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Rozelle not in favor of Super Bowl move

United Press International
NEW YORK — The striking NFL Players Association spent a hectic Wednesday reporting progress on almost every front but the bargaining table.

While the NFL was calling off a seventh weekend of games and flip-flopping on the possibility of moving back the scheduled Jan. 30 date of Super Bowl XVII, the disgruntled union huddled with Ted Turner on prospects for starting a "Players League" in 1983 and paid a surprise call on Chet Simmons, the commissioner of the fledgling United States Football League.

Amid these new developments came the return to normalcy: no progress was reported in negotiations between the NFLPA and the Management Council before talks recessed at 11:25 p.m. EST.

Bargaining is scheduled to resume at 9:30 a.m. today. Neither union head Ed Garvey nor owners' chief negotiator Jack Donlan participated in the evening negotiating sessions.

The 44th day of the players' walkout brought the usual weekly NFL announcement that a seventh weekend slate of games had been scrubbed and league spokesman Jim Heffernan added that Commissioner Pete Rozelle had been visited by a group of player representatives who met with him for an hour and 40 minutes.

"On the subject of moving back the Super Bowl

date, the commissioner told the players it was not impossible, but impractical. It would be a logistical nightmare," Heffernan said.

At 10 p.m., Rozelle released a statement that said:

"In addition to the probability of severe weather, I also told the players the television networks have indicated to us they have strong contractual concerns about any extension of the season as it is now scheduled," read the statement. "Based on such factors, it is my opinion it would not be feasible to change the Super Bowl date from Jan. 30.

Turner, the owner of baseball's Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Hawks of the NBA, met with player representatives at a midtown hotel following a request by Garvey.

"He talked about what the financial arrangements would be in his Players League," said Garvey. "He's very optimistic about how you can put it together. This is the first time our reps met with him as a group."

With talks still stymied, a group of 16 players, including 14 player representatives, walked six blocks for an impromptu meeting at USFL headquarters with Simmons. They were accompanied by union spokesman Dave Sheridan and NFLPA assistant Doug Allen.

Kuenn manager of year

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NEW YORK — The Milwaukee Brewers' Harvey Kuenn, who took over a struggling club in June and turned it into the first pennant winner in the team's history, today was named the American League's Manager of the Year for 1982 by the United Press International.

Kuenn received 20 votes cast by a panel of 53 UPI baseball correspondents from across the nation to outdistance Baltimore's Earl Weaver by six votes. Seattle's Rene Lachemann was third with seven votes, followed by California's Gene Mauch with six, Boston's Ralph Houk with four and Toronto's Bobby Cox and Kansas City's Dick Howser with one vote each.

"I'm very thrilled about it. There's no question

about it," Kuenn said from his home in Milwaukee. "I never thought anything like that would happen when I took the job."

"There's only one thing I can say, it would never have happened if it hadn't been for my players. Those are the fellows that did the job and not me."

Named to replace Bob Rodgers as manager on June 2, Kuenn took over a team that had a 23-24 record and led it into the World Series. The Brewers won the AL East Division by one game over Baltimore, beating the Orioles on the final day of the season, then came back from an 0-2 deficit to defeat the West Division champion Angels in a best-of-five series for the pennant.



staff photo by David Fisher

Up and over for the touchdown

Aggie tailback Johnny Hector falls into the end zone for Texas A&M's only TD of the day in Saturday's loss to the SMU Mustangs. The Aggies, who have the week off, travel to Arkansas to face the fourth-ranked Razorbacks Oct. 13 in Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium. The

status of quarterback Gary Kubiak, who sustained hip and ankle injuries against the Mustangs, is still uncertain. Texas A&M has a 4-4 record and the Razorbacks are 7-0.

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