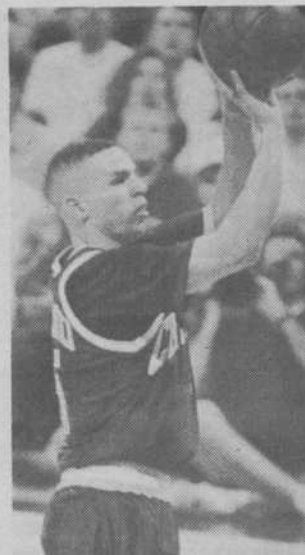


WITH ROBINSON, HILL AND KIDD ATOP THE LIST, MILWAUKEE BUCKS SHOULD BE LICKING THEIR CHOPS



Jason Kidd



Grant Hill

he's had only two years experience in college. A Prop 48 casualty, Robinson was fortunate to have Cuonzo Martin accent the frontcourt at Purdue this past season and may need that same support in the pros.

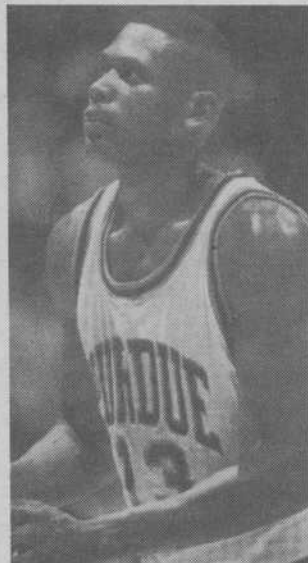
Kidd became California's first-ever Pac-10 player of the Year as a sophomore, averaging 16.7 ppg., 9.1 assists per game and 3.1 steals per game. The talented guard also managed close to seven (6.9) rebounds per game. His greatest asset is his tenacity, especially on defense. If he hones in on his jump shot on the NBA hardwood he will be a gem for any rebuilding squad, such as the Pistons. Detroit, which is already loaded with young talent at the guard position, could use someone like Kidd to bring back the relentlessness that once graced The

Palace of Auburn Hills.

Thrown into the mess of hardship, is four-year collegiate star Hill, who has patiently waited his turn at the NBA Draft. Hill was the only key remaining from the drama of the Blue Devils' two-year title run when they returned to the championship game this past season against Arkansas. He is arguably the most versatile player available for the draft and could easily become the quickest star. He is dynamic when operating from the wing, and if he is at the point, he'll be able to see over a majority of any point guard assigned to him. He is able to handle the rock, dish inside, drive the lane and dish back out, or basically just slash to the basket for a quick deuce. He is already drawing comparison to Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen.

Following is the complete order for the First Round of the 1994 NBA Draft:

1. Milwaukee
2. Dallas
3. Detroit
4. Minnesota
5. Washington
6. Philadelphia
7. L.A. Clippers
8. Sacramento
9. Boston
10. L.A. Lakers
11. Seattle (from Charlotte)
12. Miami
13. Denver
14. New Jersey
15. Indiana
16. Golden State (from Cleveland)
17. Portland
18. Milwaukee (from Orlando)
19. Dallas (from Golden State)
20. Philadelphia (from Utah)
21. Chicago
22. San Antonio
23. Phoenix
24. New York
25. L.A. Clippers (from Atlanta)
26. New York (from Hou. via Atlanta)
27. Orlando (from Sea. via L.A. Clip.)



Glenn Robinson

Pac-10 scoring leader Lamond Murray of California.

Robinson may be able to add a force to the NBA such as Larry Johnson did in 1991 when the Charlotte Hornets made him the top choice out of UNLV. "Big Dog" Robinson averaged 30.3 ppg., and 10.1 rpg., as a junior, leading the nation in scoring and

leading the Big Ten Conference in both scoring and rebounding. Robinson has been described as a player that: "may only come along once in a lifetime," by college hoops analyst Dick Vitale.

Although Robinson maintains plenty of talent on the hardwood, he could find it tough to adapt to NBA-style quickly since

mean a trade of some kind." Milwaukee will also get the 18th pick in the first round of the draft.

The Dallas Mavericks ended up with the second draft pick, and like the Bucks, will have two first-round picks, Nos. 2 and 19.

Already one season into a slightly new era, after drafting the string of young, after drafting the Detroit Pistons will continue their rebuilding phase following the retirements of Isiah Thomas and Bill Laimbeer with the third selection.

"Coming up with one of the top three in the Draft will give us a marquee player," said Pistons' Director of Personnel Billy McKinney. "That is great, as we are in the rebuilding stage of our team."

Robinson and Kidd headline the list of early entry candidates, which also includes: Michigan standouts Juwan Howard and Jalen Rose; consensus first team All-America forward/center Donyell Marshall of Connecticut; All-America forward/center Clifford Rozier of Louisville; and

W.G. Ramirez
Glenn Robinson, the nation's leading scorer and the consensus college Player of the Year last season; Jason Kidd, the Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year who led the country in assists; and, Grant Hill the prototype small forward that can handle the rock in the point guard spot head a list of NBA Draft candidates which the Milwaukee Bucks should be drooling over.

Bucks Head Coach Mike Dunleavy knew when he returned as head coach and vice-president of the club, that a complete rebuilding job was in order. Now, just over two years later, Dunleavy and Milwaukee can begin their quest when they make the first selection in the NBA Draft on June 29 at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

"I think it's going to have a great impact on us," said Dunleavy. "I think we're either going to get a great player at No. 1 or we're going to have the ability to explore every avenue to make our team better, and that could



1972-73 NBA CHAMPION NEW YORK KNICKERBOCKERS

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prevailed, backing the #1-seeded Celtics into a corner, by going up 3-1 in the series.

When the series returned to the Boston Garden, another defensive battle took place, but this time it was the Celtics that tasted victory with a 98-97 win. Now down 3-2 in the series, it was time for Boston to flex their muscles in New York and try to force a seventh game back home. The Celtics went into a frenzied Madison Square Garden and shocked everyone by winning 110-100. And so the stage was set. Game 7 in Boston Garden.

What took place may never escape the minds of the players,

coaches or fans that witnessed the complete domination of the league's top squad.

New York absolutely shut down the Celtics on offense, winning 94-78 as they remained standing tall, and went on to win the NBA Championship.

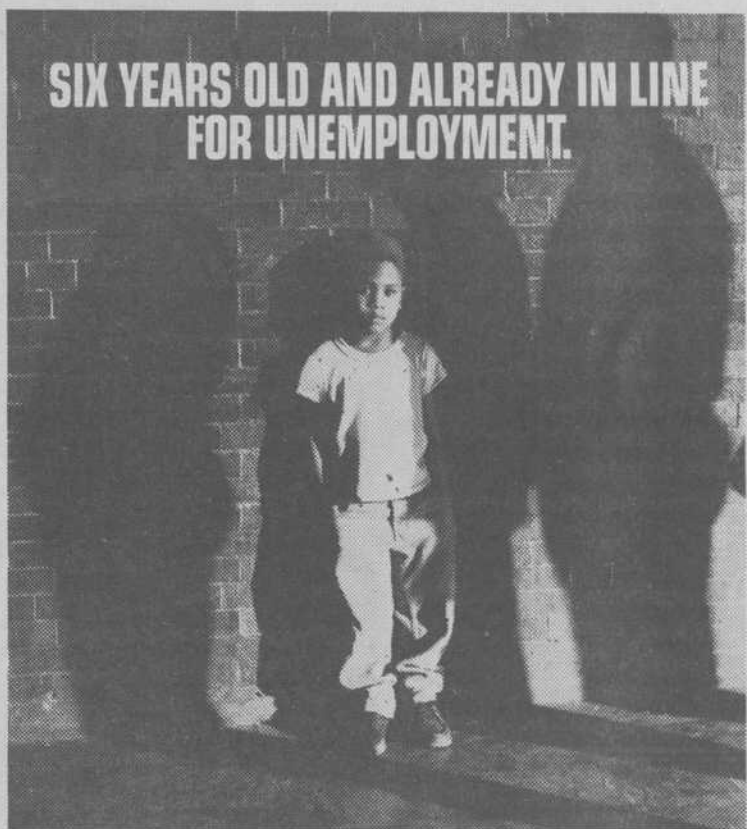
It seems only fitting that the year the Knicks appear to have a clear path to the Finals, they find trouble in the Eastern Conference Finals. Now it is the Indiana Pacers, led by hot shooting Reggie Miller. It isn't exactly an identical situation as 1973, as the Pacers concentrate more towards a defensive game rather than Boston's run-and-gun style.

That can be attributed to Head Coach Larry Brown, who

has come into this, his first season with Indiana, stressing a stricter regimen when it comes to rebounding and defense.

It had become a homecourt series until last night when the Pacers defeated the Knicks 93-86 to take a 3-2 series lead. The Knicks will need to win Game 6 Friday evening at Market Square Arena, in Indianapolis, where the Pacers haven't been beaten in the 1994 Playoffs yet. The win would force a Game 7 back at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, June 5.

If the series does happen to make it to seven, the Knicks better not hope 1973 comes into play, otherwise it'll be the visiting team left standing.



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