

Sports

Surprises abound in NBA draft

Cleveland picks Daugherty No. 1 during trade-filled day

NEW YORK (AP) — North Carolina's Brad Daugherty went No. 1, as expected, but to Cleveland instead of Philadelphia in an NBA draft marked by blockbuster trades and surprising choices Tuesday.

The Cavaliers got Philly's No. 1 pick in a last-minute trade Monday night, while the 76ers also sent former three-time Most Valuable Player center Moses Malone and forward Terry Catledge to the Washington Bullets for center Jeff Ruland and forward Cliff Robinson.

The trading continued even after the first round, which included the Indiana Pacers' puzzling decision to bypass 7-foot center William Bedford of Memphis State for 6-8 forward Chuck Person of Auburn.

The Los Angeles Lakers traded guard Mike McGee and their first-round pick, Notre Dame forward Ken Barlow, to Atlanta for the Hawks' top two choices, versatile

Louisville forward Billy Thompson and Kansas swingman Ron Kellogg.

The 7-foot Daugherty went from being a prospective teammate of long-time idol Julius Erving and Charles Barkley to a likely teammate of Mel Turpin and World B. Free.

The 76ers, who won the top pick in the draft lottery on May 11, traded it to Cleveland just 30 minutes before Monday's midnight trading embargo in exchange for forward Roy Hinson and future considerations.

"Philadelphia would have been a good opportunity, but Cleveland's also going to be a good opportunity," Daugherty said after being made the second No. 1 pick in Cavaliers' history. "I know they are a program rebuilding. Hopefully, I can lend a solid talent to the program and help them."

"I feel very good about going to Cleveland."

The late-night deal for the No. 1 pick was not announced until Tuesday morning.

The Cavaliers, who selected Notre Dame's Austin Carr first in 1971, also got Ron Harper of Miami, Ohio, with the eighth pick. Harper was the first of seven guards selected in the first round.

Harper had been widely projected as the No. 6 choice by Phoenix, but a surprising selection by Indiana scrambled the early picks.

After the NBA champion Boston Celtics took Maryland forward Len Bias No. 2 and Golden State followed with 6-11 center-forward Chris Washburn of North Carolina State, the Pacers sent several teams scrambling to their telephones by taking Person of Auburn.

Would the New York Knicks, expected to get Person, go for a Twin Towers lineup by taking Bedford to team with Patrick Ewing?

After several minutes, the Knicks stuck with their plan to take a forward in the first round by going with Kentucky's Kenny Walker, a 6-8 forward.

Phoenix, however, couldn't resist the opportunity for a top big man and opted for Bedford over Harper. Dallas then took 6-11 Roy Tarpley of Michigan on Tuesday to shore up their inside strength.

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Texas NBA teams

Mavericks draft for inside power

DALLAS (AP) — Failing to swing a deal by using star scorer Mark Aguirre as trade bait, the Dallas Mavericks drafted 6-foot-11 power-forward Roy Tarpley of Michigan on Tuesday to shore up their inside strength.

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Worthy and either Michael Cooper or Byron Scott.

"I won't guarantee that Tarpley will be here to start next season," Sund said. "You know in this business."

Sund said the Mavericks excited to have the 240-pound Tarpley who averaged 20 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 blocks per game.

"Because of Houston and Angeles in our conference"

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Rockets select 'Bama standout

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets made Alabama forward Buck Johnson their first-round pick in the NBA draft Tuesday, and then went for a seven-footer in the second stanza as a possible complement to the "Twin Towers" of Akeem Olajuwon and Ralph Sampson.

Forward Dave Feitl from Texas-El Paso, who was taken in the second round, also could serve as future trade bait, Rockets Coach Bill Fitch said.

"I'm just so happy I don't know

what to say," Johnson said in a telephone interview from Birmingham, Ala. "I was surprised they took me, but I'm happy also."

Johnson, 6-7, averaged 18.5 points per game and 8.5 rebounds last season. He is the Crimson Tide's fourth leading scorer with 1,861 points and sixth all-time leading rebounder with 933 boards.

"We've got us a small team because I'm not a 7-foot 7-inch player."

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Ag center Gilbert picked in 5th round

By Tom Tagliabue
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Texas A&M 6-foot-9 center Jimmie Gilbert, who helped lead the Aggies to their first Southwest Conference championship since 1980, was a fifth-round draft pick by the Chicago Bulls Tuesday in the National Basketball Association draft.

Gilbert, a Huntsville native, will try to become the first Aggie to earn a spot on an NBA squad since 1977 when Sonny Parker made the Golden State Warriors.

The four-year letterman improved tremendously from 1985 where he only averaged 5.6 points and 5.3 rebounds a game. In his senior campaign, Gilbert scored 12 points and 7.2 rebounds a game. He

also started every game for the Aggies in the past three seasons.

Gilbert, a captain for the 1984 squad, is primarily known as a defensive center, with 145 blocked shots during his four years at A&M.

Gilbert said he had not talked with anyone from the Bulls, but hopes Chicago and new head coach Doug Collins will give him a chance to improve.

"I just wanted to go where I wouldn't have too long of a wait," Gilbert said. "I wanted an opportunity to have a base to work with."

Gilbert will compete for a roster spot on a team which has been looking for a center since Artis Gilmore was traded three seasons ago. Veteran Dave Corzine and first-

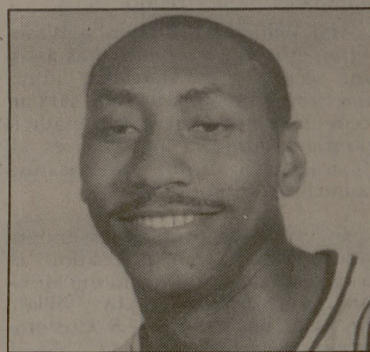
round draft choice Brad Sellers, a 7-footer from Ohio State, are the favorites to fill the center positions on the 12-man roster.

If his hopes in the NBA don't pan out, Gilbert said the European leagues, the Continental Basketball Association and the Amateur Athletic Union are other options.

"I'd just like to save that (option) in case (the NBA) doesn't work out," Gilbert said.

Last summer Gilbert told *The Battalion*, "The biggest thing to getting a chance in the pros is that you've got to come from a winning program."

"The second biggest thing is that you specialize in some aspect of the game, whether it's shooting, re-



A&M's Jimmie Gilbert

bounding, passing, blocking shots or defense and be consistent in everything else."

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