

SPORTS

Texas NBA Draft Roundup

Here are players from Texas or Southwest Conference schools selected Tuesday in the NBA draft with number selected, team, player, position and college:

- 5. Atlanta Hawks — **Jon Koncak**, c, SMU
- 6. Sacramento Kings — **Joe Kleine**, c, Arkansas
- 52. Los Angeles Clippers — **Anicet Lavodrama**, f, Houston Baptist
- 56. Phoenix Suns — **Jerry Everett**, g, Lamar
- 71. Golden State Warriors — **Luster Goodwin**, g, Texas-El Paso
- 86. Dallas Mavericks — **Bubba Jennings**, g, Texas Tech
- 90. Philadelphia 76ers — **Derrick Gervin**, f, Texas-San Antonio
- 103. Chicago Bulls — **Reid Gettys**, g, Houston
- 112. Denver Nuggets — **Kenny Brown**, g, Texas A&M
- 113. Philadelphia 76ers — **Carl Wright**, g, SMU
- 119. New York Knicks — **Kent Lockhart**, g, Texas-El Paso
- 120. Sacramento Kings — **Charles Balentine**, f, Arkansas
- 127. Washington Bullets — **Matt England**, g, Houston Baptist
- 132. Dallas Mavericks — **Carlton Cooper**, g, Texas
- 137. Milwaukee Bucks — **Quentin Anderson**, f, Texas Tech
- 151. Utah Jazz — **Mike Wacker**, f, Texas

Nuggets select Brown

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Former Texas A&M guard Kenny Brown was chosen in the fifth round of Tuesday's NBA draft by the Denver Nuggets.

Brown, the 112th selection overall, came to the Aggies in 1982 after serving four years in the U.S. Army. In a



surprising turn of events last season, Brown quit Coach Shelby Metcalf's squad just prior to the Aggies' National Invitation Tournament game with New Mexico in Albuquerque.

The 6-foot-4 Brown was an excellent outside shooter for the Aggies and acquired the nickname "Downtown" for his patented long range jump shots. He had good leaping ability and was considered a key player in the Aggies' attack.

Brown was a starter in the backcourt for Metcalf during his last season at A&M, in which he gained All-Southwest Conference honors and was considered one of the top free-throw shooters in the nation.

Brown, 25, played at Hamilton High School in Memphis, Tenn., and played military basketball while in the Army at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Brown, in an interview with KBTX-TV in Bryan Tuesday evening, said he felt "pretty good" about being drafted by the defending Midwest Division champion Nuggets and playing for one of the more colorful coaches in the league, Doug Moe.

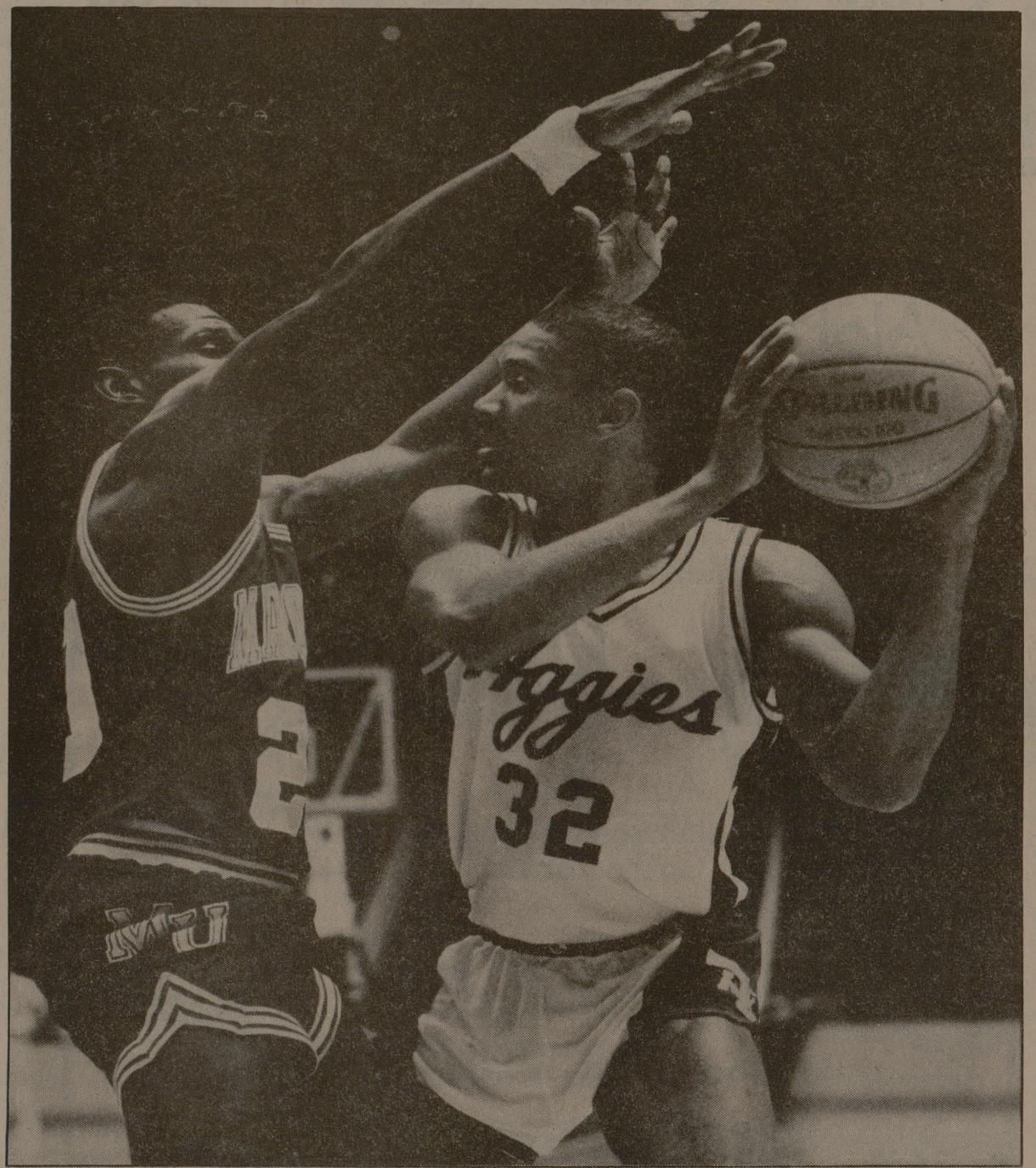
"I did expect to be drafted a little higher (Brown was a projected third round pick)," Brown said, "but I can't complain."

With one year of college eligibility left, Brown said he felt it was about time to make the move to the pros.

"It was going to happen," Brown said. "It was either now or later."

"It was nice playing here (at A&M). (A&M) gave me a chance to play. That's all you can ask from a school."

"It's just time to go on to bigger and better things."



Battalion File Photo

Former Texas A&M guard Kenny Brown (32) was taken in the fifth round, the 112th pick overall, by the Denver Nuggets in Tuesday's NBA

draft. For a complete listing of other Texas and Southwest Conference players drafted yesterday, please see the inset at the top left of page 5.

1985 NBA draft Year of Big Man

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's the "Year of the Big Man," scouts said, and NBA teams proved it Tuesday by taking seven centers, led by Patrick Ewing, and 11 forwards in the first round of the college draft.

Frontcourt players so dominated the selections that of the first 17 picks, only two guards, Chris Mullin of St. John's and Alfredrick Hughes of Chicago Loyola, were selected.

"Prior to the draft, we had pegged the top centers as Ewing, Benjamin, Koncak and Kleine, and that was the order they were selected in," said the NBA's scouting chief, Marty Blake. "There were no surprises. It was truly the 'Year of the Big Man.'"

Ewing's official coming-out for the New York Knicks was followed by the selections of 6-foot-9 forward Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma by Indiana, 7-0 center Benoit Benjamin of Creighton by the Los Angeles Clippers, 6-7 forward Xavier McDaniels of Wichita State by Seattle, 7-0 center Jon Koncak of SMU by Atlanta and 6-11 center Joe Kleine of Arkansas by Sacramento.

Finally, Golden State broke the string of big men by taking the 6-6 Mullin.

Then five more inside players were taken before another backcourt player was picked.

They were 6-9 forward Detlef Schrempf of Washington by Dallas, 6-9 forward Charles Oakley of Virginia Union by Cleveland, 6-9 forward Ed Pinckney of Villanova by Phoenix, 6-10 forward Keith Lee of Memphis State by Chicago, 6-7 forward Kenny Green of Wake Forest by Washington and 6-9 forward Karl Malone of Louisiana Tech by Utah.

Then Hughes, known as an outside gunner, went to San Antonio as the 14th player, but only the second guard, selected.

Lee was later traded by the Bulls, along with guard Ennis Whatley, to Cleveland for Oakley and Calvin Duncan of Virginia Commonwealth, a second-round pick of the Cavaliers.

Seven-foot center Blair Rasmussen of Oregon was taken 15th by Denver, which wanted to replace the retiring Dan Issel. Then the Mavericks, frustrated for years in their attempts to get a top center, went for two 7-footers — Bill Wennington of St. John's and Uwe Blab of Indiana — with their own pick and one they acquired in a trade with New Jersey.

Four of the six guards picked in the first round were among the last seven choices.

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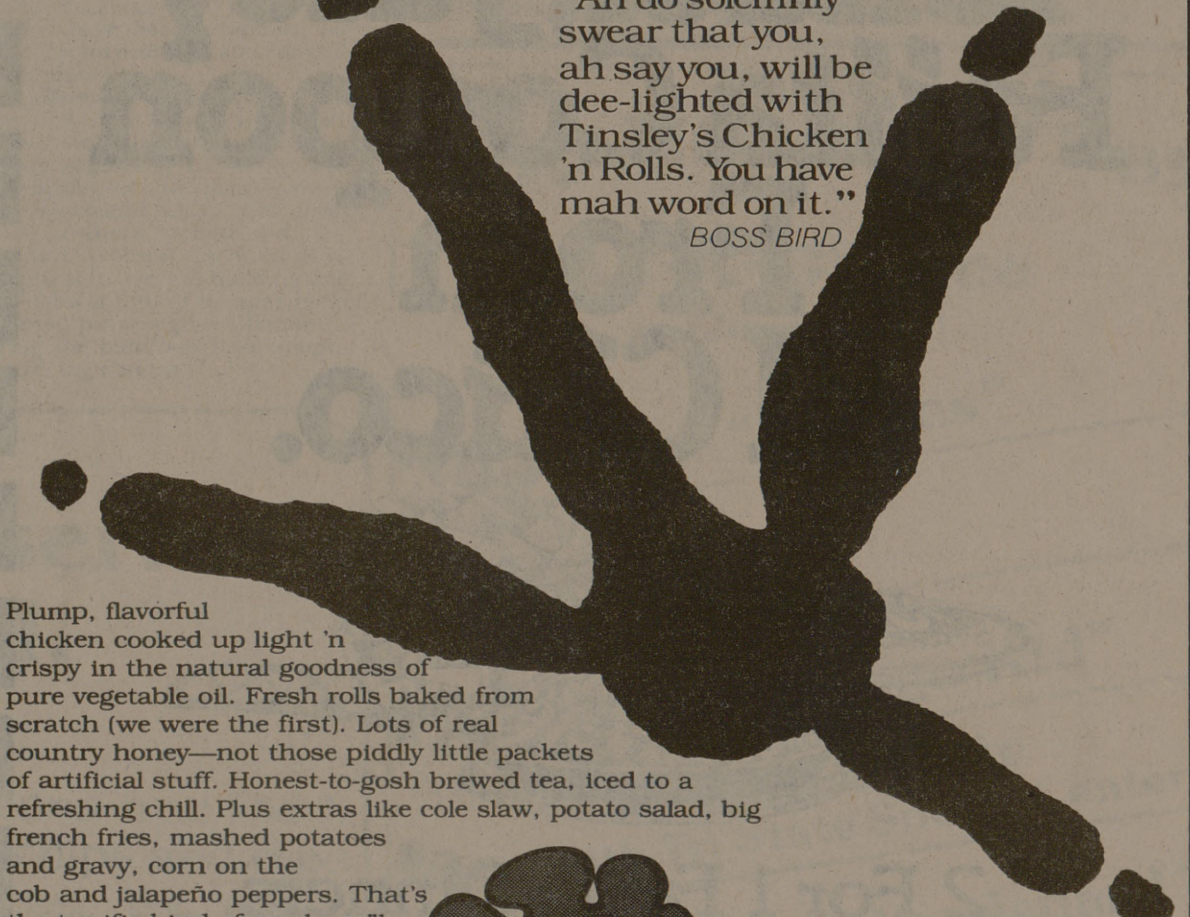
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