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Moncrief, Johnson go in first round

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NEW YORK — UCLA, where the parade of basketball talent is longer than the city's gasoline lines, led the march of collegians to the pro ranks Monday when David Greenwood, Roy Hamilton and Brad Holland all were selected in the first round of the National Basketball Association's annual draft.

Greenwood, an All-America forward, was chosen by the Chicago Bulls as the second player selected in the draft, Hamilton, a slick ball-handling guard, was taken by the Detroit Pistons and Holland, a deadly shooter from long range, went to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Greg Kelsner, the two players who led Michigan State to the NCAA championship last March were among the first four players taken. The Lakers, who signed Johnson to a \$600,000 a year multi-year contract while the draft was in progress, went through the formality of naming the All-America guard as the No. 1 pick in the draft and the Pistons, swapping choices with Milwaukee Sunday night so they could claim Kelsner, named the power-forward as the draft's No. 4 selection.

For the first time in history, the NBA allowed fans to attend the draft — a practice used by the National Football League — and the most popular choice of the first round

turned out to be San Francisco center Bill Cartwright, who was selected by the hometown new York Knicks.

Cartwright, a seven-footer who finished second in the nation in rebounding last season, was the third player taken in the draft and was the first of three first-round choices by the Knicks. New York also tabbed forward Larry Demic of Arizona — a choice which was loudly booed by the standing room only crowd — and forward Sly Williams of Rhode Island in the first round.

"When you think of basketball, you think of New York," said Cartwright, one of nearly a dozen draftees to attend the proceedings. "When you think of sports, you think of New York."

Since the Knicks already have a seven-foot center in Marvin Webster, there was some speculation that Cartwright might be traded. However, the big center shrugged off such suggestions.

"I don't think the Knicks would draft me if they wanted to trade me," said Cartwright. "Why not get the best guy? I'm sure they feel I'm the best guy for the job."

Few championship teams ever do very well in the draft but because of some shrewd trading in past seasons, the World Champion Seattle Super-Sonics did superbly in the first round. The Sonics, by virtue of previous deals that sent Spencer

Haywood and Webster to the Knicks, grabbed Rutgers center-forward James Bailey and Baylor guard Vinnie Johnson in the first round. Bailey is a devastating shotblocker and rebounder while Johnson led the Southwest Conference in scoring twice.

The Pistons, one of the sorriest franchises in the league the past few seasons, was another team with three first-round choices and they took major steps toward improving their image. Besides Kelsner and Hamilton, Detroit also tabbed forward-center Phil Hubbard of Michigan in the first round.

The New Jersey Nets were the only other team with more than one first-round choice and they bolstered their club by taking forwards Calvin Natt of Northeast Louisiana and Cliff Robinson of Southern California.

Earvin Johnson, Williams and Robinson all were underclassmen but qualified for the draft under the NBA's hardship rule.

Other first-round selections included Arkansas guard Sidney Moncrief, who was the fifth pick overall, went to the Milwaukee Bucks, Dayton guard Jim Paxson (Portland), North Carolina forward Dudley Bradley (Indiana), Duke guard Jim Spanarkel (Philadelphia), East Texas State center Lee Johnson (Houston), Alabama forward Reggie King (Kansas City), Mississippi

State forward Wiley Peck (San Antonio), Loyola (Ill.) forward Larry Knight (Utah) and Kentucky guard Kyle Macy (Phoenix).

Macy, who like Michigan's Hubbard was a junior in eligibility, is playing for the United States team in the Pan American Games the next two weeks but his father indicated his son probably would return to college next year instead of sign-

ing with the Suns. Hubbard, however, is likely to sign.

"I'm 99 percent sure Kyle will go back to school," said Robert Macy from his Peru, Ind. home. "That has been his plan all along. I say 99 percent because if some guy comes along with a jackpot but I don't expect that."

There were 203 players chosen in the draft, which took four hours and 45 minutes to complete.

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Astros split with Reds

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HOUSTON — George Foster blasted a two-run homer in the first inning and Tom Seaver and two relievers combined on a three-hitter Monday night to help the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-1 victory over Houston, breaking a six-game winning streak for the Astros in the opener of a double-header.

Houston starter and loser J.R. Richard, 6-7, yielded only three hits through eight innings. The big right-hander struck out eight, walked two and did not allow a hit after the third inning.

Richard issued a walk to Ken Griffey, with two out in the first inning and Foster followed with his 17th

homer, a long drive into the second tier of seats in left field.

Craig Reynolds tripled in Houston's half of the first inning and scored on Cesar Cedeno's sacrifice fly to the warning track in left-center. Seaver, 5-5, departed after innings and Doug Bair, who pitched the final inning, registered his 10th save.

In the second game, Enos Cabell's two-run triple sparked a four-run seventh inning to lift the Astros to a 4-0 victory and a split of their double-header with the Cincinnati Reds.

Starter and loser Mike LaCoss, 8-2, suffered his second straight loss, giving up a single to Craig Reynolds and a walk to Cesar

Cedeno before being lifted with none out in the seventh. Jose Cruz doubled off reliever Dave Tomlin to score Houston's first run and Cabell reached reliever Manny Sarmiento with his two-run triple before Denny Walling's RBI single.

Randy Niemann walked one and struck out one en route to his third major-league victory without a loss. It was the third complete game for the left-hander, who defeated the Reds for the second time this season.

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