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NBA DRAFT: Orlando, Golden State swap 1st, 3rd picks

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Orlando Magic helped the Golden State Warriors get taller and tougher. The Magic received the perfect complement to Shaquille O'Neal and a chance to be one of the superteams of the future.

Orlando made Chris Webber, Michigan's 6-foot-7 forward, the first player chosen in the NBA draft Wednesday night. And after the Warriors took Memphis State do-it-all guard Anfernee Hardaway two picks later, the teams swapped the players.

The Philadelphia 76ers filled its tall order with 7-Shawn Bradley.

Golden State threw in three first-round draft picks, with the first to be exercised no earlier than 1996.

It was the first draft-day deal ever involving the league's No. 1 pick and the first time the top choice

has been dealt at all since the Cleveland Cavaliers acquired the pick from Philadelphia in 1986.

"These are both great players. We would be happy with either one," said Dick DeVoss, Orlando's director of player personnel. "But when you put one together with three other players, that's a fantastic value. We just insured our future."

"Nothing against Golden State, but I'm looking forward to playing with Shaq," said Hardaway, a fine passer and outside shooter who can play point guard, shooting guard and small forward. "I think we're going to be a dominating team. Me and Shaq will play well together. We really complement each other."

"Maybe I wasn't the right thing for them," Webber said. "This is still a great thrill, to be the number one player in the draft."

Asked if he was upset, he said: "This is a dream come true. Don't take away my dream come true."

"The beauty of the trade was that we didn't have to lose any players," coach Don Nelson said. "We did have to give a lot. Three first-round picks is a lot to give for anybody, but we think it was well worth it."

"This has been in the works off and on for well over a month. We continued to communicate on a daily basis and it was culminated a few minutes before the draft began."

The Magic are going to struggle signing their draft picks as it is. Adding the No. 1 choice for the second straight year might have been impossible.

O'Neal signed a seven-year, \$40 million contract after Orlando drafted him first last year. Christian Laettner, picked third by the Minnesota Timberwolves a year ago, signed a six-year, \$21.6 million deal.

While that's still a lot of money, DeVoss said, "We'll make this happen."

The most unpopular man in England Sampras eliminates crowd favorite Agassi

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WIMBLEDON, England — Barbra Streisand turned away from Centre Court, shrugged her shoulders, held out her hands palms up and offered a sad little "Funny Girl" smile.

Then she cried for her "special friend," Andre Agassi, deposed as Wimbledon champion in the quarterfinals Wednesday by Pete Sampras.

Sampras, dubbed Public Enemy No. 1 in England, won no new friends when he beat Agassi, the nation's favorite athlete in a new poll, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4.

"How does it feel to be the most unpopular man at Wimbledon?" Sampras was asked by a member of Britain's tabloid "rat-pack."

"Maybe I'm more popular now after winning," Sampras responded without conviction.

Sampras was bothered more by another problem, a sore shoulder that required treatment before, during and after his last two matches. He's in the semifinals Friday against three-time champion Boris Becker, a 7-5, 6-7 (7-5), 6-7 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4 victor over 1991 champ Michael Stich.

The other men's semifinal will be between Jim Courier, a 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 winner against fellow American Todd Martin, and two-time champion Stefan Edberg, who beat Cedric Pioline 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.

It's the first time since 1927 that the top four men's seeds made it to the semifinals.

"Who are you cheering for?" Courier was asked.

"I'm cheering for Barbra."

"To win or lose?"

"I just want to meet her."

"I'm coming back next year to win it," Agassi vowed.

For the first two sets against Sampras, Agassi seemed too pumped. He smacked shots a bit too long or a bit too wide, as Sampras gracefully kept the ball in play and patiently awaited Agassi's errors.

Despite the shoulder pain, Sampras opened and closed the first set with aces. He had three straight to start the final game of the match and finished with 22. He attacked behind his other serves but stayed back when receiving.

"I wanted to hang with him from the baseline, make him wait for the short ball and just make him work," Sampras said. "It was a very hot day."

"I'm not sure of the reason for the slow start," Agassi said, "but I felt like I was just a hair off."

"Let me rephrase that. I felt like I was about an inch away from really hitting offensive shots. But I don't know if it was my feet or if it was just nerves."

"I wanted to return here and defend my championship like a champion. I was borderline embarrassed. It kept going through my mind: 'It's not going to end this way; it's not going to end this way.'"

Wheeling and dealing: How the Texas teams fared

DALLAS — (AP) The Dallas Mavericks, coming off one of the worst seasons in NBA history with an 11-71 record, started the Quinn Buckner coaching era Wednesday night by selecting Kentucky's Jamal Mashburn with the fourth pick in the NBA draft.

Mashburn, the fourth straight underclassman taken in the draft, did everything for Rick Pitino's Wildcats, averaging 21 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists as Kentucky reached the Final Four. He has good range on his jump shot, making 37 percent from 3-point range.

The Mavericks selected a physical guard with unlimited shooting range with the first pick of the second round: Lucious Harris, 6-foot-7 and 190 pounds. The leading scorer in Long Beach State and Big West Conference history, Harris averaged 23.1 points and shot 41 percent from 3-point range last season.

Dallas selected Michigan center Eric Riley with the 33rd pick, then sent his rights to Houston for the rights to power forward Ron "Popo" Jones, the 41st selection in last year's draft.

HOUSTON — (AP) The Houston Rockets, trying to bolster their guard position, made Florida State's Sam Cassell the 24th pick in the first round of Wednesday's NBA draft, hoping he'll provide depth at both guard spots.

"He gives us a player who can play both spots," General Manager Steve Patterson said. "Over time, we'll see how he develops. He's at the versatility to play both spots."

Cassell averaged 18.3 points in his two sea-

sons with the Seminoles and helped them to the NCAA final eight last season. He set an NCAA tournament record with seven straight 3-point baskets against Tulane.

"I think I can come in and contribute a lot defensively," Cassell said. "I think it was my defense that impressed the coaches about me. I know how to keep the big guys happy and I think I can score too. That won't be a problem."

The Rockets used their two picks in the second round to select UCLA center Richard Petruska and Argentina's Marcello Nicola.

SAN ANTONIO — (AP) The San Antonio Spurs, apparently still looking for a point guard after a seasonlong search, selected Clemson's Chris Whitney with the 47th pick in Wednesday's draft.

General manager Bob Bass said he had his eye on Cincinnati's Nick Van Exel, who went 37th to the Los Angeles Lakers.

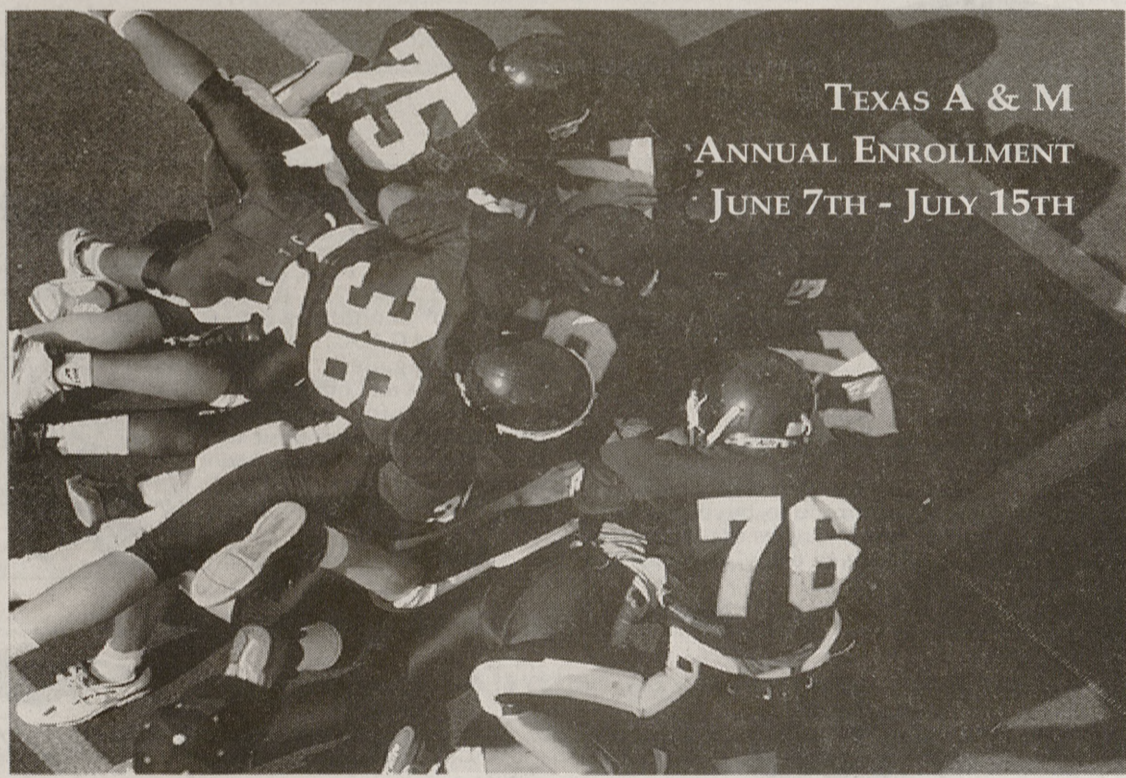
"We tried to trade up ... even offering one team 3 second-round picks, but they wouldn't move off the spot," said Bass, declining to name the team.

With Van Exel gone, the Spurs focused on Whitney, a 6-foot, 170-pound guard who became Clemson's career leader in 3-pointers in just two seasons. He had a school-record 87 3-pointers last year, including eight in one game.

"Whitney is a good little player who will have his work cut out for him in training camp," Lucas said. "He has great offensive skills, but will really have to work defensively to make this team."

NBA Draft First Round

Pick	Player	School	Drafted by
1	Chris Webber (traded to Golden State)	Michigan	Orlando
2	Shawn Bradley	BYU ('90-'91)	Philadelphia
3	Anfernee Hardaway (traded to Orlando)	Memphis State	Golden State
4	Jamal Mashburn	Kentucky	Dallas
5	J.R. Rider	UNLV	Minnesota
6	Calbert Cheaney	Indiana	Washington
7	Bobby Hurley	Duke	Sacramento
8	Vin Baker	Hartford	Milwaukee
9	Rodney Rogers	Wake Forest	Denver
10	Lindsey Hunter	Jackson State	Detroit
11	Allan Houston	Tennessee	Detroit
12	George Lynch	North Carolina	LA Lakers
13	Terry Dehere	Seton Hall	LA Clippers
14	Scott Haskin	Oregon State	Indiana
15	Douglas Edwards	Florida State	Atlanta
16	Rex Walters	Kansas	New Jersey
17	Greg Graham	Indiana	Charlotte
18	Luther Wright	Seton Hall	Utah
19	Acie Earl	Iowa	Boston
20	Scott Burrell	Connecticut	Charlotte
21	James Robinson	Alabama	Portland
22	Chris Mills	Arizona	Cleveland
23	Ervin Johnson	New Orleans	Seattle
24	Sam Cassell	Florida State	Houston
25	Corie Blount	Cincinnati	Chicago
26	Geert Hammink	LSU	Orlando
27	Malcolm Mackey	Georgia Tech	Phoenix



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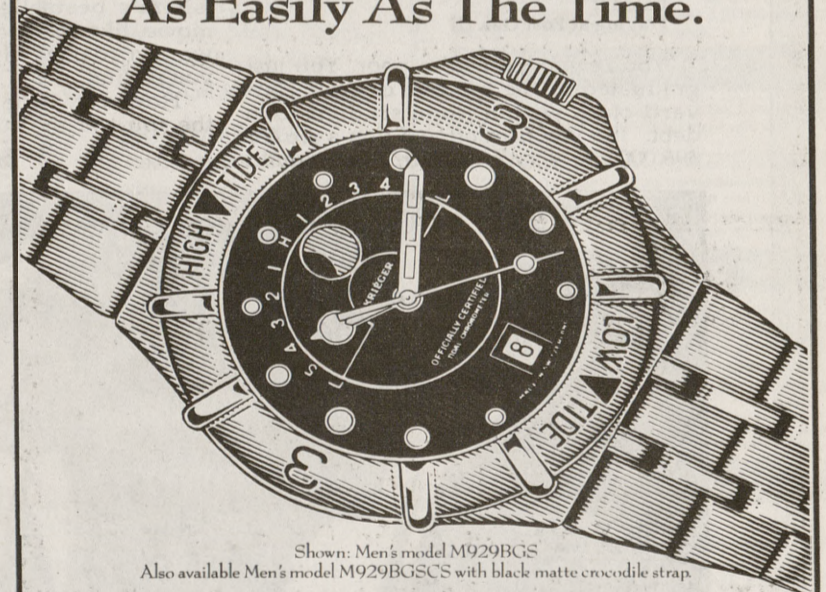
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