10 months after the Cavs dealt Mo Williams to the Clippers in exchange for Baron Davis and their unprotected pick, it became the most lopsided trade in league history. Because of the lockout—or rather, the mandated amnesty clause that ensued the lockout—the Cavs essentially traded Mo Williams for Kyrie Irving and $15 million worth of cap room. It's that $15 million in cap that differentiates it from the likes of all the other trade heists we've seen. Ironically, this lopsided swap saved three separate and equally decrepit franchises from their own extinction.

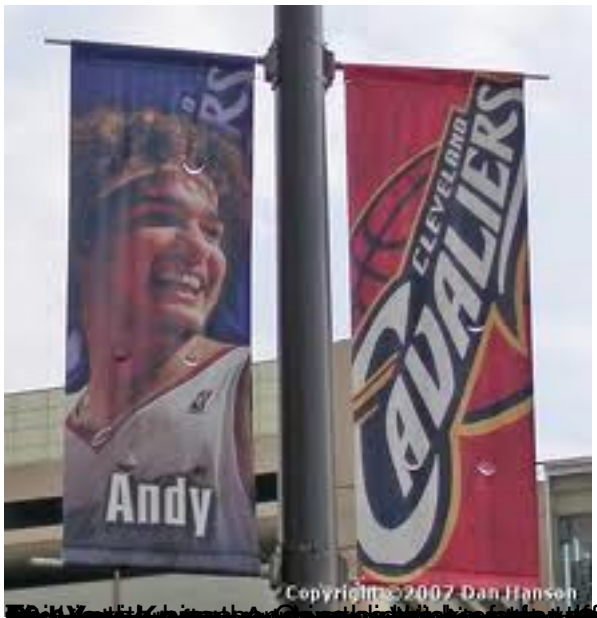
The Clippers, a franchise that could actually relate with the likes of the 1999-2011 Cleveland Browns, went out and acquired Chris Paul. Five months later, he became the franchise savior as they finished the season with a 40-26 record—the franchises best single season ever (winning percentage-wise). This would have never happened had David Stern not buckled to the pressure of the owners, vetoing the three-team trade that would have made Chris Paul a Laker. And if that hadn't of happened, the Cavs would have never traded Ramon Sessions to the Lakers for the 24th pick this year. And throughout it all, New Orleans—the team that would have benefitted greatly from trading Paul to the Lakers—wouldn't have been terrible enough to win the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft.

No one will ever blame the Hornets, Clips or Cavs of ruining the integrity of the game, that's for sure.

A month ago, Cavs fans entered the lottery with high hopes— "TheBrow" was a realistic possibility at No. 1. Then, something terrible happened. The Cavs drew the 4th pick, we told ourselves that there were only three 'must have' player's in this draft, we weren't happy, eventually we moved on and now we're here, two days before the draft, essentially assured of getting Bradley Beal or Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. Be thankful because, really, Anderson Varejao's wrist is the only reason the Cavs aren't selecting 9th or 10th this year.

82games.com has a “Simple Rating” system which basically breaks down various statistical factors and ranks the best players on each team in a given year. Of players who contributed to at least 10 percent of the teams minutes for the season, Anderson Varejao finished first on the team in 2011-2012 (ahead of Kyrie Irving); second in 2010-2011 (behind Baron Davis); and second in 2009-2010 (behind LeBron James).

We always assumed Varejao was a standard role player who came off the bench and did the dirty work. Now, it might appear he was underemployed all those years he spent coming off the bench. This year in the starting center role—a role that we all agreed he was out of position in—he proved to be an all star. He was fourth in the league in total rebounding on a per game basis, ahead of him was Dwight Howard, Kevin Love, and Andrew Bynum. He led the league in offensive rebounds per game with 4.4; coming in at second was DeMarcus Cousins and Kevin Love with 4.1.



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