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# Lakers deal Jones for Hornets' Rice

By John Nadel The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The retooling of the Los Angeles Lakers was completed Wednesday. Now, it will be determined if the makeover results in the championship they so badly desire.

The Lakers, believing they were in need of an accurate outside shooter, acquired one of the NBA's best in Glen Rice from the Charlotte Hornets along with forward J.R. Reid and reserve point guard B.J. Armstrong.

In return, the Hornets receive All-Star guard Eddie Jones and center Elden Campbell.

To make room on the respec-

serve forward Corie Blount and the Hornets waived forward Joe Wolf.

The blockbuster deal, rumored for over a month, was made on the eve of the league's trade deadline.

'It's a very difficult thing to trade such good players, and especially so when they are such quality people," said Jerry West, the Lakers' executive vice president for basketball operations. "But in Glen Rice, we feel we've acquired the best shooter in the NBA and also one of the league's

"We feel this takes us one step closer to our ultimate goal of having an NBA championship team."

The Lakers, who reached the Western Conference finals last May before being swept by the Utah Jazz, are going for their first championship since 1988 and the days of Showtime, orchestrated by Magic Johnson.

They won five titles during the

The 25 percent turnover of their roster followed by two weeks the firing of coach Del Harris and hiring of Kurt Rambis as his successor, as well as the signing of forward Dennis Rodman, the NBA's leading rebounder for the last seven season

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behind him, Brown slowly walked across midcourt to build tension. Kent pumped his fist on the Oregon bench: this was the guy he wanted at the line.

The Ducks led by just one point as the senior walked to the line for perhaps the last time in his Oregon career. No matter, Brown held the ball down low by his knees, then slowly brought the ball up by his chest and let it rip - right in the heart of the net.

Georgia Tech called a timeout

and Brown walked to the bench. Then, as if right out of a corny Hollywood screenplay - or sports column — the lights around the rim of Mac Court's ceiling sparked, then buzzed, then went black.

The officials huddled together. ESPN's cameramen rubbed their eyes in disbelief. Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos squirmed and contemplated pulling his hair out by the roots.

After a five-minute delay, the game was allowed to continue in

near-darkness. Brown was not phased. He stepped back to the free-throw line, and in the same exaggerated motion, put the game out of reach.

"I used to imagine that scenario when I was younger, and I'd step to the line in total darkness," Brown said coolly after the game. "I think that helped me tonight.'

And Wednesday's circus ended with a whimper.

Joel Hood is the Emerald's sports editor. Thanks for finishing.

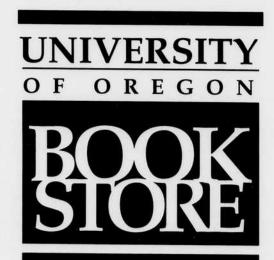


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