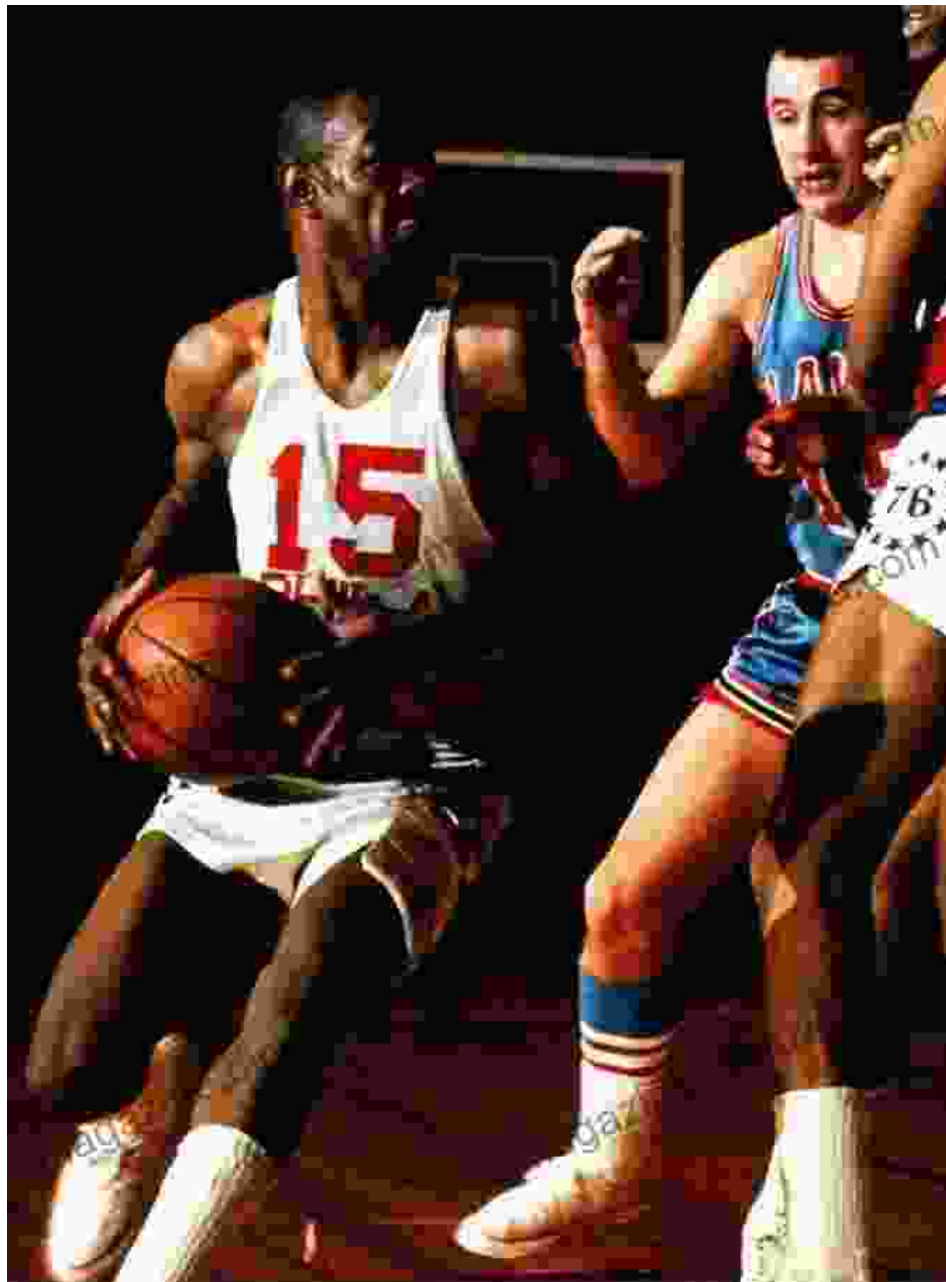


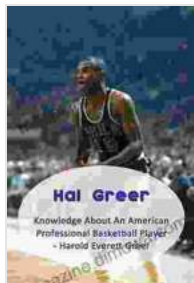
Hal Greer Biography: Life, Career, and Interesting Facts

Early Life and Basketball Background



Hal Edward Greer was born on June 26, 1936, in Huntington, West Virginia. His father, Edward, worked as a coal miner, while his mother,

Hallie, was a homemaker. From an early age, Greer showed an exceptional talent for basketball, playing with his friends in the streets and local playgrounds.



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In high school, Greer starred for the Douglas Hornets, leading them to a state championship in 1954. His outstanding performance earned him a scholarship to Marshall University, where he played for the Thundering Herd from 1955 to 1958.

NBA Career



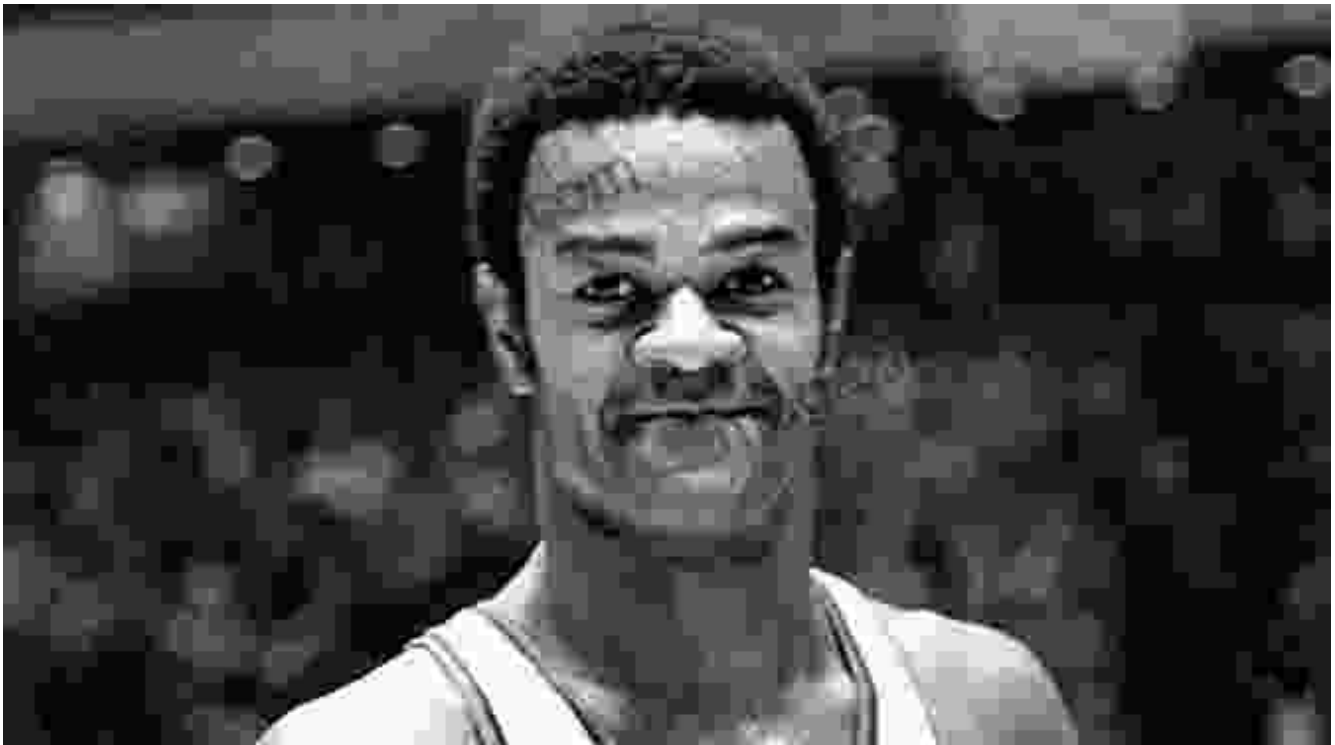
Greer was selected by the Syracuse Nationals with the 13th overall pick in the 1958 NBA Draft. He quickly established himself as a key player for the team, averaging 14.4 points per game in his rookie season.

In 1963, the Nationals relocated to Philadelphia and became the Philadelphia 76ers. Greer remained a vital part of the team, forming a

formidable backcourt duo with Wali Jones. Together, they led the 76ers to the NBA championship in 1967, the first in franchise history.

Throughout his 15-year NBA career, Greer was known for his exceptional shooting ability, particularly from the free throw line. He holds the NBA record for the highest career free throw percentage at 89.5%. He was also a versatile player, contributing in both scoring and defense.

International Success



Greer's talent extended beyond the NBA. He represented the United States in three Olympic Games, winning a gold medal in 1960, a silver medal in 1964, and a bronze medal in 1968. He was also a member of the groundbreaking 1960 USA Olympic team that included Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, and Jerry West.

Post-Playing Career

After retiring from the NBA in 1973, Greer remained involved in basketball. He served as the general manager of the 76ers from 1987 to 1990 and later worked as a television analyst for the team.

In 1982, Greer was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. His jersey number, 15, has been retired by the 76ers.

Legacy and Impact

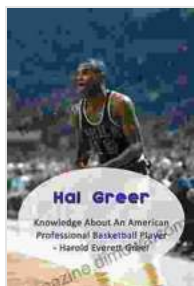
Hal Greer is widely regarded as one of the greatest shooting guards in NBA history. His exceptional skill, determination, and leadership made him a key contributor to the success of the Philadelphia 76ers and the USA Olympic team.

Off the court, Greer was also known for his integrity, kindness, and community involvement. He established the Hal Greer Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports underprivileged children and youth.

Interesting Facts about Hal Greer

* Greer is the first NBA player to record 20,000 points and 5,000 assists. * He is the only NBA player to be named to an All-Star team in four consecutive decades (1950s, 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s). * Greer is a graduate of Marshall University with a degree in business administration. * He played in 1,122 NBA games, averaging 19.2 points per game. * Greer was known for his signature move, the "Greer bounce," a side step he used to create space for a jump shot. * He was an outspoken advocate for racial equality and civil rights. * Greer was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016.

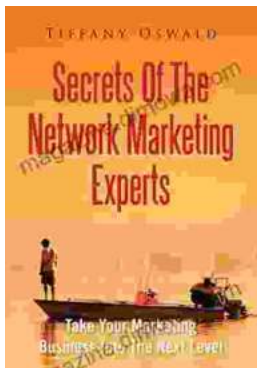
Hal Greer's remarkable life and career serve as an inspiration to athletes and aspiring individuals alike. His talent, hard work, and determination have left an indelible mark on the game of basketball and the world beyond. As a player, coach, and advocate, Greer's legacy will continue to motivate and inspire generations to come.



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