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Reid right for Charlotte's frontcourt web

And with the fifth pick in the 1989 NBA draft, the Charlotte Hornets select ... J.R. Reid of the University of North Carolina.

Surprise, surprise.

That was one of the, well, several picks that I correctly forecast in the June 22 issue of The Tar Heel. Last week, I followed that up with a column stating why I thought the UNC basketball program would be better off without Reid.

I still do, but I would like to make one thing clear.

If I was the owner of the Charlotte Hornets, and I had the fifth pick in the June 27 NBA draft, and Pervis Ellison, Danny Ferry, Sean Elliot and Glen Rice were gone, and the television lights were gleaming, and I knew the future of my franchise rested heavily on my decision — as much as I hate to admit it — I, too, would have selected J.R. Reid.

Now, this may seem strange coming from someone who has questioned Reid's ability, work ethic and character (are there three more important factors?) over the past few years, but it is the truth.

Reid has an NBA body and an inside move that cannot, and will not, be stopped. That, and certainly nothing else, is the reason I would have picked him. He will be a very good offensive player in the paint. He is one-dimensional right now. But that

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one dimension is very, very strong. Most of the guys selected in the first two rounds are one-dimensional to a degree.

If I have to pick among a one-dimensional inside scorer, a one-dimensional outside scorer, a one-dimensional rebounder and a one-dimensional defender, I'll take the inside scorer. They're harder to find, and it's easier to develop the other aspects of their games.

You can't teach a 6-foot-1 shooting guard to develop an inside game, but you can at least try to teach Reid the concepts of defense, rebounding and outside shooting.

As I've said before, Reid did not develop those parts of his game very much while he was at UNC. He will have a much better chance to work on his weaknesses with the Hornets. He will get a lot of playing time, and he will be entering a situation in which basketball is an even higher priority in his life.

It's entirely up to Reid whether he becomes an NBA superstar or just another big guy who can fill it up.

Either way, he was worth the risk

for Charlotte at number five.

The Chicago Bulls had to be the biggest winners on draft day.

With the sixth pick, the Bulls chose 6-10 center Stacey King of Oklahoma. Twelve picks later, they nabbed point guard B.J. Armstrong of Iowa. At number 20, they swiped 6-9 Georgia Southern forward Jeff Sanders.

If the Bulls think that King is going to be the answer at center, they're kidding themselves. Ghosts of Wayman Tisdale, another Sooner who's still alive in a sense, told the tale of the slick big man who can score. He has been a bust at the big show. The slender King will be pushed, shoved and mauled from baseline to baseline quicker than he can say "Mr. (Billy) Tubbs, they're not allowed to do this, are they?"

But if the Bulls sought a scorer to take some pressure off of Michael Jordan, they found him in King. Better Sooner than later, you might say. King has a deadly jumper in the 10-15 foot range, can block shots, and runs the floor extremely well. He won't develop into more than that, but he can still be a solid contributor for the Bulls if he keeps his concentration on his on-court endeavors.

Armstrong, though selected after UCLA's Pooh Richardson (Minnesota), Oklahoma's Mookie Blaylock (New Jersey), UTEP's Tim Harda-

way (Golden State) and Boston College's Dana Barros (Seattle), might turn out to be the best of the lot. The Bulls knew Sam Vincent wasn't the answer at point guard. Jordan said he didn't want to play the point next year, and Michael gets what Michael wants. Enter the 6-1 Armstrong — an excellent ball handler and solid outside shooter with a great attitude — whose talents perfectly matched the Bulls needs. He can run the break, play tough defense and stay out of trouble off the court — an increasingly marketable talent in the NBA

today.

Sanders, with King, should be able to give the Bulls a couple of reliable options in the frontcourt. He can go inside and outside with success. He'll be a supplement on the boards and in the scoring column for an unreliable Bill Cartwright.

Thus the Bulls, who took a tremendous step in this year's playoffs, look more and more like a team on the rise. With their newest trio, they might just keep going up, and up, and up — Michael style — into the NBA elite.

Lawyers debate Rose trial site

From Associated Press reports

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Lawyers for Pete Rose want to keep his lawsuit in a state court in Cincinnati, where the Reds manager already has won an order that protects him from suspension or firing.

Rose's lawyers were expected to file papers in U.S. District Court in Columbus Wednesday to try to block Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti from moving the case to the federal

court system.

Baseball's lawyers asked the federal courts on Monday to take the case away from Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Norbert A. Nadel, who has given Rose a temporary restraining order that prevents Giamatti from deciding the manager's fate.

The question of which court gets to handle Rose's lawsuit could be pivotal in deciding the outcome.

Federal courts repeatedly have upheld the sweeping powers of the baseball commissioner, while Nadel has shown a willingness to go into what he described as "uncharted waters" in handling the lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge John D. Holschuh in Columbus was awaiting the response today from Rose's lawyers before deciding whether he has legal jurisdiction over the lawsuit, or whether it should go back to Nadel.

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Meeting

fees in order to allow more schools to participate, Davis said.

"We feel very strongly that each school, depending on how involved they are with ASG, will pay the amount of money for the time they put into it," Davis said.

The organization could be funded by donations from the individual schools rather than by regular fees, he said.

"It is essential for every school to be involved," Davis said.

"There are many smaller schools in the system who have not been as

active as they should be in ASG," Davis said. "One of our goals as a group is to pull those schools in, because they are an especially important part of ASG."

The next meeting for the UNCASG

is set for July 28 at UNCG.

In addition, an October conference has been arranged so that leaders can make a collective effort to improve student government at all of the 16 schools, Davis said.

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