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Lockout, Boycott, So What...

Time is ticking by and July 1st is quickly approaching. All signs point to the owners locking out the players thereby delaying the start of the free agent signing period. As a result of the impending lockout, the players union has apparently decided to have the 12 members selected to represent the USA in this summer's World Championships in Greece boycott the games. Big deal and so what.

A lockout in the summer is mere semantics. The fans don't care: no games are affected. Boycotting the Worlds eases the worries of the owners of those 12 players who would participate because the risk of injury in Greece would be eliminated.

The players aren't gaining any leverage by a boycott. Sure, they are correct when Michael Jordan and others say the World Championships is another chance for the NBA to cash in on global marketing. However, the majority of fans who would watch their own country get bombed by the US team already has merchandise of the players in the players' NBA team apparel. In other words, the merchandising hit would be minimal. Besides, MJ cashed in on his

patriotism in 1992 when he wore the American flag draped over his Team



The owners want a hard salary cap with no salary exemptions similar to the NFL's salary cap and the players

...the owners were rich when they entered the league and there aren't too many legal jobs where tall, athletic, and, in some cases, uneducated men can make millions of dollars.

USA warm up jersey in order to hide the company name of one of Mr. Nike's competitors.

The labor problems come down to millionaires 100 times over (the owners) fighting with millionaires 10 times over (the players) over money.

won't agree with that in any form or fashion. The owners need to ease up on this provision since many of them played major roles in the escalating players' salaries a few years ago. Re: Larry Johnson—\$84 M; Juwan Howard—\$105 M; Alonzo Mourning—\$110 M; Kevin

Garnett—\$126 M; and so on. Whether I'm worth the money or not, if someone offered me one of those contract salaries, I'd sign in a heart beat! (Right Jim McIlvaine!)

In order to compete with the rising costs, the owners raise the prices of the tickets. Therefore, as long as people buy the tickets, the prices will continue to rise. Hell, real people can't afford to attend games now; consequently, corporations are buying the seats and filling the seats with suits.

The players have wanted to get rid of the salary cap for years and still maintain that hope. It's not going to happen. The players need to realize: the owners were rich when they entered the league and there aren't too many legal jobs where tall, athletic, and, in some cases, uneducated men can make millions of dollars.

Both sides are at fault. Both sides are greedy and both sides have been hypocritical.

The owners could impose a moratorium on contracts which wouldn't allow new contracts to be negotiated but the players *could* participate in Greece.

I propose **David Stern** and the reps for the owners along with the reps for the union hole themselves up in a hotel and not exit without a deal. I know both sides can afford the room rates.

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NBA State of the Team Address

(as of June 17th)

Atlanta Hawks:

Needs:

- a scoring small forward
- b ball handler
- c physical forward

Summary: The Hawks have the 20th pick in the first round and should select a front court scorer. They are beginning to entertain notions to trade C Dikembe Mutombo.

Boston Celtics:

Needs:

- a physical center
- b veteran leadership
- c sign or trade F Antoine Walker

Summary: Head coach Rick Pitino has stated he believes the Cs will have to trade Antoine since owner Paul Gaston has stated he will not pay Walker a \$100 M contract. Who for when, and where are questions which are presently unknown.

Charlotte Hornets:

Needs:

- a re-sign Vlade Divac
- b trade Anthony Mason
- c back up for Glen Rice
- d point guard

Summary: C Matt Geiger is not going to re-sign with the club; so, keeping Divac is important. Mason and coach Cowens have worn on each other for the last time. Trading Glen Rice is still an option; however, it seems less and less likely.

Chicago Bulls:

Needs:

- a resolution to the drama
- b front court help
- c health

Summary: Six titles in 8 years is extremely impressive. MJ stepped up, once again, down the stretch and defeated the Jazz. Phil has

cleaned out his office. The Bulls are, reportedly, prepared to offer Pip a 2 yr. deal worth between \$35 to \$40 M. No one is sure if or when the drama will end.

Cleveland Cavaliers:

Needs:

- a front court scorer
- b small forward
- c time together
- d perimeter shooting

Summary: The Cavs don't have a first round pick; so, GM Wayne Embry will look to find another player like Cedric Henderson this year in the second round. Signing C Zydrunas Ilgauskas to a contract extension is important.

Dallas Mavericks:

Needs:

- a point guard
- b physical front court player
- c health
- d scoring small forward

Summary: Head coach and GM Don Nelson has denied reports he is willing to trade C Shawn Bradley for Anthony Mason; however, Nellie has stretched the truth before. They need someone who can run the offense very badly.

Denver Nuggets:

Needs:

- a center
- b veteran leadership
- c health
- d scoring big guard

Summary: Apparently, the Nuggets are content with staying with the 3rd pick in the Draft. Selecting C Michael Olowokandi would be ideal for them. All signs still point to GM Dan Issel naming himself head coach. The club wants to re-sign G Corey Alexan-

der.

Detroit Pistons:

Needs:

- a perimeter shooting
- b low post defender
- c another ball handler

Summary: The Pistons aren't trading Grant Hill; however, F / C Brian Williams is on the trading block. Though he may not have a great perimeter game, Jerry Stackhouse will be re-signed by the club.

Golden St. Warriors:

Needs:

- a point guard
- b getting rid of Latrell
- c re-signing Jason Caffey

Summary: The Warriors have the 5th pick and should select a guard. Jim Jackson's agent has said JJ would like to re-sign because the club's offense is similar to the offense JJ played at Dallas. Spre will be traded soon.

Houston Rockets:

Needs:

- a youth & athleticism
- b big guard
- c point guard
- d small forward

Summary: Trading F Kevin Willis for the 16th and 18th picks in the Draft was a good move. Signing Kevin Johnson may be a possibility if Charles has any say. Signing Scottie Pippen is no longer a priority—too much money.

Indiana Pacers:

Needs:

- a re-sign Rik Smits
- b rebounder
- c point guard
- d athleticism

Summary: The Pacers choked in game 7 against the Bulls. They stopped attacking and it cost them.

They really need to improve their rebounding.

LA Clippers:

Needs:

- a point guard
- b big guard
- c center
- d head coach

Summary: The Clips may be wavering or posturing about not selecting Mike Bibby. Reportedly, they now like Michael Olowokandi. George Karl is still tops on their head coaching wish list.

LA Lakers:

Needs:

- a perimeter shooting
- b experience
- c veteran leadership

Summary: Del Harris will remain head coach. Nick Van Exel will be traded. Shaq wants the club to sign his buddy Dennis Scott to solve the outside shooting problems. Getting swept by Utah was an embarrassment.

Miami Heat:

Needs:

- a back up center
- b consistent 3rd scorer
- c maturity
- d mental toughness

Summary: Acquiring Glen Rice is an option; however, the Heat may re-sign G Brent Barry and trade him and Voshon Lenard to the Warriors for Sprewell. Obtaining a back up for Zo is vital for the club.

Milwaukee Bucks:

Needs:

- a scoring center
- b scoring off the bench
- c resolving the Terrell Brandon situation
- d front court depth

Summary: The Bucks aren't

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NBA State of the Team Address

(as of June 17th)

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looking to trade starting G Terrell Brandon. Head coach Chris Ford may be fired or he may stay. No one knows for certain.

Minnesota T'wolves:

Needs:

- a center
- b front court depth
- c resolving the Googs or Stephon situation

Summary: Tom Gugliotta has stated he would take less money to stay with the club which would help in signing Stephon to a contract extension. However, Stephon may decide to become a free agent and test the market next summer.

New Jersey Nets:

Needs:

- a re-signing Jayson Williams
- b time together
- c health
- d center

Summary: The Nets need to keep their core players; therefore, re-signing Jayson Williams is imperative. They don't have a first round pick; so, they have to improve through trades or free agency.

New York Knicks:

Needs:

- a point guard
- b youth & athleticism
- c scoring small forward

Summary: The Knicks must improve their point guard spot. Chris Childs will be traded. They hope to sign or make a trade for Kevin Johnson. They are so far over the salary cap that acquiring KJ via trade may be their only option.

Orlando Magic:

Needs:

- a scoring

- b center
- c point guard
- d youth

Summary: Orlando has 3 first round draft picks; so, they have flexibility to improve the club. Penny Hardaway is almost 100% healthy. It is still uncertain whether Penny will be traded or not.

Philadelphia 76ers:

Needs:

- a resolving the Derrick Coleman contract situation
- b center
- c big guard
- d experience

Summary: The Sixers can buy out Derrick's contract for \$5.6 M and either re-sign him at a lesser amount or trade him. DC has been rumored to be headed to the Lakers for Elden Campbell. They are also thinking about trading Allen Iverson.

Phoenix Suns:

Needs:

- a center
- b low post defender
- c scoring small forward

Summary: The Suns will renounce KJ meaning his days as a Sun are finished. They are entertaining offers for backup point guard Steve Nash. Signing Scottie Pippen as a free agent is no longer a foregone conclusion because they really have to fill their need for a center.

Portland Trailblazers:

Needs:

- a maturity
- b time together
- c deciding to play up tempo
- d perimeter shooting

Summary: Damon Stoudamire wants to re-sign with the club. Questions

about head coach Mike Dunleavy being fired seem to be far fetched. GM Bob Whitsitt wants Dunleavy to change to more of a pressing, fast break style of play; however, it's doubtful Dunleavy will be let go.

Sacramento Kings:

Needs:

- a resolve the Chris Webber situation
- b center
- c scoring big guard
- d back up point guard

Summary: The Kings signed their 1996 1st round draft pick F Predrag "Peja" Stojakovic on 6 / 15. Peja can play some big guard and both forward spots. Chris Webber refuses to report to the Kings; so, he may be traded. So, much for Webber "seeing the light" and being a "changed" man. The Kings reportedly want to sign C Vlade Divac.

San Antonio Spurs:

Needs:

- a big guard
- b perimeter shooting
- c depth
- d time together

Summary: The Spurs really need to improve their perimeter shooting. Acquiring Sprewell is still a possibility. The Spurs maintain David Robinson isn't going to be traded. We shall see.

Seattle Sonics:

Needs:

- a coach
- b youth
- c scoring center

Summary: George Karl was let go as head coach. Paul Westphal was named new coach which means the Sonics will go from a

good defensive team to no defense in just one season.

Toronto Raptors:

Needs:

- a front court depth
- b maturity / leadership
- c health

Summary: Butch Carter was named permanent head coach. Acquiring F / C Kevin Willis will improve the club for the immediate future. They are still trying to move up from the 4th spot in the Draft.

Utah Jazz:

Needs:

- a scoring center
- b consistent 3rd scorer
- c youth

Summary: The Jazz don't have the championship mentality to win it all. Losing to the Bulls isn't a disgrace; but, not being aggressive and attacking an injured player is.

Vancouver Grizzlies:

Needs:

- a big guard
- b point guard
- c experience

Summary: The Grizzlies need to sign Shareef to a contract extension. If they draft Paul Pierce, they'll have a nice nucleus (Pierce, Reeves, and Shareef) to build around.

Washington Wizards:

Needs:

- a re-sign Rod Strickland
- b maturity
- c center

Summary: Juwan Howard went to management and promised he would clean up his act and act like a professional on and off the court. If management believes him, Juwan won't be traded; if not, he's gone. Re-signing point guard Rod Strickland is vital to the club's success in the near future.

WNBA OPENING DAY ROSTERS As of June 10th

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CHARLOTTE STING					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
I	13	Kelly Boucher	F	6'2	165
	23	Vicky Bullet	F	6'3	185
	33	Sonia Chase	G	5'9	150
	3	Andrea Congreaves	F	6'2	183
	41	Pollyanna Johns	C	6'2	180
	50	Sharon Manning	F	6'3	186
	51	Rhonda Mapp	F	6'2	190
	30	Tia Paschal	F	6'1	165
	00	Tracy Reid	F-G	5'11	150
	2	Christy Smith	G	5'7	140
	32	Andrea Stinson	G	5'10	158
	7	Tora Suber	G	5'7	137

CLEVELAND ROCKERS					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	41	Tully Bevilaqua	G	5'4	140
	5	Cindy Blodgett	G	5'9	130
	8	Janice Braxton	C	6'3	178
	34	Rushia Brown	F	6'2	175
I	44	Michelle Edwards	G	5'9	150
	13	Isabelle Fijalkowski	F	6'5	200
	31	Adrienne Johnson	G	5'10	150
	25	Merlakia Jones	G	5'9	145
	10	Tanja Kostic	F	6'1	163
	4	Suzie McConnell Serio	G	5'5	131
	6	Eva Nemcova	F	6'3	178
	52	Raegan Scott	F	6'3	169

DETROIT SHOCK					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	10	Rhonda Blades	G	5'7	138
	34	Gergana Branzova	F	6'4	178
	6	Sandy Brondello	G	5'7	136
	14	Cindy Brown	F	6'2	188
	7	Korie Hlede	G	5'9	155
	20	Aneta Kausaite	F	6'0	155
I	32	DeAngela Minter	G	5'6	130
	12	Razjia Mujanovic	C	6'8	220
	99	Carla Porter	F	6'1	172
	4	Rachel Sporn	F	6'1	175
	30	Mfon Udoka	F	6'0	187
	8	Lynette Woodard	G	6'0	160

NEW YORK LIBERTY					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	31	Albena Branzova	F	6'3	170
I	14	Elisabeth Cebrian	C	6'5	
	5	Kisha Ford	G	5'10	153
	34	Kym Hampton	F	6'2	210
	55	Vickie Johnson	G	5'9	150
	50	Rebecca Lobo	F	6'4	180
I	17	Vanessa Nygaard	F	6'1	175
	43	Alicia Thompson	F	6'1	180
	33	Trena Trice	F	6'2	180
	4	Coquese Washington	G	5'6	138
	11	Teresa Weatherspoon	G	5'8	161
	23	Sue Wicks	F	6'3	174
	13	Sophia Witherspoon	G	5'10	145

WASHINGTON MYSTICS

Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
I	35	La'Shawn Brown	C	6'3	180
	34	Heidi Burge	F	6'5	180
	9	Deborah Carter	G	6'0	185
	12	Keri Chaconas	G	5'9	151
	28	Tammy Jackson	F	6'2	190
	15	Nikki McCray	G	5'11	158
	24	Penny Moore	G	6'0	135
	10	Murriel Page	F	6'2	158
	11	Alessandra Santos de Oliveira	C	6'5	
	30	Adrienne Shuler	G	5'6	153
	32	Leila Sobral	F	6'1	
	23	Rita Williams	G	5'6	135

Status:

I Injured list

* Players must stay on the injured list for at least 3 games before being activated.

WNBA OPENING DAY ROSTERS As of June 10th

WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON COMETS					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	9	Janeth Arcain	F	5'11	147
I	3	Karen Booker	C	6'1	170
	14	Cynthia Cooper	G	5'10	150
	4	Wanda Guyton	C	6'1	178
	40	Monica Lamb-Lattin	C	6'5	206
	33	Yolanda Moore	G-F	6'0	174
	10	Kim Perrot	G	5'5	130
	00	Nyree Roberts	C	6'3	209
	22	Sheryl Swoopes	F	6'0	145
I	29	Atalanti Tasouli	G	5'10	151
	7	Tina Thompson	F	6'2	178
S	15	Polina Tzekova	C	6'4	
	13	Amaya Valdemoro	F	6'1	
	5	Tiffany Woosley	G	5'7	132

LOS ANGELES SPARKS					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	15	Erin Alexander	G	5'7	140
	20	Octavia Blue	F	6'1	163
	12	Katrina Colleton	G	5'10	138
	21	Tamecka Dixon	G	5'9	148
	5	Allison Feaster	G	5'11	168
	9	Lisa Leslie	C-F	6'5	170
	4	Mwadi Mabika	G	5'11	165
	30	Pamela McGee	F	6'3	180
I	40	Eugenia Rycraw	C	6'3	175
	11	Penny Toler	G	5'8	132
	14	Sandra Embricqs	F	6'3	175
I	10	Jamila Wideman	G	5'6	135
	28	Haixia Zheng	C	6'8	254

PHOENIX MERCURY					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
I	14	Marlies Askamp	C	6'5	198
	0	Toni Foster	F	6'1	175
	22	Jennifer Gillom	F	6'3	180
	12	Michelle Griffiths	F	6'1	177
I	24	Mikiko Hagiwara	G	5'9	160
	4	Kristi Harrower	G	5'4	
	11	Pauline Jordan	F	6'3	205
	15	Andrea Kuklova	G	6'0	150
	32	Bridget Pettis	G	5'9	150
	13	Brandy Reed	F	6'1	168
	19	Maria Stepanova	C	6'8	208
	7	Michelle Timms	G	5'7	132
	21	Umeki Webb	G	5'10	162

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	32	Adia Barnes	F	5'11	165
		Quacy Barnes	C	6'5	185
	6	Ruthie Bolton-Holifield	G	5'9	150
	42	Linda Burgess	F	6'1	173
	51	Latasha Byears	G	5'11	206
	30	Bridgette Gordon	F	6'0	172
	27	Lady Hardmon	G	5'10	160
	4	Tiffani Johnson	C	6'4	205
	21	Ticha Penicheiro	G	5'11	158
	25	Franthea Price	G	5'9	178
	50	Tangela Smith	F	6'4	160

UTAH STARZZ					
Status	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
	10	Tricia Bader	G	5'4	125
	28	Elena Baranova	C-F	6'5	182
	12	Malgorzata (Margo) Dydek	C	7'2	223
	20	Fran Harris	G	6'0	153
	11	Dena Head	G	5'10	160
I	25	Jessie Hicks	F	6'4	187
	24	LaTonya Johnson	F	6'1	152
	14	Wendy Palmer	F	6'2	165
	32	Tammi Reiss	G	5'6	129
	0	Olympia Scott	F	6'2	175
	3	Chantel Tremitiere	G	5'6	142
	23	Kim Williams	G	5'6	136

Status:

I Injured list**S** Suspended list

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Team by Team List of 1998 Free Agents As of June 17th

Atlanta Hawks: F / C Greg Anderson, G Drew Barry, F Chucky Brown, F Tyrone Corbin, F Chris Crawford, F Alan Henderson, F Christian Laettner, F Anthony “Pig” Miller, G Eldridge Recasner.

Boston Celtics: F Popeye Jones, C Zan Tabak.

Charlotte Hornets: G Corey Beck, G Dell Curry, C Vlade Divac, F Tony Farmer—waived on 3 / 24, C Matt Geiger, G Vernon Maxwell, F Donald Royal, F Travis Williams.

Chicago Bulls: F Jud Buechler, G / F Scott Burrell, G Michael Jordan, G Steve Kerr, C Joe Kleine, G Rusty LaRue, C Luc Longley, F Scottie Pippen, F / C Dickey Simpkins, C Bill Wennington.

Cleveland Cavaliers: G Scott Brooks, G Tony Dumas—waived on 1 / 19, F Henry James, G Carl Thomas.

Dallas Mavericks: C Shawn Bradley *, F Cedric Ceballos, F Ace Custis, F A.C. Green *, G Shawn Respert, C Eric Riley, F Kurt Thomas.

Denver Nuggets: G Cory Alexander, G Harold “Bo Ellis”, F LaPhonso Ellis, G Kiwane Garris, G / F Johnny Newman, F / C Joe Wolf, C George Zidek—waived 2 / 28.

Detroit Pistons: G Joe Dumars, G Steve Henson, F Grant Long **, F / C Rick Mahorn, C Eric Montross, G Charles O’Bannon **, F / G Malik Sealy, G Jerry Stackhouse.

Golden State Warriors: G Muggsy Bogues **, F Jason Caffey, G Jimmy Jackson, G Gerald Madkins, F Clarence Weatherspoon.

Houston Rockets: F Charles Barkley, F Matt Bullard, G / F Mario Elie, F Othella Harrington, F Eddie Johnson, G Matt Maloney, C Serge Zwikker.

Indiana Pacers: G Travis Best, F Etrick Bohannon, G Fred Hoiberg, F Mark Pope, C Rik Smits, C Mark West.

Los Angeles Clippers: C / F Isaac Austin, G Darrick Martin, G Eric Piatkowski, F Rodney Rogers, Loy Vaught.

Los Angeles Lakers: G Jon Barry, F Mario Bennett, F Corie Blount, F Rick Fox, G Shea Seals.

Miami Heat: F / G Keith Askins, G Brent Barry, F Marty Conlon, G Malcolm Huckaby, F Antonio Lang, G Eric Murdock, F Mark Strickland, G Rex Walters.

Milwaukee Bucks: F / C Acie Earl, F Jamie Feick, G Ricky Pierce.

* Denotes player’s option to become a free agent.

** Denotes team’s option.

Minnesota Timberwolves: F Tom Gugliotta *, F Tom Hammonds, G Reggie Jordan, F Sam Mitchell, C / F Cherokee Parks, G Terry Porter **, C Stanley Roberts, G DeJuan Wheat.

New Jersey Nets: G Sherman Douglas, C Rony Seikaly **, F David Vaughn, F Jayson Williams.

New York Knicks: G / F Anthony Bowie, F Ben Davis, C Chris Dudley, G Brooks Thompson, G Charlie Ward, C Herb Williams.

Orlando Magic: G Darrell Armstrong, F David Benoit, G Kevin Edwards, G Derek Harper, F Jason Lawson, G Kevin Ollie, C Danny Schayes, F Derek Strong, F / G Gerald Wilkins.

Philadelphia 76ers: C Benoit Benjamin, F Derrick Coleman **, F Mark Davis, F Ronnie Grandison—waived 2 / 21, G Doug Overton, F Theo Ratliff, G / F Brian Shaw, F Joe Smith, F Kebu Stewart.

Phoenix Suns: F Mike Brown, F Mark Bryant **, G Rex Chapman, G Kevin Johnson, C Horacio Llamas, G Marko Milic, F George McCloud, F Antonio McDyess, C / F Loren Meyer, F Clifford Robinson, F Dennis Scott, C / F John Williams.

Portland Trailblazers: F / G Vincent Askew—waived on 3 / 24, G Rick Brunson, G Gary Grant, C Alton Lister, C Arvydas Sabonis*, G Damon Stoudamire.

Sacramento Kings: G Mahmoud Abdul - Rauf, G Terry Dehere, G Gary Grant, G Bobby Hurley, F Billy Owens, C Olden Polynice **, C Kevin Salvadori: waived on 2 / 20, F Corliss Williamson.

San Antonio Spurs: G / F Willie Burton, G Vinny Del Negro, G Reggie Geary, G Jaren Jackson, F Brad Lohaus, F Malik Rose, F Monty Williams, C Will Perdue **.

Seattle Sonics: G James Cotton, F / G Dale Ellis **, F Stephen Howard, F Jerome Kersey, G / F Nate McMillan, F / C Sam Perkins, G / F David Wingate.

Toronto Raptors: G Chris Garner, C Oliver Miller, F Gary Trent.

Utah Jazz: G Troy Hudson, F Chris Morris.

Vancouver Grizzlies: G Blue Edwards, F George Lynch, C Eric Mobley, F / C Ivano Newbill.

Washington Wizards: F / C Terry Davis, G Ledell Eackles, F Harvey Grant, F Darwin Ham, C Gheorghe Muresan, G God Shammgod, G Rod Strickland, F Ben Wallace.

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** Denotes team’s option.

Reviewing Recent NBA Trades

(Salaries May not be Accurate; Analyses are posted on the web site w / i 2 days of the trade)

June 9, 1998

“Rockets send Willis to Canada for Roy Rogers and draft picks”

The Houston Rockets acquired F **Roy Rogers** and the 16th and 18th picks in the 1998 NBA Draft in exchange for F / C **Kevin Willis**.

1998 - '99 Salaries:
Roy Rogers, Houston: \$863 K
Kevin Willis, Toronto: \$2.1 M

Who got the better of the deal?
Houston.

Why?
The Rockets made getting younger a priority this off - season. Trading Willis, 35, is a beginning step in that process.

Houston now has three first round picks in the Draft (14th, 16th, and 18th) which will give them flexibility for additional moves. They can package any or all of the picks for a player or move up higher in the first round and draft a player they really like. Though it seems unlikely, they could keep all three picks and select players.

Roy Rogers, 24, has had chronic knee problems since his college playing days at Alabama. When he's healthy, Roy is an excellent shot blocker and a good low post de-

fender. However, his knees have not allowed him to play much since his rookie season ('96-'97). Unless he can get healthy, Roy figures to take Charles Jones spot as the 12th man on the roster.

Kevin Willis gives Toronto a low post scoring big man they've lacked since they entered the league.

“Kevin addresses the most significant need our team has and that is a tough, powerful veteran player in the front-court,” said Toronto GM **Glen Grunwald**. He's a very good defender and has consistently ranked among the league leaders in rebounding.”

“Willis addresses a need we felt we had to take care of this summer,” Grunwald said. “We haven't had anyone this good at center since we entered the league.”

Unfortunately, Glen Grunwald isn't correct when he said Kevin is “a very good defender”. Willis has never been a shot blocker and his defense hasn't been “very good” since his playing days with the Atlanta Hawks in the 80s.

Willis should, however, help young players like F **Marcus Camby** and C **Sharone Wright** by displaying his great work ethic and physical fitness which head coach **Butch Carter** began to stress last season when he was the interim head coach.

USAB will Replace NBA Players for Worlds

June 16, USA Basketball decided to replace the 12 NBA players who had been selected to represent the US at the upcoming World Championships held in Greece beginning in late July.

The decision was made due to threat of an NBA owner lockout of the players July 1st. With the threat of a lockout, the players threatened to boycott the World Championships.

When the players association indicated a boycott might be staged, USAB asked each player to reaffirm his intention of playing. None of the players did and the players association informed USAB that a decision wouldn't be made until July 2.

“We are extremely disappointed and regret that this action had to be taken,” said executive director **Warren Brown**. But training camp for our team starts July 8 and we simply cannot wait until July 2 for a decision before we begin the process of fielding a replacement team.”

“I'm sure our players are by disappointed by USA Basketball's decision,” said union director **Billy Hunter**. We think the decision is premature in light of the fact that USA Basketball

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U.S. Women win 6th Worlds Championship

June 7th, The United States followed its Olympic gold medal with a Women's World Championship defeating Russia 71-65 to close out an unbeaten run to the world title.

“We are at the top right now, no question about it,” U.S. coach **Nell Fortner** said.

Ruthie Bolton-Holifield hit two 3-pointers over the final 1:44 and **Lisa Leslie** had two big turnaround jumpers in the final 2:10 as the United States won its sixth World Championship title and first since 1990.

The US trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half and didn't take a lead until 7:59 left in the game.

Bolton-Holifield, who was bothered by a sore knee throughout the tourney, buried a 3 pointer with 1:44 left to give the Americans a 63-61 lead.

Dawn Staley, who finished with 12 assists and just one turnover in 36 minutes made three of four free throws over the final 10 seconds to ice the game.

Leslie finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds, while Ruthie finished with 11 points and was 3 of 5 from 3 point range.

Russia's **Elena Baranova** was named tournament MVP. She finished with 13 points.

1998 NBA Draft Order

As of June 17th

First Round

1. Los Angeles Clippers
2. Vancouver Grizzlies
3. Denver Nuggets
4. Toronto Raptors
5. Golden State Warriors
6. Dallas Mavericks
7. Sacramento Kings
8. Philadelphia 76ers
9. Milwaukee Bucks
10. Boston Celtics
11. Detroit Pistons
12. Orlando Magic
13. Orlando Magic (from Washington)
14. Houston
15. Orlando (from New Jersey)
16. Houston (from New York via Toronto)
17. Minnesota
18. Houston (from Portland via Toronto)
19. Milwaukee (from Cleveland)
20. Atlanta
21. Charlotte
22. LA Clippers (from Miami)
23. Denver (from Phoenix)
24. San Antonio
25. Indiana
26. LA Lakers
27. Seattle
28. Chicago
29. Utah

Notes involving draft picks:

15. Orlando received this pick along with F David Benoit, et al. in exchange for C Rony Seikaly and F Brian Evans—Feb. 19, 1998.
16. Houston received this pick from Toronto along with the 18 pick in the '98 Draft and F Roy Rogers in exchange for F Kevin Willis—June 9, 1998. Toronto received this pick from New York in the John Wallace-Chris Dudley deal—October 11, 1997.
18. Houston acquired this pick—June 9, 1998. See 16. Toronto acquired this pick from Portland along with another first round pick, G Kenny Anderson, et al. in exchange for G Damon Stoudamire, et al.—February 13, 1998.
19. Milwaukee acquired this pick from Cleveland in the 3 way trade involving F Vin Baker to Seattle, F Shawn Kemp to Cleveland, and T. Brandon to Milw.—September 25, 1998.
22. The Clips obtained this pick plus C Ike Austin and G Charles Smith from Miami in exchange for G Brent Barry—February. 19, 1998.
23. Denver obtained this pick from Phoenix in the 3 way deal involving Cleveland. Antonio McDyess went to Denver and Wesley Person went to Cleveland—October 1, 1998.
30. Dallas received this pick along w/ Jimmy King—July 23, 1996.

Second Round

30. Dallas (from Toronto)
31. Los Angeles Lakers (from Vancouver)
32. Seattle (from Denver)
33. Seattle (from LA Clippers via Philadelphia)
34. Chicago (from Golden State)
35. Dallas
36. Sacramento
37. Philadelphia
38. New York (from Boston)
39. Milwaukee
40. Detroit
41. Houston
42. Orlando
43. Washington
44. New York
45. LA Lakers (from New Jersey)
46. Minnesota
47. Toronto (from Portland)
48. Cleveland
49. Atlanta
50. Charlotte
51. Miami
52. San Antonio
53. Dallas (from Phoenix)
54. Denver (from Indiana)
55. Denver (from Seattle)
56. Vancouver (from LA Lakers)
57. Utah
58. Chicago

Notes involving draft picks:

31. LAL received the right to switch picks for G Anthony Peeler and F George Lynch—July 16, 1996.
32. Seattle received this pick and the draft rights to G James Cotton (33rd overall) for G Bobby Jackson—6 / 25 / 97.
33. Seattle received this pick from Philly for G Eric Snow—Jan. 18, 1998. Philly received this pick for the draft rights to G James Collins (37th overall)—June 25, 1997.
34. Chicago acquired this pick and F David Vaughn for F Jason Caffey—Feb. 19, 1998.
38. New York received this pick as part of the Chris Mills for John Wallace, et al. deal—Oct. 22, 1997.
45. LAL received this pick and C Sam Bowie for C Benoit Benjamin—June 21, 1993.
47. See 18.
53. Dallas received this pick and G / F Michael Finley, et al. for G Jason Kidd, et al.—December 26, 1996.
54. Denver received this pick and G / F Vincent Askew and F Eddie Johnson for G Mark Jackson and C LaSalle Thompson—Feb. 20, 1997.
55. Denver received this pick, G Greg Graham, and C Steve Scheffler for G / F Dale Ellis—Oct. 2, 1997.
56. See 31.

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HIRINGS:

from May 18

George Washington:

Named former Texas

coach **Tom Pender** new head coach: 6 / 18.

St. John's: Named former

George Washington head

coach **Mike Jarvis** new head coach: 6 / 11.

Loyola - Chicago: Named

former Rhode Island

assistant coach **Larry**

Farmer new head coach:

5 / 20.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Valparaiso: Signed head coach **Homer Drew** to a contract extension through the 2005 - 2006 season: 6 / 5.

Youngstown State: Signed

head coach **Dan Peters** to

a 3 year contract

extension: 5 / 27.

Detroit: Signed head

coach **Perry Watson** to a

new five year contract: 5 / 20.

TRANSFERS

Michigan State: Former

Duke F **Mike Chappell**

announced he is

transferring to Michigan

State.: 5 / 31.

4TH MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN NU SCANDAL

June 16, former

Northwestern basketball

player **Dewey Williams**

pleaded guilty to a single

charge of sports bribery

thereby ending the

gambling case.

"I'm definitely sorry for what I did," Dewey, 25, said to US District Judge **Charles Norgle**.

Williams faces a sentence ranging from probation to six months in prison.

Williams was brought into the

point shaving scheme by

former NU G **Kenneth Dion**

Lee to keep the team's

scoring down in return for

cash from gamblers.

Lee pleaded guilty earlier.

The two players shaved points

against Wicoonsin, Michigan,

and Penn State in 1995 Big

Ten games in order to help

their opponents beat the point

spread set by bookies.

NCAA CHANGES HELD-BALL RULE TO REWARD DEFENSIVE HUSTLE

June 10, The NCAA

announced a rules change that

will reward men's basketball

players whose defensive

hustle forces held-ball

situations.

No matter which way the possession arrow is pointing at the time, the defense will

get the ball when one of its

players forces a held-ball. The

ball will be awarded at the

closest designated spot to

where the held-ball occurred.

"The committee feels that this

change will reward

outstanding defensive plays

that in the past went

unrewarded if the possession

arrow belonged to the

offense," **Herb Kenny**,

athletic director at Wesleyan

University and rules

committee chairman said.

Giving momentum to the

change was Kentucky's 86-85

overtime victory over Stanford

in the semifinals of this year's

national championships.

Stanford forced a held-ball

late in the game, but

Kentucky retained the ball on

the possession arrow.

The alternate-possession rule

would still apply in situations

in which the defense didn't

cause the held ball, such as if

a live ball became wedged in

a basket support or if players

from each team

simultaneously knocked a

loose ball out of bounds.

COTTON DENIED ELIGIBILITY AT NORTH CAROLINA ST.

June 5, **Schea Cotton**, one of

the nation's top basketball

recruits three years ago, has

been denied NCAA eligibility

to attend North Carolina

State this fall.

Cotton had appealed an

earlier NCAA decision

invalidating a Scholastic

Aptitude Test (SAT) score

that would have qualified

him to play at the ACC

school.

Cotton, a 6'5 shooting guard

from Long Beach who sat out

his senior season at

Bellflower St. John Bosco

because of a shoulder injury,

agreed to attend UCLA last

fall; however, the NCAA

invalidated his SAT

qualifying score less than a

week before he was to enroll.

He attended and played at St.

Thomas More, a prep school

in Oakdale, CT, this past

season.

NC State athletics director

Les Robinson said he would

consult with head coach

Herb Sindek and a faculty

representative about what

action the school should take

in response to the decision.

"Until such time that we are able to meet, I can only say I feel sorry for Schea and his family, and we fully support him in his efforts to attend NC State University," Robinson said.

Schea had twice fallen short of

a qualifying score on the SAT.

The NCAA invalidated his

score of 900 on his third test

because it said he wrongly

received special circumstances

from the testing service. He

allegedly was given more time

to finish the exam and had his

questionnaires printed in

larger type for easier reading.

Schea and his family contend

he has a learning disability.

The NCAA said it didn't

receive proper information

regarding his learning

disability.

Schea's family has hired an

attorney to challenge the

NCAA's ruling.

EIGHT SCHOOLS SET TO LEAVE WAC

May 26, The WAC, the

nation's largest collegiate

conference, is on the verge of

splitting in half.

Citing the loss of traditional

rivalries, rising travel costs

and insufficient revenue

growth, eight of the 16

Western Athletic Conference

schools announced plans to

form their own league.

Air Force, Brigham Young,

Colorado State, UNLV, New

Mexico, San Diego State,

Utah and Wyoming said they

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will file their intentions to leave the WAC before Sept. 1 as required by league bylaws. They also will ask the NCAA to recognize the new unnamed conference immediately.

“You’ve got a group of eight institutions that are committed to making a new conference work,” said Colorado State president **Al Yates**, who is also chairman of the WAC board of directors.

“We’ve spent most of our time in conversation trying to respond to the question, ‘Is there a way to make this 16-team conference work?’ Our conclusion in all that was that there was not,” Yates said.

The schools not planning to leave the WAC are Fresno State, Hawaii, Rice, San Jose State, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Texas-El Paso and Tulsa. None were charter members of the conference when it formed in 1962.

“I obviously knew that there were problems out there,” WAC commissioner **Karl Benson** said. “Needless to say I was shocked and surprised, not necessarily surprised that this is what ended up happening, but I think the timing of it was more surprising.”

Presidents of the defecting schools said they will

honor their 1998-99 athletic schedules and withdraw from the WAC on June 30, 1999.

“As a charter member of the Western Athletic Conference, the University of Wyoming does not take this decision lightly,” Wyoming president **Philip Dubois** said. “We take this step reluctantly, but in the best long-term interests of our university, our athletic program and our fans.”

Founded as a six-team conference in 1962, the WAC became the nation’s largest college league in 1996 when it added Southwest Conference refugees Rice, TCU, Tulsa and SMU, and former Big West participants UNLV and San Jose State.

With Hawaii and the Texas schools separated by about 3,900 miles and four time zones, travel costs were a tremendous burden for WAC teams. The costs, coupled with lagging revenue and a proposed realignment that would have separated rivals such as Colorado State and Air Force, created unrest among the eight defecting schools.

Benson said he will talk to the remaining schools as well as schools outside the conference to see if the WAC has a future beyond 1999.

“I look at this as one more challenge to try to recreate the Western Athletic Conference,” he said. “It was founded in 1962 and I certainly am not anticipating or expecting it to dissolve under my watch.”

NCAA Rules Changes

Other permanent rules changes:

- ◇ Basket interference will be called if a player pulls down a movable basket rim and it touches the ball before returning to its original position. Previously, there was no specific rule for that situation.
- ◇ When a double personal foul is called, the ball will be awarded to the team that was in possession. There will be no change in the possession arrow, and the shot clock will not be reset. Previously, possession was determined by the arrow.
- ◇ New provisions in the uniforms rule require jerseys to be a single color from the base of the neck to the bottom. Undershirts must be similar to the jersey color, and sleeves must be the same length and not have frayed or ragged edges.
- ◇ The rule also limits how close names and decorations may be placed to jersey numbers.
- ◇ The experimental rule on shortening televised games will be used only in designated games.
- ◇ Full-length television timeouts will be called at the first dead ball after the 16-, 12-, 8- and 4-minute marks in each half. Teams would have five timeouts of 30 seconds each. The first called by either team would be extended to a full timeout. Each team would be able to carry four of the shortened timeouts into the second half.

Other experimental rules:

- ◇ The first free throw lane space will be moved 10 inches farther from the basket. The rule is designed to cut down on rough lane play in free-throw situations.
- ◇ In designated games, the shot clock will be extended from 35 to 45 seconds.

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is permitted to submit a 24-man roster to FIBA that doesn’t have to be reduced to 12 players until July 26.”

⇒ Question: If the players proposed the idea of a boycott as a sign of solidarity against the owners, why are other NBA players like Steve Nash (Canada) and Rick Fox (Canada) and Zydrunas Ilgauskas (Lithuania) allowed to represent their respective countries? So much for solidarity.

1998 NBA PRE - DRAFT CAMP ROSTERS

June 2nd - June 6th, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL

TEAM #1	TEAM #2	TEAM #3
4 - Bailey, Toby (UCLA)	52 - Braggs, Torraye (Xavier)	12 - Colson, Sean (UNC Charlotte)
13 - Culbertson, Paul (Nevada)	9 - Carr, Cory (Texas Tech)	14 - Davis, Arthur (St. Joseph's)
17 - Dial, Derrick (E. Michigan)	53 - Cornell, Peter (Loyola Marymount)	50 - Jackson, Randell (Florida State)
18 - Drew, Bryce (Valparaiso)	72 - Huffman, Nate (CBA)	18 - Jones, Charles (Long Island)
20 - Fowlkes, Tremaine (Fresno State)	29 - Jones, Mark (Central Florida)	47 - King, Jimmy (CBA)
57 - James, Jerome (Florida A & M)	48 - Roe, Lou (CBA)	58 - Koul, Alexander (George Washington)
26 - Johnson, DeMarco (UNC Charlotte)	33 - McLeod, Roshown (Duke)	30 - Lopez, Felipe (St. John's)
59 - Marks, Sean (California)	70 - Tusek, Marko (BC Union Olimpija - Slovenia)	61 - Miller, Brad (Purdue)
34 - Nesby, Tyrone (UNLV)	43 - Watson, Melvin (South Carolina)	64 - Papanikolaou, Dimitris (Olympiakos - Greece)
65 - Robisch, Brett (Oklahoma State)	45 - Williams, Shammond (North Carolina)	38 - Patterson, Ruben (Cincinnati)
44 - Wheeler, Tyson (Rhode Island)	46 - Young, Korleone (Hargrave Academy, Virginia)	40 - Shields, Clayton (New Mexico)
TEAM #4	TEAM #5	TEAM #6
3 - Alston, Rafer (Fresno State)	51 - Betts, Andrew (Long Beach State)	5 - Bowen, Ryan (Iowa)
7 - Buckner, Greg (Clemson)	10 - Carter, Anthony (Hawai'i)	6 - Brewer, Corey (Oklahoma)
8 - Campbell, Mike (Long Island)	54 - Davison, Bennett (Arizona)	11 - Cole, Tim (NE Miss. Comm. College)
15 - Davis, Nick (Arkansas)	19 - Elliott, Rodney (Maryland)	16 - Davis, Ricky (Iowa)
55 - Eley, Bud (Southeast Missouri State)	23 - Henderson, Mitch (Princeton)	24 - Hendrix, Bakari (Gonzaga)
21 - Goodrich, Steve (Princeton)	27 - Johnson, Malcolm (TCU)	25 - Jacobson, Sam (Minnesota)
22 - Henderson, J.R. (UCLA)	68 - Markovic, Sasha (Panionis - Greece)	63 - Ndiaye, Makhtar (North Carolina)
31 - Lee, Tyrone (Nebraska)	62 - Nailon, Lee (TCU)	66 - Santiago, Daniel (St. Vincent - Pennsylvania)
32 - Maddox, Mike (Georgia Tech)	67 - Skinner, Brian (Baylor)	39 - Saxon, Marcus (Utah State)
60 - McCoy, Jelani (UCLA)	41 - Simon, Miles (Arizona)	71 - Walton, Winfred (Fresno State)
42 - Veal, Jeremy (Arizona State)		72 - White, Jahidi (Georgetown)

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Centers: Grade: C-

1. **Michael Olowokandi**, Pacific, 6'11.75*, 269, Senior.

STRENGTHS

coachable
great work ethic
foot work
turnaround jump shot
willingness to improve
shot blocking ability
upside potential
long arms: 92 in wing span

WEAKNESSES

lack of organized hoop exp.
free throw shooting
passing out of double teams
Big West competition
raw offensive skills

Career Avg.: .591 fg%, .466 ft%, 13.5 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 2.1 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .608 fg%, .485 ft%, 22.2 ppg, 11.2 rpg, 2.9 bpg.

2. **Nazr Mohammed**, Kentucky, 6'10*, 221, Junior.

STRENGTHS

work ethic
running the floor
athleticism
shot blocking / rebounding
quick feet

WEAKNESSES

limited shooting range
lacks refined low post game
passing
foul shooting
physical strength

Career Avg.: .553 fg%, .581 ft%, 8.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 1.4 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .597 fg%, .692 ft%, 12.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 1.9 bpg.

3. **Michael Doleac**, Utah, 6'11*, 269, Senior.

STRENGTHS

coachable
fundamentally sound
perimeter shooting
passing skills
strong, soft hands
foul shooting
toughness

WEAKNESSES

quickness / foot speed
upside potential
athleticism
conditioning

Career Avg.: .491 fg%, .784 ft%, .404 3pt%, 11.6 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 1 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .488 fg%, .805 ft%, .406 3pt%, 16.1 ppg, 7.1 rpg.

4. **Radoslav Nesterovic**, Makris (Italy), 7'2, 250, 22 yrs. old.

Note: Signed a 3 yr. contract last fall and will have to spend one more season overseas before he can opt out of his contract.

STRENGTHS

mobility
long arms
athleticism

WEAKNESSES

physical strength
defense

5. **Vladimir Stepania**, Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia), 6'11, 236,
22 yrs. old in Aug.

Note: Has 1 more year left on his contract overseas.

STRENGTHS

mobility
shooting skills

WEAKNESSES

overall defense

6. **Andrew Betts**, Long Beach St., 7'0.75*, 257.5, Senior.

STRENGTHS

rebounding
shot blocking

WEAKNESSES

physical strength
college competition

foot work

offensive fundamentals

Career Avg.: .531 fg%, .699 ft%, 15.3 ppg, 10.4 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .540 fg%, .689 ft%, 18.7 ppg, 10.4 rpg.

7. **Casey Shaw**, Toledo, 6'11, 250, Senior.

STRENGTHS

willingness to improve
scoring ability
foot work

WEAKNESSES

MAC competition
shot blocking
foul shooting

Career Avg.: .546 fg%, .594 ft%, 13.8 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 1.0 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .529 fg%, .611 ft%, 14.2 ppg, 10.0 rpg, 1.0 bpg.

8. **Jerome James**, Florida A&M, 6'11.5*, 315, Junior.

STRENGTHS

shot blocking
rebounding
physical size and strength
long arms: 92 in wing span

WEAKNESSES

MEAC competition
turnover prone
conditioning / work ethic
foul shooting

Career Avg.: .495 fg%, .527 ft%, 16.0 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 4.5 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .500 fg%, .563 ft%, 19.9 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 4.6 bpg.

9. **Alexander Koul**, George Washington, 7'0*, 285, Senior.

STRENGTHS

physical size and strength
running the floor

WEAKNESSES

extremely foul prone
leaping ability
foot work
lateral quickness

Career Avg.: .610 fg%, .607 ft%, 13.5 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 1.5 bpg.
Best year: '95-'96: .642 fg%, .665 ft%, 14.9 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 1.8 bpg.

10. **Jahidi White**, Georgetown, 6'9*, 293, Senior.

Note: Missed most of his senior year due to broken bone in his ankle.

STRENGTHS

physical strength
hands
coachable

WEAKNESSES

weight problems
conditioning
foul prone

Career Avg.: .539 fg%, .462 ft%, 5.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 1.4 bpg.
Best year: '96-'97: .512 fg%, .485 ft%, 7.3 ppg, 6.4 rpg.

Other Possible 2nd Round Picks or Rookie Free Agents:

Ryan Chilton, Colorado State, 7'0, 225, Senior.
Peter Cornell, Loyola Marymount, 6'10.5*, 244.5, Senior.
Avondre Jones, Fresno State, 6'11, 240, Senior.
Daniel Santiago, St. Vincent (PA), 6'10.65*, 242.5, Senior.
Rolf van Rijn, Butler, 7'2, 260, Senior.
Bruno Sundov, Split (Croatia), 6'11, , 18 yrs. old.
Antanas Vilcinskas, Valparaiso, 7'0, 250, Senior.

Forwards: Grade: B.

1. **Paul Pierce**, Kansas, 6'6*, 229.5, Junior.

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perimeter shooting
fundamentally sound
attacking the basket
rebounding
quick leaping ability
shooting off screens

WEAKNESSES

physical toughness
conditioning
individual defense
ball handling
moving w/o the ball

Career Avg.: .481 fg%, .355 3pt%, .697 ft%, 16.4 ppg, 6.3 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .513 fg%, .339 3pt%, .738 ft%, 20.4 ppg, 6.7 rpg.

- 2.
- Antawn Jamison**
- , North Carolina, 6'7.75*, 230.5, Junior.

STRENGTHS

competitive nature
aggressiveness
quick leaping ability
fundamentally sound
offensive rebounding

WEAKNESSES

ball handling
perimeter shooting
physical strength
no defined position
perimeter defense

Career Avg.: .577 fg%, .617 ft%, 19.0 ppg, 9.9 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .579 fg%, .667 ft%, 22.2 ppg, 10.5 rpg.

- 3.
- Raef LaFrentz**
- , Kansas, 6'11.5*, 235, Senior.
- Left handed.*

STRENGTHS

fundamentally sound
perimeter shooting
rebounding
hustle / aggressiveness
coachable

WEAKNESSES

physical strength
quickness
nagging injuries

Career Avg.: .555 fg%, .712 ft%, 15.8 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 1.0 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98:

- 4.
- Dirk Nowitzki**
- , DJK Wurzburg (Germany), 6'11, 237,
-
- 20 yrs. old on 6/19.

Note: It's unknown whether Dirk will be able to play in the NBA this fall. He may play overseas.

STRENGTHS

ball handling
attacking the basket
perimeter shooting

WEAKNESSES

defense
physical strength
age

- 5.
- Robert Traylor**
- , Michigan, 6'7.5*, 288.5, Junior.

STRENGTHS

strong, soft hands
passing skills
leadership skills
shooting touch
foot work

WEAKNESSES

foul shooting
conditioning
keeping weight down
quickness

Career Avg.: .566 fg%, .545 ft%, 13.2 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 1.5 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .579 fg%, .642 ft%, 16.2 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 2.6 apg.

- 6.
- Pat Garrity**
- , Notre Dame, 6'9*, 237, Senior.

STRENGTHS

perimeter shooting
fundamentally sound

WEAKNESSES

quickness
overall defense

moving without the ball
toughness

physical strength
foot speed

Career Avg.: .491 fg%, .747 ft%, .358 3pt%, 18.8 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 2 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .481 fg%, .750 ft%, .370 3pt%, 23.2 ppg, 8.3 rpg.

- 7.
- Al Harrington**
- , St. Patrick (NJ) High School, 6'8, 220.

STRENGTHS

perimeter shooting
well rounded game
maturity / intelligence
athleticism

WEAKNESSES

age
physical strength

- 8.
- Keon Clark**
- , UNLV, 6'10.5*, 220.5, Senior.
- Left handed.*

STRENGTHS

long arms / shot blocking
finishing at the basket
jump hook

WEAKNESSES

perimeter shooting
off court troubles
low post offense
foul shooting
physical strength
conditioning

Career Avg.: .554 fg%, .638 ft%, 14.8 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 3.5 bpg.
Best year: '96-'97: .556 fg%, .629 ft%, 14.8 ppg, 10.0 rpg, 3.9 bpg.

- 9.
- Rashard Lewis**
- , Alief Elsik (Houston) High School, 6'9, 220.

STRENGTHS

perimeter shooting
upside potential
versatility
attacking the basket

WEAKNESSES

slow shot release
physical strength
moving without the ball
work ethic
age
inexperience

- 10.
- Jelani McCoy**
- , UCLA, 6'10*, 245, Junior.

STRENGTHS

shot blocking ability
running the floor and dunking
athleticism

WEAKNESSES

off court troubles
offensive skills
foul shooting
maturity
limited shooting range

Career Avg.: .694 fg%, .462 ft%, 10.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 2.4 bpg.
Best year: '96-'97: .756 fg%, .446 ft%, 10.9 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 1.9 bpg.

- 11.
- Matt Harpring**
- , Georgia Tech, 6'6.5*, 231, Senior.

STRENGTHS

toughness
rebounding
fundamentally sound
passing skills
perimeter shooting

WEAKNESSES

quickness
overall defense
foot speed

Career Avg.: .465 fg%, .753 ft%, 17.9 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 2.3 apg.
Best year: '95-'96: .510 fg%, .429 3pt%, .762 ft%, 18.6 ppg, 8.1 rpg.

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12. **Roshown McLeod**, Duke, 6'8*, 221, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 athleticism
 willingness to improve
 low post offense
 fundamentally sound
 perimeter shooting
- WEAKNESSES
 lateral quickness
 physical strength
 ball handling
 shooting on the move
- Career Avg.: .479 fg%, .735 ft%, .383 3pt%, 10.7 ppg, 5.6 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .494 fg%, .706 ft%, .411 3pt%, 15.3 ppg, 5.6 rpg.
13. **Ansu Sesay**, Mississippi, 6'8*, 223, Senior. *Left handed.*
STRENGTHS
 versatility
 ball handling—crossover dribble
 quick shot release
- WEAKNESSES
 physical strength
 toughness
 consistent perimeter shot
- Career Avg.: .428 fg%, .720 ft%, 13.0 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 2.1 apg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .456 fg%, 18.6 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 2.8 apg, 1 bpg, 1 spg.
14. **Brian Skinner**, Baylor, 6'9*, 255, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 physical strength
 rebounding
 shot blocking
 athleticism
- WEAKNESSES
 raw offensive skills
 passing out of double teams
 limited shooting range
 hands
- Career Avg.: .575 fg%, .558 ft%, 16.5 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 3.4 bpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .553 fg%, .591 ft%, 18.1 ppg, 9.5 rpg, 3.5 bpg.
15. **Mirsad Turkcan**, Efes Pilsen (Turkey), 6'8*, 236, 22 yrs. old.
STRENGTHS
 rebounding
 perimeter shooting
- WEAKNESSES
 physical strength
16. **J.R. Henderson**, UCLA, 6'9*, 226, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 leadership skills
 versatility
 shooting range: 18 ft.
 passing skills
- WEAKNESSES
 no defined position
 physical strength
 lateral quickness
 toughness
- Career Avg.: .549 fg%, .638 ft%, 14.2 ppg, 6.4 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .536 fg%, .638 ft%, 19.0 ppg, 7.8 rpg.
17. **Andrae Patterson**, Indiana, 6'8, 240, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 perimeter shooting
 passing skills
 foul shooting
- WEAKNESSES
 consistency
 physical toughness
 mental toughness
- Career Avg.: .479 fg%, .755 ft%, .313 3pt%, 11.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg.
 Best year: .495 fg%, .793 ft%, .278 3pt%, 12.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 1.4 bpg.
18. **DeMarco Johnson**, UNC Charlotte, 6'7*, 244, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 versatility
- WEAKNESSES
 athleticism

- mid range shot
 rebounding
 ball handling skills
- conditioning
 quickness

Career Avg.: .492 fg%, .304 3pt%, .748 ft%, 16.8 ppg, 7.8 rpg.

19. **Clayton Shields**, New Mexico, 6'7*, 211, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 stand still perimeter shot
 rebounding
 shooting range: 20+ ft.
- WEAKNESSES
 quickness
 overall defense
 passing skills
- Career Avg.: .472 fg%, .703 ft%, .408 3pt%, 14.4 ppg, 5.9 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .457 fg%, .733 ft%, .407 3pt%, 16.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg.
20. **Brad Miller**, Purdue, 6'11*, 255.5, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 perimeter shooting
 running the floor
 passing skills
 rebounding
 shot blocking
- WEAKNESSES
 quickness
 conditioning
 physical strength
- Career Avg.: .572 fg%, .754 ft%, 12.0 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 1.3 bpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .632 fg%, .780 ft%, 17.2 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 1.6 bpg.
21. **Korleone Young**, Hargrave Academy, 6'6.5*, 213.
STRENGTHS
 long arms: 84 in wing span
 scoring around the basket
- WEAKNESSES
 no defined position
 ball handling
 age
 perimeter shooting
22. **Ruben Patterson**, Cincinnati, 6'5*, 224, Senior.
STRENGTHS
 athleticism
 playing the passing lanes
 attacking the basket
- WEAKNESSES
 passing skills
 overall defense
 perimeter shooting
 ball handling
- Career Avg.: .515 fg%, .607 ft%, 14.8 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 1.1 spg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .472 fg%, .611 ft%, 16.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 2.2 apg.
23. **Tremaine Fowlkes**, Fresno State, 6'7*, 208, Junior.
STRENGTHS
 rebounding
 athleticism
 running the floor
 finishing around the basket
- WEAKNESSES
 inconsistent perimeter shot
 physical strength
 foul shooting
 shot selection
- Career Avg.: .461 fg%, .647 ft%, 13.4 ppg, 8.6 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .491 fg%, .636 ft%, 13.5 ppg, 11.2 rpg.
24. **Zendon Hamilton**, St. John's, 6'11, 241, Senior. *Left handed.*
STRENGTHS
 drawing fouls
- WEAKNESSES
 finishing around the basket

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rebounding	passing skills
aggressiveness	limited shooting range
	physical strength

Career Avg.: .475 fg%, .704 ft%, 15.9 ppg, 8.3 rpg.
Best year: '95-'96: .486 fg%, .797 ft%, 20.8 ppg, 10.3 rpg.

25. **Corey Louis**, Florida State, 6'9, 225, Senior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
shot blocking	consistency
active around the basket	physical strength
passing skills	foul shooting
rebounding	finishing around the basket

Career Avg.: .483 fg%, .625 ft%, 10.5 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 1.7 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .556 fg%, .561 ft%, 10.7 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.6 bpg.

26. **Torrave Braggs**, Xavier, 6'7*, 237, Senior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
active around the basket	undersized
rebounding	perimeter shooting skills
physical strength	no defined position
NBA body	

Career Avg.: .550 fg%, .727 ft%, 13.4 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 2.5 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .541 fg%, .731 ft%, 13.0 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 2.4 apg.

27. **Bakari Hendrix**, Gonzaga, 6'7.25*, 236, Senior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
rebounding	undersized
hustle and aggressiveness	ball handling skills
perimeter shooting	slow shot release
	lacks explosiveness
	WCC competition

Career Avg.: .524 fg%, .716 ft%, .273 3pt%, 14.1 ppg, 6 rpg, 1.6 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .525 fg%, .733 ft%, .346 3pt%, 19.9 ppg, 7.3 rpg.

28. **Randell Jackson**, Florida State, 6'9.75*, 210.5, Junior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
shot blocking	shot selection
athleticism	physical strength
perimeter shooting skills	ball handling
	consistency

Career Avg.: .474 fg%, .674 ft%, 11.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 1.3 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .487 fg%, .720 ft%, 12.7 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 1.2 bpg.

29. **Sean Marks**, California, 6'10*, 242, Senior.

Note: Suffered bad ankle sprains freshman and sophomore seasons and also had shin splints as a sophomore.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
hustle and aggressiveness	injury prone
coachable	physical strength
perimeter shooting	conditioning

Career Avg.: .487 fg%, .669 ft%, 6.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg.

Best year: '97-'98: .478 fg%, .689 ft%, 9.8 ppg, 7.6 rpg.

30. **Brett Robisch**, Oklahoma State, 6'10*, 251, Senior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
fundamentally sound	physical strength
perimeter shooting	quickness
foul shooting	foot speed
passing skills	
shooting touch	

Career Avg.: .508 fg%, .717 ft%, .321 3pt%, 8.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .500 fg%, .782 ft%, 15.4 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 1.2 apg.

31. **Maceo Baston**, Michigan, 6'9, 210, Senior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
shot blocking	physical strength
long arms	consistency
finishing around the basket	ball handling
running the floor	foul shooting
	foul prone

Career Avg.: .625 fg%, .648 ft%, 10.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 1.1 bpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .589 fg%, .654 ft%, 12.7 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 1.1 bpg.

32. **Jerod Ward**, Michigan, 6'9, 215, Senior.

Note: Tore meniscus in his right knee as a freshman and toe his ACL in his left knee as a sophomore.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
work ethic	physical strength
coachable	lacks explosiveness
NBA range	shot selection
willingness to improve	foul shooting
team defense	consistency

Career Avg.: .389 fg%, .654 ft%, .339 3pt%, 9.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .441 fg%, .677 ft%, .379 3pt%, 13.1 ppg, 6.0 rpg.

33. **Norman Nolan**, Virginia, 6'8, 243, Senior.

<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
low post scoring	no defined position
rebounding	foul shooting
coachable	foot speed
willingness to improve	lacks quickness
strong hands	

Career Avg.: .487 fg%, .597 ft%, 10.9 ppg, 6.3 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .524 fg%, .648 ft%, 21.0 ppg, 9.2 rpg.

Other Possible 2nd Round Picks or Rookie Free Agents:*Adebayo Akinkunle*, Bradley, 6'8.5, 220, Senior.*Boubacar Aw*, Georgetown, 6'7, 217, Senior.*Austin Bates*, Vanderbilt, 6'9, 243, Senior.*Joey Beard*, Boston University, 6'9, 236, Senior.*Chandar Bingham*, Virginia Union, 6'9, 210, Sophomore.*Ryan Bowen*, Iowa, 6'8.75*, 212.5, Senior.*Bobby Brannen*, Cincinnati, 6'7.5, 232, Senior.*(Continued on page 16)*

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Todd Burgan, Syracuse, 6'7, 220, Senior.
 Mickey Curley, Boston College, 6'9.5, 260, Senior.
 Carlos Daniel, Washington State, 6'8, 240, Senior.
 Sean Daugherty, Wisconsin, 6'10.5, 237, Senior.
 Bennett Davison, Arizona, 6'6.5*, 214.5, Senior.
 Nick Davis, Arkansas, 6'8.5*, 200, Senior.
 Simon Dwight, Australia, 6'9, 216.
 Rodney Elliott, Maryland, 6'8*, 223, Senior.
 Steve Goodrich, Princeton, 6'8.75*, 239.5, Senior.
 Jerry Hester, Illinois, 6'6, 209, Senior.
 J.J. Lucas, Hawai'i Pacific, 6'10, 268, Senior.
 Michael Maddox, Georgia Tech, 6'7*, 217, Senior.
 Makhtar Ndiaye, North Carolina, 6'8.5*, 245, Senior.
 Ryan Perryman, Dayton, 6'7, 228, Senior.
 Jay Poerner, Southern Methodist, 6'10, 214, Senior.
 Ryan Stack, South Carolina, 6'11, 217, Senior.
 Jarod Stevenson, Richmond, 6'6.5, 202, Senior.
 Eric Taylor, St. Francis, PA, 6'8, 245, Senior.
 Kelly Thames, Missouri, 6'8, 218, Senior.
 Marko Tusek, BC Union Olimpija-Slovenia, 6'7.5*, 261.5.
 Winfred Walton, Fresno State, 6'8*, 232, Sophomore
 Horatio Webster, Mississippi State, 6'7, 240, Senior.
 Tyrone Weeks, Massachusetts, 6'6, 250, Senior.
 Evan Wiley, Oklahoma, 6'9.5, 256, Senior.

Guards: Grade: B.

1. **Mike Bibby**, Arizona, 6'1*, 194, Sophomore.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 court awareness / court vision quickness / agility
 ball handling skills physical strength
 willingness to improve athleticism
 leadership skills individual defense
 NBA 3 pt. range
 decision making

Career Avg.: .456 fg%, .390 3pt%, .730 ft%, 15.4 ppg, 5.5 apg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .464 fg%, .387 3pt%, .755 ft%, 17.2 ppg, 5.7 apg.

2. **Vince Carter**, North Carolina, 6'5.5*, 219, Junior.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 athleticism ball handling
 explosive leaping ability shooting w/ a hand in his face
 physical strength consistency
 willingness to improve moving without the ball

Career Avg.: .547 fg%, .705 ft%, .368 3pt%, 12.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 2 apg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .591 fg%, .68 ft%, .411 3pt%, 15.8 ppg, 5.1 rpg.

3. **Larry Hughes**, St. Louis, 6'4.5*, 183.5, Freshman.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 athleticism age; inexperience
 ball handling physical strength
 maturity consistent perimeter shot
 willingness to take big shot injuries to wrists last yr.

Freshman stats.: .415 fg%, .692 ft%, .290 3pt%, 20.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg.

4. **Bonzi Wells**, Ball State, 6'5*, 213, Senior.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 physical strength ball handling
 playing the passing lanes consistent perimeter shot
 rebounding overall shooting skills
 versatility
 athleticism
 explosive leaping ability

Career Avg.: .480 fg%, .681 ft%, .325 3pt%, 21.4 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 3 spg.
 Best year: '95-'96: .494 fg%, .708 ft%, .337 3pt%, 25.4 ppg, 8.8 rpg.

5. **Michael Dickerson**, Arizona, 6'5, 190, Senior.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 quick first step shooting w/ hand in his face
 individual defense ball handling
 physical strength shooting off screens
 conditioning
 willingness to improve
 athleticism

Career Avg.: .458 fg%, .367 3pt%, .740 ft%, 13.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .510 fg%, .404 3pt%, .758 ft%, 18.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg.

6. **Corey Benjamin**, Oregon State, 6'5.5*, 203.5, Sophomore.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 outstanding athleticism shot selection
 leaping ability perimeter shooting
 attacking the basket ball handling
 playing the passing lanes physical strength

Career Avg.: .491 fg%, .688 ft%, .305 3pt%, 17.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .539 fg%, .713 ft%, .293 3pt%, 19.8 ppg, 5 rpg.

7. **Toby Bailey**, UCLA, 6'5.5*, 213, Senior.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 athleticism shot selection
 quick leaping ability ball handling
 takes and makes big shots consistent perimeter shot
 overall defense
 rebounding

Career Avg.: .459 fg%, .341 3pt%, .667 ft%, 14.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg.
 Best year: '97-'98: .443 fg%, .324 3pt%, 17.9 ppg, 5.9 rpg.

8. **Miles Simon**, Arizona, 6'3*, 202, Senior.
STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES
 competitiveness slow shot release
 finishing around the basket shooting from his shoulder
 passing skills physical strength
 big game player ball handling

Career Avg.: .463 fg%, .374 3pt%, .767 ft%, 14.6 ppg, 4.0 apg.
 Best year: '96-'97: .455 fg%, .405 3pt%, .754 ft%, 18.4 ppg, 4.2 apg.

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*(Continued from page 16)*9. **Jason Williams**, Florida, 6'1, 190, Junior.STRENGTHS

passing skills
ball handling skills
perimeter shooting
toughness

WEAKNESSES

off court troubles
tries to over do it too much
physical strength
inability to take criticism

Career Avg.: .483 fg%, .394 3pt%, .793 ft%, 14.9 ppg, 6.5 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .441 fg%, .403 3pt%, .840 ft%, 17.1 ppg, 6.7 apg.

10. **Bryce Drew**, Valparaiso, 6'2*, 187.5, Senior.STRENGTHS

coach's son
fundamentally sound
perimeter shooting
decision making

WEAKNESSES

athleticism
quickness
bad hamstrings

Career Avg.: .449 fg%, .834 ft%, .435 3pt%, 17.7 ppg, 5.2 apg.
Best year: '96-'97: .461 fg%, .879 ft%, .457 3pt%, 19.9 ppg, 4.7 apg.

11. **Ricky Davis**, Iowa, 6'5.5*, 201, Freshman.STRENGTHS

athleticism
attacking the basket
leaping ability
rebounding
running the floor

WEAKNESSES

age; inexperience
consistent perimeter shot
physical strength & weight
ball handling
passing skills

Freshman stats: .466 fg%, .308 3pt%, 15.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 2.4 apg.

12. **Felipe Lopez**, St. John's, 6'4.75*, 198.5, Senior.STRENGTHS

athleticism
rebounding
running the floor
coachable
playing the passing lanes

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
shooting on the move
creating his own shot
foul shooting
ball handling
decision making

Career Avg.: .415 fg%, .658 ft%, .296 3pt%, 16.9 ppg, 5.8 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .431 fg%, .573 ft%, .337 3pt%, 17.6 ppg, 4.8 rpg.

13. **Cory Carr**, Texas Tech, 6'3*, 211.5, Senior.STRENGTHS

physical strength
athleticism
NBA 3pt. range
moving w/o the ball

WEAKNESSES

ball handling skills
creating his own shot

Career Avg.: .428 fg%, .797 ft%, .366 3pt%, 16.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .423 fg%, .861 ft%, .338 3pt%, 23.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg.

14. **Sam Jacobson**, Minnesota, 6'4*, 219, Senior.STRENGTHS

athleticism; leaping ability
creating his own shot
rebounding

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
ball handling skills
conditioning

finishing around the basket overall defense

Career Avg.: .437 fg%, .718 ft%, .365 3pt%, 13.1 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 1 spg.
Best year: '97-'98: .426 fg%, .727 ft%, .324 3pt%, 18.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg.

15. **Tyronn Lue**, Nebraska, 6'0*, 178, Junior.STRENGTHS

quickness
quick hands
perimeter shooting

WEAKNESSES

shoots first, passes second
turnover prone
decision making
physical strength

Career Avg.: .446 fg%, .356 3pt%, .788 ft%, 15.9 ppg, 4.4 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .439 fg%, .373 3pt%, .828 ft%, 21.2 ppg, 4.8 apg.

16. **Jeff Sheppard**, Kentucky, 6'3, 190, Senior.STRENGTHS

athleticism
shooting off screens
moving w/o the ball
finishing around the basket
leaping ability

WEAKNESSES

quickness
creating his own shot
ball handling
foul shooting

Career Avg.: .461 fg%, .691 ft%, .388 3pt%, 8.1 ppg, 2.1 apg, 1 spg.
Best year: '97-'98: .444 fg%, .703 ft%, .376 3pt%, 13.7 ppg, 4.0 rpg.

17. **Corey Brewer**, Oklahoma, 6'1.5*, 193.5, Senior.STRENGTHS

leadership skills
overall defense
rebounding
toughness

WEAKNESSES

turnover prone
decision making
undersized shooting guard

Career Avg.: .428 fg%, .789 ft%, .349 3pt%, 19.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .429 fg%, .798 ft%, .375 3pt%, 20.8 ppg, 5.6 rpg.

18. **Jeremy Veal**, Arizona State, 6'2.5*, 185.5, Senior.STRENGTHS

versatility
passing skills
moving w/o the ball
overall defense

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
physical strength
ball handling skills

Career Avg.: .445 fg%, .397 3pt%, .793 ft%, 16.3 ppg, 3.4 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .461 fg%, .421 3pt%, .787 ft%, 20.8 ppg, 4.2 rpg.

19. **Anthony Carter**, Hawai'i, 6'0*, 197, Senior.

Note: Had surgery 6 / 9 to repair an injured left shoulder.

STRENGTHS

quickness
passing skills
physical strength
ball handling
finishing at the basket

WEAKNESSES

decision making
consistent perimeter shot
turnover prone

Career Avg.: .474 fg%, .714 ft%, .330 3pt%, 18.4 ppg, 6.9 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .453 fg%, .782 ft%, .309 3pt%, 18.2 ppg, 7.3 apg.

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20. **Shammond Williams**, North Carolina, 6'1", 200.5, Senior.

STRENGTHS

perimeter shooting
foul shooting
fundamentally sound
rebounding
NBA 3pt range

WEAKNESSES

playmaking ability
shooting against taller players
ball handling

Career Avg.: .455 fg%, .849 ft%, .403 3pt%, 10.8 ppg, 3 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .488 fg%, .911 ft%, .400 3pt%, 16.8 ppg, 4.2 apg.

21. **Mike Jones**, TCU, 6'3", 210, Senior.

STRENGTHS

athleticism
scoring in transition
versatility
rebounding
physical strength

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
ball handling
creating his own shot
playing in the half court
overall quickness

Career Avg.: .471 fg%, .795 ft%, .378 3pt%, 19.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 5 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .480 fg%, .803 ft%, .378 3pt%, 21.3 apg, 5.5 apg.

22. **Malcolm Johnson**, TCU, 6'3", 199.5, Senior.

STRENGTHS

scoring in transition
finishing around the basket
rebounding
physical strength

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
ball handling
quickness
playing in the half court

Career Avg.: .447 fg%, .722 ft%, .357 3pt%, 18.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .458 fg%, .783 ft%, .370 3pt%, 18.7 ppg, 4.9 rpg.

23. **Charles Jones**, Long Island, 6'2.75", 190, Senior.

STRENGTHS

scoring in transition
finishing around the basket
creating his own shot
rebounding

WEAKNESSES

ball handling
decision making
physical strength
playmaking ability
foul shooting

Career Avg.: .429 fg%, .640 ft%, .352 3pt%, 22.5 ppg, 4.7 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .453 fg%, .639 ft%, .344 3pt%, 29 ppg, 7.4 rpg.

24. **Tyson Wheeler**, Rhode Island, 5'9.5", 165, Senior. *Left handed.*

STRENGTHS

quickness
passing skills
scoring in traffic
ball handling

WEAKNESSES

height & physical strength
consistent perimeter shot
decision making

Career Avg.: .412 fg%, .371 3pt%, 15.3 ppg, 5.7 apg, 2.8 rpg.
Best year: '96-'97: .429 fg%, .381 3pt%, .718 ft%, 16.4 ppg, 5.6 apg.

25. **Tyrone Nesby**, UNLV, 6'6", 237, Senior.

STRENGTHS

rebounding

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot

athleticism
physical strength
toughness

ball handling
decision making
no defined position

Career Avg.: .389 fg%, .715 ft%, .307 3pt%, 16.2 ppg, 6.4 rpg.
Best year: '96-'97: .394 fg%, .720 ft%, .279 3pt%, 16.5 ppg, 7.1 rpg.

26. **Greg Buckner**, Clemson, 6'3.5", 210, Senior.

STRENGTHS

moving w/o the ball
physical strength
rebounding
versatility
leadership skills
work ethic

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
foul shooting
ball handling
creating his own shot
foul shooting

Career Avg.: .504 fg%, .665 ft%, .276 3pt%, 14.4 ppg, 4.9 rpg.
Best year: '97-'98: .537 fg%, .696 ft%, .328 3pt%, 16.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg.

27. **Rafer Alston**, Fresno State, 6'1.75", 170.5, Junior.

Played the '94-'95 season at Ventura junior college and the '96-'97 season at Fresno Community College.

STRENGTHS

quickness
passing skills
ball handling
quick hands

WEAKNESSES

off court troubles
physical strength
decision making
perimeter shooting

Junior stats: .401 fg%, .758 ft%, .337 3pt%, 11.0 ppg, 7.3 apg.

28. **Melvin Watson**, South Carolina, 6'0", 204, Senior.

STRENGTHS

versatility
rebounding
physical strength
team defense

WEAKNESSES

consistent perimeter shot
quickness
foul shooting

Career Avg.: .411 fg%, .683 ft%, .346 3pt%, 12 ppg, 4 rpg, 4.6 apg.
Best year: '96-'97: .450 fg%, .740 ft%, .337 3pt%, 12.2 ppg, 4.5 apg.

29. **Earl Boykins**, Eastern Michigan, 5'5", 130, Senior.

STRENGTHS

quickness
perimeter shooting
foul shooting
passing skills
leadership skills

WEAKNESSES

size
physical strength
individual defense

Career Avg.: .439 fg%, .803 ft%, .353 3pt%, 18.1 ppg, 5.1 apg.
Best year: '97-'98: .472 fg%, .816 ft%, .407 3pt%, 25.7 ppg, 5.5 apg.

Other Possible 2nd Round Picks or Rookie Free Agents:

Elijah Allen, Fairleigh Dickinson, 6'1", 165, Senior.

Chad Austin, Purdue, 6'2", 194, Senior.

Ishua Benjamin, North Carolina State, 6'3.5", 194, Senior.

Rashid Bey, St. Joseph's, 5'11", 177, Senior.

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Roderick Blakney, South Carolina State, 5'10.5, Senior.
 Antoine Brockington, Coppin State, 6'2, 165, Senior.
 Gerald Brown, Pepperdine, 6'3, 210, Senior.
 Marcus Bullard, Auburn-Montgomery, 6'3, 180, Junior.
 Mike Campbell, Long Island, 6'5*, 194, Senior.
 Tim Cole, NE Mississippi CC, 6'4*, 205, Sophomore.
 Sean Colson, UNC Charlotte, 5'11.75*, 158.5, Senior.
 Paul Culbertson, Nevada, 6'5.5*, 194.5, Senior.
 Derrick Dial, Eastern Michigan, 6'4*, 184, Senior.
 Antonio Granger, Boston College, 6'5.5, 209, Senior.
 Eric Harris, Minnesota, 6'3, 203, Senior.
 Clint "CC" Harrison, North Carolina State, 6'4, 196, Senior.
 Mitch Henderson, Princeton, 6'2*, 192, Senior.
 Sarunas Jasikevicius, Maryland, 6'4, 205, Senior.
 Kris Johnson, UCLA, 6'4, 220, Senior.
 Mark Jones, Central Florida, 6'5*, 216, Senior.
 Carlos Knox, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. (IUPUI), 6'1, 180, Senior.
 Ahlon Lewis, Arizona State, 6'0, 188, Senior.
 Sam MacKinnon, SE Melbourne Magic (Australia), 6'5, 216.
 Drew Maddox, Vanderbilt, 6'3.5, 196, Senior.
 Mark Miller, Illinois-Chicago, 6'2, 180, Junior.
 Cuttino Mobley, Rhode Island, 6'4, 190, Senior.
 Damian Owens, West Virginia, 6'6, 213, Senior.
 Josh Pittman, North Carolina-Asheville, 6'5.5, 204, Senior.
 Tony Rutland, Wake Forest, 6'2, 181, Senior.
 Marcus Saxon, Utah State, 6'2*, 208, Senior.
 Alike Smith, Hawai'i, 6'2, 185, Senior.
 Nathan Smith, American, 6'1.5, 184, Senior.
 Curtis Staples, Virginia, 6'3, 200, Senior.
 Billy Thomas, Kansas, 6'4, 206, Senior.
 Kevin Turner, Illinois, 6'2, 170, Senior.
 Raymond Tutt, Cal-Santa Barbara, 6'4, 205, Senior.
 Saddy Washington, Western Michigan, 6'3.5, 186, Senior.
 Jarrod West, West Virginia, 5'10, 172, Senior.
 Steve Wojciechowski, Duke, 5'11.5, 176, Senior.

- ◇ TCU junior F **Lee Nailon** withdrew his name from the Draft.
- ◇ **Lamar Odom** withdrew his name from the Draft and was admitted into Rhode Island University. He will be a freshman in the fall.
- ◇ Also withdrawing their names from the Draft were: **Dimitris Papanikolaou**, Olympiakos (Greece); **Marko Jaric** of Peristeri (Greece); **Bud Eley**, Southeast Missouri State; **Rico Harris** of LA City College, and **Sasa Markovic-Theodorakis** of Panionios in Greece.

1998 NBA Mock Draft (First Round Only)

As of June 18th

First Round

1. **Los Angeles Clippers:** Mike Bibby, Arizona
2. **Vancouver Grizzlies:** Paul Pierce, Kansas
3. **Denver Nuggets:** Michael Olowokandi, Pacific
4. **Toronto Raptors:** Robert Traylor, Michigan
5. **Golden State Warriors:** Larry Hughes, St. Louis
6. **Dallas Mavericks:** Antawn Jamison, North Carolina
7. **Sacramento Kings:** Vince Carter, North Carolina
8. **Philadelphia 76ers:** Raef LaFrentz, Kansas
9. **Milwaukee Bucks:** Michael Doleac, Utah
10. **Boston Celtics:** Dirk Nowitzki, Germany
11. **Detroit Pistons:** Pat Garrity, Notre Dame
12. **Orlando Magic:** Ansu Sesay, Mississippi
13. **Orlando Magic:** Nazr Mohammed, Kentucky
14. **Houston Rockets:** Rashard Lewis, Alief Elsik (HS)
15. **Orlando Magic:** Jason Williams, Florida
16. **Houston Rockets:** Michael Dickerson, Arizona
17. **Minnesota T'wolves:** Radoslav Nesterovic, Italy
18. **Houston Rockets:** Bonzi Wells, Ball State
19. **Milwaukee Bucks:** Keon Clark, UNLV
20. **Atlanta Hawks:** Matt Harpring, Georgia Tech
21. **Charlotte Hornets:** Vladimir Stepania, Slovenia
22. **Los Angeles Clippers:** Al Harrington,
St. Patrick NJ (HS)
23. **Denver Nuggets:** Felipe Lopez, St. John's
24. **San Antonio Spurs:** Bryce Drew, Valparaiso
25. **Indiana Pacers:** Brian Skinner, Baylor
26. **Los Angeles Lakers:** Roshown McLeod, Duke
27. **Seattle Sonics:** Corey Benjamin, Oregon State
28. **Chicago Bulls:** Ricky Davis, Iowa
29. **Utah Jazz:** Miles Simon, Arizona

- * The mock draft will be updated at the web site based on trades, rumors, results from individual workouts, player's stock rising or falling, etc.
- * The NBA Draft will be June 24th, at GM Place in Vancouver.



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LAST MONTH’S QUESTION:
Who won the NBA’s first championship?

ANSWER:
The Philadelphia Warriors won the NBA’s first championship, defeating the Chicago Stags, in five games in 1947.

THIS MONTH’S QUESTION:
Before **Tim Duncan** was selected number 1 in last year’s NBA Draft, who was the last senior player chosen with the number one overall pick?

Did You Know?
Penny Toler of the Los Angeles Sparks scored the first field goal in WNBA history.

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1998 NBA CALENDAR

June 24	NBA Draft (GM Place, Vancouver)
June 29	1998 Basketball Hall of Fame electees announced
July 1	Free agents may begin negotiating
July 29 - Aug. 9	FIBA World Championship of Basketball (Thessaloniki and Athens, Greece)
October 6	NBA Training Camps officially open
October 12	Miami Heat vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv (Yad Eliyahu Arena; Tel Aviv, Israel)
November 2	Opening Day Rosters set by 5 pm (CST)
November 3	‘98 - ‘99 NBA Regular Season begins

⇒ Congratulations to the Chicago Bulls on winning their 6th championship in 8 years by defeating the Utah Jazz 87 - 86 in game 6. MJ was named NBA Finals MVP for the 6th time.

⇒ However, anyone who saw the game noticed Scottie Pippen wince with back pain everytime he moved up and down the floor. Unfortunately, no one for Utah seemed to notice because no one attacked Scottie while the Bulls were on defense and no Jazz player forced Pippen to make a perimeter shot in the 2nd half. Way to go, Utah.

WEB SITE:

- a NBA Trade Analyses, posted w/i 2 days of the trade (usually less).
- b *NCAA Players of the Mth*—December - February.
- c Top Players for the NBA Draft; updated regularly.
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