



The Dražen Petrović

MUSEUM AND
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CENTER

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complete range of brochures, catalogues, stamps, posters, postcards, cassettes, CDs and DVDs. From its large video archive the Center produces various items for professional and personal use. These can range from reproduced content to more professional ones with expert commentary that analyze the

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PERMANENT EXHIBIT



First Steps in Basketball (Display case No. 1). The displays in this exhibit depict Dražen Petrović's social life, education, his first steps in basketball and the beginning of his outstanding athletic career. The documents and everyday objects in this case portray Dražen Petrović as a young boy, that is, young man who grew into a world-renowned figure from relatively modest beginnings in a small town. Following the example of his older brother, Dražen was already playing basketball at the age of 8 - on an improvised court on Preradović Street. He completed the "Marshal Tito" elementary school in Šibenik with high marks in 1975. In 1978-1979, Dražen graduated from the Center for Vocational Education, again with high marks. His school records from elementary school and from music school show that he was an exemplary student who had many interests outside of basketball. As a 14-year old, he played on the first team of the Basketball Club (BC) *Šibenka*, which at that time played in the Yugoslav second division. At only 15 years old, he played in the first division of the Yugoslav national basketball league and, at the same time, played at all three club levels: cadet, junior and senior. At the beginning of his career he wore a jersey with the number 9, but starting in 1979, he wore the number 4. Along with his outstanding talent, his future success can also be attributed to his exhausting daily training sessions, which he carried out from his early youth.



Playing in Madrid (Display case No. 4). Dražen Petrović became a member of the Spanish basketball club, *Real Madrid*, on 8 October 1988. He remained in Madrid as "El Niño" ("Our little boy"). In the finals of the Spanish (later defeated *Real* in the final of the Spanish Championship) European Cup Winners Cup in Athens in 1989. In that game league in the 1988/1989 season Dražen scored the most points, 1,026 points, an average of 28.3 points per game. The Spanish Basketball Federation posthumously awarded Dražen Petrović a special award - "Giants of Superbasketball". The exhibited items bear witness to his one-year "Spanish period" succeed in adapting to a complete change in its. With his basketball skill, fanatical competitive spirit, becoming a favorite of the fans of the "royal club." The Spanish Basketball Federation entitled *Mi Vida* (My Life).

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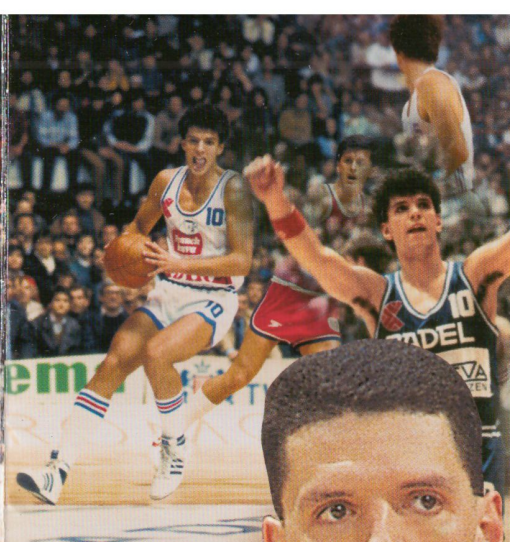
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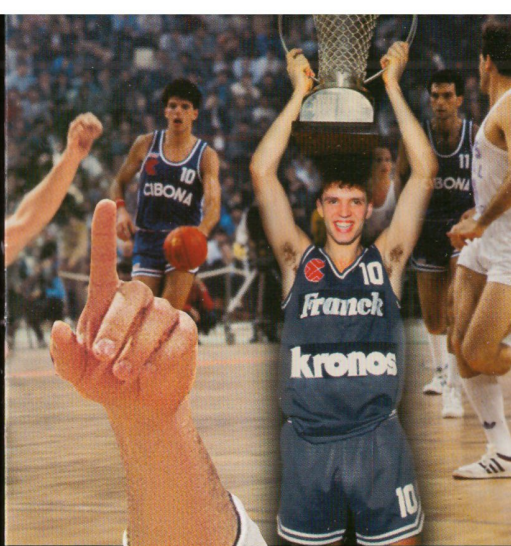
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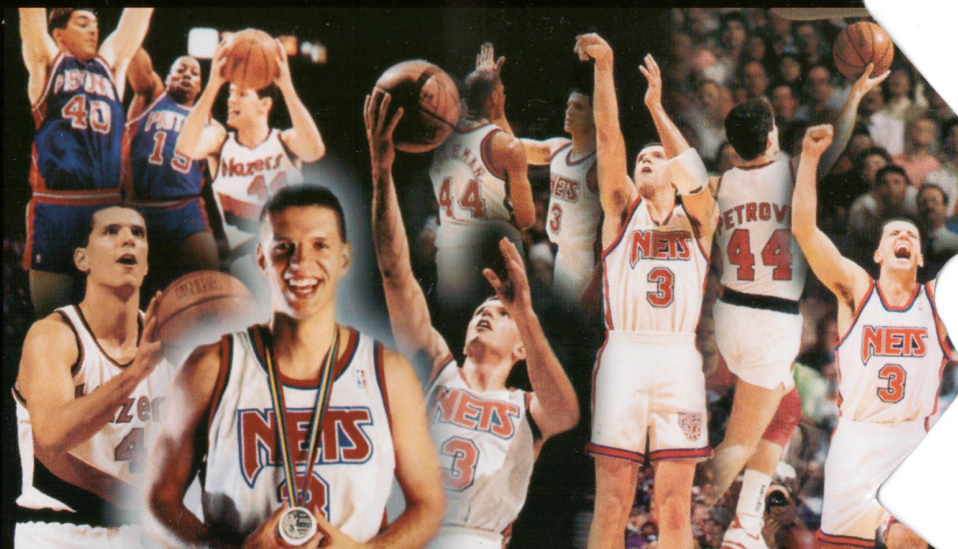
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The First Croatian Player in the NBA (Display case No. 5).

Dražen Petrović arrived in the city of Portland on the west coast of America on 17 August 1989. He stayed in the city for 18 months. He played in 77 games and scored 583 points, averaging 7.6 points per game. Since Portland at this time was one of the best teams in the NBA, competition within the club was exceptionally great, and Coach Rick Adelman did not give him regular playing time. Dissatisfied with his role as a reserve player - and this had never happened to him before with any club - and regardless of his lucrative contract he sought a trade. This was arranged on 29 January 1991, and during the second half of the season, he played for the New Jersey Nets. At his new club on the East Coast, Dražen wore the number 3. During the 1990-1991 season, he scored 623 points, averaging 10.2 points per game. In the 1991-1992 season he played in all 82 games and scored 1,691 points, averaging 20.6 points per game. During that same season, he was named the MVP of the Nets and the Net of the Year. "Petro," as he was called by the American fans, also had the nickname "Dragon". In the next 1992-1993 season he played even better and finished the year among the best players in the NBA. He played in 70 games scored 1,564 points, averaging 22.3 points per game. The Nets best shooter that year, he was named to the All-NBA third team. In a total of 290 NBA games Dražen scored 4,461 points, averaging 15.4 points per game. The four-year stay in America demonstrating his talents to the country where basketball was born, was the biggest challenge in Dražen's life. Living the ascetic life of a basketball player, he also slowly proved himself to that company of the toughest professionals. Bestowed with a boundless energy for success, he was constantly improving his physical abilities and technique.

Dražen in the Uniform of BC Cibona (Display cases No. 2 and 3). In the Summer of 1984, Dražen Petrović signed a contract with BC Cibona of Zagreb. It was difficult to leave his hometown. He later said, "It was not easy to leave Sibenik. I did not have the right to follow my emotions. I had to move down the path of basketball instinct." He explained that his reasons for signing with the BC Cibona over many other offers included the chance to study at the Faculty of Law, the opportunity to play in the European Champions Cup, and the opportunity to play together with his brother Aleksandar. He played point guard and wore the number 10. Already in his first season with Cibona (1984-1985) he won the Championship and the Cup of Yugoslavia and the European Champions Cup. It was a four-year period of packed crowds, of fans looking in vain for tickets to watch Cibona play, of visits by the best European teams featuring the greatest players of their day, and of basketball being played at the border of genius. On display are articles won in club basketball competitions. The display is dominated by the European Champions Cup and the Cup Winners Cup. There is also a letter from one of his female fans, one of the thousands that he received. The display presents Dražen Petrović as a true sports star, an idol and an ideal young man.



BIOGRAPHY

The life of Dražen Petrović reveals an exceptional athletic career rarely seen in the history of Croatian sport. He was born in Šibenik on 22 October 1964. As a 14-year old in 1980 he began to play on the first team of the Basketball Club *Šibenka*. With this club he twice played in the finals of the Cup Radivoj Korać (1982 and 1983). From 1984 he played in the BC *Cibona* with whom he won the national championship in 1985 and the League Cup in 1985, 1986 and 1988; the Champion's Cup in 1985 and 1986; and the Cup Winners' Cup in 1987. He transferred to the *Real Madrid* basketball club in 1988 and won the Spanish Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup. He was the first Croatian player to play in the NBA. From 1989 he played for the Portland Trail Blazers, and from 1991 for the New Jersey Nets. He was the first captain of the Croatian national basketball team. He appeared in the Olympic Games in 1984 (bronze medal), 1988 (silver medal) and 1992 (silver medal); and in the World Championships in 1986 (bronze medal) and 1990 (gold medal). He also won medals in the European Championships of 1987 (bronze medal) and 1989 (gold medal) and at the World University Games in 1983 (silver medal) and 1987 (gold medal).

He was named as the European basketball player of the year based on a poll conducted by the Italian newspaper *La Gazzeta dello Sport* in 1986, 1989, 1992 and 1993. He was killed in an automobile accident on 7 June 1993 on a highway outside of the German city of Ingolstadt, only a day after his last appearance in the uniform of the Croatian national basketball team - in Wroclaw in the qualifying round for the European Championship. For his athletic achievements he was posthumously awarded the highest Olympic awards, the *Centenary Medal* and the *Olympic Order*. He also received some of the highest Croatian decorations: the Star of Croatia, the Order of the Star of Croatia with the portrait of Franjo Bučar and the

Commemorative Medal of the Homeland War. In 1995, a medallion with his image was issued. He lit the flame at the opening of the World University Games, in Zagreb in 1987. In 1993, a basketball center and the square on which it is located were named after him. At the initiative of the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, a monument to Petrović by Vasko Lipovac was unveiled in the park of the Olympic Museum in Lausanne on 29 April 1995 for his exceptional contributions to world basketball and to sport in general. Dražen Petrović was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in

Springfield,
Massachusetts on 27
September 2002.

