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Houston's stuck on 'Band Aid'

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets selected Missouri's Derrick Chievous in the first round of the NBA draft and quickly learned the 6-7 forward didn't need a boost in confidence.

"To be honest, I don't feel I am coming in as a rookie, I feel I am coming in as a player," Chievous said. "I don't feel conceited but I feel I can score anytime, anywhere on anybody."

Chievous, Missouri's all-time leading scorer with 2,580 points, led the Tigers into the NCAA playoffs last season with a 23.4 average.

Chievous thinks he'll be able to help out Rockets center Akeem Oluajuwon.

"With my driving and outside shot, he won't have to go home every night and get in the whirlpool," Chievous said.

Houston Coach Don Chaney said he liked Chievous' aggressiveness and team attitude.

"When he walks on the court, he's there to take care of business. He's a winner," Chaney said.

"He's an aggressive rebounder for his size and he has good court savvy."

Chaney, hired June 13 to restore the Rockets to

Guard 2nd Olympic hopeful drafted in Spurs' 'new era'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Willie Anderson, a 6-7 guard from Georgia, was selected as the San Antonio Spurs' No. 1 NBA draft pick Tuesday as the team begins a new era under coach Larry Brown.

Anderson led Georgia in scoring the past two seasons to gain All-Southeastern Conference honors.

"We need somebody who can play a lot of positions," Brown said. "He came from a great program. I like kids who can defend and I also like kids who can handle the ball and he can do that."

Anderson, who also is competing for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team, said he was excited about playing for Brown.

"I'm still pinching myself be-

cause I don't think it's real," Anderson said. "Wherever Coach Brown wants me to play, I'll play. I just want to get the chance to compete."

Anderson could be the Spurs' second Olympian.

Former Navy center David Robinson, the Spurs' No. 1 pick last year, is almost assured a spot on the Olympic team.

Robinson will join the team after next season when he finishes his two-year commitment with the Navy.

Anderson said he has learned from and looks forward to playing with Robinson.

"It's been a childhood dream of mine to be on the Olympic team," Anderson said. "David's a great player to play with. He'll make me a better player."

Anderson maintains his stats," Chaney said.

Chievous had 979 career rebounds, five less than the school

championship contenders, also liked Chievous' team attitude.

"He's the type that will fit into a team oriented setup but he also

record set by former center Steve Stipanovich.

After choosing Chievous, Chaney said "I hate to make predictions but I think he'll be helping us by mid-season."

Chaney said he would use Chievous at small forward and guard.

Chievous said he didn't care where he played or if he started immediately.

"I was always taught it's not who starts, but who finishes," he said. "I just hope for the opportunity to play and if I don't start, I'll work even harder."

Chievous, nicknamed "Band-Aid" because he wears one in each game, was a clutch player for the Tigers. He shot 85 percent from the free throw line in the final three minutes.

Chievous said he started wearing a Band-Aid in junior high after receiving a cut over his eye.

"I put on a Band-Aid and went on a 45-point outburst," he said. Chievous was the 16th player picked in the first round.

The Rockets could be encouraged by New York Knicks 1988 rookie Mark Jackson, who was the 18th pick in the first round but earned rookie of the year

Draft day highlight in Clippers' history

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Clippers, the NBA's biggest losers for 12 years, put their youth movement in high gear Tuesday by capturing Danny Manning, Charles Smith and Gary Grant, three first-round draft picks.

The Clippers, after making Manning, Kansas' All America forward, the obvious first choice, were involved in a blockbuster trade that gave them rights to Smith and Grant. Grant was an All-America point guard at Michigan, and Smith a forward at Pittsburgh.

"Christmas is definitely here," Clippers coach Gene Shue said.

"We got three bona fide All-Americans," General Manager Elgin Baylor said. "They have the type of talent we want. We want to play up-tempo. You really can't predict how it's going to be next season."

"I can't think of any team in the history of basketball that had a better draft than we had today."

The triumph did not come cheaply. In the dealing, the Clippers lost their best veteran player, rebounding champion Michael Cage.

The Clippers, winners of a total of 29 games the last two years, were the

only franchise not to make the playoffs for the past 12 seasons.

"I need to work on my rebounding," said the 6-foot-10 Manning, who could start on a front line with Smith and center Benoit Benjamin. "I like to play small forward. It will be nice to get away from zone defenses. I think our future is bright."

"If we can motivate Benoit and get him going . . ." Smith said, not finishing the thought. "Danny and Gary are good players. It will be a tough adjustment because there will be three rookies instead of two. The whole scenario looks pretty good."

The Clippers acquired rights to Smith and Grant in a three-team deal with Seattle and Philadelphia.

The 76ers swapped Smith, their No. 3 pick in the first round, and got the shooting guard they needed, Hersey Hawkins of Bradley, plus one of Seattle's three first-round picks in 1989.

Seattle lost that pick and the rights to Grant and got Cage in return. The Sonics have high-scoring forwards Tom Chambers and Xavier McDaniel, but could lose Chambers to free agency.

Tyson-Spinks 'Fight of Century' was anything but that

If you saw the latest "Fight of the Century," maybe you can explain it to me. Maybe you can find a single element of the match-up that makes sense.

Indeed, as Michael Spinks hit the canvas floor of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City at the hands of Mike Tyson for the second time in the first round, the first and most frequent thought going through my mind was, "I don't understand."

"I didn't understand any of it. But then, I don't understand the 'sport' of boxing, anyway. But we'll save my boxing column for later in the year.



Hal L. Hammons

Spinks had convinced everyone, or almost everyone, that he was a legitimate threat to Tyson's reign of terror over the heavyweight division. And without any of the traditional big talk and predictions of doom and despair raining on his opponent.

"I ain't ever run from anybody," he insisted. "I ain't gonna run now."

Well, he ran. He ran as fast as his spindly little legs could carry him. Tyson was in perpetual motion — forward, that is. It looked like Tweety running from Sylvester in one of those stupid cartoons we used to watch as kids. Spinks may have gotten on his bicycle earlier than expected, but Iron Mike brought a Harley.

And then Spinks' tire went flat, and Tyson caught him on the ropes and finally hit him with a decent shot to the head. Not great, just decent. Spinks doubled up. Tyson delivered another decent shot, this time to the ribs. And Spinks went down.

He honestly didn't look hurt. It looked more like a playground scuffle where one guy gets swamped

early and goes to his knee and says, "Waitaminutwaitaminute. Do-over, do-over."

He just stayed there on his knee for three or four seconds, not even shaking his head as most knockdown victims do, and got up to renew the attack.

Some attack. What follows is not — I repeat, not — an exaggeration.

Spinks lunged forward three or four steps and threw a wild right, winding up with his feet about a yard apart and his head well off to his left side. And he held that pose about half a second.

All that was missing was an arrow up his chest, a circle around his jaw, and a sign saying, "Hit me here."

One second and one punch later Spinks was sliding back to the ropes, this time on his back. This time he didn't get up.

The time was 1:31 of the first round. The fans with me in The Summit who paid \$35 to see this, the latest in an endless string of classic confrontations, wound up shelling out about 38 cents per second.

Can you point to *anything* in the past 10 or 11 paragraphs that makes any sense at all?

But it gets stranger. Robin Givens, who the entire world now recognizes as Tyson's wife, chooses the day of the fight to file a lawsuit against her husband's management. Like she hasn't created enough chaos in her husband's life already in the past few weeks.

Who in his right mind would get married during preparations for the biggest fight of his career, anyway? What fighter would allow his wife and mother-in-law to push around his management? Tyson and Tyson, that's who.

The rumors were spread all over the newsstands, in publications from Sports Illustrated to People. The fight gets more and more hype, considerably more than it obviously deserved.

The controversies resulted in a late surge of bets on Spinks, dropping the odds on the fight from 5-to-1 to 3½-to-1.

Does the word "fix" come to mind?

But if you had gone to one of the fans at The Summit with that theory, you would have been rudely refuted. There is no doubt that the common man has found a champion in Michael Tyson, and they will hear no evil about him.

Spinks got a rousing round of applause when he entered the ring, but nothing to compare with the eruption of cheers, whistles and screams when Tyson appeared. Iron Mike was the man.

Generally the American public wants to cheer for the underdog. There is no bigger thrill in sport than seeing a lightly regarded contender give the BMOG a run for his money, and maybe even knock him off. Witness Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

But there was none of that, or at least very little.

Perhaps the boxing fans of America have tired of the multitude of also-rans that have plagued the heavyweight division this decade.

Perhaps they've had enough of parity and are ready for a true champion, one everyone can look to and call "The Best" without fear of rebuttal.

I suppose it was appropriate that the biggest reaction I heard from the crowd before the fight was when Muhammad Ali was announced. That's who the fans want, even now.

They remember Ali. They remember how he fought on a regular basis instead of once every couple of years. He took on the contenders and the pretenders, the unknown and the untalented, anyone who wanted a shot at the title.

They saw Larry Holmes in his later years, how he dodged Greg Page for years and tippy-toed his way through patsies to bolster his string of successful title defenses. They saw Spinks avoid No. 1 contender Tony Tucker, costing him his title. They saw Spinks wait over a year before finally taking on Tyson.

The public obviously wants a dominating champion, and that's what they have.

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