Well, the 3 PM NBA trading deadline has passed, and the Cavaliers did not make any deals. We've got linked stories inside from Yahoo Sports and the Sacramento Bee, both proclaiming the Bibby to Cleveland deal as dead in the water. The Cavs will go to war with what's gotten them this far, betting that the current team is good enough in a wide open Eastern Conference.

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As a matter of fact, Yahoo Sports' Adrian Wojnarowski is reporting that the much rumored deal of Mike Bibby to the Cavaliers is dead in the water.

Wojnarowski writes ...

"After exhausting the possibility of the involvement of a third team, the Cleveland Cavaliers look like they will be unable to present a package that would land Sacramento Kings point guard Mike Bibby .

Kings general manager Geoff Petrie was unwilling to trade Bibby to Cleveland in a deal that featured forward Drew Gooden.

Cavaliers general manager Danny Ferry was determined to show LeBron James that the Cavs are committed to making a move in the Eastern Conference. That's why Ferry was so relentless in his pursuit of Bibby on Wednesday."

In addition, the website for the Sacramento Bee is also reporting the deal as dead :

"The NBA trade deadline came and went Thursday, and the Kings' roster looked the same after noon PST as it did before it.

While the efforts were many to move Mike Bibby for a package that could help the Kings going into the future, the point guard will, according to a team official, remain with the team.

The Cleveland Cavaliers continued a push to land Bibby early Thursday morning but was unable to come to a compromise. No other Kings trades took place either."

The possibility does exist that a deal could have been formulated, but has just not yet been announced. Last year, when the Cavs acquired Flip Murray from Seattle on deadline day, the deal wasn't announced until later that evening. However, that appears unlikely. Mike Trivisonno of the Cavaliers flagship radio station WTAM 1100 said on the air that he's being told that the Cavs did not make any moves. Historically, Triv gets fed accurate information from the pro sports teams his station covers.

Just a couple of minor deals HAVE been announced so far. The Blazers have reportedly dealt point guard Juan Dixon to the Raptors
for off-guard Fred Jones. And the Mavericks have traded backup point guard Anthony Johnson to the Hawks, who already have Speedy Claxton and Tyronne Lue at that spot, which could be a precursor to another Hawks move not yet announced.

Assuming we're not missing something not yet announced, it appears as if the Cavaliers will have not made a deadline deal for the first time in three seasons. According to all reports, Danny Ferry had the OK from owner Dan Gilbert to exceed the luxury tax threshold to acquire what most feel is the missing piece from this team - a true point guard that can break people down off the dribble, run the floor, and knock down jumpers.