

Carlesimo wants Rider; believes troubles will not follow

■ **NBA:** Minnesota is anxious to trade Isaiah Rider to rid itself of his attitude

PORTLAND — The Minnesota Timberwolves are eager to trade 6-foot-5 Isaiah "J.R." Rider because of his troubles with the law, but Portland Trail Blazers coach P.J. Carlesimo believes Rider can change.

Rider has been arrested three times in the past month, the latest episode involving gambling in public on a street corner in Oakland, Calif. He faces an Aug. 19 court date for that arrest.

"Just another situation where J.R. was associated with people he shouldn't be associated with," said Kevin McHale, the Timberwolves' vice president of basketball operations.

Meanwhile, Rider is waiting to hear whether he will face misdemeanor charges, and a felony charge, stemming from another arrest June 27.

Police stopped Rider's Mercedes because it had illegally tinted windows. They found marijuana and an illegal cellular phone in the car. They also arrested Rider's friend, Donnie Davis, on an outstanding warrant.

"Right now, J.R. is burning so many bridges," McHale said shortly after that incident. "He's on very thin ice with a lot of people. With me, my tolerance level is below zero."

Not so with Carlesimo.

"In a perfect world, everybody goes around and nothing wrong ever happens," Carlesimo said recently when asked about Rider.

"This is not a perfect world," Carlesimo said, "and particularly for the high-visibility people in our league it does seem that way. It's one thing to say, 'We don't want that.' It's another thing to look at people individually and look at the circumstances. How do you know that people aren't going to change?"

Rider, who lives in Alameda, Calif., and his associates are used to law enforcement scrutiny. Davis, who has been a friend of Rider's since childhood, is a convicted rapist and crack dealer.

Rider's older brother, Lamont, was stopped for speeding a year and a half ago. In his car, police found a bag of marijuana; a recently fired, unregistered handgun with a spare magazine; a bank account book with several large withdrawals and deposits; and five \$100 bills.

"The totality of the circumstances would lead any reasonable person to one conclusion: (Lamont) Rider is a drug trafficker," a police report said.

Still, Isaiah can't blame all his troubles on those around him.

In September 1994, Rider was convicted of assault and disorderly conduct for kicking Kimberly Rakos in the back during a card show at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn.

The incident occurred after Rider failed to fulfill an appearance at the autograph event. One of many witnesses, Pat Daly, said he saw the woman "flying across the hallway and into the wall" from the force of the kick.

"The whole room just gasped when they saw the kick," said Doug Benson, another witness.

According to Daly, Rider immediately started yelling to bystanders, "Did you see that? She pushed me, she pushed me."

Rider was given a 30-day suspended jail term, placed on two years' probation and was ordered to complete 35 hours of community service and an anger-violence counseling program.

On Dec. 31, 1994, it turned out that Rider had only done seven hours of community service. He apparently performed 28 hours the next three days, avoiding arrest by two days.

Months later, however, he spent four days in jail for violating his probation.

"It was cool. It could have been worse," said Rider, who said he spent the time relaxing, sleeping and lifting weights.

On April 27 of this year, Rider settled a lawsuit filed by Rakos, paying her more than \$100,000, according to sources.

During the 1994-95 season, Rider was fined close to \$100,000 for missing team practices and flights. Once, when asked about a missed flight, Rider threatened a reporter, saying, "I know people who can take you out."

Rider was ejected from a March 1995 game against Utah, but didn't leave the court until his mother, Donna Rider, came onto the floor and coaxed him off.

As early as the 1994-95 season, Rider was rumored to be on his way to Portland. "I don't get credit here," Rider said at the time. "Some people on this team can do no wrong, and I can't do anything right."

—The Associated Press

Division lead: Ems believe they can beat visiting Boise

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Hawks would drop the Ems to four games behind Boise, a lead that could become insurmountable for Eugene.

"Right now these kids are playing great," said Ems Manager Jim Saul. "Somebody's coming up with a big hit for us each night. The pitching has been good and you can't ask for anything more."

True enough. The Ems are currently the hottest team in the Northwest League going 9-1 in their last 10 games. Boise, on the other hand, has been slumping, dropping four of their last ten.

"This is going to be the crucial series," said second baseman Angel Espada. "They are definitely beatable. We match-up with them real good."

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For Tuesday, July 23, 1996

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(March 21 to April 19)

Stay away from certain boring types. You are excited about the day's work developments. Recognition and new opportunities are likely, so aim for the top!

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

The day begins on a sluggish note, but the tempo picks up considerably. Dating is a plus, and some singles accept a marriage proposal. Love at first sight is a possibility.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Daydreaming and distractions combine to interfere with your progress on the job. You reach an important agreement with a friend. Later in the day, travel is a plus.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

You can turn a career situation to your advantage. The ups and downs of your business day won't give you the time you want to spend with close ties. Make up for that after dark.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You could go overboard in spending on the home. A family member seems touchy, and a friend seems depressed. An understanding of human nature is needed.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

There's a tendency to argue about the cost of things. Don't spoil your own good times by having an argument on a date. Strive to meet others halfway.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You and a partner finally reach an agreement on a matter of mutual concern. Welcome the chance to make new friends. Toward that end, participate in a group activity.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You'll be doing further research on an investment matter. Go slow on the use of credit. You bring a job concern to a successful conclusion.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Your judgment continues to be excellent about career matters. You could devote some time to the completion of a job-related project. Partnerships are highlighted during evening hours.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You're both creative and practical and have the know-how to combine those talents to your advantage. You'll open doors to a better financial future. Hard work pays off.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Your thinking could be unclear about a career concern. You have fun on a date or outing, and you could receive an invitation to a special festivity. Bonds of closeness grow stronger.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Work interests are foremost on your mind. Although it's a good day for planning and organization, distractions could interfere with the execution of some of your ideas.

YOU BORN TODAY are versatile, creative and inventive. Although your many interests make you a well-rounded person, you need to be careful not to bite off more than you can chew. You have a way with words and communicate quite well. You're good at selling yourself and your ideas and are naturally drawn to travel and sales. You have a good sense of what the public wants.

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