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The G.O.A.T

For many years theirs been a constant battle of who’s the G.O.A.T in the NBA. Most people go based off statistics or personal feelings towards a specific player making it somewhat bias. The two players that have been the main argument is between Michael Jordan and Lebron James. Both players are amazing and truly deserve to be titled of the G.O.A.T for their outstanding performances.

What does the acronym of G.O.A.T mean? For years people use this acronym to describe a person as the Greatest of All Times. It even became a meme where people would put an actual goat next to a person or anything they wanna describe as the Greatest of All Times. Michael Jordan has been titled the G.O.A.T for many years before Lebron James even made an appearance into the NBA. Michael Jordan leads with 6 championships, 5 MVPs, 6 Final MVPs, and 10 all-time scoring titles. Also, Michael Jordan has been to the NBA all-star game 14 times with a total of 262 points within his whole career. You can only imagine how hard it was to obtain and endure this G.O.A.T tittle but that’s not the only thing he’s known for. Michael Jordan is famous for his one-foot jump from the free throw line, legs and arms spread like an upside-down Y. Slamming the ball into the hoop causing the crowd to go ballistics. From that point forward he was a top tier player everyone loved. He began to sign with Nike after many other companies tried to pay him for less of his own value. Michael jordan noticed that and negotiated a deal to where he can make and develop his own brand/shoe. That’s where the shoe brand Jordan comes in making him millions till this day just because it’s by Michael Jordan. For his extraordinary achievements in life and on the court, he was titled the G.O.A.T. After all his achievements all things come to an end, and he retired in 2003 from the Chicago Bulls at the age of 40.

Lebron James coming straight out of St. Vincent- St. Mary High School as a Four-time leader on the court. He was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers straight out of high school in 2003. Theirs only about 10 players in the whole league since the day it was announced that NBA were a national sport to come straight out of high school into the NBA. One of them being Kobe Bryant, may he rest in peace. Over the years Lebron began to build his reputation and respect from many players. He began to be watched as he was putting up numbers like never before. Even reporters began to question if he would surpass Michael Jordan as they see Jordan within Lebron. Lebron James began to win many championships and awards. He won 4 championships, 4 MVPs, 4 Final MVPs, and only 1 all time scoring titled. Also, Lebron James has been in the all-star game 17 times with a total of 426 points within his whole entire career and continuing to increase over the years as he is still trying to break records. Just recently Lebron James broke an all-time career scoring record of 38,390 points for the whole entire league putting Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in second place now.

Although both players are high performance players and have the stats to back them up. What most people don’t take into consideration when saying who’s better than who is the era, they are playing in. In today’s basketball its way more superstars in the NBA where Lebron James must either build a super team to compete or fight to win 10x harder carrying his team. In fact, Lebron James won a championship with Miami Heat 2 years in a row than requested a trade to Cleveland Cavaliers in 2016. What makes this so amazing Lebron James went back to his home team and won a championship for them with very little superstars on his team. This was an eye opener for the league as it’s hard to win back-to-back than go to a whole different team and win again. During the era when Michael Jordan was playing, he didn’t have as many superstars to play against compared to today’s era. Michael Jordans biggest opponent on the court was Joe Dumar. He even admitted during an interview stating that Joe was the “toughest defender he faced”. The game of basketball has evolved over the years. In Jordan era it was more so of ball movement and dunking the ball whereas in today’s era its more about shooting threes and ball handles. In fact, the 3-point line was moved back to decrease the scoring in the 1990s. People like Lebron James and Stephan Curry Adapted to the 3-point line and is shooting beyond the line. In my opinion its way harder to be a superstar in today’s era than it was back than and I believe after seeing today’s era of NBA players shoot lights-out from the new 3-point line they will push back the line again.

People don’t take any of the little facts into consideration when determining who’s the G.O.A.T. It’s clear that Michael Jordan from a statistical perspective is better than Lebron James according to accomplishments. Over the time Lebron has the potentially to surpass Michael Jordan from a statistical perspective. These players in my opinion are both considered the G.O.A.T as they have earned their title, but it can only be one G.O.A.T. Many arguments have started off from simply of the two players playing each other but that will never happen as Michael retired in 2003 and Lebron James came into the league in 2003 so we will never see them place in their prime. Although, the people want only one G.O.A.T it’s quite impossible as they both played in two different time frames as the game of basketball evolved over the years. No matter how many people say Lebron James is the G.O.A.T or Michael Jordan is the G.O.A.T. Nobody will ever know simply because people’s opinion is either bias or trying to go off stats in two different eras.

Now that you have a different point of view who’s your G.O.A.T?

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