

Ainge takes the stand

Ex-Eugene star says he wants to play hoops

NEW YORK (AP) — Danny Ainge says he just wants to play basketball.

Wednesday, Ainge took the stand for more than an hour Wednesday in federal court, testifying that for two days in June, Toronto Blue Jays President Peter Bavasi gave him the go-ahead to do just that with the Boston Celtics.

"He told me in life people change their minds," said Ainge, who insists he will not return to baseball regardless of the outcome of the trial. "I told him I was worried about my baseball commitments and Mr. Bavasi said not to worry. I don't remember his words, but he said my contract was void. His advice to me was I should do what I want to do."

Ainge, 22, formerly of North Eugene High School in Eugene, Ore., signed a three-year contract on Sept. 15, 1980 with Toronto.

The deal included a \$300,000 addendum which prohibits Ainge, an All-American basketball player from Brigham Young, from playing either professional or recreational basketball.

The Blue Jays were well aware Ainge was a

valuable basketball commodity and took an expensive precaution to guard against enticement from any National Basketball Association club.

But on June 10, one day after the Celtics drafted him, Bavasi and Pat Gillick, the Blue Jays' vice president, each told him to make a decision based on his happiness, Ainge said.

At the time, Ainge was hitting just .177 as the regular third baseman (he since has lost his job to journeyman Ted Cox). His frustrations at the plate, combined with a spectacular senior year at BYU where he averaged 24.4 points a game, made him wonder if he made the right choice.

And when the Celtics picked Ainge — despite his baseball commitment and a strong letter from the Blue Jays to leave him alone — in the second round of the June 9 draft, Ainge became convinced he made the wrong choice with baseball.

Gillick said the Blue Jays never agreed to let Ainge out of his contract. He said Bavasi was "shocked and stunned" by Ainge's decision to play basketball.

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forced to scramble on defense," said Voelz. With Sue Harbour out for the season with an achilles injury, Oregon was "playing out of position and slow to react sometimes."

Kristin Lubahn came off the bench and played very well, filling in some of the holes in the Ducks defense. She ended up leading Oregon with a .220 hitting average, closely followed by Karen Beamer and Tamara Chambers, who both nailed a .200 clip.

"Kristin came in for us and did

a super job. She really came through for us when we needed here," said Voelz.

"I'm proud of the whole team," she continued. "We never gave up. We fought back every time, but mistakes killed us."

"After our road trip to California, the team after so many games was almost mesmerized. We came out tonight though, loose and ready to play. It was a tough match, a real heart-breaker to lose."

"But this game shows how much the state of Oregon volleyball has improved. I'm very

proud of the way that entire state has upgraded their programs. When I was down in California, there was a national volleyball meeting and they told us that the Pacific Northwest had improved its level of play more than any other region in the country."

Voelz believed that before she ever went down to California. As a whole, she is probably happy with the level of competition in the area.

But as far as Wednesday night goes, she would probably be happier if Oregon State hadn't come so far so fast.

IOC awards 1988 games to Seoul, Calgary

BADEN BADEN, Germany (AP) — The International Olympic Committee stuck to its crusading principles Wednesday and gave the 1988 Summer Olympic Games to the little Asian country of South Korea. Calgary, Canada, got the 1988 Winter Games.

Seoul, the capital of South Korea, won by 52 votes to 27 over its sole rival, the Japanese industrial city of Nagoya.

And the IOC seemed to close its eyes to last year's boycott of the Moscow Summer Olympics in awarding the Winter Games to Calgary.

Italy and Sweden, the other countries hoping to stage the Winter Games, both sent athletes to Moscow. Canada joined the boycott, yet Calgary led the voting for the 1988 Winter Games all along the line.

Seoul's clearcut victory was surprising. For most of this year, Nagoya had been regarded as an almost certain winner.

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