

Celtics acquire Garnett in historic deal

(AP) - Kevin Garnett gives Boston a new Big Three that brings the Celtics much closer to what their old Big Three delivered — an NBA title.

The Celtics, who have 16 championships but have gone without one for more than two decades, obtained the former MVP and 10-time All-Star on Tuesday in a 7-for-1 deal — the NBA's biggest trade for one player.

Boston sent the Minnesota Timberwolves forwards Al Jefferson, Ryan Gomes and Gerald Green, guard Sebastian Telfair and center Theo Ratliff, two first-round draft picks and cash considerations. Besides Ratliff, 34, the other four are 22 or younger.

With Paul Pierce and Ray Allen already on the roster, the Celtics have been transformed from a promising collection of youngsters who had the NBA's second-worst record last season into an instant contender in the mediocre Eastern Conference.

"This is probably my best opportunity at winning a ring," Garnett said. "It was a no-brainer."

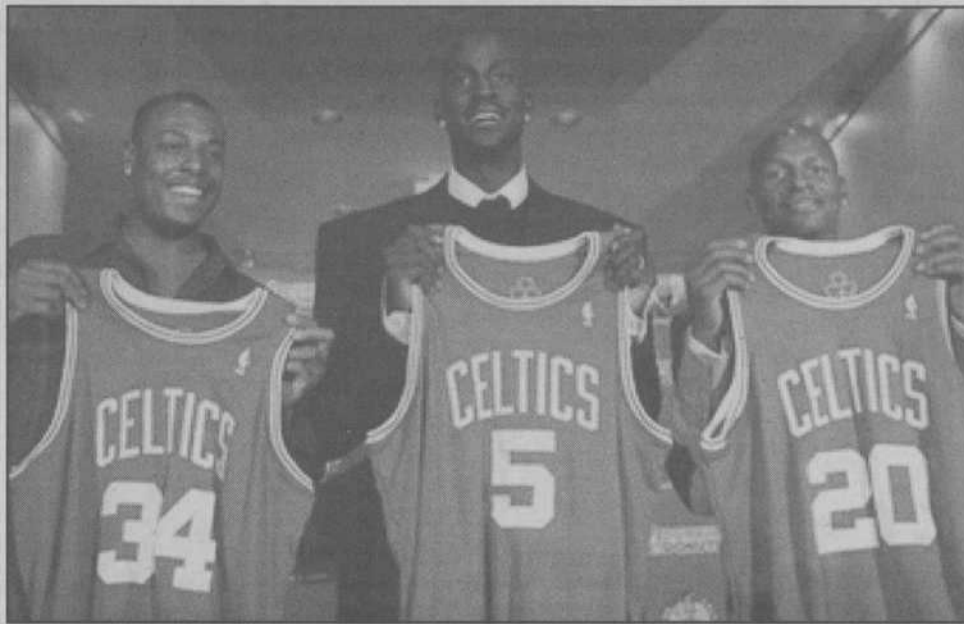
The Celtics won their last championship, the third with the original Big Three of Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, in 1986. Two members of that club orchestrated Tuesday's blockbuster trade — Celtics executive director of basketball operations Danny Ainge and Timberwolves vice president of basketball operations Kevin McHale.

But Ainge cautioned that it's much too early to equate the two trios.

"These guys will never be the Big Three until they win" a championship, he said.

Garnett signed a multi-year extension — Ainge wouldn't say how long. He had one year plus an option year remaining on his contract.

The Timberwolves get the Celtics' first-round pick in 2009, unless it is among the top three, and a return of Minnesota's conditional first-round draft pick obtained in January 2006 when they sent Ricky Davis to the Timberwolves for Wally



Newly-acquired Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett, center, stands with forward Paul Pierce, left, and guard Ray Allen during a news conference in Boston on Tuesday.

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The previous biggest NBA trade for one player came in 1999, when Houston obtained Scottie Pippen from Portland for six players.

"I'm confident I made the right decision here, even though that it was a difficult one," said Wolves owner Glen Taylor, who made it clear that Garnett did not request a trade.

"This is a tremendous day," said a smiling Pierce, who had been frustrated for years as the sole star on a rebuilding team. "I feel like a rookie again."

The key to the deal for Minnesota is Jefferson, whom the Celtics were reluctant to part with. He had a breakout season in 2006-07, his third with Boston, when he averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds after struggling with injuries. He joins a youth movement in Minnesota, which drafted forward Corey Brewer from Florida.

"The past few seasons our on-court performance has been disappointing to our fans, myself, Glen Taylor and the entire organization," McHale said. "Through this trade, we have obtained very talented, young players with a lot of potential, future flexibility with the salary cap and two future first-round NBA draft picks.

The acquisition of Allen, 32, in a draft-day trade with Seattle to go with Pierce, 29, was a major factor in changing Garnett's mind. It gave Garnett, 31, a better chance

at a title after Minnesota missed the last three playoffs in the tough Western Conference.

Garnett was the fifth

player drafted in 1995, coming out of Farragut Academy in Illinois and skipping college. He has averaged more than 20 points and 10 re-

bounds for each of the last nine seasons. He is among five players in NBA history with at least 19,000 points, 10,000 rebounds and 4,000 assists. The others are Wilt

Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Karl Malone and Charles Barkley. He also is an outstanding defensive player and an excellent passer.

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BID PROPOSAL OPENING: The Bid Proposal opening will be held **Friday, August 17, 2007, 10:00 AM (PDT)**, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

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Bid Proposers and other interested parties are invited to attend the Bid Proposal opening.

Specification documents for the Request for Bid Proposals will be available after **10:00 AM (PDT), Monday, July 30, 2007**, at the Reception Desk, Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

To request a faxed copy of this Request for Bid Proposals notice, call the Clark County Fax on Demand System at (702) 455-5428 and request document #501.

Questions regarding this Request for Bid Proposals may be directed to Stephen J. Rice, General Services Director, telephone number (702) 507-3740.

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The OA/DTAC is an unpaid appointment for a two-year term beginning in August 2007. The committee normally meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Appointment carries with it specific attendance requirements to maintain committee membership. Persons interested in serving on this committee should request an application from: **Karrie Kohler at (702) 676-1710 or via e-mail at kohlerk@rtcnsnv.com.**

Please send completed applications to the address listed below no later than August 24, 2007.

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