

Steinbrenner says his plan could bring strike to end

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NEW YORK — While a federal mediator sought to return both sides to the bargaining table, major-league baseball club owners prepared for a meeting tonight that could decide the direction of the 28-day-old strike.

Kenneth Moffett, the federal mediator, said Wednesday no new negotiation sessions are scheduled.

"I talked to them (Wednesday) and I'm going to talk to them (Thursday) morning," said Moffett, who added that talks could proceed despite National Labor Relations Board hearings over alleged unfair bargaining practices by the owners. The hearings entered their fourth day today.

The strike already has forced the postponement of approximately one-sixth of the season and has virtually wiped out any chance of the All-Star Game being played as scheduled on Tuesday.

Only 22 days remain between

now and Aug. 1, the date after which at least one general manager has said it would be useless to restart the season.

The crux of the owners' meeting is expected to be a referendum on the performance of Ray Grebey, management's chief negotiator.

A segment of the owners, led by George Steinbrenner of the Yankees, Edward Bennett Williams of Baltimore and Eddie Chiles of Texas, would enjoy more progress in the talks. Steinbrenner has said he can offer a plan for ending the strike.

Other owners, including William J. Williams of the Cincinnati Reds, want to retain the hard line that has resulted in little progress to date.

"To me, it's a question of whether we're right or wrong on the stand we're taking," Williams said. "I think we're right in asking to be compensated for the players lost in the re-entry draft."

Management made an offer Saturday, but it was rejected by the players in what proved to be a disastrous session. At the NLRB hearings Wednesday, Grebey said he stopped short of making the best offer on compensation.

"I had the ability to go further," Grebey said. "There was room to move."

No talks have taken place since then.

Tommy John of the Yankees hopes Steinbrenner can gather some support for his plan.

"I really believe something will happen in the next week to 10 days," John said.

Steinbrenner expects to get a hearing at the meeting.

"Every owner will be given a chance to speak," Steinbrenner said. "I've been assured of that. It will be talked about. Whether it will be listened to is another thing."

Steinbrenner's plan may be an

attempt to accommodate the players' desire for a pool system for free-agent compensation. Under the players' plan, each team drafting a free agent would contribute to a pool of players, with a team losing a free agent eligible to pick any player in the pool.

The owners have so far rejected that plan because a team could lose a player without signing a free agent. The owners prefer compensation coming directly from the signing club, but the players believe such a system might discourage teams from pursuing free agents and thus hurt the players' bargaining power.

"Reading between the lines, George's proposal seems to be somewhat close to the players' pool concept," John said. "If it is, and they accept George's proposal, then we've agreed to something the players had down on the table since April and we've had a five-week strike for nothing."

Ag softball coach quits

Bill Galloway, women's softball coach, has resigned to take a similar position with Louisiana Tech it was announced Wednesday.

Galloway, who is one of the most successful coaches to ever coach at Texas A&M, leaves with a three-year record of 233-50. He took the Aggie softball team to three consecutive World Series, including this year's tournament in Norman, Okla. where his team finished fourth nationally.

Going into the 1981 World Series the Aggies were the number one ranked team in the country with a 77-12 record.

His teams finished fifth nationally in 1979 and third in 1980 and had become one of the most feared teams in the country.

Galloway was out of town and unavailable for comment.

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Coach given one year probation

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The judge was angry, the coach teary-eyed, the audience elated, and the prosecutor wondered aloud how a man convicted of 21 felony counts could be punished by the promise of a clean record after one year of probation.

District Judge Philip Baiaomonte caught court spectators and former University of New Mexico basketball coach Norm Ellenberger by surprise Wednesday when he sentenced Ellenberger to one year of unsupervised probation, with no fine or restitution.

He also promised to expunge the former Lobo mentor's 21 felony convictions from his record at the end of that one-year period.

While the sentence pleased the crowd,

state Attorney General Jeff Bingaman, whose office prosecuted Ellenberger, said, "I always thought that when a person got caught stealing, they should have to pay it back."

He said, "I'm disappointed that the judge didn't at least require restitution. I seriously wonder if many of the rest of us would have been dealt with so lightly if we had been convicted of 21 felony counts the day before."

But Baiaomonte's harsh criticism of what he termed the "hypocrisy" of college athletics across the country and his light sentence pleased Ellenberger's father, Dale.

"We're just delighted and happy," the jubilant elder Ellenberger said outside the courtroom. "We knew from the beginning he wasn't guilty."

Baiaomonte's opening remarks caught the courtroom crowd by surprise.

"What's going through my mind at this point is the question, really, of how fair is it to incarcerate in prison a coach who is basically doing what almost everybody in this community wanted him to do," he said.

"It seems to me," he said, "the real hypocrisy is that colleges and universities across this country maintain and establish what amounts to professional ball clubs."

"I am being asked to sentence a man because he got caught, not because his conduct was unacceptable. The clear testimony in this case is that everybody looked the other way until he got caught."

Registration opens today for summer intramurals

The first summer intramurals came to a close this week with many new champions crowned and the promise of more exciting action for the second session.

Nearly 200 people competed in six sports, including softball, volleyball, basketball, racquetball, handball and tennis throughout the session and even more are expected for the second session.

Entries for the session open today and will close Tuesday, July 14.

All persons interested in competing in intramurals are encouraged to enter their respective sport as soon as possible in order to be assured of a spot.

The Texas A&M Intramural-Recreational Sports Department, in cooperation with Piggly Wiggly, Readfield Meat Co., Pepsi-Cola, MSC Basement Committee and the Residence Hall Association, sponsored the 4th of July Picnic at the Pool Saturday.

Some 550 people attended the party which included swimming and innertube races, along with other activities.

Here are the intramural results of the first summer session:

Softball: Men's division — Class A: Tom's Bar-B-Q. Class B: Sex Pistols. Women's division — Class A: Jokers. Class B: Royder's Raiders. Co-rec division — Class A: Half Fast. Class B: Swingers.

Basketball: Men's division — Class A: Wrecks. Class B: Hoops. Women's division — Class A: A's.

Volleyball: Men's division — Class A: Awesome Roots. Class B: K's Corral. Co-rec division —

Class A: Lagnaf. Class B: Cad-O-Cads.

Racquetball Doubles: Men's division — Class A: Tom Meinecke, Charles Shea. Class B: Martin Newcomb, Kirk Smith. Class C: Ken Davenport, Will Williams. Women's division — Kathy Langlotz, Brenda Fisette. Class C: Karen Weis, Norma Gomez. Co-rec division — Class A: Jennifer Risch, Eric Sandt.

Tennis Singles: Men's division — Class A: David Drews. Class B:

Norris Hodgins. Women's division — Class A: Jan Zimmerman. Class B: Nancy Smith.

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