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## **Portland Trail Blazers Draft Notes:**

### **DRAFT DAY SCHEDULE – All times PDT**

- 4:00 p.m. ESPN coverage of the 2003 NBA Draft begins.
- 4:30 p.m. The Cleveland Cavaliers are scheduled to make the first selection of the 2003 NBA Draft.
- 7:00 p.m. The Denver Nuggets are scheduled to make the first selection of the second round.

A maximum of five minutes will be allowed between picks in the first round, and two minutes between picks in the second round. There will be a four-minute break between the first and second rounds. The draft is expected to be over by 8:30 p.m., PDT.

**COVERING THE DRAFT** – ESPN and ESPN Radio will provide national coverage of the 2003 NBA Draft live from The Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York. ESPN's preview show commences at 4 p.m. with draft coverage on both ESPN and ESPN Radio signing on at 4:30 p.m.

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY** – Trail Blazers personnel involved in the draft process will be available for interviews in the Harry Glickman Media Room at the Rose Garden following the conclusion of the 2003 NBA Draft. The Blazers also will attempt to reach each of its draft picks via speakerphone in the Blazers' media room at the Rose Garden immediately following the selection.

**A NEW TRADITION STARTED IN PORTLAND** – Beginning in 1947-48, the Draft was conducted every year in New York. That all changed in 1992 when Portland's Memorial Coliseum hosted the NBA Draft, marking the first time that a city other than New York had hosted the NBA Draft. The NBA Draft first became a public event in 1979, and for several years, was held at the Felt Forum in New York. Since Portland's turn as host, the Draft has been held at NBA arenas throughout the United States and Canada. This year's Draft, held at The Theater at Madison Square Garden, will be the third straight year it will be hosted in New York City.

**BACK IN THE GAME** – The Blazers will be looking to add two of the NBA's future stars to their roster with the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 54th picks in this year's NBA draft. For the third straight season the Blazers will pick in both the first and second rounds of the draft, this after a four-year span where the Blazers had either no draft choice or only a first round selection. Last year, the Blazers drafted Qyntel Woods with the 21<sup>st</sup> selection in the first round. Portland drafted Jason Jennings (2<sup>nd</sup> Round, 43<sup>rd</sup>) and Federico Kammerichs (2<sup>nd</sup> Round, 51<sup>st</sup>), but neither of the players signed with the squad. In 2001, the Blazers selected Zach Randolph in the first round (18) and Ruben Boumtje Boumtje in the second round (50). The Blazers only draft selection in 2000 was St. John's point guard Erick Barkley. 2000's second round selection went to Detroit to complete the deal that brought shooting guard Bonzi Wells to the Blazers in 1998. The Blazers passed on the draft in 1998 and 1999 opting to use their draft choices to acquire veteran players. The four draft picks that were traded were part of deals that brought current Blazer Damon Stoudamire and Wells to the Rose City, along with former players Carlos Rogers and Walt Williams who were sent to Houston as a part of the deal for Scottie Pippen.

**PICKING AT 23** – The Blazers have never selected at No. 23 in the NBA Draft, but the list of players picked with the 23<sup>rd</sup> pick since 1990 has a number of players who have or continue to contribute to their respected teams. While the Blazers never have picked 23<sup>rd</sup>, they did select Terry Porter in 1985 and Arvydas Sabonis in 1986 with the 24<sup>th</sup> overall pick. Here are the 23<sup>rd</sup> overall selections dating back to 1990:

2002	Tayshaun Prince	Detroit
2001	Brandon Armstrong	Houston
2000	DeShawn Stevenson	Utah
1999	Devean George	L.A. Lakers
1998	Tyronn Lue	Denver
1997	Bobby Jackson	Seattle
1996	Efthimos Rentzias	Denver
1995	Travis Best	Indiana
1994	Wesley Person	Phoenix
1993	Ervin Johnson	Seattle
1992	Lee Mayberry	Milwaukee
1991	Stanley Roberts	Orlando
1990	Anthony Bonner	Sacramento

**WHERE THEY WERE DRAFTED** – Only four players on the 2002-03 roster were drafted by the Blazers—Ruben Boumtje Boumtje (2<sup>nd</sup> Round, 50<sup>th</sup>), Zach Randolph (1<sup>st</sup> Round, 19<sup>th</sup>), Arvydas Sabonis (1<sup>st</sup> Round, 24<sup>th</sup>, 1986) and Qyntel Woods (1<sup>st</sup> Round, 21<sup>st</sup>). All the other players on the Blazers roster have come either through trades or free agency in the past six seasons. Here’s the draft story on the other current Blazers:

Derek Anderson	1997	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (13 <sup>th</sup> ) by Cleveland	Trade
Antonio Daniels	1997	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (4 <sup>th</sup> ) by Vancouver	Trade
Dale Davis	1991	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (13 <sup>th</sup> ) by Indiana	Trade
Chris Dudley	1987	4 <sup>th</sup> Round (75 <sup>th</sup> ) by Cleveland	Free Agent
Jeff McInnis	1996	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round (37 <sup>th</sup> ) by Denver	Free Agent
Ruben Patterson	1998	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round (31 <sup>st</sup> ) by LA Lakers	Free Agent
Scottie Pippen	1987	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (5 <sup>th</sup> ) by Seattle	Trade
Charles Smith	1997	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (26 <sup>th</sup> ) by Miami	Trade
Damon Stoudamire	1995	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (7 <sup>th</sup> ) by Toronto	Trade
Rasheed Wallace	1995	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (4 <sup>th</sup> ) by Washington	Trade
Bonzi Wells	1998	1 <sup>st</sup> Round (11 <sup>th</sup> ) by Detroit	Trade

**WINNING THE LOTTERY WITH THE BLAZERS** – Since July of 1994, Portland has made 21 trades and has brought 14 lottery players to the Rose City, even though the Blazers have owned only one lottery pick in the team’s history (that selection was picked up in a trade, which resulted in the Blazers selecting Shawn Respert). The 2002-03 roster boasted a total of seven lottery picks: Antonio Daniels, Derek Anderson, Dale Davis, Scottie Pippen, Damon Stoudamire, Rasheed Wallace, and Bonzi Wells were all lottery picks acquired via trade.

**AN EYE FOR TALENT** – Portland has had 34 first-round selections and 29 of those have signed with and played for the Blazers. Twenty-three of 41 second round selections have gone on to make the club. In Portland’s history, 21 of the players drafted by the Blazers in Rounds 1 and 2 in the teams’ 30 years have gone on to become Portland starters on a regular basis and seven of those are in the franchise’s top 10 all-time in scoring and games played. Overall, 61 of the 193 players selected by the Blazers in the Draft have seen action in the Scarlet and Black. (NOTE: The NBA Draft became a two-round affair beginning with the 1989 Draft).

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON’T SUCCEED** – The odds may be a bit longer, but there have been several second-round selections by NBA teams that have made an impact in the last five years. Some of those include: Gilbert Arenas, Carlos Boozer, Greg Buckner, Emanuel Ginobili, Gordan Giricek, Marko Jaric, Rashard Lewis, Cuttino Mobley, Eduardo Najera, Ruben Patterson, Michael Redd and Earl Watson.

**Notable Second Rounds selections by the Blazers:**

Jerome Kersey (46<sup>th</sup>), Clifford Robinson (36<sup>th</sup>), Dave Twardzik (26<sup>th</sup>), Bob Gross (25<sup>th</sup>), Audie Norris (37<sup>th</sup>), Steve Colter (33<sup>rd</sup>), Johnny Davis (22<sup>nd</sup>) and T.R. Dunn (41<sup>st</sup>).

Also, current Blazers head coach Maurice Cheeks was a second round selection (36<sup>th</sup> overall) of the Philadelphia 76ers in the 1978 draft.

**NUMBER ONE CAN COME FROM ANYWHERE** – No school has produced more than two overall number one picks in the NBA Draft, but seven have produced a pair. Here are the savvy seven:

Georgetown	(Patrick Ewing, 1985, and Allen Iverson, 1996)
North Carolina	(Brad Daugherty, 1986, and James Worthy, 1982)
Houston	(Hakeem Olajuwon, 1984, and Elvin Hayes, 1968)
UCLA	(Bill Walton, 1974, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 1969)
Michigan	(Chris Webber, 1993, and Cazzie Russell, 1966)
Purdue	(Glenn Robinson, 1994, and Joe Barry Carroll, 1980)
Maryland	(Joe Smith, 1995, and John Lucas, 1976)

**PICKS AND PLACES** – Four teams emerged from the 2003 NBA Draft Lottery with a pair of first-round picks. The Seattle SuperSonics own the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> picks, the Memphis Grizzlies own the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> selections and the Boston Celtics, who were not in the lottery, own the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> picks. In addition, the Detroit Pistons, who won the second overall pick (from Memphis) on the night of the Lottery as a condition of a 1997 trade that sent Otis Thorpe to the then-Vancouver Grizzlies, also will pick with the 25<sup>th</sup> selection.

**NO THANKS, WE'LL PASS (AT LEAST THIS ROUND)** – Houston, Indiana, Philadelphia and Sacramento are without first-round picks.

**YOU CAN'T COACH SIZE** – That seems to be the motto on Draft night. After all, only six guards have been taken with the top selection since 1966: Allen Iverson (Philadelphia, 1997), Magic Johnson (Lakers, 1979), John Lucas (Houston, 1976), Doug Collins (Philadelphia, 1973), Austin Carr (Cleveland, 1971), and Jimmy Walker (Detroit, 1967).

Yet, in the last decade, six guards have been chosen with the second overall pick: Jay Williams (2002), Steve Francis (1999) Mike Bibby (1998), Jason Kidd (1994), Kenny Anderson (1991) and Gary Payton (1990).

**VIRGINIA, OREGON STATE IN THE LEAD** – Portland has drafted players from 139 different colleges and universities in its 32 years. Virginia and Oregon State have each produced five Blazers draft choices, the most from any school; three of the five who made the trip from Charlottesville to the Rose City were selected in the first round (Barry Parkhill in 1973, Wally Walker in 1976, and Jeff Lamp in 1981). Four schools, Alabama, Oregon, Pepperdine, and UCLA have had four different players drafted by the Blazers.

UCLA, St. John's and Michigan State are the only other college teams to have more than one player taken in the first round by the Blazers. UCLA: Sidney Wicks (1971, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall) and Bill Walton (1974, 1<sup>st</sup> overall). St. John's Walter Berry (1986, 14<sup>th</sup> overall) and Erick Barkley (2000, 28<sup>th</sup> overall). Michigan State: Shawn Respert (1995, 8<sup>th</sup> overall) and Zach Randolph (2001, 19<sup>th</sup> overall)

**ONLY THREE OREGONIANS** – Only three players who began their hoop careers in Oregon high schools have worn Blazers uniforms thus far, and none came to the Blazers through the Draft. Longtime Blazer broadcaster Steve Jones was the first, playing for Portland in '75-'76. A graduate of Portland's Marshall High School, "Snapper" starred at the University of Oregon. Danny Ainge was on the 1992 Western Conference Championship squad and began his career as a three-sport standout at North Eugene High School before starring at Brigham Young. Damon Stoudamire led Portland's Wilson High School to a pair of state titles before earning all-American plaudits at Arizona. Jones was acquired as a free agent while Ainge and Stoudamire arrived via trades.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS** – In 1999, The Duke Blue Devils became the first college in the history of the draft to send four players to the NBA in the first round. Elton Brand, Trajan Langdon, Corey Magette and William Avery put Duke at the top of the list. Six schools can boast of having three players taken in the first round of the same draft.

1997: University of Kentucky – Antoine Walker, Tony Delk and Walter McCarty

1992: University of Arkansas – Lee Mayberry, Todd Miller and Oliver Miller

1991: UNLV – Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon, and Greg Anthony

1990: University of Michigan – Rumeal Robinson, Loy Vaught and Terry Mills

1979: UCLA – David Greenwood, Roy Hamilton and Brad Holland

1976: Indiana University – Scott May, Quinn Buckner and Bobby Wilkerson

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS, PART TWO** – Four schools had two players selected in the first round, led by the Duke Blue Devils, who produced the second and third picks in Jay Williams and Mike Dunleavy. Chris Wilcox and Juan Dixon (Maryland) went eight and 17; Curtis Borchardt and Casey Jacobsen (Stanford) went 18 and 22 and Melvin Ely and Chris Jeffries (Fresno State) went 12 and 27.

**AN INTERNATIONAL FLAIR** – The presence of international players in the NBA continues to grow. Six international players were selected in the first round of the 2002 Draft, after four were first round selections in 2001. Yao Ming became the first international player to be selected with the first overall pick, while three of the first seven selections were international players (Nikoloz Tskitishvili – 5, Nene Hilario – 7). Other international players to go in the first round include Bostjan Nachbar (15), Jiri Welsch (16) and Nenad Krstic (24).

Following is the list of players who remain early entry candidates for NBA Draft 2003, which will be held Thursday, June 26, at The Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York City:

Player	School	Height	Status
Chris Alexander	Iowa State	7-1	Junior
Carmelo Anthony	Syracuse	6-7	Freshman
Mario Austin	Mississippi State	6-9	Junior
Ronald Blackshear	Marshall	6-5	Junior
Chris Bosh	Georgia Tech	6-10	Freshman
Lamar Castile	CC of Beaver County (PA)	6-2	Sophomore
Ndudi Ebi	Westbury Christian HS (Texas)	6-9	HS Senior
Rod Edwards	Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	6-1	Junior
Carl English	Hawaii	6-5	Junior
T.J. Ford	Texas	5-10	Sophomore
Zac Fray	Santa Ana College (CA)	6-6	Sophomore
David Hamilton	Salem International	6-9	Junior
Jonathan Hargett	West Virginia	5-11	Freshman
Jarvis Hayes	Georgia	6-7	Junior
Maurice Jackson	Texas-Permian Basin	6-9	Junior
LeBron James	St. Vincent-St. Mary (Ohio)	6-8	HS Senior
Richard Jeter	Atlanta Metropolitan College	6-6	Sophomore
Chris Kaman	Central Michigan	7-0	Junior
James Lang	Central Park Christian (Alabama)	6-10	HS Senior
Travis Outlaw	Starkville HS (Mississippi)	6-9	HS Senior
Kendrick Perkins	Clifton J. Ozen HS (Texas)	6-10	HS Senior
Josh Powell	North Carolina State	6-9	Sophomore
Rick Rickert	Minnesota	6-11	Sophomore
Luke Ridnour	Oregon	6-2	Junior
Robert Smith	North Carolina Wesleyan	6-7	Junior
Mike Sweetney	Georgetown	6-8	Junior
Dwyane Wade	Marquette	6-4	Junior
Maurice Williams	Alabama	6-1	Sophomore
Doug Wrenn	Washington	6-6	Junior

The following is the list of international players who have applied for early entry into NBA Draft 2003:

Player	Team	Height	Status
Malick Badiane	Langen (Germany)	6-10	1984 DOB
Leandro Barbosa	Bauru Tilibra (Brazil)	6-3	1982 DOB
Carlos Delfino	Skipper Bologna (Italy)	6-6	1982 DOB
Boris Diaw-Riffiod	Pau Orthez (France)	6-7	1982 DOB
Maciej Lampe	Universidad Complutense (Spain)	6-11	1985 DOB
Darko Milicic	Hemofarm Vrsac (Serbia/Monten.)	7-0	1985 DOB
Zaur Pachulia	Ulker (Turkey)	6-11	1984 DOB
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Buducnost (Serbia/Montenegro)	6-7	1983 DOB
Mickael Pietrus	Pau Orthez (France)	6-6	1982 DOB
Zoran Planinic	Cibona Zagreb (Croatia)	6-7	1982 DOB
Sofoklis Schortsanitis	Iraklis (Greece)	6-9	1985 DOB
Nedžad Sinanovic	Zenica Celik (Bosnia-Herzegovina)	7-1	1983 DOB
Jon Stefansson	TBB Trier (Germany)	6-4	1982 DOB
Szymon Szewczyk	Braunschweig (Germany)	6-10	1982 DOB
Remon Van de Hare	F.C. Barcelona (Spain)	7-2	1982 DOB
Slavko Vranes	Buducnost (Serbia/Montenegro)	7-4	1983 DOB
Xue Yuyang	Hong Kong Flying Dragons (China)	7-0	1982 DOB