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BASKETBALL
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CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

What's 24 1/2 inches high, weighs about 20 pounds and depicts a basketball in flight over a stylized segment of a hoop and basket?

It's the National Basketball Association's World Championship Trophy which in the weeks ahead will be awarded to the League's 83rd championship team.

The trophy today is one of professional sport's most coveted and "appreciated" awards.

Not only for what it symbolizes—world basketball supremacy—but for its monetary value as well.

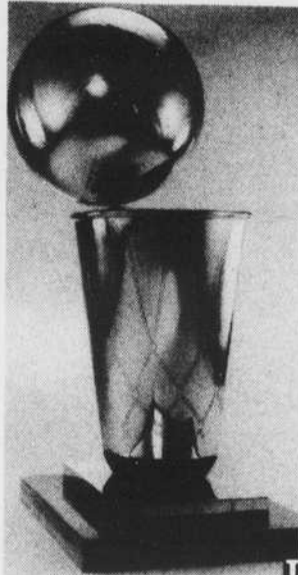
Unlike most professional sports trophies given for human prowess, the NBA's championship trophy is made with gold.

One ounce of this precious metal covers the trophy under which is almost 200 ounces of silver.

Some nine or so months ago, when Tiffany & Co. began hand crafting this season's champion trophy, its gold content was worth about \$150. Today, it's worth about \$240. Even its silver value has risen from about \$1,200 to almost \$1,600.

This is the third Playoff in which the trophy will be awarded.

A huge punch bowl known as the Walter Brown



Trophy (named after the NBA's founder) had been presented since 1964.

When the present trophy was first unveiled, NBA Commissioner Lawrence F. O'Brien noted that "this new trophy represents more than an award for professional basketball supremacy—it represents a new era for our sport."

He saw "the new World Championship Trophy as a lasting symbol of the championship team's accomplishment, with its permanent display by the team in its home city enabling fans to share in the achievement."

UNLV BASKETBALL GREEN SIGNS WITH UNLV

For once in his college coaching career, UNLV head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian will be able to spend his summer talking about the great high school recruit that DIDN'T get away.

Sidney Green, the 6-9 New York City Player-of-the-year from Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for the Runnin' Rebels starting this fall.

Tarkanian, the nation's winningest active major college coach with a record of 265-52 for a .836 winning percentage, is elated with the signing of the Brooklyn prep phenom. Said the always quotable Tarkanian, "Sidney is not only a great, great player, but he is a superb individual. He comes from a fine family and will be a great player for UNLV. He can do just about everything well and he is an unusually hard worker. I would have to say that he is the finest high school player I have ever signed in my college career."

The signing of Green culminated a good, even if limited, recruiting season for UNLV's basketball program. The Runnin' Rebels have signed three new prospects.

Green had a tremendous senior season for Jefferson High School and his prep coach, Jerry Wichern. The mobile forward averaged 35 points per game and 25 rebounds per game last season while averaging six blocks and three assists per game. He scored more than 40 points in four games, reaching a single game high of 48. No one ever argued with his shooting touch, .580, and coaches are impressed with his passing and ball-handling abilities and the fact that he plays with unusual emotion.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, which yearly compiles the most well-researched list of senior blue-

chippers, rates Green as the no. three finest prep in the nation this year.

The prep All-America selection by everybody that puts out a listing really excelled in the all-star games this spring as well. He played in only three and was Most Valuable Player in the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic in Pittsburgh, the Big Brothers Roundball Classic in Houston and the Wheelchair Classic in New York City.

He particularly outplayed the best in Pittsburgh with a flourish. A model of consistency, he shot well making 17 of 34 field goal attempts and eight of 10 free throws for a game-high 42 points. He also did not commit a foul in ripping down 30 rebounds, blocked seven shots and dished out three assists.

UNLV's two other basketball recruits are 6-8, 235 pound center Mike Johnson from Oxnard JC who will be a sophomore, and 6-6 southpaw forward Larry Anderson, the Pittsburgh player-of-the-year from Schenley High School Johnson was the 1978 Los Angeles city player-of-the-year from Crenshaw High School.

GRAMBLING-MORGAN GAME SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8TH

The largest Black sports competition of the year, the Grambling-Morgan State Football Classic, will take place the night of September 8th at Yankee Stadium, it was announced today by Horace W. Morris, executive director of the New York Urban League.

The game is sponsored by the New York Yankees in association with the League and the two participating colleges. Proceeds from the game, which is in

its 9th year, go to support the two colleges and the League's Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

George Steinbrenner, principal owner of the New York Yankees, stated "The New York Yankees are proud of this opportunity to demonstrate how much they care about the education of minority youths. We are delighted to be able to underwrite this event...not only because it supports education, but because it is a great sports event as well."

The League's share of the game's proceeds will provide Whitney M. Young, Jr. Scholarships for 10 students, two from each borough of the City of New York. The scholarship winners will be introduced on the field at this year's game.

Tickets for the game will go on sale in July in all New York Urban League offices.

Whitney M. Young, Jr., for whom the memorial scholarship fund is named was the late executive director of the National Urban League whose tragic death in Nigeria, March 12, 1971 at the age of 49 saddened the nation.

The New York Urban League is a private, non-profit, non-partisan, interracial organization which works on behalf of Blacks and other minorities in New York City in the areas of employment, education, housing, health and welfare.



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