



# Bob Love

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Growing up poor and one of fourteen children in rural Louisiana, Bob Love had a dream to play in the NBA. Not able to afford a basket or basketball, Bob nailed a coat hanger to the side of his grandmother's house and used his imagination.

Despite his great success as an athlete, Bob was unable to do something we all take for granted – speak without stuttering. As a child, he dreamed of speaking without a server stutter; to overcome the long periods where he could not speak at all and not stumble over his words. Forty years later, Bob would realize his dream not only to speak clearly but also to become a professional speaker.

As the greatest player to ever wear a Chicago Bulls uniform before Michael Jordan, Bob scored 12,263 points in his marvelous career. A three-time NBA All-Star who averaged 23 points per game over eight seasons, Bob had his jersey retired by the Chicago Bulls on January 14, 1994.

Few life stories are as dramatic as that of Bob Love. After injuring his back in an NBA game, doctors told him he would never walk again. The odds just seemed to be stacked against him.

Unable to speak, Bob tried for seven years to find a steady job and in 1984, found work as a dishwasher for measly wages. While at work, Bob found a speech therapist who helped him learn to speak. At the age of 45, Bob realized his dream of being able to speak without stuttering.

The Chicago Bulls heard about Bob's success and offered him the job of Director of Community Relations. He would now earn a salary speaking about the Bulls and life in general, something he never thought would be possible. Bob now speaks on behalf of the Bulls in Chicago and across the country.

Bob's presentations focus on the importance of dreams and how to hold on to them. He uses vivid examples from his own life story to teach audiences how they can overcome adversity and be motivated for success through his "Five Rules for The Game of Life".