

# Draft shows 'unusual depth'

**United Press International**  
**NEW YORK** — Marty Blake, the NBA's director of scouting, called Tuesday's college draft one of "unusual depth." It was also one of curious extremities.

Here's a look at the draft:

**Eastern Conference**  
**Atlanta** — No first-round pick so Hawks swap veteran Tom McMillen for swingman Randy Wittman. Add guard Glenn Rivers and bury John Pinone.

**Boston** — Ricky Robey is gone and Kevin McHale may follow. Greg Kile, a 6-11 roadblock, can set picks and give up the ball.

**Chicago** — After much horse trading, Bulls get three of top 23 picks: Sidney Green, Ennis Whatley and Mitchell Wiggins. A fine afternoon's work.

**Cleveland** — Justice is served. Cavaliers get two body bangers in Roy Hinson and John Garris and a tough guard in Stewart Granger.

**Detroit** — Antoine Carr and Cliff Levingston, former Wichita State teammates, get to compete for a job and give Pistons depth up front.

**Indiana** — Add Steve Slipanovich to a strong frontline and Sidney Lowe to backcourt. Only setback was not landing Wittman, a local hero.

**Milwaukee** — With Dave Cowens and Bob Lanier on ailing legs, 7-2 Randy Breuer is a project for future. Add small forward Ted Kitchel.

**New Jersey** — Drafted well the last few years. This was not one of them. No first-round pick and settles for Horace Owens.

**New York** — Coach Hobbie Brown insists on defense from guards. He gets a good one in Darrell Walker.

**Philadelphia** — Imagine slick-passing Leo Rautins on the break with Julius Erving.

**Washington** — Bullets get offense from Jeff Malone and Michael Brill. McMillen now in right city to play politics.

**Western Conference**  
**Dallas** — A deft touch at draft. If trade talk includes Mark Aguirre, Dale Ellis is the replacement. Adds Derek Harper, Mark West and Dirk Minniefield.

**Denver** — As if Nuggets need more offense. Now get points from guard Howard Carter to go with offense up front.

**Golden State** — Envisioning Russell Cross as a Maurice Lucas-like forward. Pace Mannion, 6-7, moves from forward to guard.

**Houston** — The team at Virginia was Ralph's House. Now it's Ralph's Team. Rodney McCray may make fan-forgive club for not drafting Clyde Drexler.

**Kansas City** — "We'd like to inflict a little pain," says GM Joe Axelson. Gets two bruisers in veteran Mark Olberding and Larry Micheaux.

**Los Angeles** — No James Worthy this time and no pick until third round. All things considered, did well with Orlando Phillips.

**Phoenix** — Hard to figure. Needs help underneath and goes with guards for first three picks. Rod Foster adds zip to backcourt.

**Portland** — How long a leash will Coach Jack Ramsay give Drexler? The open court gets interesting with Drexler, Calvin Nat'nal and Jim Paxson.

**San Antonio** — Backup for Artis Gilmore was real need. Landed John Paxson, who must find time behind point guard Johnny Moore.



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**Weedsport Warriors: Four-time champions and 11-0 in 1983 regular season.**

## A banner year at Weedsport

**WEEDSPORT** — It was a banner year for the Weedsport Central School track team.

Coach Gary Lister's squad captured the Onondaga South title, placed first in the Onondaga High School League Championships, the Section III Relays and the Section III Championships.

The Warriors also established eight school records in the process, and placed four members on the All-League team.

Mike Scanlon (pole vault), Tom Stevens (discus), Marvin Spence (100 meters) and Ray Maloney (400 Intermediate hurdles) were all selected to the All-League squad.

Sophomore Andy Maltese established a pair of individual records, and participated in two

others. Maltese, a long distance runner, set school marks in the mile (4:36.6) and two-mile runs (10:03).

In addition, he combined with Mike Kimber, Mike Babilot and Charles Marshall in setting a record in the two-mile relay (8:58.6), and joined Babilot, Charles and Bob Marshall for the 6400 relay record (20:10).

Spence — like Maltese, one of 20 returning letterman for the 1984 season — set a new mark in the triple jump (43-10-1). Spence also accumulated a team-high 127 points during the season.

Scanlon, who finished ninth in the season point total (58), established a record in the pole vault with a 12-foot leap.

The final record was set in the

Hurdle-a-thon, as now-graduated Ray Maloney, and holdovers Scott Harris and Jeff Parker raced to a

clocking. A total of 24 competitors accumulated points for the Warriors during the 1983 track season.

It's no wonder why Weedsport had a banner year in track and field.

Members of the team are Mike Fitzgerald, Dan Bibbens, Ed Weller, Bob Marshall, Greg Marshall, Don Leach, Mike Maltese, Babilot, Andy Maltese, Charles Marshall, Dan Whitman, Mike Hewitt, Kimber, Andy Bates, Scanlon, Chris Henry, Parker, Harris, Maloney, Eric Quinn, Jaime Gray, David Quinn, Spence and Stevens.

## USFL: Action on the field equals attendance figures

**United Press International**

**NEW YORK** — Any report card on the United States Football League must pay special attention to the attendance grade. Give it a "C."

With its league championship game just three weeks away, the USFL and its Oakland franchise share a prominent characteristic — both are playing a little better than .500 ball.

Commissioner Chet Simmons says his twin barometers of USFL health are attendance and TV ratings. While both have been slipping, they remain within the acceptable parameters as defined by Simmons before the league's inaugural season began.

"The birth of this new league represents one of the finest chapters ever written in professional football," proclaimed Peter Spivak in May of 1982, when he served as acting USFL chairman. But the league's first chapter is closing on a somber note as the novelty of the first professional spring football venture fades in the heat of June and the steady lure of major-league baseball.

After three weeks of play in the 18-game regular season schedule, the USFL boasted an average attendance of 33,570. Last weekend, the average was 25,968, slightly above the overall average of 25,214.

There is little link apparent between success on the field and USFL attendance. The Denver Gold, 7-10, lead the league with an average attendance of 41,738. New Jersey, 6-11, ranks No. 3 and Oakland, 9-8, is fourth. The USFL's class act — the 15-2 Philadelphia Stars — is averaging a paltry 19,195 at Veterans Stadium.

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The USFL's first major coups were the signing of 2-year television contracts with ABC and ESPN. While TV officials publicly profess unabashed delight with the ratings to date, the facts suggest otherwise.

"There obviously won't be the same kind of numbers now that we had at the beginning of the season because of the nice weather," says an ABC spokesperson. "We predicted a 5 rating at the start of the season."

Through 17 weeks, the USFL has an overall 6.1 rating and 17 share on ABC. For the first 16 weeks of a similar period last year, ABC garnered a 4.8 rating and 14 share with a combination of "American Sportsman," "Superstars" and "Sportsbeat."

On ESPN, which reaches 25 million American homes, the league received a 3.9 rating in the first quarter, covering seven telecasts, second on ESPN only to

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coverage of the NCAA basketball tournament. In the second quarter so far, though, covering 23 games, the cable network shows a 3.2 rating.

ESPN Executive Vice-President Scotty Connal is gushing over the USFL's cable numbers, despite a steady plunge.

"I felt at the start of the year that if we did between a 3-to-5 rating we'd be doing extremely well," says Connal, noting a 2.0 rating is a traditional cable yardstick for success. "With all the weather problems the league has had, it still has gone very well. Herschel Walker has rated well — no question about it. We did a 5.3 on a New Jersey-Chicago game even though New York City picked up a local telecast."

"The reason I'm optimistic is that basically, people have stayed with us. Of course, there is a strong tradition for Monday night football established by the NFL. In my opinion, the league is going to succeed. It's been exciting for us — we promote the hell out of the USFL. We took a lot of flak in the beginning for shilling for the league, but we believe in the USFL."

Meet some people who don't. "I'm a traditionalist," says ex-NFL star receiver Paul Warfield. "In the spring, with baseball on and track and field, there's no question what I'm gonna watch. Football's a fall sport. The USFL has a lot of converting to do."

Cleveland Browns' owner Art Modell is unimpressed by the USFL's quality of play.

"They've got a very long way to go," Modell says. "You see things like 28-yard punts and fumbled snaps repeatedly."

While the 12 teams already in the league figure to improve the overall level of performance next spring, the USFL has announced '84 expansion into Houston, Pittsburgh and Jacksonville, Fla., with a 16th team to be named shortly, probably in Tulsa, Okla.

This rapid growth doesn't set well with Blitz coach George Allen.

## Frazier agrees to meet Holmes

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**NEW YORK** — Unbeaten Marvis Frazier has agreed to terms and will face World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes in a 15-round title bout in September or October, promoter Murad Muhammad said.

Frazier, the son of former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, is 10-0. His most recent victory was a 10-round decision over veteran Joe Bugner last month.

Muhammad and his partner, Robert Andreoli of Providence, R.I., met with Frazier's representatives for about five hours early this morning before reaching agreement. According to the promoters, Holmes will receive over \$3 million while Frazier will get between \$200,000 and \$1 million.

No site has been determined and four cities — Atlantic City, N.J.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Reno, Nev.; and Providence — are in consideration.

The bout could cause problems with the WBC. The organization has served notice on Holmes that he must sign for a mandatory defense against No. 1 ranked Greg Page or (app) the possibility of being stripped of his title. The WBC Tuesday shipped junior featherweight champion Bobby Chacon to his title for failing to face No. 1 ranked Hector Camacho. Frazier was not ranked in the top 10 last month and it is doubtful his victory over Bugner will elevate him into that category.

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