



Mt. Zion

On July 6, 2000, a queen named Sharonda Sampson birthed a baby that today we all know as Zion Leteef Williamson. At the age of 5, prior to basketball, Zion played soccer and football as a quarterback. Also, at the ripe age of 5, Zion set his sights on becoming a college basketball star.

Besides Mrs. Sampson's title as a strong mother, one of the many other hats she wore was also a basketball coach. In fact, Mrs. Sampson coached Zion at the age of 9. From a child, Zion always competed against older children. To improve his point guard skills Zion started working with his stepfather Lee Anderson who was also a former college basketball player. Before Zion's freshman year in high school, he continued to grind playing in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) circuit where he was teammates with another NBA star on the horizon named Ja Morant.

During Zion's freshman year at Spartanburg Day School he went on to average 24.4 points per game, 9.4 rebounds per game, 2.8 assists per game, 3.3 steals per game, and 3 blocks per game earning All-State and All-Region honors. Every year thereafter, in high school, Zion's numbers improved leading his team to three straight championships.

By the age of 17 Zion Williamson has surpassed all expectations
still growing standing at 6'7", a talent unseen before
I'm talking a physical presence with experienced soccer feet
hopping out of the gym spearheading Duke to the Final Four –

an Instagram viral sensation on his own in 2016
introducing the world to a game time highlight reel
although we rise to our feet at the sign of every fast break
Zion's all-around game became apparent as the real deal –

in 2018, Duke landed the top three freshmen in the Nation
I'm talking Mt. Zion, R.J. Barrett & Cam Reddish, and them boys
although it was funny to watch y'all drive Coach K crazy
at times during interviews y'all boys truly exceeded the noise –

in stature and character, we all know The NBA Cares
like your families, our drives, and the innocence of Mt. Zion
truly a young man ready to redefine everything from endorsement
deals, the team who drafts him, and his brand from NY to Milan –

when you think of ticket sellers and college basketball in 19
Zion, Ja Morant, and R.J. Barrett headlined the game
but consistently the only player projected to be picked
first overall was Zion Williamson leading the pack name for name –

now you, Mt. Zion, can write your own legacy
while breaking records, securing your bag, while remaining diligent
but first, let's let Commissioner Adam Silver make it official
in 2019 Zion Williamson is selected first overall in the NBA Draft.





Zion has propelled and excelled on every level from a 5-year-old young boy to date. By no accident regardless of the moment Zion has been internally prepared for the biggest stages. In fact, its undeniable Mt. Zion lives to represent for his fanatics every chance he gets.

Some of Zion's achievements at Duke University were ACC Player of the Year and ACC Rookie of the Year. In January 2019, Zion set the school's single-season school scoring record for a freshman, claimed ACC Rookie of the Week accolades five times, earned AP Player of the Year, Sporting News College Player of the Year recognition and won the Wayman Tisdale Award. Zion was also the CBS Sports National Player of the Year.

At Duke, Zion averaged 22.6 points per game, 8.9 rebounds per game, 2.1 assists per game, 2.1 steals per game, 1.8 blocks per game, while shooting a staggering 68% from the field playing on average 30 minutes per game.

For so much more Google Zion Williamson, his accolades are truly far too many to list.

However, what will become clearly apparent is Mt. Zion's success was achieved by his own vision, dreams, determination, motivation, and aspirations.

Today Zion Williamson is in a class of his own.

Stay tuned folks because in the midst of all the Zion hype we are clearly witnessing Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, "Triple Double" Westbrook, and James Harden-type history.

To follow Mt. Zion on Instagram: @zionlw10

For sure, for the next 15-plus years, Zion Williamson will be an ongoing story to be continued.

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