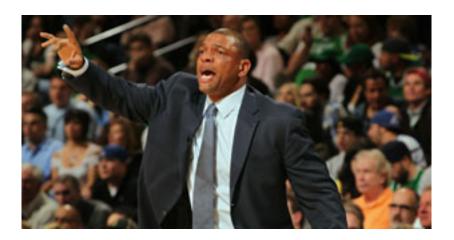
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Sources confirmed on Sunday that the Los Angeles Clippers will sign Doc Rivers to a three-year contract worth \$21 million. The Boston Celtics, who agreed to release Rivers from the remaining three years and \$21 million remaining on his current contract, will receive a 2015 first-round draft pick as compensation in the deal.

While some thought that the league would block the deal, the NBA has approved the Clippers' acquisition of Rivers. With the league's approval, the official announcement of the deal is currently in the hands of the two teams.

Every joke about the Clippers being cheap, second-rate, and unable to keep or attract top talent instantly became outdated. The Clippers went from unwilling to pay a coach a reasonable salary to acquiring the highest-paid coach in the NBA.

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