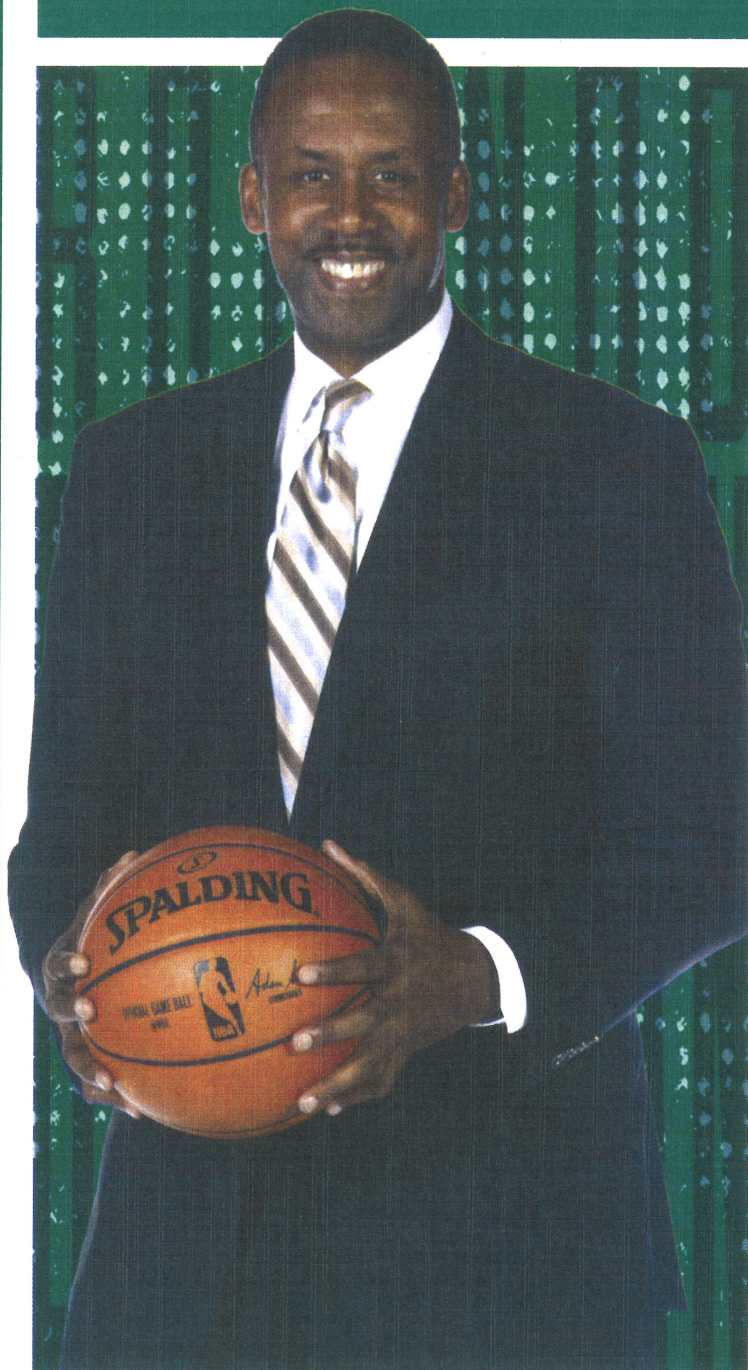


DALLAS MAVERICKS

ROLANDO BLACKMAN



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All-American, U.S. Olympian, NBA All-Star, Businessman, and Global Goodwill Ambassador.

The native Panamanian, Rolando “Ro” Blackman has complemented his on-court leadership, professionalism and sportsmanship as a player and coach to become a global goodwill ambassador and business leader.

Blackman was a two-time All-American at Kansas State, a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men’s Basketball Team, and a four-time NBA All-Star. He finished his 13-year NBA career as one of the game’s all-time best offensive and defensive performers. His passion for the sport that he learned on Brooklyn’s famed Ditmas Park - renamed Rolando Blackman Park in 1987 - extends well beyond his playing days and to success as a coach, broadcaster, and businessman.

Today, Rolando is focused on the development of the Rolando Blackman Education, Athletic, and Cultural Development Foundation that will advance programming initiatives to foster STEM education, athletic preparedness, and multi-cultural awareness.

Blackman served as an Assistant Coach, including for two NBA All-Star Games, and the Director of Basketball Development for the NBA’s Dallas Mavericks, the team that selected him ninth overall in the 1981 NBA Draft. Upon his retirement in 1994, he owned more than 50 regular-season, playoff and rookie individual and team records.



Blackman was traded to the New York Knicks, playing two seasons under legendary coach Pat Riley before concluding his NBA career with 17,623 points, 3,278 rebounds and 2,981 assists. For two seasons, he took his skills to the European stage, competing with AEK Athens BC in the Greek League and the Italian League’s Olympia Milano gaining two All-Star team appearances and also winning both the Italian League Championship and the Italian Cup.

In 2000, Blackman became only the second player in Dallas Mavericks’ franchise history to be honored with the retirement of his #22 jersey.

On the international stage, Blackman was an Assistant Coach for the German National Team that captured the bronze medal at the 2001 European Championships and 2002 FIBA World Championship. He also served as an Assistant Coach for the silver-medalist Turkish National Team at the 2010 FIBA World Championship.

Throughout his career, Blackman has been committed to community outreach and nonprofit organizations, global business alliances and basketball promotion. He’s served as the spokesperson for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Texas Special Olympics and the Children’s Medical Center of Dallas and also is a former Vice President of the National Board of Directors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and was co-chair of MDA’s Miles of Smiles campaign. Blackman served on the 2014 NCAA Men’s Division I Basketball Championship Local Organizing Committee.

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Blackman serves as a Goodwill Global Ambassador to the Office of Drugs and Crime for the United Nations, Global Goodwill Ambassador for the NBA Generations for Peace, and also the NBA Cares programs and participated in the NBA Basketball Without Borders initiative to Africa. His mission trips to Senegal, Cape Verde, Abidjan, Bouake and Cote d'Ivoire were directed at preventing human trafficking and child soldiering. He has worked with the U.S. Department of State's SportsUnited, an international sports programming initiative, in five cities in Lebanon.

Blackman is the former Vice President for the National Basketball Player's Association, he served as the voice for NBA Team-Up, encouraging youth volunteerism, participated in NBA's Read to Achieve initiative, served on the Board of Directors for the NBA Legends of Basketball Foundation, and also continues to be a Global Goodwill Ambassador for NBA initiatives World Wide.

As a broadcaster, he has been a game analyst and host for local radio and television broadcasts as well as a commentator for the Big 12 Conference, CBS Sports, ESPN, and FOX Sports. Blackman co-hosted NBC's NBA special highlighting the popular "Hoop-It-Up" street basketball tour and was a presenter for the Sports Emmy® Awards.

Blackman was named to the prestigious All-City Team as a New York City high schooler. From 1978-81, he stamped his name on the Kansas State University history books, ranking second as the school's all-time leading scorer, was a three-time conference defensive player-of-the-year, Big-8 Conference Athlete of the Year, and also was named to the K-State All-Century Basketball Team. Blackman earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University.

In honor of his legendary career, Blackman is a member of the:

- New York City Basketball Hall of Fame
- Texas Sports Hall of Fame
- Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame
- Kansas Sports Hall of Fame
- Kansas State University Athletics Hall of Fame
- National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame

As a player, coach, and clinician on the basketball court to volunteerism and service for the betterment of others, Rolando Blackman has and continues to deliver passion, dedication, and excellence.



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4 TIME NBA ALL-STAR

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