

# Lanier Goes First, But Pistol Pete Stays Southern

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NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Lanier, 6-foot-11 agile giant, proved the importance of the big man, as expected, Monday when Detroit made him the No. 1 selection in the National Basketball Association's college draft while Pete Maravich surprisingly was picked third by Atlanta.

General Manager Ed Coil of the Pistons selected Lanier via a 15-city telephone hookup, and was most outbid the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association for the St. Bonaventure All-American.

"I don't know yet who I'll sign," said Lanier, who is recovering from knee surgery after an injury suffered in the recent

NCAA championship tournament. Detroit reportedly had offered the 265-pounder a \$1.5 million package, while the Nets are supposed to have made a \$1.2 million offer.

Lanier earlier had been reported decided on the NBA and the Pistons, who won the No. 1 pick from San Diego by finishing last in the Eastern Division and then winning a toss of the coin from San Diego, the last place team in the West.

San Diego, probably influenced by the huge salary it would have to pay Maravich and the doubt that it could sign him anyway, chose to select 6-7 Rudy Tomjanovich of Michigan as the second pick. The big forward, who averaged almost 30 points and 15 rebounds per game, was believed favoring the NBA.

Then Atlanta, which then revealed that it had acquired San Francisco's pick — reportedly in payment for giving the Warriors the rights to Zelmor Beaty — went for Maravich, major college basketball's all-time high scorer.

Although Pistol Pete, a 6-5 three-time All-American at Louisiana State, was believed favoring Carolina of the ABA, Atlanta obviously felt it had a chance by offering him an NBA team in the South.

"It came as a blessing because Pete really loves the South," said his father, Press Maravich, who coaches LSU.

Boston, picking fourth in the NBA, went for Dave Cowens of Florida State, and the fourth best rebounder in the country, Cincinnati picked Sam Lacey of New Mexico State, a 6-10 center. Seattle chose Cincinnati's 6-9 Jim Ard and Cleveland took John Johnson, Iowa's 6-7 forward, as six of the first seven selections were big men.

Jeff Petrie, a Princeton guard, was picked by Portland; Baltimore, with a pick acquired from Buffalo, took 6-9 George Johnson of Stephen F. Austin; and Phoenix selected 6-9 Greg Howard of New Mexico, who played this year in Italy.

In the rest of the first round, Chicago took guard Jimmy Collins of New Mexico State; Philadelphia picked Al Henry of Wisconsin; Los Angeles chose Jim McMillian of Columbia, Atlanta

picked UCLA guard John Valletly; Buffalo, taking Baltimore's pick, took John Hummer of Princeton; Milwaukee selected Gary Freeman of Oregon State, and New York took Mike Price of Illinois.

All-American Calvin Murphy of Niagara, only 5-10, was the first pick in the second round, chosen by San Diego.

A number of college basketball's top names were missing until the final rounds of the 10-round, 170-player draft because they already have been signed by the ABA, which held a four round secret draft in January and then completed its draft Monday.

Among those were All-American Dan Issel and Mike Pratt of Kentucky; All-American Rick

## Aggies Blitz NIU; Place 12th At Rice

By Clifford Broyles  
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The Texas Aggie tennis team defeated Northern Illinois University Monday afternoon, 8-1, to get back on the winning road after a rough weekend in Houston which saw them score only one point in the Rice Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament.

Sophomore Richard Fikes of Corpus Christi got that marker with a win over Ken McMillan of Pan American, 6-5 6-5, to give the Aggies a 12th place finish in the meet.

Fikes avenged a loss he suffered to McMillan early this season in a dual match.

Tommy Connell and Lawton Park gave the Aggies some cheers in Division Two which was for players other than the top four on each team, but this did not count toward team totals.

Both players reached the semifinals before losing to the number one and two seeded players.

Connell defeated Mike Alsop of Rice, Joe Ben Whittenberg and Tom Gustafson of Houston and Ron Touchon of Texas before losing in the semis to Bill Davidson of Trinity who won the tourney.


The win over Touchon was an outstanding one for the sophomore from Dallas as Touchon was not only the fourth seeded player in the tourney but also the defending Class AAAA tennis champion.

Park defeated number three seeded Jay Haines of Trinity in his first match and followed that up with wins over Chaim Abramowitz of Rice and Jim Armstrong of Houston.

Connell was not expected to make the trip to Houston unless

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