

SPORTS

NBA OWNERS, PLAYERS AGREE TO TALK

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

In the first sign of progress since the NBA lockout began almost three weeks ago, commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter agreed today to resume bargaining.

After a 90-minute morning meeting, Stern and Hunter plan to speak again Friday to set the date for negotiations. The two sides have not bargained since June 22, eight days before the lockout took effect.

"I'm hopeful that he will come up with something, or maybe between now and September we'll come up with something," Hunter said Monday. "But right now I want to see how rooted in their position they are. I mean, clearly they've imposed a lockout. The question now is if they are really prepared to see this thing through."

It has been more than a week since the union adjourned its annual executive council and player rep meeting in Hawaii. In the meantime, there have been reports that eight hard-line owners are prepared to scuttle the entire 1998-99 season if an agreement cannot be reached.

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik, a key player in the negotiations, is traveling with the U.S.

world championship team in Europe, although he could be called back if labor talks resume.

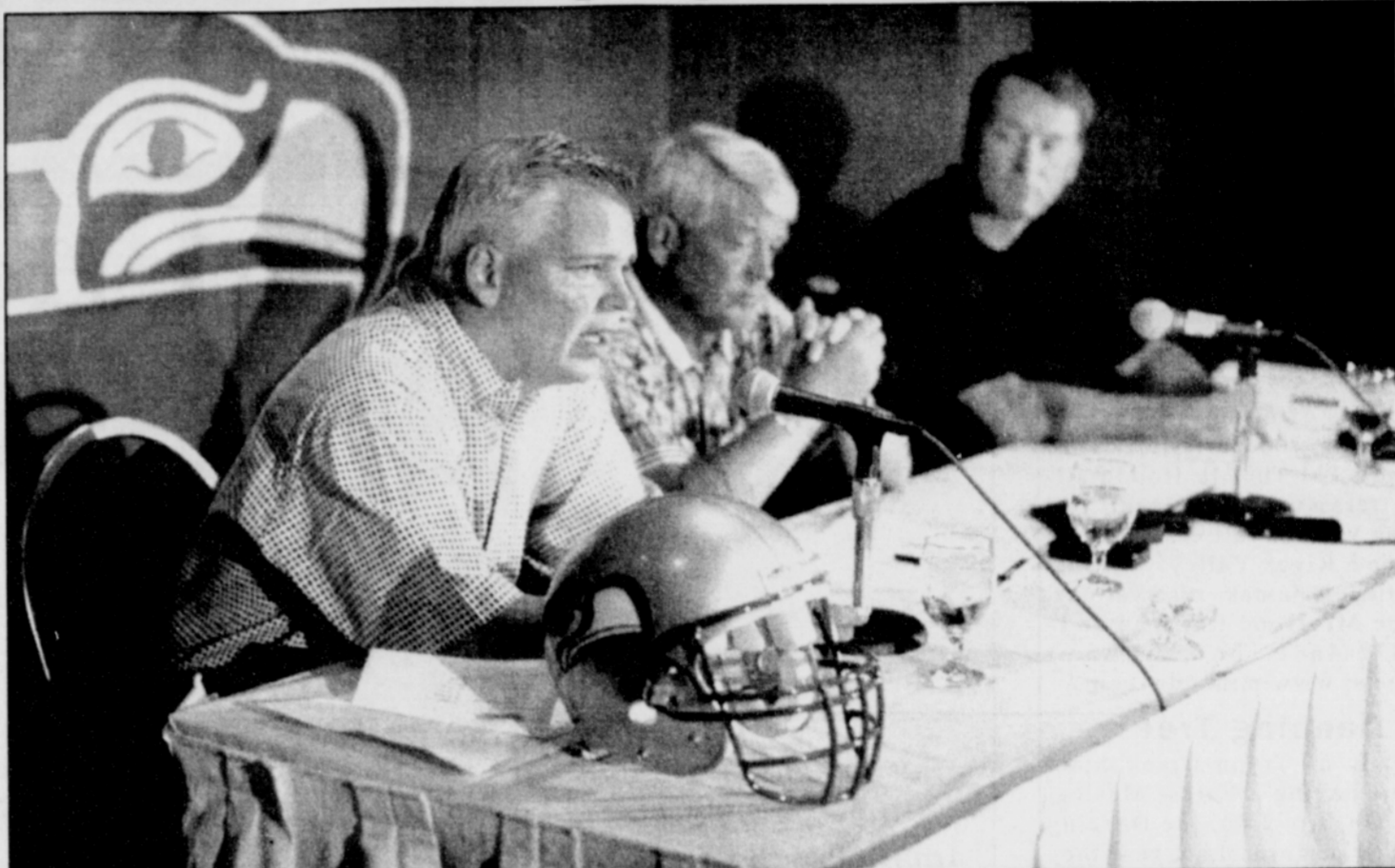
At the core of the dispute is the amount of revenue devoted to player salaries. Under the old collective bargaining agreement, the owners had the right to seek a new deal if player payroll costs exceeded 51.8 percent of all revenue lumped into the category of "basketball-related income."

Stern says those player salaries accounted for 57 percent of basketball-related income last season. The commissioner also claims that about half the league's 29 teams were unprofitable. The union has scoffed at that latter assertion, saying a maximum of four teams actually lost money.

Stern, seeking what he calls "cost certainty" for the owners, has asked the players to agree to receive a specific percentage of basketball-related income. Hunter has said Stern wants that number to be 48-50 percent.

The union has resisted being pinned down on a number, saying that agreeing to any specific percentage would be tantamount to accepting a "hard" salary cap.

Seahawks Camp Opens Without Moon



Coach Dennis Erickson at a Press Conference earlier this week spoke of new changes expected from Seahawks.

The Seattle Seahawks' training camp began Monday with no moon. No Warren Moon.

The veteran quarterback remained a holdout because of a contract dispute. There were no talks Monday, agent Leigh Steinberg said.

"We sent a letter to the Seahawks today trying to see if there is room for compromise," Steinberg said Monday night. "This is a new and strange experience for Warren. It's the first day out of training camp in 20 years."

Randy Mueller, Seattle's vice president of football operations, has said

salary cap limitations prevent the Seahawks from paying Moon significantly more. Mueller did not return a telephone message Monday.

Too much is being made of the 41-year-old Moon's age, Steinberg said. "He was 41 when he threw a touchdown in the Pro Bowl six months

ago," Steinberg said.

Coach Dennis Erickson said he had to focus on the players in camp. Moon should not be hurt much if the holdout isn't long, Erickson said.

"If he misses a couple of weeks it's going to hurt him," Erickson said.

Career Move: The Pros for Rose

Justin Rose, the 17-year-old who jolted the British Open, begins his new life as a professional golfer on Thursday.

Rose, who finished fourth at Royal Birkdale in his home country, missed out on a \$115,000 payday because he played the British Open as an amateur.

He will start his first tournament as a professional on Thursday at the Dutch Open.

On Tuesday, in a statement re-

leased by Carnegie Sports Management of Scotland, he confirmed his decision to turn pro.

"Since my early childhood I have always wanted to play professional golf," Rose said. "I have had an enjoyable and rewarding career as an amateur and I have a great deal of positives to take into the professional ranks. I am very excited about the challenges and experiences that lie ahead."

Rose's 1-under-par 69 in

Sunday's final round left him two shots behind Open winner Mark O'Meara, who beat Brian Watts in a playoff, and one behind Tiger Woods. His performance was the best by an amateur at the British Open since 1953.

On Thursday, a week short of his 18th birthday, Rose goes after the winner's prize of \$220,000 when he joins a field featuring Phil Mickelson, Lee Westwood and Nick Price.

HOOP-IT-UP TOUR STOPS IN PORTLAND, SEPT. 12-13, TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS



For registration information, players can call the Hoop-It-Up Portland hotline, at 503-234-9291. The Tour is nationally sponsored by NIKE, Gatorade, Foot Locker, Hyundai, Speed Stick Ultimate,

United States Marine Corp, Spalding Sports and Sports Specialties. Regional sponsor is Southwest Airlines. Local sponsors are Fox Sports Northwest, KEX, KBBT, and KUFO.

The NBA and Hoop-It-Up—the league's and NBC Sports' official 3-on-3 street basketball tour—today announce the worldwide tour will return to Portland, Sept. 12-13, for the fourth consecutive year. The 1998 Tour marks the 10th anniversary of the global hoops feast, and hoopsters ages 8 and older will not want to miss this milestone opportunity.

Hoop-It-Up Portland is one of 43 stops on the U.S. Tour, which has played host to more than one million players since inception. The Portland event expects more than 1,800 players and 9,000 spectators to participate throughout the weekend. This year's hoops action will take place at Tom McCall Waterfront Park, and a portion of the proceeds benefits Portland's Parks and Recreation Department.

"We're thrilled to team with Hoop-It-Up again this year," said Bob Schulz, innovative funding manager at the Portland Parks and Recreation Department. "This has been a great partnership for us in past years, and we've been able to raise substantial funds, which have been integral to our youth basketball scholarship program."

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British Open final scores

Final scores and prize money from the \$2.75 million British Open, played from July 16th-19th at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Birkdale, England:

(Par=70) (a-denotes amateur) (x-won in four-hole playoff by two strokes)	Prize Money	Score	Parity
x-Mark O'Meara	\$491,000	72-68-72-68=280	Even
Brian Watts	\$329,000	68-69-73-70=280	Even
Tiger Woods	\$236,250	65-73-77-66=281	1-over
Raymond Russell	\$134,167	68-73-75-66=282	2-over
a-Justin Rose	\$134,167	72-66-75-69=282	
Jim Furyk	\$134,167	70-70-72-70=282	
Jesper Parnevik	\$134,167	68-72-72-70=282	
Davis Love III	\$86,625	67-73-77-68=285	5-over
Costantino Rocca	\$71,488	72-74-70-70=286	6-over
Thomas Bjorn	\$71,488	68-71-76-71=286	
David Duval	\$58,333	70-71-75-71=287	7-over
Brad Faxon	\$58,333	67-74-74-72=287	
John Huston	\$58,333	65-77-73-72=287	
Gordon Brand, Jr.	\$50,750	71-70-76-71=288	8-over



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