

## WHEN I WAS A CHILD

When I was a kid, I wanted to be a basketball player. Michael Jordan was in his prime, and I enjoyed watching him lead the Chicago Bulls to many championships. Whenever he was on the court, everyone expected him to dominate.

I remember playing basketball with my friends at school and wanting to be "like Mike." Almost every kid back then hoped to play and shoot as well as him, just like kids today admire LeBron James or Steph Curry.

One of my favourite memories was when our school team played in the championship game. We were winning, but the other team caught up. With only a few minutes left, I got the ball near the basket. I turned, jumped, and scored even though two players tried to block me. My teammates ran to celebrate with me, and the referee called a foul on the other team. That basket gave us the confidence we needed to win.

However, my dream of being a basketball player ended in grade 9. I tried out for the school team, but most players were faster and better than me. I was disappointed, so I decided to focus on my studies instead. Still, I was happy to have tried.

Eventually, I stopped watching basketball even though I still liked playing it sometimes. I found new hobbies and friends, but I never forgot that moment. Whenever someone asks what I wanted to be as a kid, I proudly say: I wanted to be a basketball player.