NBA draft time

Aggies' Woods expects second-round selection

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Sports Editor Many NBA scouts have dubter and he recently completed his fourth year of eligibility.

But Woods, still fighting a battle against critics who have

"the star who never was," says

I'll go high in that round," Woods said Monday.

Some professional scouts

spent the past four years analyz- have said that an NBA team happens."
ing the trials and tribulations of might "take a chance" on Woods said he's been con-Woods, drafting him because of

nation. In that respect, Texas
A&M's Rudy Woods stands to be
outnumbered, since he's a center and he recently completed

at Madison Square Garden's Felt
Forum in New York.

"I feel that I'll go no lower than the second round, and that the second round round round, and that the second round round

tacted by the Chicago Bulls, bed this year's college draft as a guard-dominated, undergraduate-dominated collection of basacketball players from around the opened this morning at 11 CDT woods, however, disregards taking a Mavericks. Woods has partici-

said. "If I don't make it, I'm not going to go off and shoot myself.
I'll just have to wait and see what a don't make it, I'm not Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf said he sees excellent professional potential in Woods, who

points a game during his four seasons at Texas A&M. "He could do it," Metcalf said

of Woods' prospects of being drafted early. "He's got talent. I hope for his sake that he goes high and gets an opportunity to

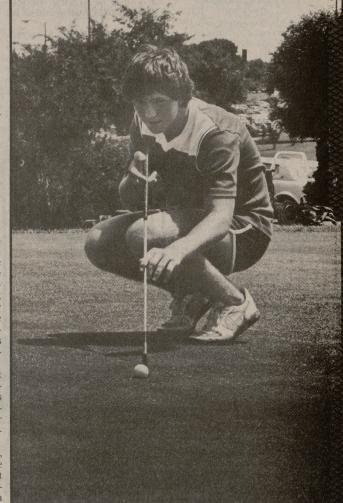
prove himself."
Woods, who played in only 13 games during the 1980-81 season before being declared scho-lastically ineligible, holds Texas A&M records for blocked shots, and finished his career as the third leading rebounder in the school's history. Forwards Vernon Smith and Rynn Wright, who completed their eligibility during the 1980-81 season, are No. 1 and No. 2 on the rebounding charts, while Woods holds down the No. 6 spot on the alltime scoring list.

Woods won two Southwest Conference field goal percentage titles during his Texas A&M career, shooting 62 percent during his freshman year and averaging 59 percent dur-

ing the following season.

During recent NBA drafts, several Texas A&M players have been picked within the first three rounds. In 1981, the Philadelphia 76ers chose Smith in the second round and Wright in the eighth round. The expansion-team Dallas Mavericks selected guard David Britton in the third round of the 1980 draft following the Aggies' Southwest Conference cham-

pionship season. Smith and Wright, however, were cut by Philadelphia before the start of the regular season, with Smith being the last player released from the squad. The Mavericks did likewise with Britton prior to the season.



staff photo by Peter Rocha

Lining up the putt

Fourteen-year-old Blaine Dykes, a participant in the first-ever Texas A&M All-Sports Camp, eyes the line between the ball and the cup during a practice seson the Texas A&M golf course Monday afternoon. Dykes, from Nederland, and about 185 other campers from around the state will wrap up three weeks of sports when the camp ends Saturday.

Tar Heel star most logical to be Worthy No. 1 pick Tuesday afternoon, he flew from North Carolina to Los

United Press International
NEW YORK — In the grand
tradition of the rich getting
richer, the Los Angeles Lakers
open today's NBA college draft.
While all signs point toward
the selection of forward James Worthy of North Carolina, the NBA champions insisted proecting the identity of the No. 1

"We just don't know who

makes decision;

as, Ga., signed a football scholarship with Texas A&M University Monday.

Smith, who in February signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Georgia, two weeks ago gained the right to consider another school after Georgia dropped his scholarship in

A6-3, 230-pound all-America who was named player of the year in Georgia, Smith had been recruited heavily by Texas A&M's Jackie Sherrill and offensive assistant George Pugh before deciding upon Georgia near the end of the recruiting campaign in February. Smith, with a 4.6 time in the 40-yard dash, rushed for

1.600 yards as a senior at Coffee County.

Besides earning all-state, all-district and all-region honors, Smith qualified for the "Super 11" team in Georgia and the "Super 24" team, which covers Georgia and Florida. Smith, who saw playing time at defensive tackle, tight end, linebacker and strong terr during his bigh school care has been reted by a pricing line.

safety during his high school career, has been rated by a national

recruiting magazine as one of the top 15 players in the nation.

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the midst of apparent recruiting violations.

we're going to take," owner Jerry Buss said. "I have my selection, but (General Manager) Jerry West and (President) Bill Sharman also have their

The 10-round draft, open to the public, begins at noon EDT at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum. And while many of the top selections will atte Worthy is not among them. selections will attend,

says enough right there.' Although the Lakers have an concerned over the knee injury to power forward Mitch Kup-Fullback Smith

they draft him.

If Worthy goes to the Lakers, the most electric players to enter the pros in some years.
Utah has the third choice and

Angeles. The Lakers and Clip-

pers, who pick second, requested the 6-foot-9 all-America be on the West Coast should

"He's one of the very best ever

to come out of North Carolina,"

Terry Cummings of DePaul figures to be the choice. He can play power forward or center and take control underneath.

Worthy, Wilkins and Cummings are undergraduates and highlight the infusion of the draft's young blood. As many as nine of the 12 players who de-clared early eligibility for the NBA could go in the first round.

Following Utah, the rest of the round is: Dallas, Kansas West said. "And with the guys City, New York, Chicago, Inthat school has produced, that diana, Detroit, Atlanta, Portland, Cleveland, New Jersey, Golden State, Phoenix, Housabundance of strength, they are ton, Kansas City, Detroit, Denver, Milwaukee, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Boston.

Those with two choices each in the first round are Kansas San Diego may follow with forward Dominique Wilkins of Georgia. Dubbed the "Human Highlight Film" for his rimshaking moves, Wilkins is one of the west electric places to enter the metal of the west electric places to enter the west electric places the west el til the third.

"The anticipation is great, a lot of teams can help themselves," New Jersey Nets' Coach Larry Brown said. "You hope you know about the players be-fore you draft them."

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