

Gilliam, Banks & Graham Drafted To The NBA

By William Ramirez

Monday afternoon Armon Gilliam was a very happy man. The NBA draft had just been completed and, yes, Gilliam was one of the 161 players drafted. As a matter of fact, he was chosen in the first round, in the top ten, one of the first few picked. Okay! He was the second player taken in the 1987 NBA Draft.

Yes, that's right, Gilliam, who led the UNLV Runnin' Rebels to a 37-2 record and a final four appearance this past season, was chosen second by the Phoenix Suns. The San Antonio Spurs, with the first pick of the draft, took Navy Center David Robinson.

"Armon Gilliam will be a much better player in the pro game than in college," said Sun's General Manager Jerry Colangelo.

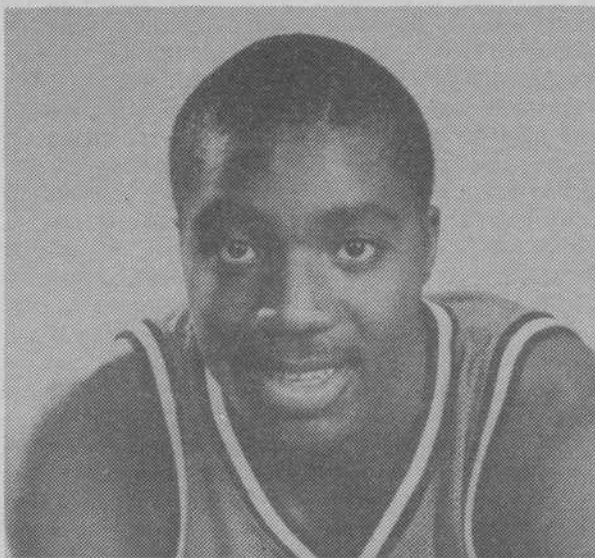
Armon had no idea where he would be drafted; he just "had to wait and see." Gilliam should receive a salary in the neighborhood of \$500,000 a year.

Guards Freddie Banks and Gary Graham were also chosen in the draft. Banks was the first pick in the second round (26th overall) by the Detroit Pistons. Graham was the 126th pick overall in the sixth round by the Indiana Pacers.

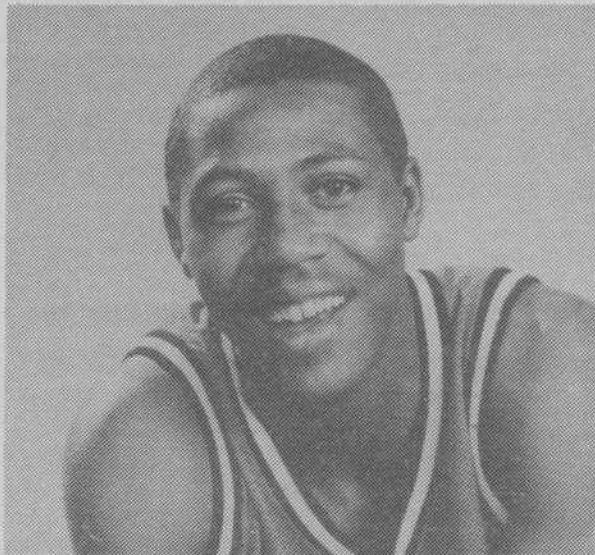
Sunday evening the Suns traded Forward Ed Pickney and Center William Bedford in separate deals. That indicated that they would lean toward Armon. Phoenix had been contemplating between Gilliam and Ohio State guard Dennis Hopson. Hopson was taken after Gilliam (3rd overall) by the New Jersey Nets.

"Although the Detroit Pistons wanted to draft a tall guard (6'7" - 6'9") they went "for the best guard available." Fitting that title was Las Vegas' own Freddie Banks. Freddie was the Pistons' first pick in the draft. He said he isn't worried about the fact that they already have three outstanding guards — Isaiah Thomas, Joe Dumars and Vinnie Johnson. He says, "I just want to go out there and show them I can contribute. I'm very happy to go to Detroit." Director of Scouting for Detroit Stan Novack believes Freddie has a good chance to make the Pistons.

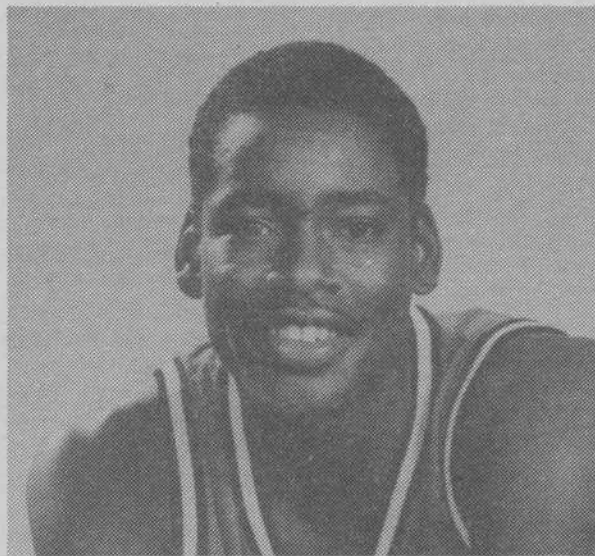
The G-Man, Gary Graham, like any other sixth-round pick, might find it tough making it on a NBA team.



Armon Gilliam



Fred Banks



Gary Graham

Drafted by Indiana, he could defeat the odds, though. UNLV Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian mentioned that Indiana could be a good team for Graham to be drafted by. "Indiana needs guards — they're really hurting in the back court. That's a good team for Gary to get drafted by. Their backcourt is really weak."

Two former Rebels not drafted were Mark Wade and Eldridge Hudson. Hudson was highly recruited coming out of high school, but

severely damaged his knee in his Freshman year at UNLV. Eldridge was expected by some to be drafted by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Well, we can only wish the best for Armon, Freddie and Gary. We hope to see all three playing professional basketball next year.

SPECIAL NOTE: I have just learned that Eldridge Hudson was called yesterday by the Houston Rockets as a free agent. Nice going, Eldridge. We hope you "show the folks in Houston what they like to see."

Boxing At The 'Boat Begins New Schedule

The Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club, and Bowling Center is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with Budweiser Sports, and beginning in July, the two will present the first in a series of regularly scheduled monthly professional boxing cards.

Effective immediately, the Showboat's popular "Boxing at the 'Boat'" program, one of the longest continuously running shows in the United States, will feature talent from the Houston Boxing Association. The announcement was made by Judy Moore, General Manager of the Showboat.

"The first card promoted by Bud Sports and HBA in association with the Showboat will be July 24th," Moore said. "For almost seven years when Las Vegas fight fans think of boxing, they think of the Showboat. That's because the Showboat has always strived to present the best action possible," continued Moore. "Now, with our involvement with the Houston Boxing

Association and Bud Sports, we look forward to being able to continue to bring to the Showboat and Las Vegas the best in big name fighters and action packed bouts.

The fighters on the July 24 card will be announced later.

The Houston Boxing Association, located both in Houston, Texas, and New York, have a full stable of world and nationally rated fighters, including middleweight Frank Tate, gold medal winner for the United States at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

These monthly cards will be televised live nationally by the "Bud" Sports Network, an affiliate of the Anheuser-Busch, Inc., of St. Louis.

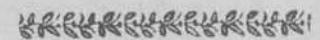
The Showboat, through several promoters, has hosted numerous bouts for world titles or featuring former or future world champions, including names such as Alexis Arguello, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, and Dwight Muhammad Qawi plus local favorites Roger Mayweather and Cornelius Boza-Edwards.

Winter League Baseball Signups Scheduled

Youths interested in signing up for the 1987 season of the Las Vegas Winter Baseball League may do so on June 27th or July 11th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Community Lutheran Church or Western High School. In addition, signups will be conducted on July 2nd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Western High School only.

The league is for youths between the ages of nine and nineteen, and will play from early September through late November.

For further information, call 459-8636.



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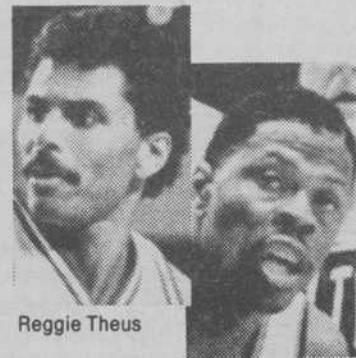
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Friday, July 10

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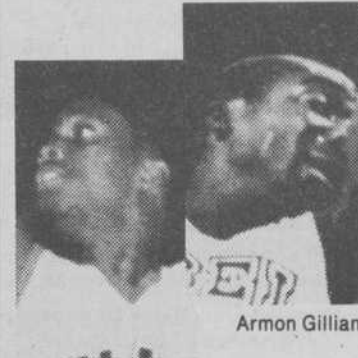
Reggie Theus

Patrick Ewing

Saturday, July 11

Duel Of The DECADE:

**'82 UNLV
Alumni
vs
'87 UNLV
Alumni**



Sidney Green

Armon Gilliam

Don't miss the famous Rebel
light & fireworks show!!

Games Start At 8 pm

**UNLV's
Thomas & Mack Center**

Tickets: \$12, \$8 & 5 for kids under 12
(\$2 off Saturday's game with Georgetown game ticket stub)

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