

SPORTS

Predicting NBA draft picks not easy

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Yes, it is the middle of June, and the NBA playoffs are still not finished. As soon as a new champion is crowned, all the general managers must start thinking about the next season. The NBA Draft will be at the Javits Convention Center in New York on June 27.

This draft does not have the big names of former years. Most scouts are expecting a Wall Street atmosphere with plenty of wheeling and dealing between teams. Predicting which team will take which player becomes Mission Impossible. However, a few brave souls (known as sports writers) will still attempt it. So here goes this year's stab at the NBA Draft:

1. New Jersey - Although the Nets have been throwing around the idea of taking Dennis Scott, Derrick Coleman (Syracuse) is the best player in the draft to build a team around. Most scouts compare Coleman to Karl Malone because both are great scorers and rebounders. Most importantly, Coleman will bring a winning attitude to the hapless Nets organization.

2. Seattle - Scott is tough to pass up, but the Supersonics don't need him. Look for Seattle to fill the point guard spot with Gary Payton (Oregon St.). Payton's good court vision and quick hands make him the top point guard in this year's draft.

3. Miami - Great Scott!! He's still here. Miami will thank the powers above and snatch him. Glen Rice and Scott will give the Heat the scariest three-point shooting duo in the league.

4. Orlando - The Magic desperately

need a center, which is why they will gamble on Dwayne Schintzius, Florida's much-troubled post-man. Expect Schintzius to take a couple of years to develop, but his talent cannot be questioned.

5. Charlotte - Bogue cannot survive another season like the last one. The Hornets will take Rumeal Robinson (Michigan), the next best point guard. Known for clutch performances, Robinson could help the Hornets win some of those close ones.

6. Minnesota - The biggest need here is points. Therefore, look for the Wolves to take Lionel Simmons, LaSalle's high-scoring forward. Simmons will fit right in with Minnesota's hardworking, scrappy team.

7. Sacramento - Same as Orlando. The Kings will take Pervis Ellisons's former teammate, Felton Spencer. He brings much-needed muscle and high potential to this thin team.

8. L.A. Clippers - With Ron Harper expected out until January, the Clippers need Chris Jackson (LSU) to bolster their outside arsenal. Although a risky pick, Jackson does have the skill to amaze a dead Clippers' crowd.

9. Dallas - In the first of three first-round picks, the Mavericks will fill the scoring void left by Adrian Dantley with Minnesota's Willie Burton. Burton can play both shooting guard and small forward, a valuable combination in the NBA these days.

10. Golden State - The Warriors need height, but no beanpoles (aka Manute Bol). The best big man at this pick is Terry Mills (Michigan). Mills will develop quickly into a solid power forward.

11. Atlanta - The Hawks must have a real shooting guard. Bo Kimble (Loyola Marymount) fits the bill perfectly. Kimble might be one of the few players who will have to slow down his game in the NBA.

12. Houston - The Rockets (like always) need a point guard. They might have a good one in Texas' Travis Mays.

13. Dallas - If this pick isn't traded, the Mavericks will get Kendall Gill, a solid all-around guard from Illinois.

14. L.A. Clippers - This will bring Alec Kessler to la-la land, and may knock former UNC player, Joe Wolf, down to the CBA.

15. Denver - The Nuggets will begin to better a horrible drafting record by taking Xavier forward Tyrone Hill.

16. Milwaukee - With a great showing in the NBA mini-camps, Alaa Abdelnabey goes to the Bucks. This rapidly-improving forward from Duke will blossom in the pros.

17. New York - Loy Vaught (Michigan) will bring some much-needed defense to the forward slot for the Knicks.

18. Dallas - If the Mavs still have this pick, expect them to take Duane Causwell (Temple), a center with some raw talent that will take a while to develop.

19. Boston - The Celtics will nab Maryland's Jerrod Mustaf to back-up an aging frontline. Mustaf will be needed to contribute soon though.

20. Minnesota - Scoring still remains a major need. Gerald Glass, Mississippi's leading scorer for the past two years, fills the hole.

21. Phoenix - A back-up center is a

must for the Suns. Iowa's Les Jepsen will be given plenty of time to learn from Phoenix's veteran frontline.

22. Utah - Against Phoenix, outside shooting was a glaring weakness. Georgia Tech's Brian Oliver will fix that in a hurry.

23. Chicago - Although the Bulls really need a better center, they will take Illinois' Stephen Bardo to provide defensive support at the guard spots.

24. San Antonio - The Spurs hit the fewest three-pointers. Look for Binbo Coles (Va. Tech) to double the number.

25. Portland - The Trail Blazers can take the best player available. Marcus Liberty (Illinois) will be a good one down the road.

26. Detroit - With Vinnie Johnson winding down his career, another microwave needs to be ordered. Michigan's Sean Higgins can shoot the lights out at will.

27. L.A. Lakers - The backcourt needs some help. The Lakers will take Dee Brown, a virtual unknown out of Jacksonville who can play both guard spots.

The second round will see some ACC action. Watch for UNC's Scott Williams, Clemson's Elden Campbell, and Maryland's Tony Massenber to be picked. Duke's Phil Henderson and N.C. State's Brian Howard will also get shots via free agent camps.

Like last year's draft, this one cannot be rated until several seasons have passed. This draft will provide many solid players, but few bonafide superstars are available. Look for the 1990 draft to go down as average.

Ford to lead Celtics instead of Coach K

From Associated Press reports

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics named Chris Ford their new coach Wednesday, moving the long-time assistant coach into the top spot. Team officials described Ford as "a guy who is truly a Celtic, a guy who has paid his dues."

Ford told a news conference he expected his tenure to be "a good time."

He added, though, that it was "going to take a lot of hard work and dedication to get us back on top."

He said he wanted a team "that is going to play with fire, passion, emotion; that is going to have the work ethic that is going to put us on top."

Ford, the only coach retained after Jimmy Rodgers was fired May 8, two days after the Celtics were eliminated from the NBA playoffs by the New York Knicks, had been considered the leading candidate.

But Dave Gavitt, named May 30 as chief operating officer to handle basketball operations with the Celtics, had been in contact with Duke University coach Mike Krzyzewski in recent weeks concerning the job. Krzyzewski informed Gavitt last Thursday that he was withdrawing his name from consideration to remain with the Blue Devils.

Ford, who played 10 seasons in the NBA for Detroit and Boston and who

is credited with making the first three-point shot in the NBA on Oct. 12, 1979, was traded to the Celtics Oct. 19, 1978 along with a draft selection for Earl Tatum. He was a member of Boston's 1981 championship team.

He played one more season and then joined the Celtics coaching staff for the 1983-84 season, where he has worked for K.C. Jones and Rodgers.

Ford, Detroit's second-round draft pick out of Villanova in 1972, was a member of championship teams in 1984 and 1986, joining K.C. Jones, Bill Russell and Tommy Heinsohn to be part of NBA titles in Boston as both a player and coach. The latter three were head coaches.

Ford, 41, would be the Celtics' eleventh coach, following of Red Auerbach, who coached the Celtics to nine NBA championships before moving to the front office after the 1966 season, Russell, Heinsohn, Dave Cowens, Bill Fitch and Rodgers.

Ford, who led the Celtics to four victories in Rodgers' absence last season, would coach some of the players he either competed with or against. The Celtics corps of aging players include Larry Bird, Robert Parish, and Kevin McHale, all members of the 1981 championship team. Also on board is Jim Paxson, who played with the Portland Trail Blazers when Ford played for the Celtics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday June 14

People for the American Way Action Fund will host an Activist Training Workshop on Saturday, June 16, at N.C. Central University in Durham. The event is open to the public. For more information call 1-800-768-7329, in Raleigh call 833-1222.

"Pieces," an exhibit of mixed media collage will be in the Duke University Union until July 31.

This *Brooding Sky* will be performed by The Lesbian Theatians, and Cheap Thrills will play R&B at the Skylight Exchange. For more information call 933-5550.

The Boomers will play rhythm & blues at the Cave. For more information call 968-9308.

Ko Ko Taylor, queen of the blues, and her Blues Machine will play at the Cat's Cradle. Advance tickets are \$10 and are available at Schoolkids and Poindexter Records. For more information call 967-9053.

Friday June 15

This *Brooding Sky* will be performed by The Lesbian Theatians, and Tracy Drach will play the blues at the Skylight Exchange.

RJ Swings will perform all-original music as well as read prose and play motion acoustic at The Ninth Street Bakery in Durham. For more information call 286-0303.

The Bull City Blues Band will perform with Charlie Ward at The Cave.

The *Little Mermaid* will show at the Carolina Union at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is free with a Student ID or Union Privilege Card.

Luka Bloom will play at the Cat's Cradle.

Saturday June 16

The North Carolina Artists Exhibi-

tion will be on view until August 12 at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. There will be a reception from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the exhibit. The event is organized for museum members but is open to the general public. Clyde Edgerton and Susan Ketchin will play traditional bluegrass music. Tickets for the reception are \$20 per person. For more information call 833-1935.

La Fernandez will play folk and blues at The Ninth Street Bakery in Durham.

Women On The Verge Of A Nervous Breakdown is showing at the Carolina Union at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is free with a Student ID or Union Privilege Card.

Lloyd Cole and his new band will play at the Cat's Cradle.

Sunday June 17

Open Blues Jam will perform with Charlie Ward at the Cave. Chris Thomas will play at the Cat's Cradle.

Monday June 18

Monty Python's *The Meaning Of Life* is showing at the Carolina Union at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is free with a Student ID or Union Privilege Card.

Tuesday June 19

Another Roadside Attraction will perform at the Cave.

Wednesday June 20

Slewfoot and Friends will play the blues at the Skylight Exchange. Jimmy Landry will play upbeat acoustic folk and originals at the Cave.

— compiled by Thomas Healy

Golf team wins seventh in NCAA tournament

The UNC golf team rallied from 17th place to finish seventh in the NCAA Championships June 10. The Tar Heels final score during the four-day tournament was 1,168. Pat Moore was UNC's best scorer, tying for 17th overall with a four-day total of 290. The Tar Heels were the top finisher from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Arizona State won the tournament at three over par posting a score of 1,157.

North Carolina will play seven home football games this fall. This will mark only the third time the Heels have played seven games in Kenan Stadium in a year.

Athletic Director John Swofford said this is the first of four straight years in which UNC is scheduled to have a seven-game home slate.

Home games will begin at 1:30 p.m., though Virginia will begin at 12:10 p.m. for regional television.

UNC's home opponents are Miami of Ohio, Connecticut, Kentucky, N.C. State, Georgia Tech, Maryland and Virginia.

Four members of UNC's 1990

Sports BRIEFLY

ACC champion lacrosse team conferred All-America status by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Senior defenseman and captain Joe Breschi was named to the first team, while junior attackman Dennis Goldstein made the third squad.

Senior midfielders Steve Huff and Chip Mayer received Honorable Mentions.

Breschi, the MVP in the ACC tournament, and Goldstein were also named to the All-ACC squad.

Breschi led the Tar Heels in loose balls caused with 59, in passes intercepted with 10 and was second in ground balls with 79.

Goldstein led the team and the ACC in scoring with 62 points on 31 goals and 31 assists.

Mayer, the top-scoring middle for the Tar Heels, had 33 points with 24 goals and nine assists, while Huff, a fifth-year senior, had 21 points on 19 goals and two assists.

There is still no word on a successor to Willie Scroggs, who resigned his post to concentrate on his increased duties as Assistant Athletic Director following the Tar Heels 21-10 loss to Syracuse in the NCAA semifinals.

The University has hired former Pennsylvania volleyball coach Joe Sagula to take over the head coaching job for the Tar Heels.

UNC Athletic Director John Swofford announced that Sagula will replace Peggy Bradley-Doppes, who resigned in February to take the head coaching position at Michigan.

The Tar Heels have won the past two Atlantic Coast Conference titles and

have played in the NCAA the past two years.

The North Carolina baseball team, 51-14, finished 15th in the final Baseball America Top 25 poll.

In the final Collegiate Baseball/ESPN poll, the Tar Heels finished 21st. The Heels were the only ACC team ranked in either poll.

Georgia, which defeated UNC in the NCAA Tournament's Northeast Regional, was ranked No. 1 in both polls after winning the College World Series.

UNC seniors Ron Mauer and Jim Dougherty were the only Tar Heel baseball players chosen in the major league draft. Mauer, UNC's shortstop, was chosen by the L.A. Dodgers. Dougherty, a pitcher, was drafted by the Houston Astros. He decided not to play and will become a graduate assistant to UNC's baseball coach Mike Roberts.

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