

Archival New York Knicks Photos Now Available

A new collection of archival photos featuring the celebrated New York Knicks is now available for online purchase



Madison Square Garden, Mayor Robert F. Wagner records, 1961. Courtesy of the Municipal Archives, City of New York.

New York, NY – Walt Frazier, Patrick Ewing, Dave DeBusschere. While these basketball legends may no longer spend their time on the courts, their names live on in both sports and New York City history as celebrated players for the New York Knicks.

As the New York Knicks prepare to take on the San Antonio Spurs for Game 4 of the NBA championship tonight at Madison Square Garden, the NYC Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS) is taking a look back at previous Knicks victories through a collection of archival photos. The pictures feature celebrated players, mayors, and communities throughout New York City – the story of both a team and the city they represent.

“These photos capture something every New Yorker knows: sports bring us together in ways few things can. No matter what borough you’re from or which baseball team you root for — Go Mets — we’re united when we’re cheering for the Knicks,” said **Mayor Mamdani**. “For generations, this team has created moments that have connected neighbors and strangers, reminding us that our city is strongest when we come together. Thanks to DORIS, New Yorkers can revisit that history and celebrate the stories that belong to all of us.”

“This project will allow New Yorkers to celebrate the legacy of the Knicks who have shaped our city for decades,” said **Deputy Mayor for Operations Julia Kerson**. Through the creative and dedicated work from DORIS, New Yorkers will have the opportunity to look back at the teams that paved the way and call a small piece of this city’s history their own.”

“Sifting through images directly from the Municipal Archive allows New Yorkers and other connoisseurs of New York City history an opportunity to explore from the comfort of their homes a repository of timeless moments where sports has shaped government,” said **Shawn(ta) Smith-Cruz, Commissioner of the Department of Records and Information Services**. “We’re excited to offer the opportunity to purchase a glossy print, to sit on your wall or to gift a loved one.”

“Knicks history is New York City history and this limited edition collaboration is a small token of our admiration for the home team,” said **Department of Citywide Administrative Services Commissioner Yume Kitasei**. “These postcards, created in-house by our talented designers and available only at CityStore, are historic one-of-a-kind pieces—a must-have for any true fan.”

True Knicks fans may know that the original - and still official - name of the basketball team is the New York Knickerbockers. They might even know that “Father Knickerbocker” dribbling a basketball was the team logo from 1946 to 1964. But who was the real Father Knickerbocker? Read DORIS’ latest [blog post](#) to find out.

The full collection of archival New York Knicks photographs is available to view [online](#) and will be available as postcards starting Thursday in the NYC CityStore, located at 1 Centre St, New York, NY 10007. To order digital or print copies to ship worldwide, please visit DORIS’ [online order page](#) and add the image record number or title.

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