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Tickets For **Future** Four Expansion **Tourney In** Charlotte

Tickets are on sale for the first preseason expansion tournament, the Coca-Cola Classic, to be held at the Charlotte Coliseum Oct. 19 and 20.

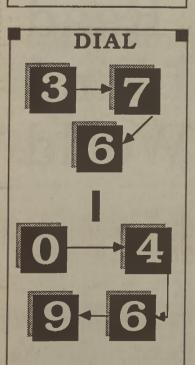
The hottest new rivalries in the NBA will go head to head as Miami, Minnesota, Orlando and Charlotte meet in tournament style competition. Action will feature Miami vs. Minnesota at 6 p.m. and Charlotte vs. Orlando at 8:30 p.m. on the 19th. The consolation game will begin at 6 p.m. on the 20th with the championship game set to start at 8:30 p.m.

"Charlotte fans will get a chance to see some of the better young talent in the league while being one of the first to see most of the top draft picks from this summer's draft," said Hornets Executive Vice President Tony Renaud.

The expansion teams have accumulated some of the best college talent and free agents over the past two seasons as fans will watch the likes of Rex Chapman, J.R. Reid and Johnny Newman of Charlotte; Rony Seikaly, Glen Rice and Sherman Douglas of Miami; Pooh Richardson, Tony Campbell and Felton Spencer of Orlando.

Tickets are available at the Charlotte Coliseum box office and at Ticketron outlets in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Customers must go to the outlets to purchase tickets. To charge tickets by phone, call Teletron at 1-800-543-3041 using either a Visa, Mastercard or American Ex-

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Straight Pay for Rookies

One of the ideas you often hear being kicked around in football circles is "straight" pay for National Football League rookies. Many people see straight pay - a basic salary for players entering the league - as a way to bring the deals rookies are striking under control.

I think it sounds like a great idea, but I don't see how it could work. There is no question that the pay structure in the NFL is getting out of hand. Look at Jeff George who recently signed a \$15 million deal with the Indianapolis Colts — \$15 million for a player who had yet to take a snap in the NFL. He wasn't even what I'd call a great quarterback at the

So who is to blame for the wild salaries? I think you start by blaming the owners, because they're the ones who give these outlandish contracts. The players and their agents are trying to strike the best deal possible. They are responding to market demands. I don't think there is any way Jeff George is worth \$15 million. But he was able to swing the deal, so somebody must think he's worth that much.

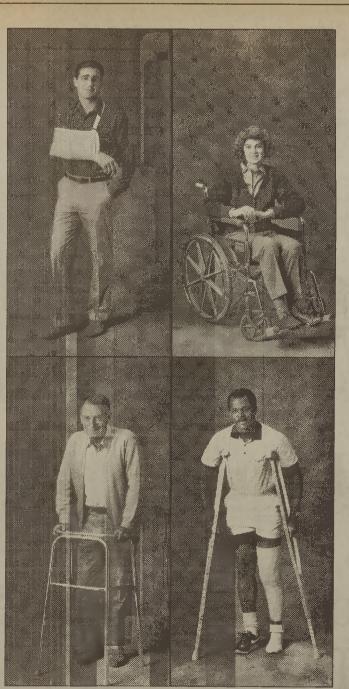
Almost everyone agrees, though, that something has to be done to control the salaries. The major issue is whether or not to put a ceiling on rookie salaries. As much as I'd like to see the craziness brought under control, I can't see how it could be done. Where would you begin? If you started today, you would have to develop a system that brought into account the average signing salary for rookies in the last draft. Separate salary averages would have to be established at every position, because no matter what anyone who supports straight rookie pay says, quarterbacks will end up getting more than running backs, running backs more than receivers and on down the line.

Could there be one salary that every rookie makes? Again, first-round draft picks would have to be given more than second-rounders, second-rounders more than third-rounders and so on. What would be the pay difference among the players and their agents?

One of the sad results of the million-dollar deals being struck is seeing these untested rookies making so much more than experienced veterans. A prime example is Brian Bosworth. "The Boz" rode into the league on a wave of hype and took the Seattle Seahawks for millions. It turned out to be all hype — he hardly played in his three years there and retired this year. That really hurts a guy like Chicago Bear All-Pro Mike Singletary, who has proven himself year-in and year-out and never had an outrageous contract.

Even with a complicated sliding scale to calculate pay, I don't think it could be made to work. It may not seem fair, but it seems nothing can be

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame. ©1990, PM Editorial Services

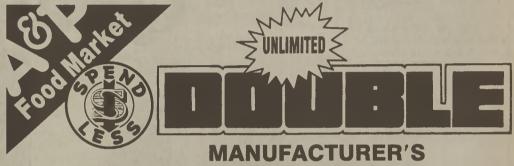


Giving To Your Hospital

If you want to give to a cause that's guaranteed to make you feel good, give to your hospital. That's right, your hospital. The fact is, they've always relied on private donations to stay current with medical needs. Now the need is greater than ever. New medical breakthroughs are entering the market every day. And the thing is, they're the kind of breakthroughs you'd never miss-unless the patient they're intended for turns out to be you.

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