



Students disappointed at NBA exhibition

by Richard Munson

Some students in attendance at the NBA exhibition were less than happy, as whom they had come to see did not appear. Fans still showed up in Charlotte Hornets hats, T-shirts and jerseys to show support. Some even wore that memorable No. 4, that Johnson wore for UNLV.

Johnson who is yet to sign with the Hornets did not make an appearance. Those fans that did make it to the game were unhappy with what they saw.

"I came to the game to see Larry. I wanted to see how he was doing, and this is kind of disappointing," said senior Cliff Odle.

"He would have drawn more support, that's the reason most people wanted to come," said senior Danny Ciesco, referring to the low crowd turn out.

It's not only the fact that Johnson didn't make it to the game but the reason why he didn't make it, that upset fans.

"A few hundred thousand dollars is kind of silly when you're talking about that much money," said senior Lane Elletson. "Sure it's kind of exciting here but it would definitely be a lot better if the fans were into it. This isn't what they were expecting when they got their tickets."

"They (Charlotte) did this (signing to play in Las Vegas) for him. But money is money, I guess," said Mark Sanders, UNLV athletic trainer. When you look at the situation that is what he is dealing with, Sanders added.

Charlotte Hornets

head coach Allen Bristow had little to offer on Johnson's situation.

"He's not going to be here tomorrow, I know he's not. I'm not going to worry about something I cannot control," said Bristow. "I have not talked to Larry and I want to stay out of the negotiations. I haven't seen him play, I haven't seen him practice and I haven't seen him sign."

The Golden State Warriors led the team without Larry Johnson at the half, 65-64.

Thomas and Mack officials did something that usually isn't done, in giving refunds for those who

wanted them. The game was billed as Larry Johnson's homecoming, and since he did not play, officials gave fans the opportunity to return their tickets for a refund.

Officials reported 5,120 persons in attendance and a refund was given to 687 ticket holders. The majority of the tickets were returned on the day of the game in hopes that Johnson would finalize his contract and make an appearance at the game.

Johnson, when he'

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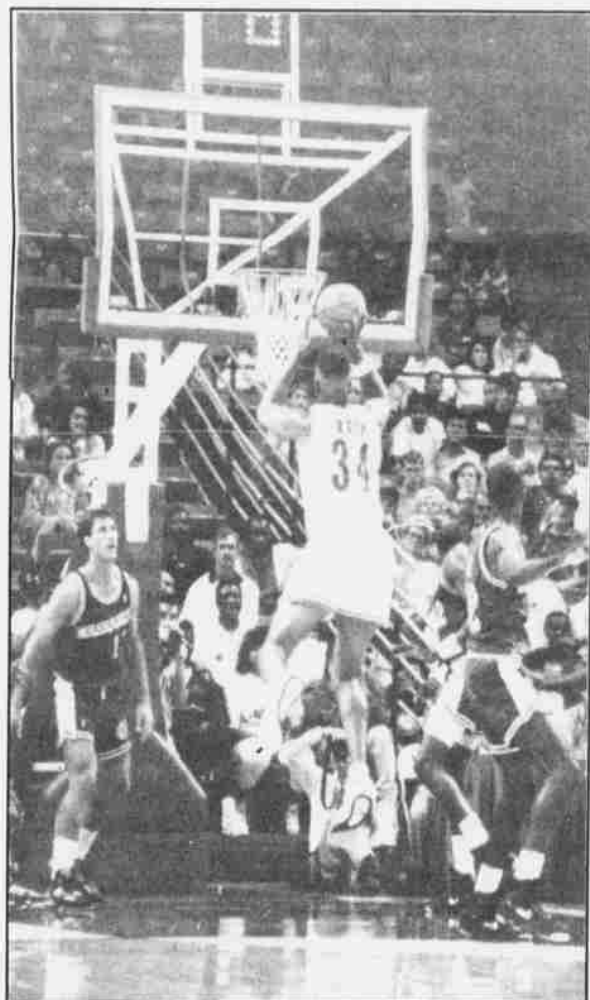


photo by Chad Whitney

Charlotte's J.R. Reid (#34) may have secured his starting job in Larry Johnson's absence.

Larry Johnson playing the waiting game

by Richard Munson

Larry Johnson is doing fine except for one thing—money.

It's the reason that he was unable to play at the NBA exhibition at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Johnson held a press conference over the weekend to let fans know he was sorry for not being in attendance and to kick off the Rebel A-Team program.

"Of course I'm not happy not to be playing. But what they are offering is not fair,"

Johnson said, "The No. 1 pick should get this and get that, it's the prestige that comes with the No. 1 pick."

Johnson is unhappy

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Bulldogs crush Rebel soccer team

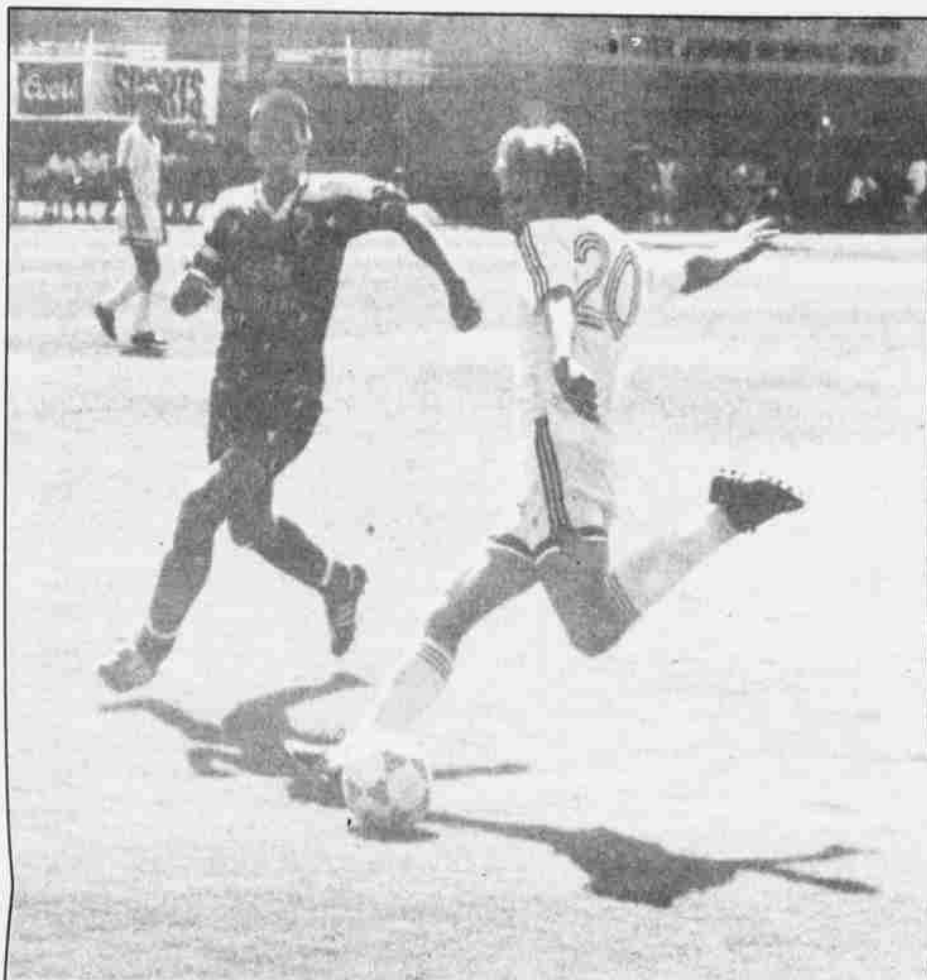


photo by Morgan Fisher

Benjamin Callcott and the Rebels played to their first tie in 14 meetings this season.

The No. 7 ranked Fresno State Bulldogs (11-2-2, 6-1) had an easy time with the Rebels (7-6, 3-3) as they posted a 5-2 victory at Fresno.

The Rebels goals were scored by Mike Madrid and Daniel Packer. The goals

were the third of the season by both players. Packer assisted Madrid's goal, while Richie Loius assisted Packer's goal.

The Rebels and San Jose State Spartans played to a 1-1 tie Monday

night. The Rebels' goal was scored by John Slick; it was his first of the year. The Spartans' goal was scored by Anthony Hare, his third.

UNLV is now 7-6-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the Big West.

Softball practice begins



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Rebel softball is off to a running start as fall practice begins.