



SPORTS

1993 NBA DRAFT WON'T BE EASY THIS YEAR

Imagine an unknown local band being forced on the stage following a set by the Michael Jackson. Picture a young, obscure comedian trying to upstage Eddie Murphy.

No, it won't be easy to top the seemingly-immense success of many of the players in last year's NBA Draft, which produced Coca-Cola classic NBA Rookie of the Year Shaquille O'Neal and Charlotte Hornets center Alonzo Mourning, among other young stars. But that doesn't mean there aren't a number of intriguing new prospects on the horizon in the 1993 NBA Draft, presented by Miller Genuine draft, to be held on Wednesday, June 30 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, home of the Detroit Pistons.

The 1993 NBA Draft will be broadcast live nationally in its entirety by Turner Network Television (TNT). This marks only

the second time the NBA Draft has been held outside of New York City (the 1992 Draft was held in Portland, OR).

Unlike last year, when O'Neal was unquestionably the player every team would have selected at No. 1, there is not a clear-cut top overall choice in the 1993 draft. That's not, however, for a lack of candidates.

The early favorite to go No. 1 is Michigan's standout sophomore Chris Webber, who led the Big Ten in rebounding the past two years and became the only player ever to be selected to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team as both a freshman and sophomore. In 1993, he averaged 19.2 points, 10.1 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.5 blocked shots per game while shooting .619 from the field, and he became Michigan's second all-time shot blocker (175) in just

two seasons of play.

Also high up on the list - high up anywhere he is for that matter - is 7-6 early entry candidate Shawn Bradley from Brigham Young, who led the nation in blocked shots (5.2 bpg) as a freshman at BYU in 1991 and averaged 14.8 points and 7.7 rebounds per game before departing on a two-year Church mission to Sydney, Australia.

Despite only playing one year of collegiate basketball, Bradley's size and potential could possibly solve any teams problems for years to come.

"He's not just a shot blocker," said Golden State Head Coach and General Manager Don Nelson. "He has great hands. he can pass. He can score from the outside or in the low box. He makes his free throws.

"He's truly an amazing tall person. I don't think we've ever

seen a guy like him in our league."

Close behind Webber and Bradley are a bevy of other talented prospects - some early entry candidates, such as 6-8 Kentucky forward Jamal Mashburn and Memphis State's do-it-all guard Anfernee Hardaway, and some college seniors, such as UNLV's high-scoring J.R. Rider, college Player of the Year Calbert Cheaney of Indiana, sweet-shooting Allan Houston of Tennessee and Duke point guard Bobby Hurley, the all-time assist leader in NCAA history.

"It may be a little tougher to pigeonhole the players and the exact order they'll be taken in (this year)," said Washington Bullets GM John Nash. "They're all pretty close. Every one of them could be Rookie of the Year next year. Every one of them could be an All-Star."

And while any or all of those

players have the capability to make an immediate impact on their respective teams, immediacy, cautions NBA Director of Scouting Services Marty Blake, should not be the only measuring stick for the success of a draft.

"Too often we are the victims of what I call the immediate gratification syndrome," says Blake. "I would rather have a young man who can develop in two or three years on a gradual basis then get somebody who we have high expectations of and make an error in judgement.

"We must be more patient in this Draft than ever before."

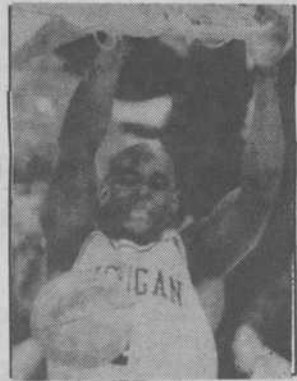
Other players to watch out of UNLV include slashing guard Dexter Boney and forward Evric Gray.

Draft Order for June 30, at the Palace of Auburn Hills:
***1. ORLANDO

2. PHILADELPHIA
3. GOLDEN STATE
4. DALLAS
5. MINNESOTA
6. WASHINGTON
7. SACRAMENTO
8. MILWAUKEE
9. DENVER
10. DETROIT (From Miami)
11. DETROIT
12. LA LAKERS
13. LA CLIPPERS
14. INDIANA
15. ATLANTA
16. NEW JERSEY
17. CHARLOTTE
18. UTAH
19. BOSTON
20. CHARLOTTE (From Spurs)
21. PORTLAND
22. CLEVELAND
23. SEATTLE
24. HOUSTON
25. CHICAGO
26. ORLANDO
27. PHOENIX



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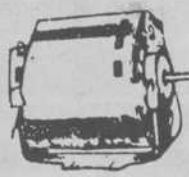
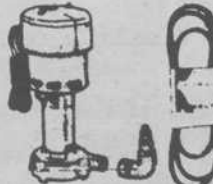
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JOHN LUCAS TO APPEAR ON EBONY/JET SHOWCASE

San Antonio Spurs coach John Lucas will star on EBONY/JET SHOWCASE the weekend of the June 25th.

John Lucas, the coach of the San Antonio Spurs basketball team, describes how he overcame his addiction to

drugs as an NBA player, to become one of the winningest coaches in the league. Lucas also discusses his Houston-based drug rehabilitation program.

EBONY/JET SHOWCASE airs in Vegas on Sundays on KFBT-TV 33. Check your local listings for the accurate air time in your area.



The 1993 NBA Finals

Game 1, Wednesday
Chicago 100 Phoenix 92
Game 2, Friday
Chicago 111 Phoenix 108
Game 3, Sunday
Phoenix 129 Chicago 121 3OT
Game 4, June 16
Chicago 111 Phoenix 105
Game 5, June 18
Phoenix 108 Chicago 98
Game 6, June 20
Chicago 99 Phoenix 98
Chicago wins the series 4-2



CHICAGO'S ROAD TO THE THREEPEAT



1990-91: Beat New York 3-0; Beat Philadelphia 4-1; Beat Detroit 4-0; Beat LA Lakers 4-1
NBA CHAMPIONS I
1991-92: Beat Miami 3-0; Beat New York 4-3; Beat Cleveland 4-2; Beat Portland 4-2
NBA CHAMPIONS II
1992-93: Beat Atlanta 3-0; Beat Cleveland 4-0; Beat New York 4-2; Beat Phoenix 4-2
NBA CHAMPIONS III