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## Mullin joins Bird at Indiana

Garnett turns down  
of \$102 million

Minnesota Timberwolves All-Star forward Kevin Garnett has reportedly passed on a six-year, \$102 million guaranteed contract offer from the team. According to this morning's Minneapolis Star Tribune, the 6-11 Garnett and his agent Eric Fleisher turned down the offer that averages \$17 million per year, and are seeking one that would pay more along the lines of \$22 million per season. "We are very disappointed that Mr. Fleisher turned down our offer," Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor told the newspaper.

49ers agree to  
terms with Young

After signing quarterback Steve Young to a six-year, \$45 million deal, the San Francisco 49ers are apparently on the verge of making Bryant Young one of the highest-paid defensive players in the NFL. USA Today is reporting that Bryant Young has agreed to terms on a six-year extension worth more than \$24 million with the Niners. The contract will be completed when both sides agree on salary cap structuring for the final season. Bryant Young and Dana Stubblefield form what is considered by many to be the best defensive tackle tandem in the NFL.

Sakic deadline  
approaches

The Colorado Avalanche refuse to tip their hand one way or the other as the Joe Sakic deadline approaches. The Avalanche have until 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday to match a three-year, \$21 million offer sheet — which features a whopping \$15 million signing bonus — tendered to Sakic by the New York Rangers.

Phillips expected to  
rejoin Angels

Anaheim Angels utilityman Tony Phillips was expected to rejoin the team in Chicago after he was arrested early Sunday morning and charged with felony possession of cocaine. According to police reports, Phillips — who has had his share of problems on and off the field in recent years — bought a small quantity of cocaine at an Anaheim, California motel. The 38-year-old Phillips was arrested shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday and charged with felony possession of cocaine, police said. He was released after posting bail and returned to his family in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Yankees expected to  
activate Raines

New York Yankees outfielder Tim Raines, sidelined since June 2nd due to a strained left hamstring, is expected to be activated from the disabled list. However, Raines will likely not immediately replace Chad Curtis as the starting left fielder. Curtis had a grand slam Sunday and went 5-for-5 with an RBI in Monday's 11-0 rout of Minnesota. Raines, who was on a rehabilitation assignment at Triple-A Columbus, aggravated the hamstring injury while running the bases in the ninth inning of a June 2nd game at Boston.

Jets release veteran  
Washington

New York Jets defensive end Marvin Washington, who had the longest tenure on the team among the current players, was released today. The move saves the Jets \$1 million under the salary cap this season. Washington had already restructured the base salary of his four-year, \$9 million contract from \$1.6 million to \$1 million for 1997 to accommodate the team. The remaining portion of his prorated bonus, which is approximately \$1.25 million, will count against the cap next season.

Chris Mullin joined the Indiana Pacers Tuesday, leaving the Golden State Warriors and bringing his soft shot and sharp passes to a team now coached by former Olympic teammate Larry Bird.

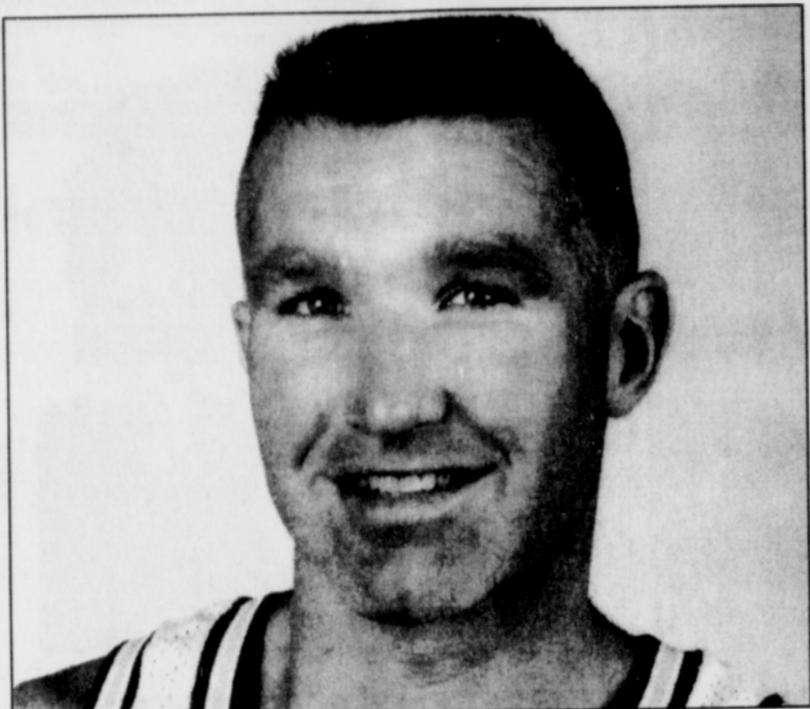
The five-time All-Star, whose dozen years in the NBA have been marked by countless injuries, was traded to the Pacers for Erick Dampier, a second-year center, and Duane Ferrell, a veteran forward.

Mullin, a 34-year-old swingman, had one year remaining on his contract with the Warriors. Terms of his multiyear contract with the Pacers were not disclosed.

"When we were looking at our team, we felt that small forward was an area where we were a little weak, and we got the guy that can fill that spot," Bird said.

"I don't think there is anyone better in the league than Chris Mullin to step in there as the second or third option and score points for you."

The trade is contingent on all three



Chris Mullin is traded to Indiana Pacers.

players passing physicals. Mullin, in New York and unavailable for comment, is expected to be in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

"Chris Mullin has meant so much to all of our fans over the years."

## Time to sign up for shootout

## Nike Presents Hoop-It-Up, official NBA 3-on-3 tour

Portland soon will host the Nike Presents Portland Trailblazers' Hoop-It-Up — the NBA's official 3-on-3 basketball tour — for the third consecutive year.

Area hoopsters ages eight and older are encouraged to participate when the event hits town, Sept. 13-14.

The non-stop basketball action converges on Tom McCall Water-

front Park, where 50 street basketball courts will be ready to host nearly 2,000 players throughout the weekend.

Players interested in registering in the 1997 Nike Presents Portland Trailblazers' Hoop-It-Up this summer can call the hotline at (503) 234-9291, or pick up an entry form at any area Foot Locker store.

Deadline for team entries is Sept.

5, and a portion of the proceeds benefit Portland Parks and Recreation.

The tour is nationally sponsored by Nike, Gatorade, Sports Specialties, Foot Locker, Nestlé's Baby Ruth, Spalding and United States Marine Corps.

Regional sponsor is Southwest Airlines; local sponsors are the Portland Trailblazers, Paragon Cable, Fox Sports Northwest, KUFO, KBBT, KEX-AM and the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

Woods takes aim at this  
week's PGA championship

Tiger Woods hit his tee shot on the first hole at Winged Golf Club down the middle, played his approach to the green then wandered off into the rough grown extra long for this week's PGA Championship.

He took a ball from his pocket, tossed it into the tangled grass and watched it disappear from sight. He tossed another ball and it too vanished.

"I could hit it if I was going that way," Woods with a laugh, taking a stance that aimed back down the fairway toward the tee, which was the way the grain of the grass was growing.

Never more than a stride away from Woods at any time during the nine-hole practice round Monday was Butch Harmon, his coach and the famed teacher whose father was the professional at Winged Foot for 33 years.

Harmon watched with amusement as Woods tossed the balls into the rough and saw them disappear. Then

he leaned over and offered Woods wise advice from his years around Winged Foot.

"Better keep it in the fairway," Harmon said.

Both men roared with laughter, but there were no wiser words for this week's PGA.

The rough is up at Winged Foot — the PGA says to 4 1/2 inches but it was more like a half-foot in many places — and the fairways have been narrowed. As always, the fairways and greens are guarded by towering trees and massive bunkers.

The greens are narrow targets with extremely fast and severely sloped contours. Big greens, course architect A.W. Tillinghast believed, lead to "slovenly golf."

It will take extremely lean and mean golf to get under par this week at Winged Foot. Missing the fairway will lead to real adventures.

On Monday, Brad Faxon's tee shot on the first hole landed in the

right rough and it took a half dozen people five minutes to even find the ball.

Jose Maria Olazabal drove into the rough on No. 4, about 210 yards from the green, took a powerful swing at his second shot and was able to advance the ball only about 80 yards as tangled grass flew.

On the fifth hole, Olazabal tried to pitch back to the fairway from the left rough but bounded the ball through the short grass into the right rough.

Woods, at least, had the benefit of a guide. And while Harmon was advising Woods to stay out of the rough, he was also preparing him for the inevitability of the large, deep greenside bunkers.

On each hole, Woods tossed balls into the sand and practiced blasting out.

"Better watch that take away," Harmon said as Woods hit from the greenside bunker on No. 3. "Keep it steep."

DNA links  
Albert to  
bite mark

DNA evidence links Marv Albert to a bite mark on the back of the woman who says the NBC sportscaster sexually assaulted her, a police crime lab report shows.

The genetic tests also link Albert to semen stains recovered from the woman's underwear and skin, the report released Monday concluded. The report is part of the sodomy and assault case against Albert, who has denied the woman's allegations.

The Virginia Division of Forensic Science report found only a 1-in-2.6 billion chance that some of the samples taken from the woman could have come from someone other than Albert.

Albert's accuser claims he called her to his hotel room after midnight Feb. 12.

Warriors owner Chris Cohan said. "We are proud of what he has done for the Warriors, and excited for him in this new challenge in his career."

"The record book will show what Chris has accomplished with this franchise, but it won't be able to describe his dedication, leadership and determination whenever he played."

The Pacers, hurt by injuries, slipped to 39-43 last season and failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1989.

"We have acquired a key player for our team right now," Pacers president Donnie Walsh said. "But we still want to look to see where else we think we need help and go from there. I expect from now to the start of training camp, we'll add other players to the team."

Bird, starting his first season as coach, played with Mullin on the U.S. Dream Team in the 1992 Olympics. Mullin holds Warriors records for games (787) and steals (1,344)

and is fourth in career points (16,120).

"We think this is a good trade for us because we got a player who can score from small forward and shooting guard positions, which is a need for our team," Walsh said.

"We also think this will be a good trade for Golden State. They get a good, young big man in Erick Dampier and a good veteran in Duane Ferrell. Both Erick and Duane were good players for us and we really hope this turns out well for them."

Dampier, a 6-foot-11 center and a first-round draft pick last year, averaged 5.1 points and 4.1 rebounds in 72 games as a rookie. He started 21 games while Rik Smits was out with foot injuries. He was the 10th selection in the 1996 draft after leading Mississippi State to the Final Four as a junior.

Dampier's agent, Bus Cook, said the trade surprised him.

Mullin had his first injury-free year since 1991-92 last season and averaged 14.5 points in 79 games.

## Pro-am final Saturday

The top basketball prospects in the 5th annual Pro-Am Summer Classic will conclude its season Saturday with a 1 p.m. championship game featuring last year's defending champion Sonics vs. the Cavs

at the Salvation Army gymnasium, 5335 N. Williams. The Sonics defeated the Suns 103-98 led by last year's MVP Charles McKinney and the Cavs defeated the Lakers 123-116 led by Gary Trent's 39 points.

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