Spurs select Arizona's Elliott with third pick in NBA draft

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs selected Arizona's Sean Elliott in the first round of the NBA draft Tuesday and the PAC-10's all-time leading scorer said his once problematic



knee was fine. Elliott, a 6-8 forward who holds the PAC-10 scoring record with 2,555 career points, was selected third overall in the draft.

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Elliott wears a brace on his left knee, but he said medical examinations before the draft showed that it was fine, and Spurs man-

agement agreed.
"It's more psychological. I've been wearing it for seven years and it's like everything else once you get used to it it's second na-

Elliott said about the brace. "I have played without the brace when I go out and play around," he said.

The Spurs, coming off their worst season at 21-61, had wanted to take Duke's 6-10 for ward Danny Ferry, but he was selected by the Los Angeles Clippers, who picked second overall. Roars of "boos" resounded at the San Antonio HemisFair

party, when Ferry was selected by the Clippers. Still, Spurs Chairman B.J. "Red" McCombs said that Elliott

Arena, the site of the Spurs draft

"We got a great player. Every-one knows we would have pre-ferred Danny Ferry, but we got a great player," McCombs said. "I talked to (Los Angeles Lakers General Manager) Jerry

West as late as yesterday. I asked Jerry's evaluation and he said if he had all the picks it would be hard to pass Sean Elliott.

"I asked him why and he said, 'Sean is the kind of player that makes everybody on the team better, a totally unselfish player. He's a winner. He can pass the ball.' He really liked him," McCombs said.

"I would not have picked him if I thought it would be a prob-lem," Brown said.

Janszen claims Rose asked him to set up cocaine ring

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose tried to get involved in cocaine deals by his associates to pocket tax-free cash and offered to store cocaine in his house, a former associate told baseball investigators.

Paul G. Janszen, who claims he ran bets for the Cincinnati Reds manager, also told baseball investigators in February that Rose once asked him to set up a cocaine ring and include him.

Janszen also said Rose once said he might consider throwing a game if he had a large bet on it.He also told investigators that Rose checked by telephone with other majorleague managers about their players' physical status before placing bets on their teams.

Janszen's claims were made in an interview included in thousands of pages of exhibits to investigator John M. Dowd's report, which was released Monday.

It was the first time Rose has been linked to the cocaine ring operated by former associates who ran a gymnasium in Cincinnati where the manager worked out.

"This idea of Rose being involved with drugs is so far off the wall that it's ridiculous," Rose lawyer Robert A. Pitcairn Jr. said. "(To) anyone who knows Pete Rose and has known Pete Rose over the years, there's just no question he wouldn't get involved with drugs.

"For Janszen to say this is slander of the worst kind. It's further evidence to us that this guy will do anything to follow through with his blackmail attempts of Pete Rose. Why Dowd's investigators even went into areas like this is beyond me," Pitcairn said.

According to a spokesman for Dowd, the investigator said he left the drug references out of his report to the commissioner because it was not relevant to the gambling inquiry.

In other developments, the former girlfriend of a Rose associate said she had corroborated the Dowd report's charge that Rose conspired hide racetrack winnings from a \$47,646 Pik-Six ticket in 1987 at Turfway Park in Florence, Ky.

possible indictment on charges of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government. A federal grand jury is in-

vestigating Rose's income taxes.
Rose Fernbach Billiter, the former girlfriend of Thomas P. Gioiosa, told the Associated Press that she had provided first- and sec-ond-hand information supporting the charges to the FBI and the Inter-

nal Revenue Service. Also, a Jan. 20 letter from Janszen to another attorney for Rose, Reuven J. Katz, reveals Janszen's feelings on why his relationship with Rose deteriorated.

"Because I covered for him with his wife, while he was sleeping his way around town, she no longer wanted me in their house," Janszen said of Rose's wife. "Carol doesn't have the guts to leave him, so she has to blame his friends for his disgust-

team, has a temporary restraining order preventing Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti from holding a

Baseball's lawyers have asked three-judge panel of an Ohio peals court to suspend the straining order and Rose's response is due Wednesday.

Janszen, who recently completed a four-month sentence for failure to report income, didn't say that Rose used drugs, but said the manager thought he could get cash from drug deals conducted by a circle of asso-

Several of the associates were sentenced after federal authorities cracked a ring that smuggled cocaine from Florida to Ohio.

Gioiosa faces trial in Cincinnati next month on charges of tax evasion and conspiring to arrange coing behavior." caine deliveries from Florida to cinnati between 1985 and 1987 caine deliveries from Florida to Cin-

A&M athletes receive post-season recognition

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M third baseman John Byington and Lady Aggie netter Jenifer Jones were honored recently for their achievements in A&M athletics, as Byington made The Sporting News' 1989 All-America team at third base while Jones earned a spot on the women's Division I Volvo Tennis/Scholar Athlete Team, selected by the Intercollegiate Tennis

Coaches Association.

Byington, a 5-8, 165-pound junior from Baytown, leads The Sporting News' squad with a .442 season batting average, while also collecting 15 homeruns, 89 RBI and 12 stolen bases for the Aggies in 1989. He chose to bypass his senior season at A&M to sign a professional contract with the Milwaukee Brewers, and is currently hitting .214 after 13 games with Beloit, the Brewers' Class A bal-

Byington is joined on the All-America squad by fellow Southwest Conference athletes Scott Bryant of Texas and Troy Eklund of Arkansas, who occupy two of the outfield positions.

Jones, a junior from Columbus, Ohio, was one of 20 players named to the national team. Selection criteria included being a varsity letter winner, having a cumulative gradepoint ratio of at least 3.5 entering the 1989 spring semester or ranking in the top ten percent of one's class. Eligibility is extended to juniors and

Jones, a scientific nutrition major, had a 3.6 grade-point ratio and also helped the Lady Aggies get invited to the NCAA Team Championship.

sites Dallas avoids Malone mistake, takes White in the first round

DALLAS (AP) - Not wanting to repeat a mistake made four ago, the Dallas Mavericks used the eighth pick in Tuesday night's NBA draft to select Louisiana Tech forward Randy White. White, a 6-8, 225-pounder



from Shreveport, La., is built in the mold of Utah's Karl Malone, another former Louisiana Tech player who has become one of the NBA's premier forwards.

White was named the American South player of the year last season after averaging 21.2 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. He was a consensus honorable mention All-American and

named to the all-tournament team at the Orlando all-star postseason tournament.

"For his enthusiasm and for the fact he wants to be here, it's exciting," Mavericks owner Don Carter said. "He has a great body and great ability. He'll fit right

Drafting eighth in 1985, the Mavericks passed on Malone and opted for Washington forward

Detlef Schrempf.

It was a drafting mistake the Mavericks have yet to live down. Schrempf never panned out and was traded at mid-season to the Indiana Pacers for forward Herb Williams.

Malone, who slid to the 13th pick, was named the most valuable player in the NBA All-Star Game last season and was an All-NBA first-team pick. The Mavericks weren't expecting White to be available at the eighth pick and were leaning toward taking Georgia Tech for-ward Tom Hammonds. But when the Pacers took Florida State guard George McCloud with the seventh pick, the door opened for the Mavericks to draft White.

When I saw George McCloud go to Indiana at number seven, I white said. "I couldn't be more pleased. I knew Chicago was going to take (Stacey) King, and I was afraid I was going to Indiana.
"But when I saw McCloud go

to Indiana, I relaxed. A crowd of 5,500 Mavericks fans watching the proceedings at Reunion Arena cheered wildly when White was announced.

As a junior, he averaged 18.6 points and 11.6 rebounds and shot 64 percent from the field.

Once again this year, the NBA draft has been unpredictible

The NBA collegiate draft always provides suspense and surprises, and this year was no exception. The 1989 NBA draft had more twists and turns than the ever-ending saga of Pete Rose.

The draft left a few teams smiling while a

few need to go back to the drawing board. The biggest surprise came from the acramento Kings, who made Pervis Ellison the first pick in the draft. Many thought the first pick would be either Danny Ferry or ov. Bill Clements Shawn Elliott. Sacramento may be this pick and find themselves in

next year's lottery as well. Ellison is good, but the Kings need a player who can lead this club on the court The wisest choice would have been Ferry, who ended up with the Clippers. The Clippers got a steal, and made the right choice to take Ferry over Elliott. The Clippers need a leader as well, and don't be surprised to see them do well if Manning comes back from his injury

San Antonio improved their stock electing Elliott with the third pick. The Spurs have the talent they need to become a hreat. Elliott was needed in their backcourt



Robbie Scichili

with the loss of Alvin Robertson in the trade

for Terry Cummings.
Miami helped out their front line by selecting Glenn Rice from Michigan. Rice will provide the Heat with scoring and a good work ethic. A good pick for their

Charlotte decided to go with J.R. Reid and keep the home fans happy. Charlotte should have taken Stacy King. Reid is too inconsistent and doesn't have the heart to be a force in the league. You could say he's the second coming of Mark Aguirre. The Chicago Bulls now have the players to take the pressure off Michael Jordan and perhaps take them to elite status. The Bulls added Stacy King with the sixth pick in the draft. King is a steal and should have gone earlier. The Bulls also added B.J. Armstrong and Jeff Sanders with the 18th and 20th pick, respectively. Armsrtong is a playmaker who will allow Jordan to not have the ball handling responsibility.
Sanders will provide an offensive spark and

Dallas just couldn't pass on the second coming of the mailman. The Mays chose Randy White, who has been compared to Karl Malone, with the eighth pick in the draft. Dallas will be great next year if they have the services of Donaldson and Tarpley with White as a quality back-up. They made the right pick.

Minnesota selected "Pooh" Richardson as their first ever collegiate draft pick.
Richardson will make a quality point guard for an expansion team. Minnesota picked for the future, and "Pooh" could help make that future a bright one.

Orlando followed Minnesota's example with their long term future in mind and chose Nick Anderson. Anderson's size makes him a question mark. At 6'6", Anderson will be forced to play more on the outside. He should be able to contribute his share, but the future of Orlando may

suffer in the long run. Seattle had the luxury of back-to-back picks at 16 and 17. They took a couple of gambles and took Danna Barros from Boston College and Shawn Kemp from Trinity Valley Community College

Barros is a guard who will be a good backup to Nate McMillan, but may have some difficulty in the transition from college to the NBA. Kemp was declared ineligible at Kentucky and at Trinity Valley. In fact, he has never played in a college basketball game.

Kemp is a definate gamble, but could prove to be a good one when it's all over.

Seattle also added Brad Sellers in a trade with Chicago. Seattle seems to want to build a team with power and rebounding. They

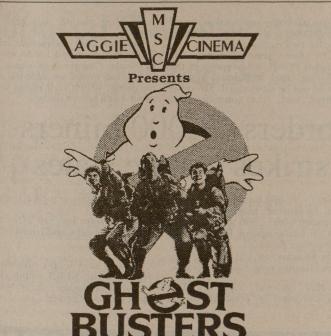
will soon learn that it takes more than that to build an elite team.

Out of all the teams in the NBA, Chicago had the best draft. King wasn't expected to be there at number six, so that in itself is a good draft. But added to King are two quality players in Armstrong and Sanders. Look for the Bulls to no longer be called the Michael Jordan show. How about Jordan, B.J., King and Cartwright? Has a nice ring

Miami is headed in the right direction as well. Rice is a fine young forward who will be a cornerstone of their organization.

Overall, this draft was a good one. The only problem was that there were no players that can turn a franchise around overnight. The number one pick was a mystery up to the time the commissioner

It did provide the draft with an added twist. A good number of teams helped themselves out quite a bit. A few managed to make a few "business deals" that will have them in the lottery next year. Always expect the unexpected. That's life in the NBA



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