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No surprise with NBA draft's 1st pick Spurs pick Robinson; draft shows changing of the guard

NEW YORK (AP) — David Robinson and Tyrone Bogues, 22 inches apart in height, were separated by only 11 selections in the NBA draft Monday.

The 7-foot-1 Robinson, as expected, was the No. 1 pick by San Antonio despite the liabilities of a two-year Naval commitment and uncertainty about how long the Spurs will retain the exclusive right to sign him.

The Washington Bullets, with the 12th pick, also ignored an obvious liability when they selected Bogues, a 5-3 guard from Wake Forest who will become the smallest player in the NBA. He will join a team that also has the tallest player, 7-7 Manute Bol.

"Having Manute at center to back me up could take a lot of the pressure off me," Bogues said. "It's an honor going in the first round. I think I turned a few heads in the (postseason) camps I played in. I guess somebody believed in me."

Bogues also was the sixth guard taken in the first 12 picks, a radical change from last year when only two

backcourt players were picked in the first 12.

A total of nine guards were taken in the first round, four more than last year. Of the first 27 picks, 12 were guards and four were centers.

Rod Thorn, the NBA's director of operations and a former player personnel director for Chicago, said the emphasis on guards is probably a one-year phenomenon.

"There were just more good guards available this year and the teams drafting high had more of a need for them," Thorn said.

Phoenix followed San Antonio's pick of Robinson with 6-9 Armon Gilliam of Nevada-Las Vegas, followed by a run of four guards in the next five picks.

New Jersey grabbed 6-5 Dennis Hopson, the Los Angeles Clippers took 6-7 Reggie Williams of Georgetown, Seattle selected 6-7 forward Scottie Pippen of Central Arkansas, Sacramento picked 6-3 Kenny Smith of North Carolina and Cleveland drafted 6-1 Kevin Johnson of California.

Two more guards, 6-7 Reggie

Miller of UCLA and Bogues, were taken 11th and 12th after 6-11 center Olden Polynice was drafted by Chicago, 6-9 forward Derrick McKey of Alabama by Seattle and 6-10 forward Horace Grant of Clemson by Chicago.

Seattle later traded the rights to sign Pippen to Chicago for the rights to sign Polynice, who played in Italy last year after a college career at Virginia. Seattle also acquired a second-round pick in 1988 or 1989 and the option to swap first-round picks in 1988 or 1989 as long as they don't involve one of the first three picks.

After the Bullets made Bogues the 12th pick, the rest of the first-round selections were 6-10 forward Joe Wolf of North Carolina by the Clippers, 6-10 forward Tellis Frank of Western Kentucky by Golden State, 6-10 Jose Ortiz of Oregon State by Utah, 7-0 Chris Welp of Washington by Philadelphia, 6-4 Ronnie Murphy of Jacksonville by Portland, 6-3 Mark Jackson of St. John's by New York, 6-8 Ken Norman of Illinois by the Clippers, 6-4 Jim Farmer of Alabama by Dallas, 6-

9 Dallas Comegys of DePaul by Atlanta, 6-7 Reggie Lewis of Northeastern by Boston and 6-10 Greg Anderson of Houston by San Antonio.

Hopson, the first guard picked, said he saw New Jersey play against Cleveland last season and noticed the Nets were weak in the backcourt.

"There were five guys on the court, yet they needed help with the guard situation," said Hopson, the nation's No. 2 collegiate scorer with 29.0 points per game.

Pippen would have been a surprise pick if the draft had been held right after the college season, but he impressed scouts during postseason camps with his all-around ability.

"I need to polish myself," said Pippen, who averaged 23.6 points and 10 rebounds in a senior during which he was hardly noticed. "I think I proved myself to people during camp. I showed that I'm a versatile player who could play one to three positions. If someone told me a year ago I'd be the No. 5 pick, I'd have thought they were joking."

Aggies' Crite picked by Suns in 3rd round

From Staff and Wire Reports

Texas A&M standout forward Winston Crite was taken in the third round of Monday's NBA draft by the Phoenix Suns. Crite was A&M's third all-time leading scorer and second all-time leading rebounder.

Joining Crite from the SWC was all-conference performer Greg Anderson of Houston, who was chosen by the San Antonio Spurs. Anderson finished his career with the Cougars as the school's No. 3 all-time rebounder behind Elvin Hayes and Akem Olajuwon.

Anderson, who was the No. 2 rebounder in the nation in 1986, be-

came the third Cougar first-round draft selection in the last four years. Olajuwon, with the Houston Rockets, was the first pick in the 1984 draft and Michael Young, Boston's first pick in 1985.

Anderson was the only Southwest Conference or Texas collegian in the first round.

He also was the second pick in the first round for the Spurs, who selected Navy's David Robinson the first in the draft.

But teammate Ricky Williams was chosen in the second round by the Chicago Bulls.

Rockets take former Aggie

HOUSTON (AP) — Purdue guard Doug Lee, who played two seasons for the Texas Aggies, was chosen by the Houston Rockets in the second round of Monday's NBA draft.

Lee, 6-6, 215, was the 35th player chosen in the draft and the first pick for the Rockets, who did not have a first-round selection.

"He was the last guard on our list before we went to another pick but he's a tough kid and he's going to make training camp competing for the guards we have," Houston Coach Bill Fitch said.

Fitch said he liked Lee's style as an outside shooter, a quality the Rockets lacked last season.

"A lot of people say you can't make it in the second round but just have to be taken by the right club," Fitch said. "He's certainly come to the right club because we need help at guard."

Lee averaged 10.4 points last season for the Boilermakers last season.

The Rockets have done well in later round selections from previous drafts.

Levell, who inherited the starting point guard position last season, was a fifth-round Houston selection in 1979. Reid was a second-round pick in 1977.

Jim Petersen, who has developed into an outstanding reliever, was picked in the third round in 1984.

The Rockets, like all other teams, can't sign the collegians until a fifth-year starting lineup because of the signing moratorium.

The Rockets were eliminated from the Seattle and now face a rebuilding program.

Spurs find cornerstone for future

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs picked Navy center David Robinson in the first round of the NBA collegiate draft Monday, saying Robinson would be the cornerstone of a new team.

Robinson, 7-foot-1-inch, 235 pounds, recently commissioned as an ensign after graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, was at the White House and playing in a golf tournament with his father and did not attend the draft in New York.

"He's going to be the cornerstone of the new Spurs," Coach Bob Weiss said.

Robinson, 21, will be spending the next two years in the Navy and there is debate as to how long the Spurs have to sign him.

"We feel very comfortable we can do it or we wouldn't have drafted him," Spurs President Angelo Drossos said.

"As far as signing him to a contract, we will pay him whatever it takes."

Robinson, who is scheduled to report for duty as a naval civil engineer on July 1, broke 33 school records at the academy and his 2,669 points make him 10th on the NCAA scoring list.

Drossos said he would like to talk to Robinson's agent, Lee Fentress, before July 1 and wants Robinson to visit San Antonio before his military service begins.

"We would have liked him on that stage and holding up a Spurs shirt, but I am not disappointed that he was not on that stage," Drossos said.

"We would like to have him here before the first of July to see if he likes San Antonio, if he wants to play for San Antonio. We will not talk money, necessarily," Drossos said.

The NBA has said that under the collective bargaining agreement with the players association, the Spurs would have a year to sign Robinson, whether he plays or not.

The league also has a bylaw that would make Robinson a free agent if he hasn't signed within two years with the team that drafts him.

The Spurs contend they have two years to sign Robinson, but the players association says if San Antonio can't sign him within a year, Robinson should become eligible for the June 1988 draft.

A judge or arbitrator may eventually have to settle the matter and other teams already are hoping that Robinson will forget about San Antonio.

The Spurs finished last season at 24-58, the worst in the club's history.

Mavs pick Farmer, Alford

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks, looking for back-up guard help and improved outside shooting, selected Alabama's Jim Farmer and Indiana's Steve Alford in the first and second rounds of Monday's NBA draft.

The 6-foot-4 Farmer, a dead-eye shooter who made almost 90 percent of his free throws, was the Mavericks' first-round pick from the 20th position. He is projected to play the off-guard position.

The 6-2 Alford, the leader of the Hoosiers' national championship team, was taken as the third choice in the second round. The Mavericks hope to make him a point guard.

"Both players can give us mental toughness because they are


very competitive," said Rick Sund, who heads the Mavericks' player personnel department. "They are excellent players at crunch time down the stretch of a game. They can help our club."

Farmer averaged 16.5 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. He was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection.

"I know I'll have to play hard because I'm not as quick as some players," Farmer said. "But I have a lot of confidence. You can't measure the size of a player's heart."

Farmer said it wouldn't bother him to come off the bench.

"I realize I will be a role player," Farmer said. "I've always had to work my way to the top no matter where I've been."



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Basketball Triples playoffs will be posted today, June 23, at 2 p.m. across from racquetball court # in the Read Building. Play will begin Wed., June 24.

Volleyball Triples playoffs will be posted Wed., June 24 after 2 p.m. across from racquetball court # in the Read Building. Play will begin Thu., June 25.

Slowpitch Softball playoffs will be posted Thu., June 25 after 2 p.m. Play will begin Sun., June 28.



RECREATIONAL SERVICES


DRIVING RANGE

The driving range is open for business this summer from 4-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur. and 2-8 p.m. Fri.-Sun. The Driving Range is located west of the new track stadium and is open to members of the university and the community. For more information on the Driving Range call 845-7826.



SECOND SUMMER SESSION

Intramurals for the second summer will open July 14 and close July 17. The following activities will be offered: Slowpitch Softball, Basketball Triples, Volleyball Triples, Racquetball Singles, Tennis Doubles, Golf Doubles, Horseshoe Singles.



FITNESS CLASSES

The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department is offering fitness classes for the summer. The classes have already begun but there are still openings in the following classes:

CLASS	DAYS	TIME	LOCATION	COST
Intermediate	Mon., Wed., Fri.	12-1 p.m.	267 Read	\$25.00
Beginners	Mon., Wed.	5:30-6:30 p.m.	266 GRW	\$25.00
Intermediate	Tue., Thu.	5:30-6:30	266 GRW	\$25.00

UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CLASSES WILL COST \$40.00

TAMU OUTDOORS

A Base Camping trip to Pedernales Falls State Park has been planned for the weekend of July 17-19. Registration for the trip is \$20 for A&M affiliates and \$25 for non A&M affiliates. Registration for this trip is from June 29-July 13 and can be done in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, Room 159 Read Building.

