## Magic looking at Bradley, Webber in draft

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A personal interview, physical examination and stack of 2-year-old game films will have to do for the Orlando Magic's predraft evaluation of BYU's Shawn Bradley.

The team finished a series of meetings with prospective No. 1 picks on Wednesday by talking at length with the 7-foot-6 center who has spent the last two years on a church mission in Australia.

Michigan's Chris Webber, Kentucky's Jamal Mashburn and Memphis State's Anfernee Hardaway worked out for the Magic in recent weeks, but Bradley declined.

"Myself, my agent and my family feel the best situation for me is to just go interview," Bradley said.

"If I was to go and play in the condition I'm in now, what would I gain? I wouldn't be able to show what kind of basketball player I am in the kind of shape I'm in."

The Magic has the first pick in the draft and reportedly is leaning toward selecting the 6-9 Webber because the team already has Shaquille O'Neal at center. The Philadelphia 76ers have the second pick and have said they'll take Bradley, if he's available.

The BYU star averaged 14.8 points, 7.7 rebounds and 5.2 blocked shots a game in his only college season. He said he learned a lot during his stay in Australia but only played basketball once a week.

"I definitely understand the situation coaches, owners and administrators are in," Bradley said.

"Here's a guy with a fairly successful freshman year who takes two years off, then comes back and he's trying to play in the NBA. If I was in their position, I'd be asking the same questions. But I know what I can do and I know what I want to become.

"I know the skills are there.

It's just going to take some time to oil them up and get the rust out."

While the Magic isn't thrilled that Bradley declined to work out, player personnel director John Gabriel apparently has seen enough film to conclude that Bradley has the skills to become a star at either center or power forward.

"I would not be afraid to pick him No. 1." Gabriel said.

"He's a big man with some of the skills of a small forward. Of course, he's not going to play small forward, but he can do a lot of different things — shoot, put the ball on the floor. ... His defensive mindset is to try to block every shot. With him and Shaquille, we'd have a chance to do some things, defensively, that haven't been done before."

Williams appeared less enthusiastic about the prospect of forming a twin towers of Bradley and O'Neal. However, he is sold on the 21-year-old center's talent.

"I wouldn't say he'd be a gamble for us, or anybody else. He will play in the league. The question is how good he will become," the general manager said.

"There's never been a case like this in NBA history where a player will go this high with such an incomplete piece of information," Williams added. "We're in uncharted waters. There has never been a player of these proportions with basketball ability."

Bradley, who once finished third in a 3-point shooting contest during a high school All-American game, is anxious to get started. And, it wouldn't surprise him if he goes to work in Orlando.

"I understand the concept that you can teach skills, but you can't teach height," Bradley said. "I realize a lot of this is about my height, but that's fine. I don't think the Magic would have brought me here if they weren't interested."

## U.S. track team heads for Scotland

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —
Two-time Olympic heptathlon champion Jackie
Joyner-Kersee and shot put
world record-holder Randy
Barnes will head the U.S.
team for a dual track meet
against Britain July 2 at Edinburgh, Scotland.

In addition to Joyner-Kersee, the heptathlon and long jump winner during last week's USA-Mobil Championships at Eugene, Ore., who is only on the 400-meter relay team for the meet, and Barnes, winner of the shot put at the national championships, the team includes seven other national champions, four NCAA winners, one Olympic gold medalist, one former world record-holder and one American record-holder.









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