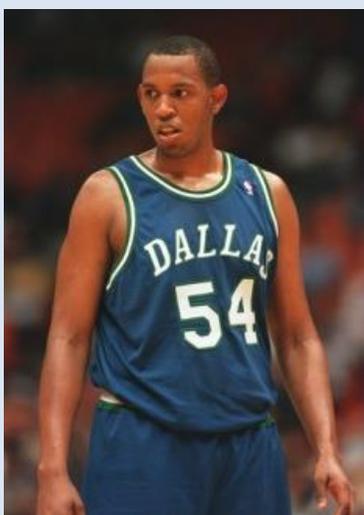
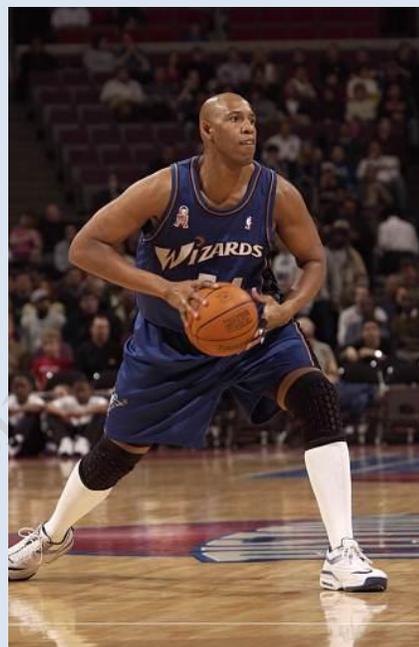




Popeye Jones

Popeye is currently an assistant coach for the Indiana Pacers following an 11-year playing career in the NBA. He was originally drafted by the Houston Rockets in the second round of the 1992 NBA draft but his rights were traded before he ever played for the team. He played professionally in Europe for one season before beginning a 3-year stint with the Dallas Mavericks. A trade took him north of the border to the Toronto Raptors for two seasons before he moved on to the Boston Celtics for a season, the Denver Nuggets for a season and then on to the Washington Wizards for two seasons. The well-travelled Jones then returned to the Mavericks for a season before finishing his career with the Golden State Warriors in 2003-2004.

A couple of oddities exist with Popeye's career. Firstly, in a game in 1994, the power forward collected 12 offensive rebounds without a single defensive rebound. This combination of rebounds / lack of rebounds is an NBA record



that still stands. Additionally, the 6'8" Jones almost never dunked a ball in a game, preferring the lay-up.

After retiring as a player, Popeye worked as a player development coach with the Mavs and then joined the New Jersey / Brooklyn Nets as an assistant coach before beginning his current role with the Pacers.

Basketball isn't the only talent that runs in the Jones family. Son Seth is a rising star with the Columbus Blue Jackets after having been drafted in the 1st round, #4 overall, by the Nashville Predators in 2013. Additionally, son Caleb was drafted in the 4th round by the Edmonton Oilers in 2015. A third son, Justin, played hockey in the NCAA.

Popeye got his nickname from his mother.

The story goes that the show Popeye was on television when she returned home with her son from the hospital after his birth.

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