

TUESDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING

■ **INDY RACING LEAGUE** — Agreed to terms with ABC on a one year television contract for the 1996 season.

BASEBALL

■ **COLORADO ROCKIES** — Promoted Karin Bearnarth to manager of public relations.

BASKETBALL

NBA

■ **LOS ANGELES LAKERS** — Signed Lester Conner, guard, to a 10-day contract.

■ **UTAH JAZZ** — Signed Walter Bond, guard, to a 10-game contract. Placed David Benoit, forward, on the injured list.

HOCKEY

COLONIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

■ **BRANTFORD SMOKE** — Announced Trent Cull, defenseman, has been recalled to St. John's of the American Hockey League.

SOCCER

■ **FIFA** — Fired Guido Tognoni, director of the press department, and Miguel Galan, director of the competitions department. Continental Indoor Soccer League

■ **ARIZONA SANDSHARKS** — Named Ron Newman coach.

COLLEGE

■ **EAST CAROLINA** — Named Charlie Smith assistant baseball coach.

■ **FLORIDA STATE** — Announced Devin Bush, junior safety, has applied for the NFL draft.

■ **OHIO STATE** — Announced Craig Powell and Lorenzo Styles, junior linebackers, have applied for the NFL draft.

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letes — the remote control.

As the television warmed up, grasping the colors, broadcaster Bob Ley appeared on the screen. Instead of hearing the words of "the season will start on Monday," I heard Ley say "No decision yet. Lets go to Al Morganti for more."

At 9 a.m., Morganti was absolutely the last person I wanted to see on a 25-inch television screen. Usually the news he has to report is not good.

As the satellite feed transferred over to put Morganti on the air, the only thing that was going through my mind was, "Please have good news. Please have good news."

The news was not good nor bad, it was the same. The NHL Players' Association and the NHL Board of Governors still had not come to a final decision on the

contract negotiations. The word was that the two sides would have a decision ready around 10 or 11 a.m.

So there I sat, waiting with the remote in hand.

Waiting with baited breath for the next announcement, I flipped the channels back and forth between ESPN and CNN. The announcement was made. The two sides still had not agreed.

As I waited for something more on the situation, like I had been for the past 102 days, I started to think about how it would effect my life if the season got canceled.

Would I ever see "The Great One" Wayne Gretzky play again?

Could it be possible that my beloved Boston Bruins would never get their chance at the Stanley Cup again?

What about my fantasy league team?

The questions ran wild. I just could not fathom the possibility

of never having professional hockey again.

As the clock kept moving at its slow pace, I went into the *Emerald* to wait for the wire to give me some news, any news. After sitting for 30 minutes in front of a blank computer screen some news on the situation finally popped up on the screen.

They still had not reached an agreement, so the waiting continued.

But then the news came. I thought it would never happen, a decision was made.

According to the *Associated Press* Bruins president Harry Sinden told Boston reporters to "go home for the night" because he didn't expect an announcement until Wednesday.

So we wait a little longer. What's new?

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