

ONTARIO BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



Leo Rautins

Athlete

BIOGRAPHY

- Leo Rautins is a native of Toronto and has a varied and storied career in basketball with accomplishments both on and off of the court.
- **1977-1982:** Leo joined the Canadian National team as a 17 year old and played for five seasons.
- **1978:** Leo joined the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers and was named to the All-Big Ten Rookie team.
- **1980:** Leo transferred to the school with which he would become synonymous: Syracuse University.
- During his tenure at Syracuse University, Leo was a three-time Big-East All Tournament selection, Tournament MVP, and All Tournament NIT.
- Leo remained a fixture on the Canadian Team until 1982 when he was named to the All-World Championship Team.
- **1983-85:** Upon graduation, Leo became the first Canadian to be drafted in the first round of the National Basketball Association college entry draft when he was picked by the Philadelphia 76ers.
- Leo played in the NBA for two seasons with the 76ers and the Atlanta Hawks before returning to Syracuse to work in radio.
- **1984:** Leo worked as a commentator for CBC for the 1984 Olympics before becoming a television analyst for the NBA's Toronto Raptors, CTV sports and ESPN.
- **1985:** Leo left the states to play in the Italian Professional League, where he also wrote feature articles for Corriere dello Sport, an Italian national sports magazine.
- Leo Rautins was chosen as an all star in the Italian, French and Spanish professional leagues.
- **1992:** Leo returns to the Canadian National Team to play in the 1992 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea.
- A graduate of the prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse, Leo was always very active in the journalism and broadcasting field.
- Leo now resides in Dewill, New York with his wife and children.
- He spends his spare time as President of the renowned Rautins-House International Basketball School and is co-owner of "Triple-Threat Productions", a company that produces basketball instructional videotapes. This work allows Leo to pass on the skills that made him so successful to the next generation of young athletes.