Wallace was charged with assault for the second time in two months on June 20.

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DURHAM — The attorney for basket-ball star Rasheed Wallace says a second assault charge against his client in the past two months is an attempt to frame Wallace.

Wallace, the former North Carolina center, was charged with simple assault after he allegedly blocked Chiquita Bryant's car in at the day-care center on June 20 and refused to let her leave. Bryant is the mother



ing," James D.
"Butch" Williams, Wallace's lawyer, said Friday. "Mr. Wallace was set up. This was not of his own doing. He was only trying to exer-cise his court-ordered visitation rights with his china. We intend to vigorously defend against



was charged with

this charge."
If convicted of the charge, Wallace could

face again an earlier assault charge filed in April of assaulting Bryant.

Prosecution on that charge was deferred for a year after Wallace apologized in court and agreed to perform 50 hours of community service and to seek counseling for his

He also had to stay out of trouble, according to the deferred prosecution.
Williams said Wallace had not violated

any protective orders.

Wallace played in 65 games for the

NBA's Washington Bullets, averaging 10.1 points and 4.7 rebounds.

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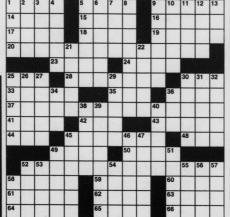
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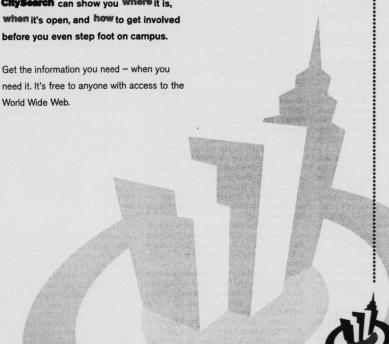
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Attorney Claims Former UNC Star Was Framed NBA, Union Labor Contract Dispute Could Lead to Lockout on Sunday

'We were there to make a deal and they

came up with an outrageous demand for

\$31 million," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "We said we weren't giving

in, they said their position was just as

strong. We agreed there was nothing left to

No further negotiations were scheduled. Union president Buck Williams of the Portland Trail Blazers said the league's

abrupt halt to the talks could be an intimi

"They prematurely pulled the plug and walked out. It seemed like it might have a

been a ploy on their part," Williams said.
"It worked for them last summer."

and before the National Labor Relations Board, but no hearings are scheduled for

"Most deals are done at the 12th ho

and I'm hoping this deal will be settled at the 12th hour," Williams said.

If not, such free agents to be as Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Alonzo Mourn-

ing, Reggie Miller and Gary Payton would

not be able to entertain offers.

another two weeks.

The dispute is already in federal court

used to scare players into surrender

on tactic, with the threat of a lockout

NEW YORK - The NBA will lock out its players July 1 if final details of the longdelayed labor contract with the union can't be resolved, a league executive said on

Talks between the league and the union the NBA then toughened its stance

"If nothing changes, there will be a lockout," the high-ranking league official said on the condition he not be identified.

A lockout would delay the start of what is predicted to be the most frenzied free agent market in league history. Teams would be forbidden from contacting and signing players, including those selected in Wednesday night's draft.

If imposed at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, it would be the second lockout in as many years. Last summer's league-imposed work stoppage lasted three months before the players voted in favor of a modified collective bargaining agreement.

The deal has remained unsigned, how-ever, as the sides have squabbled over details. Tuesday's talks were the first aimed at settling the differences, and although most of the 15 or 16 disputed issues were settled, including most aspects of the lucra-tive group licensing agreement, a snag de-veloped over the price the league should

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a berth on the team, finishing third in the

Craddock said Nesbit's success can serve to motivate the younger team members

"Joan's 12 or 13 years out of college and she's still with the sport," Craddock said. "(She's competing) not because she can make money at it, but because she loves it. It's saying to our athletes, 'You may not reach the great success that you want while you're in college, but if you love it, stick with it and see how good you can be."

Former assistant coach C.J. Hunter

claimed third place in the shot put to secure his place on the U.S. team.
Also making the team from UNC, who

had 23 athletes in the trials, were alumni Lynda Lipson in the javelin and Tisha Waller in the high jump. Lipson finished third, while Waller won her event. Several other UNC athletes who didn't

make the team had strong showings. Eric Bishop finished fifth in the high jump, only one inch away from a spot on the team. Freshman Nicole Gamble claimed sixth in the triple jump. In addition, Monique gan lasted until the semifinal round

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months and we can't wait for that.

The agreement has remained unsigned because the sides have argued over exactly what was agreed to last summer.

Before they voted on the modified agree

ment, the players were briefed with 13 pages of documents on what changes would be made to the old agreement. The union charged the league with trying to add on several other changes. Tuesday's meeting was the first dedicated to resolving the matter, and both sides agreed progress was made before the talks broke off.

The league was represented by commissioner David Stern, Granik, chief legal officer Jeff Mishkin, staff attorney Joel Litvin and vice president of player relations John Rose.

The union was represented by Williams, lawyer Jeffrey Kessler, acting executive director Alex English and players Patrick Ewing, Herb Williams, Tyrone Corbin, Rex Walters, Jim McIlvaine, A.C. Green, Chris Dudley, B.J. Armstrong and Olden Polynice.



