

## Panthers to correct mistakes

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players is partially responsible for breakdowns. It's most pronounced on offense, where the schemes are more complex.

"We made a lot of mistakes, and those were the things that hurt us the most," Philyaw said. Whenever you can't get a good tempo going, it hurts you even more. We had a problem getting a rhythm going. We weren't in sync."

There's no need to panic, receiver Mark Carrier says. After all, when the opening day roster is announced, nearly half of the people who started training camp will be elsewhere. The offense, which has looked out of sync, should round into shape once some injured players return

to action.

"This is preseason. You try to look at a lot of people, see who's going to help your ball club," he said. "It's unfair to judge an offensive unit

according to a whole game when you have a lot of guys going in and out."

"We want to win the ball game, but we're going to wake up tomorrow and say it doesn't affect our record," Carrier said. We don't dwell on that. You know this is a time of learning, a time of playing guys, trying to see who's going to help this ball club. You know things are going to be perfect, so you expect those things."

The Giants offer Carolina a chance to right the ship before

the season opener, linebacker Carlton Bailey said. Both teams play physical, hard-nosed football with emphasis on the running game. It'll be a good test.

"The best thing about next week is it's a physical ball club," he said.

"We're going on the road and that's the kind of team we want to have. We must be ready to play on the road. We're going to come back this week, and we're going to make some things happen."

"I know we're better than the way we played (Saturday) and the way we played last week," Carrier said. "I think the positive thing is the mistakes we were doing we can correct. We know what we have to do."

## Barkley heads for Houston

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Jerry Colangelo thought the Phoenix Suns were becoming predictable with Charles Barkley.

"I personally have not enjoyed watching our play for two years," said Colangelo, the Suns' president. "We became as predictable as I'd wanted not to become."

His team is anything but predictable now, following Monday's announcement of the four-for-one trade that sent Barkley to the Houston Rockets for Robert Horry, Sam Cassell, Mark Bryant and Chucky Brown.

Barkley averaged 23.2 points and 11.6 rebounds for the Suns last season - his 12th in the NBA. It wasn't far off the 25.6 points and 12.2 rebounds he averaged in 1992-93, when he was the NBA MVP. But his 3.7 assists per game were off the 5.1 he averaged his first season.

Colangelo said he and Rockets owner Les Alexander

agreed on the trade Aug. 12 but kept it under wraps until Saturday.

He disputed Barkley's claim that the trade was carried out on his terms, saying Barkley had no input. The deal came together when Alexander agreed to part not only with Horry, Cassell and Bryant but Brown as well.

The quartet of ex-Rockets brings youth, exuberance, defense and, in the case of Horry and Cassell, great outside shooting to a team featuring none of those qualities in 1995-96.

"I just like their abilities," coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said. "A couple of these guys here were very high in steals, blocked shots. And we can do things we couldn't do before."

Brown, a 6-foot-8, 215-pound forward, was an unlikely candidate until last season to be the centerpiece of the biggest trade this offseason. Phoenix is his sixth team in eight seasons, not a CBA stop.

In three months during the 1994-95 campaign, Brown, 28,

helped Yakima win the CBA title, then signed with the Rockets on Feb. 2, 1995, and became a member of Houston's championship club.

Last season, his stock went up when he became the only Rocket to start all 82 games, and he led the Rockets by shooting 54.1 percent (ninth in the NBA).

Bryant, 31, got to the NBA Finals in 1990 and 1992 during his seven seasons with Portland. Although 6-9, Bryant's strength allows him to play center, always a problem position for the Suns.

Last season, he started nine games at center while Hakeem Olajuwon was injured. Playing about 22 minutes per game, he averaged 8.6 points and 5 rebounds.

At 6-10, Horry, 26, is a small forward known for 3-point shooting, ability to drive the paint and his defense.

He averaged 12 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.63 steals and 1.54 blocks last season, his fourth. Over his career, he has shot 35.6 percent on 3-pointers.

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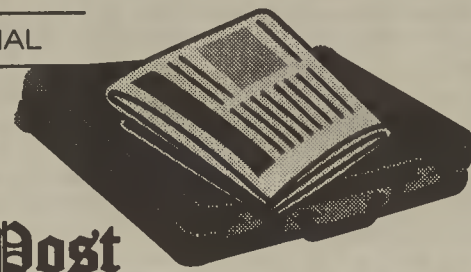
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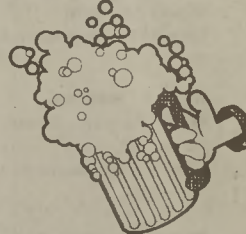
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