



Chris McNealy

Chris McNealy graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fresno, California where he starred as a basketball player. This led to his signing with the Vaquero's of Santa Barbara City College, under the leadership of legendary Head Coach Frank Carbajal.

He spent one season in Santa Barbara and was quickly recruited by Head Coach Bill Berry at San Jose State. After finishing a solid 3 years for the Spartans, McNealy was drafted into the 1983 NBA Draft, with the 38th pick of the 2nd round, by the Kansas City Kings. McNealy delayed his entrance into the NBA, opting for Bic Trieste Basketball Club in Italy. The following season, he signed with the Bay State Bomardier's of the Continental Basketball Association, the minor league feeder system to the NBA. Eventually, the New York Knicks became home for the next 3 seasons. During this time, McNealy played in 108 NBA games, scored 466 career points and hit single game highs of 17 points on 2 occasions. His career was completed finishing up in Spain and Italian professional clubs.

He was respected for his ability to play inside or outside the paint, handle the ball like a point guard while sporting a lengthy 6-7, 210 frame. He was gifted with very agile slash moves to the hole on offense and carrying a reputation as a hardnosed athlete who could guard both quick and strong opponents at the defensive end of the floor.

Also, to note: Chris is proud of his son, Chris Jr, who played at UC-Irvine from 2010-14. Chris Jr has established a quality playing career since his Anteatrer days, playing in Austria, Greece and Finland.

Chris continues to live in Europe with frequent returns to the USA to see family and friends.