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# NBA draft truly begins after 'Knick' of time



**Associated Press**  
 NEW YORK — It will always be associated with the No. 1 pick, although all the suspense of Tuesday's NBA draft will come after the New York Knicks use the first choice to take Georgetown's Patrick Ewing.  
 Unless the Indiana Pacers make a late announcement of who they'll take with the second choice, the uncertainty will start clearing up immediately after the Knicks make official what everyone has known since May 12. That was when they won the "Ewing Lottery" that determined the order of the first seven picks.  
 "We haven't come to a decision yet," Pacers Coach George Irvine said. "It's no surprise that we're looking at either Benoit Benjamin or Wayne Tisdale, two good players with vast potential."  
 Benjamin, a 7-foot center from Creighton, and Oklahoma's Tisdale, 6-9 and like Ewing a three-time All-America, are the prizes among the 12 non-seniors who declared themselves eligible for the draft.

"A lot of people think it's an easy decision because everyone's heard of Tisdale and the average fan hasn't heard of Benjamin," Irvine said. "But if you talk to basketball people, they say Benjamin has the same potential as Tisdale. He may not have the immediate impact of Tisdale in his first year, but he's a 7-foot center, and a good 7-foot center is hard to come by. You can't just pass on a guy like that without considering him."  
 The Los Angeles Clippers, picking third, have said they will take whoever is left between Tisdale and Benjamin.  
 "Indiana has a tough decision," Clippers spokesman Scott Carmichael said.  
 Marty Blake, the NBA's director of scouting services, said Ewing is the only "sure starter in the entire draft," but he believes this year's available crop is filled with potentially strong frontcourt players, an area where teams never feel they are overstocked.  
 Besides Ewing and Benjamin, the

top center prospects are 7-0 Jon Koncak of Southern Methodist, 6-11 Joe Kleine of Arkansas, 7-0 Bill Wennington of St. John's, 7-2 Uwe Blab of Indiana and 6-11 Yvon Joseph of Georgia Tech. Koncak and Kleine, like Tisdale and Ewing, were 1984 U.S. Olympians, while Blab was on West Germany's Olympic team.  
 Also in the "big man" category are 6-10 Keith Lee of Memphis State; 6-9 Karl Malone of Louisiana Tech, another underclassman; 6-8 Terry Catledge of South Alabama; 6-9 Ed Pinckney of national champion Villanova, and 6-7 Lorenzo Charles of North Carolina State.  
 A tough inside player who may be ticketed for either power forward or "small forward" is 6-8 All-America Xavier McDaniel of Wichita State, who led the NCAA in both scoring and rebounding last season.  
 Another two-position player who is expected to go high on Tuesday is 6-9 Detlef Schrempf of Washington, described by Portland General Man-

ager Harry Glickman as "a poor man's Larry Bird." A more appropriate term might be "a poor man's Magic Johnson," because his combination of size and ballhandling skills make him a potential star at guard.  
 The Seattle SuperSonics are believed to be strongly considering Schrempf or McDaniel as their No. 4 pick in the first round.  
 Other top-rated guards include All-America Chris Mullin of St. John's, 6-3 Joe Dumars of McNeese State and 6-5 Alfredrick Hughes of Loyola. Point guard, considered to be the weakest position for this year's eligibles, has 6-2 Sam Vincent of Michigan State, 6-5 Jerry Everett of Lamar, 6-3 Rolando Lamb of Virginia Commonwealth and 6-2 Kenny Patterson of DePaul.  
 Besides Tisdale, Benjamin and Malone, the other eligible non-seniors are 6-3 guard George Almones of Southwest Louisiana, 6-7 forward Joe Atkinson of Oklahoma State, 7-6 center Manute Bol of Bridgeport, 6-4 guard Kenny Brown of Texas

A&M, 6-8 forward Derrick Gervin of Texas-San Antonio, 6-7 forward Kenny Green of Wake Forest, 6-8 forward Jerry Reynolds of LSU, 6-3 guard Reggie Roberts of Texas A&M and 6-5 guard Carl Wright of SMU.  
 Bol, who is from the Sudan, weighs only 190 pounds but already is the shot-blocking star attraction of the minor-league United States Basketball League. Gervin is the brother of former NBA scoring champion George Gervin of the San Antonio Spurs.  
 The first-round draft order is New York, Indiana, Clippers, Seattle, Atlanta, Sacramento, Golden State, Dallas, Cleveland, Phoenix, Chicago, Washington, Utah, San Antonio, Denver, Dallas with two consecutive picks, Detroit, Houston, Boston, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, the Los Angeles Lakers and Portland.  
 Dallas' two extra first-round picks came in trades with Cleveland and New Jersey.

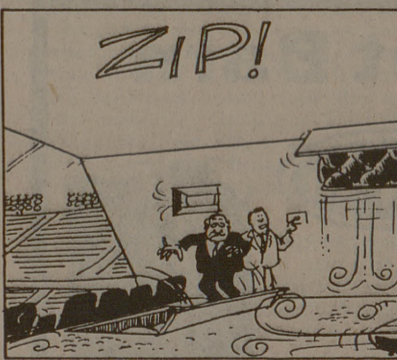
## Spurs need inside bulk; Rockets look for guards

**Associated Press**  
 The San Antonio Spurs will be gunning for a power forward or a center in Tuesday's 1985 NBA draft, while the Houston Rockets will take a backseat in the selection process for the first time in two years.  
 San Antonio General Manager Bob Bass said the Spurs are eyeing 6-foot-10 Keith Lee of Memphis State, 6-9½ Charles Oakley of Virginia Union and 6-9 Terry Catledge of South Alabama to fill the need at power forward.



At center, the possibilities are 6-11½ Bill Wennington of St. John's and 7-foot Blair Rasmussen of Oregon.  
 "I think we can get one of the five," Bass said.  
 To do it, they'll have to wait until the No. 14 comes up in the first round of the draft. The Spurs, who finished last season with a lackluster 41-41 record, need a much higher draft position to come up with a star.  
 Bass said he doubts the Spurs will be able to work out a trade to maneuver into a higher spot. The No. 14 slot is a far cry from the Spurs' first-round draft pick of No. 7 last year, their best ever.  
 The Spurs will pick No. 11 in the second round, moving up in a deal

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worked out when John Lucas was traded to Houston. San Antonio will be out in the third round after trading away that draft opportunity to Detroit for Edgar Jones. Jones since has been traded to Cleveland.  
 In the fourth and subsequent rounds, the team will pick at No. 14.  
 On everyone's mind come draft time will be the availability of Derrick Gervin, the 6-8 star from the University of Texas at San Antonio and the brother of Spurs' George Gervin.  
 The Spurs have shied away from picking a hometown player in the past and most agree it is unlikely

they will bend the rules in this case.  
 The Rockets, on the other hand, will pick 19th in the first round after getting the No. 1 selection the past two years.  
 But General Manager Ray Patterson, whose team picked twin towers Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon in the last two drafts, still will be trying to fill a need at point guard.  
 Patterson and Coach Bill Fitch will be trying to bolster the Rockets' guard position that was unsettled throughout last season.  
 John Lucas started the season at the point guard position but was suspended part of the season and never regained his full effectiveness.  
 The Rockets showed interest last week in Phoenix Suns' guard Kyle Macy, but his reported asking price of \$400,000 may be too great for the Rockets' salary structure to bear.  
 The salary cap for the 1985-86 season is expected to be about \$4 million per club and the Rockets already have a payroll of more than \$3.7 million per season.  
 "I like Macy," Fitch said. "He's a good player but that doesn't mean we're going to go out and get him."  
 Macy, 28, played in only 65 games last season because of injuries, averaging 11.0 points per game.

## Bulls lure Albeck away from Nets

**Associated Press**  
 CHICAGO — Stan Albeck was named head coach of the Chicago Bulls Monday. He said that, with some minor changes, they could move into the elite of the National Basketball Association.  
 Albeck, who last season coached the New Jersey Nets to a 42-40 record, was signed to a multiyear contract, said Jerry Krause, vice president of basketball operations for the Bulls. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.  
 Albeck did what Krause described as a phenomenal job with the injury-plagued Nets last season. Krause said he hopes the former coach of the Nets and the San Antonio Spurs

can do the same for the Bulls.  
 Albeck, who coached the Nets for only two seasons, replaced Kevin Loughery, recently fired as Bulls head coach.  
 "We look forward to a long association with Stan," Krause said. "Stan indicated he wanted to come here. It took a while but we got it done. I'm really pleased he got here."  
 Albeck, a native of Chenoa, Ill., said he was pleased to be returning to the Midwest.  
 Albeck, who takes over a day before the NBA draft, said he has had "as much input as I've ever had with the draft, including the No. 1 pick."  
 He said he could not say who that

pick would be.  
 Albeck acknowledged the team had a "weakness at point guard," but said it's a situation he hopes to remedy quickly.  
 Albeck took the Nets' job June 8, 1983, leaving the head coaching position with the Spurs to go to New Jersey.  
 He had led the Spurs to the Midwest Conference title in each of his three seasons with the club and twice saw the team reach the Western Conference final, only to lose.  
 The 54-year-old Albeck graduated from Bradley University in 1955 and is in the school's Hall of Fame.

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