

# 76ers seek title, minus stars

The Philadelphia 76ers, their galaxy of stars depleted by trades and injury, are now counting on people like Eric Money and Darryl Dawkins to help them capture that elusive National Basketball Association title.

The Sixers came up short the last two years despite a star-studded lineup, so this summer they dealt away George McGinnis and Lloyd Free in an effort to create a different chemistry for their championship run.

That left them with two all-stars, Julius Erving and Doug Collins, to handle the scoring. It seemed enough at the time, but when Collins suffered a bone spur in his left foot — an injury which will keep him on the sidelines at least until the playoffs — Philadelphia suddenly found itself short on firepower.

For all Erving's offensive talents, he can't do it alone. So the Sixers turned to Money, a speedy 6-footer who was averaging 16.6 points per game for the New Jersey Nets. They dealt Harvey Catchings, a third-string center, and veteran guard Ralph Simpson to the Nets for Money and Al Skinner, a 6-4 veteran who replaces Simpson on the Philadelphia bench.

"We felt we had to replace Doug's offense," said Sixers General Manager Pat Williams. "Money was the best available talent for what we need."

"I'm happy to be joining a team like Philadelphia," said Money. "It's a team with a chance to go all the way, and I think I can contribute."

If Philadelphia is counting on Money for points out of the backcourt, it is also counting on Dawkins to assert himself in the middle. He's always been able to score some flashy points with his

repertoire of dunks and fadeaway jumpers, but now the Sixers are hoping he'll give them a solid all-around game.

The 6-foot-11, 260-pounder still is only 22 but in his fourth pro season, having signed with Philadelphia out of high school. Coach Billy Cunningham, seeking to recoup the rebounding power his team lost when McGinnis was traded, recently has been experimenting with a lineup where Dawkins plays the middle and Caldwell Jones, normally the starting center, moves to a forward spot.

Cunningham also is trying to get more scoring out of forward Bobby Jones, who originally was brought from Denver for his passing and defense. "We hadn't asked him to be real offense-minded, but we are now," said Cunningham.

Guard Henry Bibby and forwards Steve Mix — once again getting his playing time — and Joe Bryant are other Sixers who may step in and pick up the slack caused by Collins' absence.

But although two-thirds of the regular season has been completed, the Sixers find themselves having to experiment with new players and different lineups.

It is not a comfortable way to head toward the playoffs, especially with a tough, veteran team like the Washington Bullets waiting down the line.

The NBA Players Association met in Detroit last week following the All-Star Game. As could be expected, a major topic of conversation was money.

"Among the things we discussed was the fines situation," said Paul Silas of Seattle, the group's president. "We're concerned that one man (NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien) can arbitrarily fine us."

"Right now, anything over a \$250 fine we can take to arbitration. We want to change that to include lower fines."

Silas also said the NBAPA wants to have the meal money which players receive on the road increased from the current \$26 a day. "We think it should be in line with what the U.S. government

gives, which is \$30 a day, said Silas.

Silas said the group also "covered most of the things that we'll pursue when the collective bargaining contract comes up" next year, but would not go into details.

"I think they (the owners) have a basic concern for the players," added Silas. "It started from the time we fought so hard as players, say prior to 1966. That was strengthened in 1969 when we fought against the merger and we won."

Other player representatives at the meeting said the group is also considering pressing for the right to have veteran players veto trades. This would be similar to the way baseball players are able to veto trades after they have been in the majors 10 years and served with the same club for the past five years.

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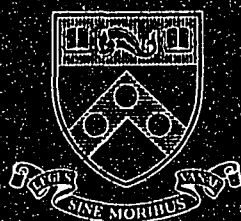
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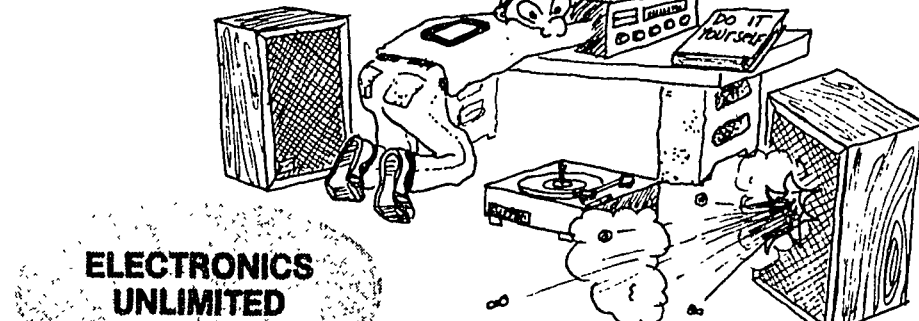
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- 6:00 (3) WEATHER-WORLD  
(4) BRADY BUNCH  
(5) JOKER'S WILD  
(6) CELEBRITY CHARADES  
6:30 (1) STUDIO SEE  
(2) ABC NEWS  
(3) NBC NEWS  
(4) ABC NEWS  
(5) BOWLING FOR DOLLARS  
(6) SANFORD AND SON  
7:00 (3) MACNEIL-LEHRER REPORT  
(4) BRADY BUNCH  
(5) (6) DAILY NUMBER  
(7) DATING GAME  
(8) SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN  
(9) ODD COUPLE  
(10) BUGS BUNNY'S VALENTINE Always ready for a challenge, Bugs Bunny takes on Cupid's arrows on Valentine's Day.  
7:01 (5) MARTY ROBBINS SPOTLIGHT Guest: Hank Snow.  
(6) NEWLYWED GAME  
(7) CROSS WITS  
7:30 (3) CROCKETT'S VICTORY GARDEN  
(4) CAROL BURNETT AND FRIENDS  
(5) MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW  
(6) LIAR'S CLUB  
(7) NEWLYWED GAME  
(8) NEWS  
(9) JOKER'S WILD  
(10) POPEYE VALENTINE SPECIAL When Popeye forgets Valentine's Day for the umpteenth time in their marathon romance, Olive Oyl decides to dump him once and for all and embarks on a cruise looking for 'Mr. Right'.  
7:58 (9) NEWS  
8:00 (3) BILL MOYERS' JOURNAL 'Carter and Country' This filmed report of a December 1978 conference on America and the Carter presidency examines the cultural and moral significance of the office of Mr. President. (60 mins.)  
(4) CROSS WITS  
(5) LITTLE WOMEN The arrival of a Southern cousin who bears an uncanny resemblance to Bath-Jo's deceased sister—stirs up painful memories. (60 mins.)  
(6) MORK AND MINDY Mork, yearning for a baby of his own, innocently arranges to buy one from a sleazy character.  
(7) HOCKEY Buffalo Sabres vs New York Rangers  
(8) (9) (10) THE WALTONS Ike Godsey is stricken with a heart attack and Corabeth blames herself. (60 mins.)

## MAKE ME LAUGH

- 8:30 (5) MERV GRIFFIN  
(6) ANGIE Brad's multi-millionaire father learns his son intends to marry waitress Angie Falco and furiously sends plane tickets with orders that Brad, Angie and her mother fly to see him at Palm Beach.  
(7) LET'S MAKE A DEAL  
9:00 (3) WORLD 'Getting Elected in Papua New Guinea' The first general election in New Guinea reveals western-style politics played out in a third-world setting. (60 mins.)  
(4) QUINCY Quincy battles his own suspicions and mounting political pressure in his attempt to clear a veteran police officer of the charge of killing a drug-crazed teenager. (60 mins.)  
(5) THREE'S COMPANY Janet invites an attractive man to the apartment, expecting that they will be alone, but to her surprise, she finds Jack and Chrissy in the bedroom.  
(6) (7) (8) THE GRAMMY AWARDS SHOW The 21st annual Grammy Awards Show honors outstanding artistic and technical achievements in the recording world. Among the nominees are: The Bee Gees, Billy Joel, Commodores, Anne Murray, Chuck Mangione and Gerry Rafferty. Host: John Denver. (2 hrs.)  
(9) TIC TAC DOUGH  
(10) TAXI Bobby's career dreams come true when he lands a role in a soap opera.  
(11) YOU DON'T SAY  
9:58 (2) NEWSBREAK  
10:00 (3) WORLD SPECIAL 'Papua New Guinea: Finally, a Nation' This probe into the end of a colonial era examines a new nation sparked with independence in 1976. (60 mins.)  
(4) NEWS  
(5) WOMEN IN WHITE A grief-stricken nurse fights a hospital board ruling and her own conscience over whether to end the life of her terminally ill father. Stars: Susan Flannery, Patty Duke Astin, Robert Culp. (Pl. II. of a three-part series; 60 mins.)  
(6) BARNEY MILLER It's open house at the 12th precinct, and police-community relationships grind to a standstill when Barney Miller plays host to a hungry horde of New York panhandlers.  
(7) THE GRAMMY AWARDS SHOW CONTINUES  
(8) SOAP Jessica Tate tells her husband Chester, who has disappeared after being presumed dead, that she has been involved with Dr. Donohue.  
(9) NEWARK AND REALITY  
(10) NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
11:00 (3) MACNEIL-LEHRER REPORT  
(4) GONG SHOW  
(5) (6) (7) (8) NEWS  
(9) RUFF HOUSE  
(10) ODD COUPLE  
11:30 (3) ABC CAPTIONED NEWS

- (4) DAVID WOLPER SERIES: SANDBURG'S LINCOLN 'Unwilling Warriors' Abraham Lincoln as the peace-minded Commander-in-Chief who sneaks into Washington as the new President and who reluctantly takes personal charge of responsibility for the conduct of the Civil War following early Union Army defeats.  
(5) THE TONIGHT SHOW Host Johnny Carson. (90 mins.)  
(6) STARSKY AND HUTCH—MANNIX Starsky and Hutch—'Death Notice' Starsky and Hutch maintain a watch over a group of strippers who have received threatening notes. (R) Mannix—'Warning: Live Blueberries' Mannix locates a beautiful college student involved in the murder of a college basketball star. (R; 2 hrs., 15 mins.)  
(7) HARNES RACING FROM ROOSEVELT RACEWAY  
(8) (9) (10) CBS LATE MOVIE 'M.A.S.H.' When a thief is caught trying to steal penicillin from the 4077th supply tent, a plot thick with aliases is uncovered. (R) 'COLUMBO: Troubled Waters' Stars: Peter Falk, Robert Vaughn. (R)  
(11) HONEYMOONERS  
(12) SOUND OF PROGRESS  
(13) MOVIE (MYSTERY) \*\* 'Ripped Off!' 1974 Robert Blake, Ernest Borgnine. A boxer, framed for the murder of his manager, convinces the manager's daughter of his innocence and sets out to find the killers and clear himself. (90 mins.)  
(14) TWILIGHT ZONE  
(15) MOVIE (ADVENTURE-DRAMA) \*\*½ 'Blood on the Sun' 1945 James Cagney, Sylvia Sydney. Politics, intrigue and violence are combined in this story of the Japanese plans for Pearl Harbor and world conquest. (2 hrs., 1 mins.)  
(16) NEWS  
(17) TOMORROW Host: Tom Snyder. Guests: Jeff Rignall and his attorney, Fred Richman, who will discuss John Gacy, the accused mass murderer, and their claim that a second man participated in the crimes. (60 mins.)  
(18) MOVIE (DRAMA) \*\*½ 'About Mrs. Leslie' 1954 Shirley Booth, Robert Ryan. Woman, now a boarding house owner, recalls secret love affair, and how money left her made her present possible. (2 hrs.)  
1:15 (2) NEWS  
1:30 (3) JOE FRANKLIN SHOW  
(4) (5) (6) NEWS  
(7) THOUGHT FOR THE DAY  
2:30 (3) NEWS  
2:31 (5) MOVIE (DRAMA) \*\*½ 'Drango' 1957 Jeff Chandler, Joanne Dru. Major, assigned to govern small Georgia town he has ravaged during Civil War tries to do it with helping hand, not a gun. (2 hrs., 16 mins.)  
2:45 (5) PRAYER  
3:00 (1) BIOGRAPHY