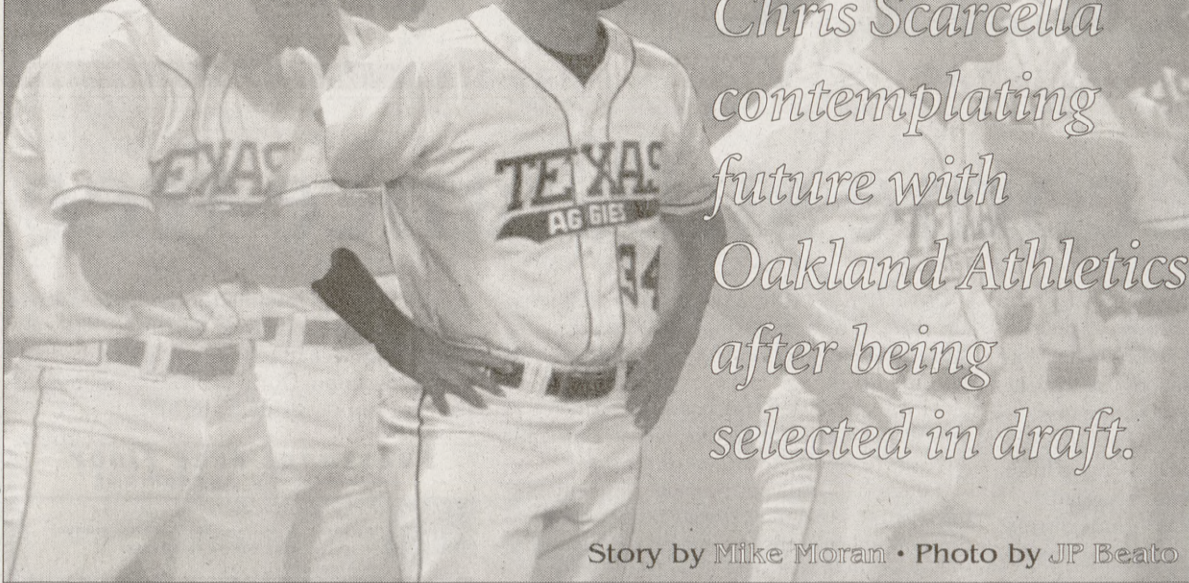


## Decisions Decisions



*Chris Scarcella contemplating future with Oakland Athletics after being selected in draft.*

Story by Mike Moran • Photo by JP Beato

For most people, a 94-mph reading on a radar gun equates to a trip to jail or a hefty fine, but for Texas A&M junior Chris Scarcella, it could be a ticket to baseball's major leagues.

During the 2000 Major League Draft, June 5-7, the Oakland Athletics selected the hard-throwing right-hander from League City, Texas, in the 16th round as the 480th pick overall.

Last season Scarcella made 12 appearances for the Aggie baseball team, striking out 29 batters in 31 1/3 innings. He held batters to a .276 average and finished the season with a 3.73 ERA. Pitching mainly in middle relief, he earned one save and a win against Southwest Texas State on Feb. 15.

In 1998 Scarcella earned all-tournament honors at the Big 12 tournament in Oklahoma City by pitching eight innings, striking out a career-high five batters and only allowing one earned run in a win against Texas Tech.

Also in 1998, he teamed with Shane King and current Tampa Bay Devil Ray Ryan Rupe to pitch a combined no-hitter against Texas-Pan American.

A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said Scarcella's ability to throw in the low 90s is attractive to professional scouts.

"Chris is a guy that can throw hard," Johnson said. "Since he has that high velocity, major league baseball would like to have that chance with him."

Scarcella said playing professional baseball has been a dream of his for as long as he can remember.

He said he realized during his sophomore or junior year at Clear Creek High School he had a realistic shot at playing professional baseball.

Scarcella's 0.76 ERA as a high school sophomore and eight wins as a junior set district records.

He was a three time All-District selection named to the All-County team twice. He said injuries his senior year kept him from being drafted out of high school.

Scarcella said Toronto and Oakland had expressed interest before this year's draft, but he was surprised to be drafted so early. He said Oakland is a good organization with a young team that should be good for the next few years.

The Oakland Athletics also said A&M outfielder Daylan Holt, players were part of the 1998 recruiting class, and Scarcella said it is a good opportunity for both to be able to play the same team.

Scarcella and his parents met Oakland Athletics representative June 9 to begin the negotiation process. During the meeting, Scarcella was told by a scout for the Athletics he had been following Scarcella since his junior year of high school. The Athletics also told him they wanted to make Scarcella a starter for their rookie-league team based in Vancouver and will pay for two more years of school so he can get his degree in speech communications.

Scarcella said getting his degree is important to him and his parents. "A degree from Texas A&M is a lot of doors. Regardless of whether or not, I still plan to get my degree," Scarcella said.

The season starts June 20 for Scarcella. Scarcella said he hopes to make a decision by the week's end.

## Lakers have to overcome more than Pacers to earn victory in Game 4

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — All remained not so perfect Tuesday in Lakerland, while the Pacers were starting sentences with phrases like "When we win Game 4 . . ."

Something strange has happened since the NBA Finals switched cities.

The team that is trailing 2-1 in the best-of-seven series seems a little more tranquil, a little more self-assured.

The team that is winning — the Lakers — is dealing with various and sundry serious issues regarding its best players: Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and Glen Rice.

O'Neal, shooting 38 percent from the free throw line in this series, will be fouled plenty more in Game 4. The Pacers pretty much promised it.

Bryant, who missed Game 3 with a sprained ankle, was unsure how effective he would be when he returns Wednesday night.

And then there was Rice, still miffed after sitting out 10 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter in Game 3.

He remained embroiled in a clash with coach Phil Jackson — a controversy further fueled by comments from Rice's wife alleging that Jackson's supposed anti-Rice bias stems from a power struggle with two guys named Jerry and a secret affection for Scottie Pippen.

Sounds almost like the Chicago Bulls circa 1998, doesn't it?

"When there's frustration, you try to keep it in the community. But when it seeps out, you

have to do some damage control," said Lakers forward Rick Fox. "And we're dealing with that now, here."

Moments before Fox spoke, Rice had ended his interview session with these words: "If people don't think I can be out there doing things to get this team a win, then . . . I shouldn't be here."

An NBA public relations official quickly ended the interview, hustling Rice away after he had spent the better part of 10 minutes explaining his frustration with being benched and offering insight into his less-than-rosy relationship with Jackson.

Meanwhile, beneath the stands at Conseco Fieldhouse, Jackson was sounding like another

### Against most odds

If the Indiana Pacers battle back to win their series against the Lakers, they will do something that's been done only twice in the NBA Finals.

Postseason comebacks from a 2-0 deficit in a seven-game series

Team	Opponent	Series
Boston	Los Angeles	1989 NBA Finals
Los Angeles	San Francisco	1989 Western Division Semifinals
Baltimore	New York	1971 Eastern Conference Finals
Portland	Philadelphia	1977 NBA Finals
Chicago	New York	1993 Eastern Conference Finals
Houston	Phoenix	1994 Western Conference Semifinals
Houston	Phoenix	1995 Western Conference Semifinals

Source: National Basketball Association

coach from down the road in Bloomington as he explained why he and Rice were supposedly on the same page.

"I play whom I want to play when I want to play them, and how they play and what

I think is best for the team. That's it," son said.

What the Lakers seemed to need was down between Rice and Jackson, a few minutes for the airing of grievances, or perhaps some aromatherapy (Don't laugh, Jackson does it).

Rice said the relationship between him and Jackson was not a "bad" one, while Jackson said the two have had a good relationship all year.

Game 4 and 5 will be Wednesday and Thursday night in Indianapolis before the shifts back to Los Angeles, if necessary. Game 6 on Monday night and Game 7 on Wednesday night.

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