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Players expecting owners to offer proposal today

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NEW YORK — Following Wednesday's arrival of Secretary of Labor Raymond Donovan, major-league players today are awaiting at least one new proposal from the owners aimed at ending the baseball strike, which entered its 35th day.

Negotiations continued into Wednesday evening before both sides announced a recess until 10:30 a.m. EDT today. Donovan flew from Washington to New York to admonish the negotiators and speed up talks in an effort to reach an agreement on the thorny issue of compensation for premier free agents.

Donovan indicated the talks were growing more "serious" and federal mediator Kenneth Moffett, appearing haggard after nearly five hours of work, refused to shed light on what had taken place in the session, which lasted past 7 p.m. EDT.

The players were angry and frustrated after the latest round of negotiations.

"I'm upset right now," said National League player representative Bob Boone. "I expected much more from the ownership side to-

day and we got nothing. I hope we get something tomorrow.

"They told us today they would have a proposal for us tomorrow at 10:30."

Baltimore Orioles' representative Mark Belanger, saying he is "probably just as mad" as Boone, hinted the owners may offer more than a single proposal.

"I expect a proposal tomorrow or several," Belanger said. "I hope there is one, or two or three or four."

Belanger's Orioles teammate, American League representative Doug DeCinces, was also disappointed with Wednesday's talks.

"I'm very upset and that's putting it mildly," he said.

Moffett, who never referred to a possible new owners' proposal, is still playing it close to the vest.

"I know I've used a lot of weasel words," Moffett said, "but it's a way of avoiding saying anything controversial. There's not much to report. We're continuing negotiations."

When asked if the next bargaining session could prove the most crucial, Moffett replied, "No, it's just another day in the strike."

After conducting three meetings — one with players, one with management and a third jointly — Donovan returned to Washington without indicating whether the federal administration would have any further participation in the dispute.

Upon his return to Washington, Donovan said he thought the negotiations were substantive.

"There is some room for optimism," the labor secretary said. "What I can tell you is we're excited about the fact that they're back talking in a very serious way. Collective bargaining is the key to this process as it is with all of these disputes. The fact that they're back in serious — I mean serious — negotiations, I think the country should be encouraged."

The Reagan administration has refrained from entering the discussions on the grounds that they are matters to be decided at the bargaining table.

Earl Cox, special assistant to Donovan, said the White House was being kept abreast of developments.

He said part of the reason for Donovan's participation in the talks was to "express the voice of the American people."

New strength coach named

Dave Williams has joined the Texas A&M athletic department as strength and conditioning coach it was announced Wednesday.

Williams replaces Mike Flynt who resigned recently to enter private business.

Williams, 34, comes from the University of Alabama where he served as assistant strength coach. He took over his duties at Texas A&M July 1.

"I'm very impressed with the athletic facilities at Texas A&M. It was common knowledge among the members of the National Strength and Conditioning Association that A&M's facilities were among the very best in the country," Williams said.

Williams said his goal at Texas A&M is total conditioning, not just strength alone.

"I want to develop functional strength for each sport which includes raw strength, power, muscular development and flexibility of strength," he said.

Williams hails from Charleston, W. Va. where he played guard both ways in football at South Charleston High. He played offensive guard and defensive tackle for Fairmont State College where he was named to the AP Little All-America and NAIA All-America teams. He was also listed among Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was named to several academic honor societies.

Following his graduation with a degree in biology-physical education he spent three years in the Army in Korea. He was a teacher-coach and fitness director before going to Alabama in 1980.

He and his wife, Linda Lee, have two daughters, Shelley Beth, 4, and Amanda Lee, 2.

Athletic Director Marvin Tate said that he was pleased to have a man with Williams' background and experience in strength and conditioning working for Texas A&M.

Dallas, San Diego picked as NFL favorites in '81

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RENO, Nev. — The San Diego Chargers and the Dallas Cowboys have been picked by Harrah's Reno-Tahoe Race Book to appear in the 1982 Super Bowl game with the Chargers emerging as champions.

San Diego was made a 2-1 favorite to win the AFC and the 4-1 favorite to win the Super Bowl. Dallas was a 2-1 pick to win the NFC and was a 5-1 pick along with the defending champion Oakland Raiders to win the Super Bowl.

The Raiders and New England Patriots are 12-5 to win the AFC, while Cleveland was 3-1, Pittsburgh 7-2, Houston 6-1, Miami and Buffalo 8-1, Baltimore 12-1, Kansas City and Denver 20-1, New York Jets 25-1, Cincinnati 30-1 and Seattle 75-1.

In the NFC, Philadelphia, like Dallas, was a 2-1 favorite to win the title. Other odds were Atlanta 5-2, Los Angeles 3-1, Detroit and Chicago 8-1, Tampa Bay and Washington 10-1, Minnesota 12-1, San Francisco and St. Louis 25-1, New York Giants and New Orleans 100-1 and Green Bay 125-1.

Other Super Bowl odds besides

San Diego, Dallas and Oakland were Philadelphia 6-1, Cleveland and Atlanta 7-1, New England, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles 8-1, Houston 9-1, Buffalo 10-1, Miami 12-1, Chicago 18-1, Detroit and Tampa Bay 20-1, Minnesota 25-1, Denver, New York Jets and San Francisco 50-1, Cincinnati 60-1, Kansas City 80-1, St. Louis 100-1, Seattle 150-1, New York Giants 200-1, and New Orleans and Green Bay 250-1.

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Super Derby II plans underway

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BOSSIER CITY, La. — Twenty-nine of the nation's leading thoroughbreds have been invited to run in Louisiana Downs' \$500,000 Super Derby II, the nation's richest race for 3-year-olds, on Sept. 26, track officials said.

"This year the 3-year-old crop is more diversified than last year," Downs president and general manager Vincent Bartimo told a news conference Wednesday. "So the potential for a great race is better."

Super Derby I last year was won by Temperance Hill, who finished the year with earnings of more than \$1.1 million and an Eclipse Award as the nation's top sophomore.

Heading the invitation list for Super Derby II are Pleasant Colony, winner of the Wood Memorial, Kentucky Derby and Preakness; Lord Avie, 2-year-old champion and winner of the Florida Derby at three before being sidelined by an injury; Arkansas Derby winner and Preakness runner-up Bold Ego; and Pocket Zipper, winner of the American Derby and Fairmount Derby.

"This list is made up of 29 horses whose owners and trainers have told us they want to run in Super Derby II," Bartimo said. "On Sept. 2, we will pick 14 final invitees and six alternates, depending on what happens to these horses between now and then."

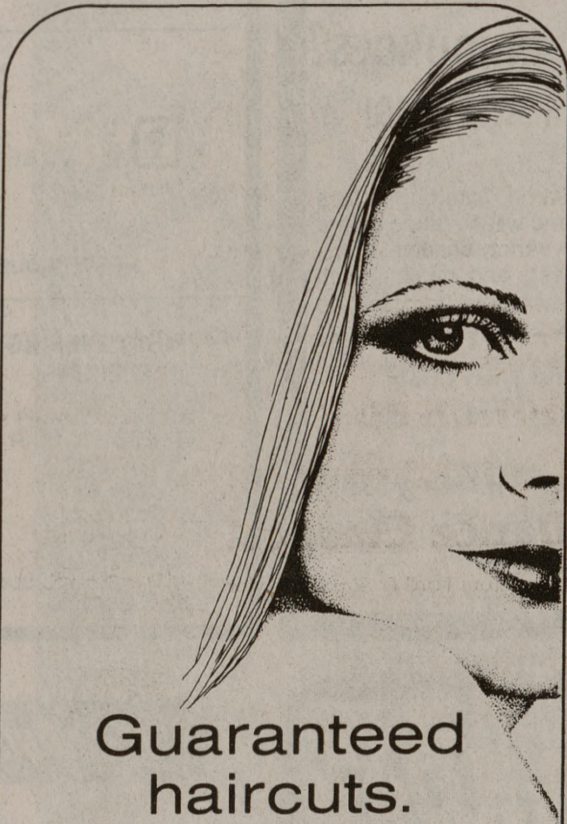
Bartimo acknowledged the track came in for criticism with Super Derby I last year. But he blamed it on a late start.

"Last year we announced the race in June, and most trainers had already planned out their fall campaigns," Bartimo said. "This year, everybody in the industry knew the race would be run in September."

He said last year the Downs had to call trainers for horses. This year the trainers are calling the Downs.

"All of these owners and trainers have been notified of their horses' invitations to the race," said Downs director Robert Aiello. "All have committed to us, provided their horses are fit."

Bartimo said the track should see its first \$4 million handle on Derby day if the weather is good.



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