

Duke All-American Brand reportedly to enter NBA draft

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Elton Brand, the consensus national player of the year, will announce Wednesday that he will forgo his final two years at Duke and enter the NBA draft, the Associated Press has learned.

A source close to Brand, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed Monday that the 6-foot-8, 270-pound sophomore center would become the first Duke player to leave school early for a chance to play in the NBA.

The school had said earlier Monday Brand and

associate head basketball coach Johnny Dawkins would hold a news conference Wednesday at the school to announce the decision.

Brand, who averaged 17.8 points and 9.8 rebounds last season, was the first sophomore to win the John R. Wooden Award, presented by the Los Angeles Athletic Club, and he was also honored this season by the AP, the Atlanta Tipoff Club and the United States Basketball Writers Association as national player of the year.

The student newspaper at Duke, *The Chronicle*,

also reported Monday sophomore point guard William Avery had decided to forgo the rest of his eligibility and apply for the draft.

"Nobody has told me it is true," sports information director Mike Cragg said.

The Chronicle, citing unnamed sources close to the basketball team, said Avery had decided to leave school.

Another source said freshman Corey Maggette remains undecided about his future, *The Chronicle* said.

Angels crank out 20 hits versus

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Troy Glaus and Tim Salmon each went 4-for-5 and combined for five of Anaheim's club-record 10 doubles as the Angels beat the Texas Rangers, 13-5, Monday.

Glaus set a career high for hits and tied a club record with three doubles. He also scored twice and drove in three runs.

Salmon, whose .396 average

against Texas is the best opponent in team history, had a career best with five hits and took away a potential home run from Juan Gonzalez.

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