

## Texas moves forward in NBA drafts

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All 28 NBA teams went to New York City Wednesday for the 2001 draft. While two Texas teams stayed fairly silent in the city that never sleeps, one made a whole lot of noise.

The Houston Rockets came into the draft with the 13th, 18th and 23rd picks in the first round, which they used on Arizona forward Richard Jefferson, Stanford forward Jason Collins and Pepperdine guard Brandon Armstrong. Then they stunned the crowd at the theater of Madison Square Garden by trading all three to the New Jersey Nets for the seventh pick overall, local favorite Eddie Griffin of Seton Hall.

Griffin, a 6-foot-9-inch forward, averaged 17.8 points and

### Rockets' Tomjanovich pleased with year's picks

10.8 rebounds per game in his only college season. His 133 blocked shots — 4.43 per game — were second in the nation.

In addition, the Rockets were able to trade for the rights to Maryland forward Terrence Morris, a pre-season All-American. Morris, a 6-foot-9-inch senior, averaged 12.2 points and 7.7 rebounds per game this season, but his offensive output has decreased each of the past four years.

"This is as big as any draft we've had in the history of the franchise," head coach Rudy Tomjanovich said Friday at a press conference at Houston's Westside Tennis club. "I woke up this morning and hoped it was real and not a dream."

Tomjanovich said that Griffin was the top player on their draft list, which flattered its newest acquisition.

"It makes me feel real good to know that if they had drafted first, they would have taken me," Griffin said. "That excites me."

The San Antonio Spurs had one first round pick, the 28th overall. They used that pick to select Tony Parker, a 19-year-old point guard from PSG Racing in Paris. Their two second round picks were spent on Robertas Javtokas from Lithuania and Brian Bacey, a senior from Oregon.

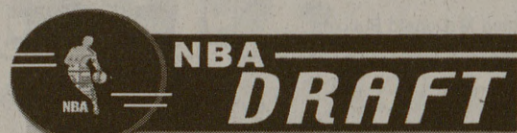
Parker, who rejected a scholarship from UCLA to turn pro in Europe is "a very good ball handler and very quick," said

Spurs assistant coach Joe Prunty. "His strength isn't going to be there yet, but he has a grasp of the situation."

Javtokas, a 6-foot-10-inch power forward, is "a solid pick at 56," said Prunty. "He's a solid big man and will run the floor a little bit for you."

Bacey, a 6-foot-7-inch shooting guard, "shot the ball pretty well," Prunty said. "For the last pick in the draft, maybe this is the team for him."

The Dallas Mavericks had only two picks in the second round of the draft, the 44th and 54th overall. The 44th pick was used on senior Kyle Hill, a 6-foot-2-inch shooting guard from Eastern Illinois, while the 54th became Kenny Satterfield,



HOUSTON	
7th pick, 1st Round (from New Jersey)	Eddie Griffin, forward, Seton Hall University 17.8 points, 10.8 rebounds per game
5th pick, 2nd Round (from Atlanta)	Terrence Morris, forward, University of Maryland 12.2 points, 7.7 rebounds per game
SAN ANTONIO	
28th pick, 1st Round	Tony Parker, point guard, PSG Racing Paris (France) 14.7 points, 5.6 assists per game
27th pick, 2nd Round	Robertas Javtokas, forward, Lithuania (no stats available)
28th pick, 2nd Round	Brian Bacey, forward, University of Oregon 18.6 points, 7.1 rebounds per game
DALLAS	
44th pick, 2nd Round	Kyle Hill, guard, Eastern Illinois 28.6 points, 4.9 assists per game
54th pick, 2nd Round	Kenny Satterfield, guard, University of Cincinnati 14.4 points, 4.9 assists per game

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a 6-foot-2-inch sophomore point guard from Cincinnati. Coach Don Nelson and the Mavericks staff were unavailable

for comment on Hill (23.8 points, 4.0 assists per game) and Satterfield (14.4 points, 4.9 assists per game).

## Bonds returns after hand injury

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After taking a day off to nurse a bruised right wrist, Barry Bonds sunk his hands into wet cement outside Pacific Bell Park near where his 500th career home run splashed into San Francisco Bay.

A bayside monument was unveiled Monday in honor of Bonds, the Giants' left fielder who became the 17th member of baseball's 500-home run club on April 17.

The bronze plaque on the walkway just feet away from McCovey Cove was completed as Bonds added his signature and handprints.

"I feel like a kid," Bonds said.

"Thinking about when you're a kid, dreaming of the major leagues, you don't think of success like that."

— Barry Bonds  
Giants' leftfielder

Bonds, who leads the major leagues with 39 home runs, was not wearing any protective gear on his right wrist, which was injured when he robbed St. Louis' Albert Pujols of a home run Friday night.

Bonds jumped up to snag the ball as it was about to sail over the left-field wall, then hit his right wrist on the top edge as he was coming down.

He missed Saturday's game — temporarily putting off the showdown with single-season home run record holder Mark McGwire — but was back in the starting lineup on Sunday. He even knocked a ball into McCovey Cove near his new monument during batting practice.

Jim Leyland, his former manager with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Dave Stevens, his coach at Northern California's Serra High School, looked on as Bonds added his touch to the embedded round marker. Some three dozen spectators, who happened upon the ceremony four hours before game time, cheered.

"It's pretty amazing. You can't say thank you enough," Bonds said afterward. "Thinking about when you're a kid, dreaming of the major leagues, you don't think of success like that."

## Director of development retires

### John Crow, only Aggie to win the Heisman Trophy, leaves the Athletic Department

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Few players in the history of Texas A&M football have made more of a national impact on their sport than John David Crow. Crow, the only Aggie to win the Heisman Trophy and the first overall pick in the 1958 NFL Draft, retired Friday from his position as director of development for athletics. During his final day of work, Crow shared some of his recollections from his life at A&M with *The Battalion*.

Crow said his Heisman victory was "not a big part of me when I was in school and after. It's gotten to be a lot bigger deal recently. Now, it makes it fun to sit back and talk about it and be associated with such great athletes."

Crow found out he was the winner of the 1957 Heisman when New York's Downtown Athletic Club called then-University President Dr. Harrington during the winter break. Harrington called Crow's mother, who informed him that he had won "some kind of trophy" after returning from an evening out with his friends.

"She knew it had to be something big, because they were flying all of us up to New York to get it," Crow said.

Crow credits his former coach, Paul

"Bear" Bryant with his winning the Heisman. "Two weeks before the season ended, he told *The Houston Chronicle's* Mickey Herscovitz that if I didn't win the Heisman Trophy, they ought to stop giving it. And Coach Bryant didn't brag about his players — ever."

Crow said that Bryant actually deserves a great amount of credit for all of the success he has enjoyed in his life, on and off the field.

"His coaching techniques were a product of hard knocks," Crow said. "He pushed you hard on the practice

field, and he pushed me farther than I ever thought I could go. That helped me not only in football, but in everything else in life."

Crow recalled the A&M and Alabama coach as being "very tough, but very fair and very just. He would shed a tear as quickly as spout an obscenity."

As protective as Crow is of his former coach's legacy, he has few good words to say about author Jim Dent or his book, *Junction Boys*, a book about the 1954 Aggie football team that won the Southwest Conference.

"He made Bear sound like Hitler; I didn't much like that part of the book," he said. "And naming names of guys who were 18, 19 years old going to the Chicken Ranch now that they're 64, 65 with three girls? I'm going to like that kind of book?"

"About the only thing he got right was me being on the other side of the street across from Sbis

### THE CROW FILE

- 1957 Heisman Trophy winner - only winner in Aggie history
- Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1976
- 1st pick in the 1958 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Cardinals
- Spent 11 years as a player in the NFL (Cardinals, 49ers)
- Head Football Coach, Northeast Louisiana University, 1975 - 80
- Served as Assistant Athletic Director, Athletic Director and Director of Development for Athletics at A&M (1983 - 2001)

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## Wimbledon shows no surprises Astros defeat Brewers

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The player with the most engaging personality at Wimbledon can be dull to watch, and he knows it.

Goran Ivanisevic wins admirers with his wit and wins matches by relying on his brutish serve, an approach that is effective but mind-numbing for spectators, especially on grass.

Greg Rusedski's playing style is much the same, which likely means lots of short points, short games and long sets in their fourth-round showdown Monday.

"Me and my friend Greg," said Ivanisevic with a chuckle. "Going to be another beautiful match to watch. Very, very exciting — 15-love, 30-love, 40-love, game; 15-love, 30-love, 40-love, game."

So far Wimbledon has been skimpy on drama. Dominant serves — by Ivanisevic,

Rusedski, Pete Sampras and even young Americans Andy Roddick and Taylor Dent — renewed complaints that watching men play on grass is only slightly more exciting than watching it grow.

And there were fewer surprises than rain delays in the first week, partly because of a new seeding system designed to spread the top players throughout the draw and protect them from early upsets. Top-seeded Martina Hingis lost to Virginia Ruano Pascual on the opening day, but that was the only shocker in the first week.

The payoff for fans comes in the second half of the fortnight, with the Williams sisters, Jennifer Capriati, Lindsay Davenport, Sampras, Andre Agassi, Patrick Rafter and Marat Safin still in the hunt.

Ivanisevic's resurgence follows an 18-month slump that dropped him out of the top 100. At 29, the Croat known for his shaky syntax and near-misses at Wimbledon is mounting a bid to reach the final for the

fourth time. He looked like the Goran of old Friday, belting 41 aces to end Roddick's Wimbledon debut. During one stretch, Ivanisevic won 24 consecutive service points, and Roddick got a return into play on only three of those points.

Dull tennis, but impressive. Wrenching losses in three finals make Ivanisevic a sympathetic figure at Wimbledon, but crowd support Monday is uncertain because the Canadian-born Rusedski claims British citizenship.

"That's going to be tough," Ivanisevic said. "It's going to be all the crowd behind him on that match because it's an Englishman."

Ever since changing his nationality in 1995, Rusedski has been touted as a threat to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936. Like Ivanisevic, Rusedski is a left-hander with a thunderous serve that makes him especially dangerous on grass.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wade Miller scattered seven hits over seven innings Sunday to lead the Houston Astros over the Milwaukee Brewers 6-1.

Miller (10-3), who pitched a three-hitter at Milwaukee on April 11, struck out eight and walked two. He is now walked three and struck out 31 in three starts, all victories, against Milwaukee this season.

Miller did not have much of a lineup to face Sunday because Devon White (quadriceps), Geoff Jenkins (hand) and Jeffrey Hammonds (shoulder) were sidelined and Jeremy Burnitz, the Brewers' leader in home runs and RBIs, had the afternoon off.

The Brewers lost for just the second time in 14 day games at Miller Park and dropped to 2-7 against Houston this season.

Brewers right-hander Paul Rigdon (3-5) left after 2 2/3 innings when he aggravated his strained right elbow. He was making his second start since coming off the 15-day disabled list last week.

Rigdon allowed four runs, all in the third inning, on six hits, including a three-run double to Moises Alou. After walking the next batter, Rigdon threw a ball to Vinny Castilla and was removed, trailing 4-0.

### Sports in Brief

#### Greg Biffle wins third NASCAR event of season

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) — Rookie Greg Biffle held on over the final 15 laps Sunday to win his third NASCAR Busch series event of the season, the GNC Live Well 250 at The Milwaukee Mile.

Biffle all but clinched the victory when Mike Skinner ran out of gas with two laps remaining. Wisconsin native Matt Kenseth finished second and Kevin Grubb third.

Kevin Harvick led for 165 laps and still remains the Busch point leader after finishing fourth. He took the pole Friday with a track-record qualifying run of 122.74 mph.

Biffle, who drove a Ford, previously won the Pepsi 300 on April 14 in Gladeville, Tenn., and the Nazareth 200 on May 20 in Pennsylvania.

#### US loses to Mexico in qualifying World Cup round

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The

United States lost for the first time in the final round of World Cup qualifying, looking disorganized Sunday in a 1-0 defeat to a remade Mexican team.

The United States (4-1-1) still leads qualifying in the North and Central American and Caribbean region and probably needs one more win to ensure a fourth consecutive trip to soccer's premier tournament.

But the Americans, 0-21-1 in Mexico, played their worst game of the year and rarely

moved the ball near the Mexican goal. It has never won a game in Mexico.

Mexico, fifth at 2-3-1, came out aggressively, dominating play from the outset. The Americans played back, waiting for Mexico to tire itself out and U.S. players kicked the ball out of bounds to slow down the Mexican attacks.

But in the 15th minute, the Mexican strategy paid off when Alberto Garcia Aspe delivered a free kick that Jared Borgetti headed past goalkeeper Kasey Keller.