



Lionel Hollins is a former National Basketball Association (NBA) player, an NBA coach, an active participant in the community, and a dynamic speaker.

Selected 6th overall in the first round of the 1975 NBA Draft by the Portland Trail Blazers, **Hollins** earned a spot on the 1976 All-Rookie First team and went on to win an NBA Championship as a starter for the Trail Blazers in 1977. A year later, he was an **NBA All Star** and named to the NBA's All-Defensive team two years in a row. After his lengthy playing career, he was inducted into the Halls of Fame of NJCAA, Arizona State University, Nevada High School Basketball, Southern Nevada Sports and the Pac 10. In addition, he had his numbers retired and raised to the rafters by Arizona State, Dixie College, and the Trail Blazers.

With over 30 years of coaching experience, Lionel has coached on all levels (AAU, college, the minor leagues, and the NBA), and has become a well-respected coach and developer of players on and off of the court. He has coached with seven different teams with the majority of his coaching being done with the **Memphis Grizzlies**, formerly known as the Vancouver Grizzlies. During his stint with the Grizzlies he became the winningest coach in franchise history with an improved record each season. He led them to three straight playoff appearances, their first playoff win, the franchise's first playoff series victory, and had the best season with 56 wins that led them to the Western Conference Finals. He also received the honor of being coach of the month four times.

[Hollins](#) has also been a prominent part of the Memphis ...

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