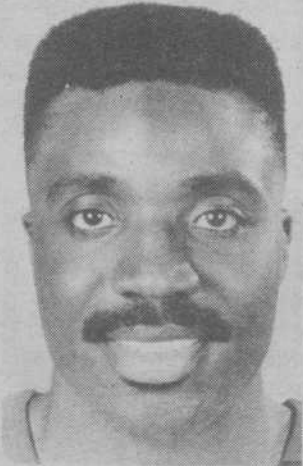


# FORMER UNLV STAR ARMON GILLIAM GIVE NETS POWER & POINTS OFF BENCH



National Basketball Association

Armon Gilliam, in his first season with the New Jersey Nets, is enjoying one of the most productive seasons in his seven-year NBA career.

The second player chosen in the 1987 Draft by the Phoenix Suns, Gilliam has put up solid numbers throughout his career, averaging 15.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Nevertheless, he has switched teams three times in search of the proper fit.

After making the 1988 NBA All-Star team while in Phoenix, he was traded to Charlotte in December of '89, and then to Philadelphia in January of '91, before signing with New Jersey as a free agent last summer.

"I thought in New Jersey I had the best opportunity to win," said Gilliam, referring to the Nets' one-two punch of All-Star starters forward Derrick Coleman and guard Kenny Anderson. "I thought New Jersey had this nucleus together and I'd come in and complement the nucleus."

Though the Nets (15-20) have struggled this season, the 6-9, 245 pound Gilliam has been

a valuable addition. Used almost exclusively as a reserve by Coach Chuck Daly, he has logged minutes at all three front-court positions.

Gilliam is the Nets' key player off the bench, averaging 12.7 ppg and 6.4 rpg while shooting at a .506 clip, all figures rate rank among the team leaders. He has topped the team in scoring five times and in rebounding on five occasions. Although the losses have been more frequent than he had hoped, Gilliam is satisfied with his role of the Nets.

"Scoring and rebounding, those are my two main areas. That's something I can give to this team," said Gilliam. "That's something I've been doing for a long time and I'm very comfortable doing it. I can come in and play the 'three,' 'four' and 'five'. I don't really mind."

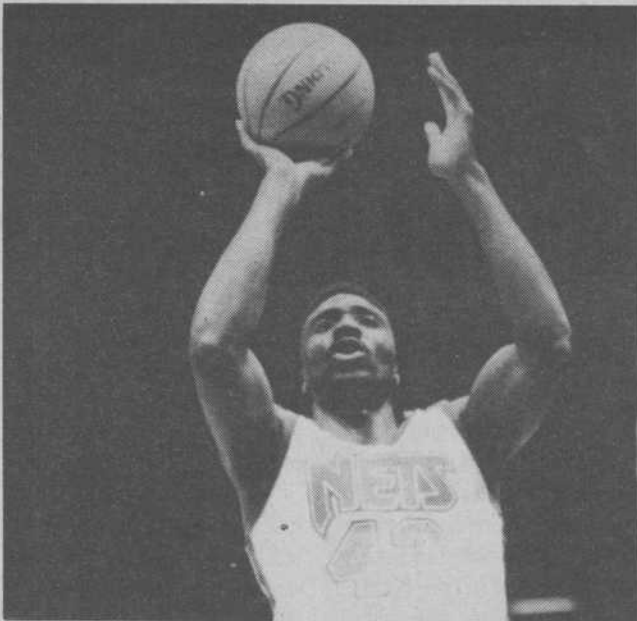
Said Daly, With the loss of Chris Dudley (who left New Jersey for Portland as a free agent),

we thought we needed to shore up offensively and get some back-up help. Armon has provided that. He's done a nice job. He's a professional player with a pro attitude."

Despite posting some impressive wins against Eastern Conference clubs this season (home wins over Charlotte, Atlanta and New York, road wins at New York and Boston), the Nets have still struggled with consistency, and their road back to the Playoffs will be a tough one.

"There's a lot of season left. We have been in a lot of close ballgames that could have gone either way," he noted. "We have a lot of talent. It comes down to making the right decisions down the stretch of games."

Having signed a five-year contract, the 29-year-old former UNLV standout hopes to finally find his niche and end his career with the Nets.



ARMON GILLIAM

Photos: NJ Nets



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YOUTH  
BASEBALL LEAGUE

The Doolittle Community Center is currently accepting interest cards from all youths 6-15 years old interested in participating in a hardball baseball league in West Las Vegas. Stop by the center located 1901 North "J" Street and Lake Mead and fill out a registration form Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-9 p.m. And Saturday 9 a.m.-

4 p.m. or call 229-6374 for more information. Coaches needed also.

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Community Block Party  
UNITY FESTIVAL "94"

ATTENTION all Drill Teams, Step Squads, Adult Softball Teams (men and women), and 3-on-3 Basketball Teams. The Doolittle Community Center in conjunction with KCEP Radio Station and the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is currently accepting applications for

participation in the 2nd Annual Community Block Party Unity Festival "94" May 21, 1994. All groups interested in participating in this year's program should pick up an application at the Doolittle Community Center located at 1901 North "J" Street at Lake Mead. Submit your application today and be part of this positive community activity.

Call 229-6374 for more information.

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## LOCAL LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The ninth annual Corporate Challenge games, sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities, is rapidly approaching. Opening ceremonies take place Sat., March 26 at Freedom park (E. Washington Ave. at No. Mojave Rd.).

Dave Parker, Corporate Challenge Coordinator for the City, reminds all corporations planning on competing in this year's challenge, that the registration deadline is February 1.

Corporations that have not submitted their registration fees are asked to call the City's Corporate Challenge office at 229-6706 for details.

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LITTLE LEAGUE  
SIGNUPS

The Paradise Valley American Division Little League is will be holding "Sign-ups" again at the cafeteria of the K.O. Knudson Middle School on Saturday January 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The school is located on the Northwest corner of E. Sahara and Atlantic Avenues. First time players need to bring a birth certificate and a current proof of residence

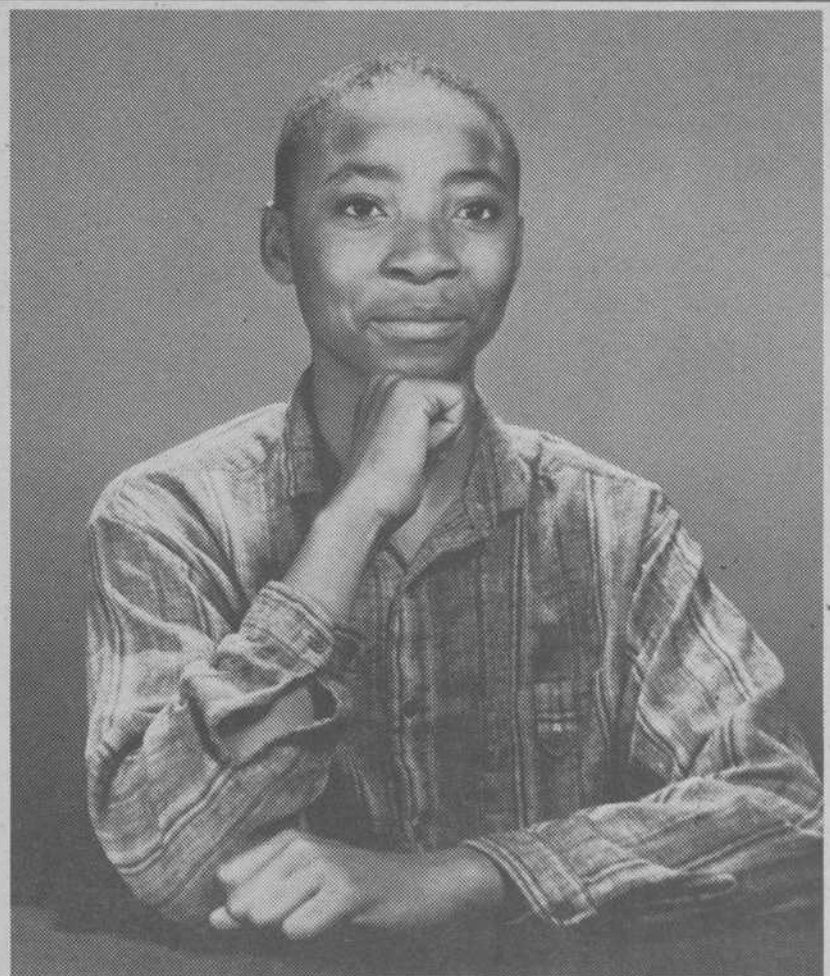
within the league boundaries. For further information call the P.V.A. hotline at 732-1125.

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SOCCER GOALIE CLINIC

Those interested in becoming a soccer goalie can gain specialized training at the Johnson Community School, 7701 Durachme Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 5. The Community School is offering a clinic for youth 8-11 years old, covering the basic techniques of the position.

Registration continued through Feb. 4 at the cost of 410.

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