

# NFL players ratify agreement

## Only two teams voted against the \$1.6 billion pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Football League players ratified by a 3-1 margin Wednesday the five-year, \$1.6 billion collective bargaining agreement that came out of their 57-day strike.

"We are delighted by the ratification," said Ed Garvey, the executive director of the NFL players union. He said the agreement will be formally signed Friday in Washington.

Garvey said the results were based on votes from 26 teams. He said the Atlanta Falcons had not reported their votes and the Miami Dolphins would not vote until Thursday.

Earlier, most player representatives declined to disclose how their teams had voted.

But more than half a dozen teams were reported to have ratified the contract by large-to-overwhelming margins. Two teams, the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions, were reported to have voted it down.

The Minnesota Vikings voted 55-0 to accept, the San Francisco 49ers voted 31-2 to ratify,

with three abstentions, and the New York Giants were 47-5 in favor.

Members of the Dallas Cowboys, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Los Angeles Rams said their teams had voted overwhelmingly in favor, although they did not disclose the vote, and a member of the Falcons said they had approved it. It was also reported that the Buffalo Bills had approved the contract by a 2-1 margin.

The Houston Oilers also approved the contract. But the Bears and the Lions, who voted against ratification, were two of the last teams to agree to return to practice after the strike ended.

Detroit's Stan White, a member of the NFLPA executive committee, said the Lions had turned down the agreement "by more than a 2-1 margin."

Bear player rep Brian Baschnagel declined to disclose his team's vote except to say it was against the contract.

Acceptance of the contract by a majority of those par-

ticipating in the vote would complete the ratification process and formally end a labor dispute that forced the first in-season strike in the league's 63-year history.

The players, whose signed ballots were verified by their player representatives, voted at their training sites with the individual team results forwarded to the union's headquarters for final tabulation.

The contract includes a \$60 million one-time cash bonus to be distributed among the league's 1,500 players, an increased minimum wage scale, severance pay, increased playoff, pension, insurance and per diem monies and other benefits.

And for the first time, NFL clubs guarantee to allocate specific sums toward player compensation over the life of the contract. The players also won greater access to their medical records and the right to choose their own surgeon for game-related injuries.

Other gains by the players

include an easing of the compensation rules governing the movement of free agents who have played out their contracts and a streamlining of non-injury grievance procedures.

Player representatives, representing each of the league's 28 teams, voted 19-9 Monday to urge the full membership to ratify the agreement.

Union leaders had predicted the full membership would follow the player representatives' vote and accept the tentative agreement.

NFL owners ratified the agreement last month. The union ordered the players on strike on Sept. 21 — 10 weeks after the former collective bargaining agreement had expired and after more than eight months of fruitless negotiations.

The players closed the camps for 57 days, wiping out eight weekends of the 16-week regular season. Officials have since rescheduled one lost weekend, to be played Jan. 2-3, leaving a nine-game season, the shortest in league history.

## Ex-Warrior claimed by Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers announced Wednesday they have claimed 6-foot-9, 214-pound Hank McDowell, who was placed on waivers by the Golden State Warriors on Monday.

McDowell, in his second season in the National Basketball Association, averaged 3.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game as a rookie. He hit 40 percent of his field goal attempts and 69 percent of his free throws. McDowell, who can play forward or center, averaged 2.9 points per game in 14 games this season.

Portland also placed 6-foot-9 rookie center Audie Norris on the injured reserve list. Norris has missed the past five games because of residual pain from a stress fracture in his right leg.

McDowell, 23, was Golden State's fifth-round draft pick out of Memphis State in 1981. He was the voted most valuable player at Memphis State in both his junior and senior seasons.

# Lots of talk, no action at baseball meeting

HONOLULU (AP) — There was a lot of talk at baseball's winter meetings Wednesday, but little action as teams waited for a deal or a free-agent signing to unloose a torrent of trades.

After two and a half days of meetings, there was still only one trade, a five-player deal between Oakland and Boston on Monday, but there was no lack of trade talk.

The Texas Rangers, for example, appeared to be nearing a deal that would ship off one of these meetings' most sought-after players, Gold Glove third baseman Buddy Bell.

And there was the usual flurry when New York Yankee George Steinbrenner arrived on the scene and told reporters that the Yankees still were in the chase for free agents Steve Garvey, Floyd Ban-

nister, Steve Kemp and Omar Moreno.

Steinbrenner also said the club would try to make a deal involving third baseman Graig Nettles, who has expressed a desire to be traded. Nettles' name has been mentioned in trade talks with Kansas City.

Steinbrenner said his main concern is to improve a team that finished fifth in the American League East last season, but "we can't make any real significant moves until we find out what we've got (in the way of free agents)."

It appeared unlikely, however, that New York would come away from these meetings with Garvey. That chase reportedly has been narrowed to the San Diego Padres and Chicago Cubs.

Published reports said the Cubs would announce in Chicago on Wednesday

that they had signed Garvey. The Cubs offer was reported at \$7.5 million over five years, compared to the Padres' \$6 million for five. Garvey turned down an offer of \$5 million over four years from his old team, the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I don't know anything about it," Cubs General Manager Dallas Green said. "I know of no press conference in Chicago. I don't know where that came from. That doesn't mean, though, that we're not going to try to sign Garvey."

Padres President Ballard Smith confirmed he had talked with Jerry Kapstein, Garvey's agent. The Padres had been considered the frontrunners in the sweepstakes, partially because Garvey would not have to leave Southern California, and Ballard Smith indicated Wednesday that he would be willing to

revise his offer, if necessary.

"I don't have any feeling for the situation right now," Smith said, "because I don't know what Chicago has offered. I've talked to Kapstein, and I told him, 'Tell us what you want.'"

The Phillies were set to meet with Bannister's agent, Tom Reich, on Wednesday, and two other teams — Kansas City and St. Louis — still appeared in the serious contention for the services of the left-handed pitcher. Bannister led the American League with 209 strikeouts last season for the Seattle Mariners.

Along with the Yankees, the California Angels also were seeking the services of Kemp, an outfielder from the Chicago White Sox, and Moreno, a center fielder, was being sought by the Yankees, Angels, and his former team, Pittsburgh.

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### MEETINGS

A planning meeting for the Wesley Foundation, United Methodist Campus Ministry, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid. Students who are interested may help plan the events for Winter term.

### SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

Incest Conference: Winter term, Register for H.S. TLN 4623, a 408G class for one credit, February 19 (Saturday) at the Holiday Inn, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee at workshop is \$15 (includes materials and lunch). Topics covered include: victims, families, offenders, medial perspectives

and Lane County Incest Treatment Program.

### SPEAKERS

Antler will read from *Factory* (a book of poetry) and other works on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Homefried Truckstop, 790 E. 14th. Many of Antler's poems deal in a broad way with wilderness, ecology and survival.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Gay Networking is sponsoring a free presentation about gay men's legal issues: "Discrimination in Housing and Employment." The guest speaker is a

Eugene attorney. The presentation will be held tonight at 8 at the Keystone Cafe, 5th & Lawrence. For further information call 485-3665.

Browse for hand-crafted gifts and enjoy live music and hot cider today at the Christmas Craft Fair, room 167 EMU, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Benefit party for the Committee to Free the Yellow Ribbon Burners to celebrate victory over the Register Guard (forced to publish the support ad on Nov. 30, pg. 13B), to repay loans for it, and to launch the next stage of the offensive to overturn the "arson" convictions. The party will be held Saturday night at 8 at the Amazon Child Center, 2227 Patterson, apt. 1.

Interested in being an intern? Political Science Peer Advising has information on current openings for Congressional internship opportunities for Winter and/or Spring terms. Congressman Weaver (4th Dist.) and Wyden (3rd Dist.) have internship positions open in Washington, D.C. that offer great work experience and academic credit. In addition, Weaver's office has a position open in his Eugene office. All those interested stop by our office in 907 PLC for more information. These positions may be filled at any time.

The students currently participating in the People and the Oregon Coast program will be presenting their projects for the term at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) tonight at 7 for the public.

Greenpeace Eugene is sponsoring the first of its

1982-83 whale watches on Dec. 12. The two-hour chartered cruise costs \$15 per person. Advance purchase must be made to reserve a seat. Come watch the Gray whales. For information call Greenpeace at 687-8121 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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