

# 44 – Wun “The Shot” Versher

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*Hometown: Compton, California*

*College: Arizona State University '93*

**Wun “The Shot” Versher** is one of the greatest shooters in team history – the 4-point shot is well within his range – and has been involved in some of the organization’s most historical and memorable moments.

Wun (pronounced “Wahn”) was part of the contingent that visited Nelson Mandela and the South African people in 1996 and 1997 and named Mandela an Honorary Harlem Globetrotter, was part of the group that went to the Vatican City in Rome in 2000 to name Pope John Paul II an Honorary Harlem Globetrotter and was on hand during the Globetrotters’ induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

“As a teenager, I studied Nelson Mandela in school,” said Wun. “For me, meeting him was the biggest thing I have ever experienced as a Globetrotter.

“I was able to shake Nelson Mandela’s hand, and even though it was brief, those few seconds were something I will never forget. For the Globetrotters to make those trips to South Africa and entertain so many African people was, I feel, a culmination of everything the Globetrotters had done in their history to that point – building bridges through the sport of basketball.

“Wherever we went, whether it was a clinic, a school or a hospital, I didn’t want to leave. I just wanted to reach out and touch and talk to as many people as I could. I believe that we Globetrotter players actually took more from the experience than the South African people did. It was awesome.”

Another world leader Wun has met during his travels with the Globetrotters was President Barack Obama, when the Globetrotters entertained families at the 2012 White House Easter Egg Roll.

A graduate of Arizona State University, with a degree in recreation management, Wun was introduced to basketball at age eight by his uncle Rodin Palmer, who played at UCLA with the great Reggie Miller. Wun lists Miller as the sports figure who influenced him the most.

In his spare time, Wun enjoys refinishing and restoring antiques, like furniture, clocks and cars. He tells kids, “You can do whatever you want, but be prepared to work hard for it.”