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# A STAR IN THE MAKING



In 2017 the Cleveland Cavaliers were battling the Boston Celtics in a **playoff** game. Cavaliers star LeBron James took a shot. Swish! He became the leading National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff scorer of all time.

**playoff**—a series of games played after the regular season to decide a championship

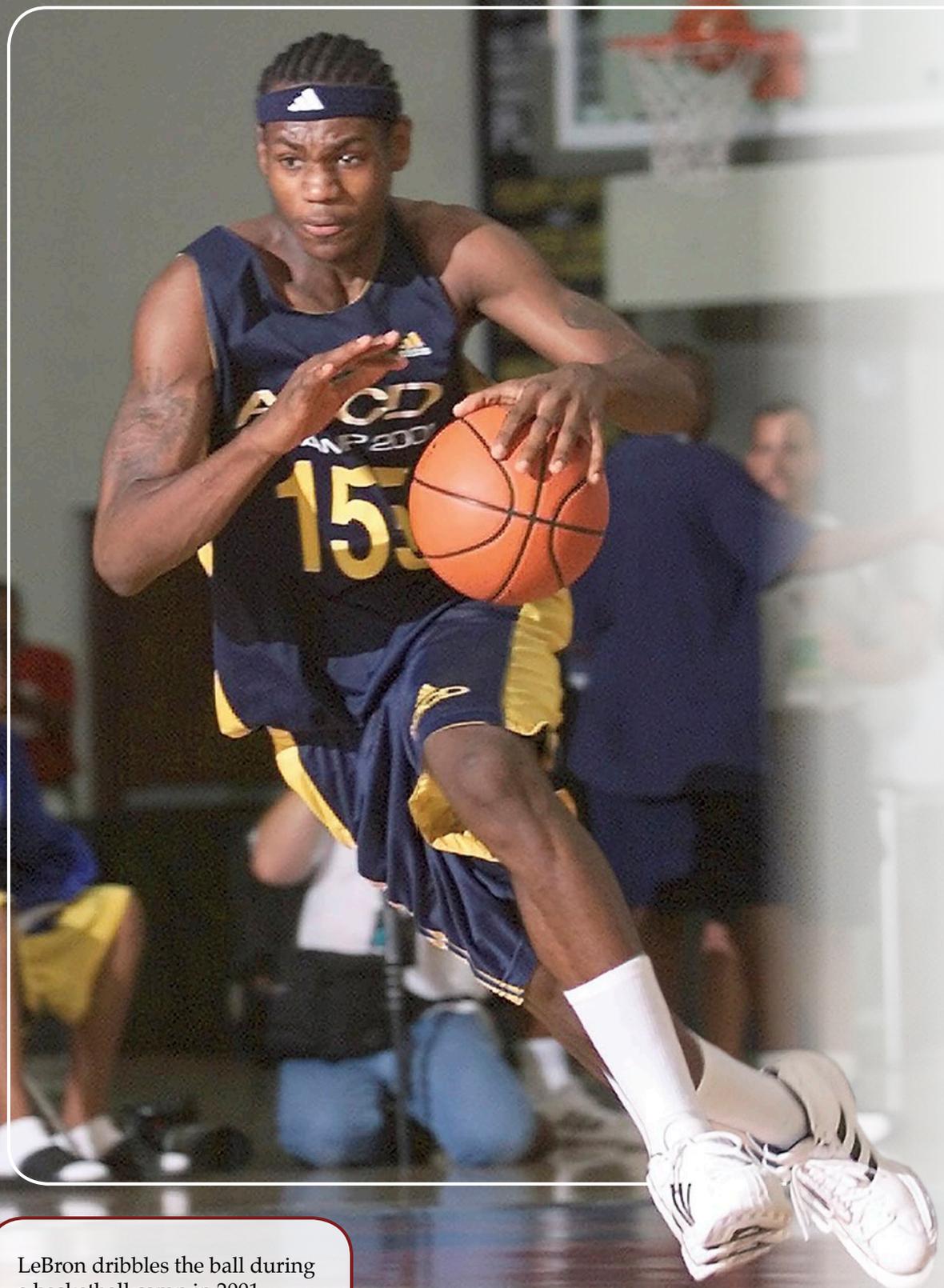
LeBron tries for a layup in the May 25, 2017, playoff game in which he became the NBA's all-time top playoff scorer.



LeBron James hugs his mother, Gloria, after a game in 2003.



LeBron James was born in Akron, Ohio, on December 30, 1984. His mother, Gloria, raised him. They often moved from place to place. In the fourth grade, LeBron started playing sports.



*“I’ve always loved the success of my teammates more than myself. I’ve always been like that since I was a kid.”*

—LeBron James

Basketball and football were LeBron’s favorite sports. He was very good at both. In middle school, his basketball skills stood out. He was a great scorer and passer.