

Women to try hoop league once again

AUSTIN (AP) — A low-key "grass roots" approach marks the latest attempt to build a women's professional basketball league — one that would include an Austin franchise among its eight original teams.

The National Women's Basketball Association, based in Charlotte, N.C., is located in teams around established women's college programs and emphasize low salaries and overhead, said Wayne Fulcher, the league's acting commissioner.

The NWBA plans to start play in October with eight teams, all owned by the league, playing 48 games each. The teams — The Virginia Express, Carolina Blaze, Georgia Aces, Louisiana Blues, Texas Sisters, California Stars, Iowa Aces and Tennessee Tigercats — have varying sites, and no players are yet under contract.

The league will limit its games to weekends, so players can work on their degrees or hold part-time jobs during the week to supplement their salaries, which will be limited by league rules to between \$10,000 and \$8,000.

"I believe with correct marketing and promotion, it will be a success," Fulcher said. "The whole difference here is a new concept. The league has eight teams. That gives the teams stability for the first five years and keeps the teams from pulling at each other trying to build powerhouses."

We Care Cosmetics, a Charlotte-based firm, has pledged financial support for the league, Fulcher said. It said the \$2.5 million in estimated costs for the first year of operation has been all but accounted for through sponsorship and funding.

The league will draft college players Wednesday, and will hold tryouts June 20-22 at Charlotte; Los Angeles; Hartford, Conn.; and Tulsa, Okla. A supplemental draft for players who had finished their college careers in earlier years will be held later in June.

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2 sites for Olympics?

North Korea may co-host summer Games

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — A plan that would move at least a portion of four events at the 1988 Seoul Olympics to North Korea was presented to Korean representatives by international Olympic officials Wednesday.

With it went a warning that this was the last chance to resolve a dispute threatening the Games with another boycott.

The head of the International Olympic Committee said an agreement involving archery, table tennis, cycling and soccer was "very, very close," and South Korea's Olympic committee president said he was pleased with the progress made in two days of talks.

But a high-ranking Olympic official from North Korea indicated that chances of a final agreement might be no better than 50-50.

The two sides have until June 30 to review the plan and let the IOC know of "their willingness to accept it in principle," an IOC statement said.

If the answer is yes, the IOC said, a fourth set of meetings on the issue will be called, probably next month, to discuss details, including television coverage.

The proposal presented by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch

would place the entire schedules of archery and table tennis in North Korea.

In addition, he said, cycling road races and preliminary rounds in four groups of the soccer tournament would be played in the North, along with Olympic-related cultural events.

The opening and closing ceremonies will remain in the South Korean capital, Samaranch said, "because the Games were awarded to Seoul."

"We are very, very close" to an agreement, Samaranch said. "This the final proposal by the IOC. If it is accepted, we go farther. If not, I am sorry but this is the end."

He also stressed that any agreement must be ratified by the full 91-member IOC, which meets in October.

North Korea last year demanded a co-host role in 1988, with the more than 230 sports events split equally between the two countries. If the demand was not met, North Korea said, it would boycott the Games and possibly take other Communist-bloc countries with it.

The South Koreans flatly rejected a co-host role for the North but said they would listen to other proposals. Last weekend, Samaranch said the

Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee had agreed to give the four sports back to the IOC, which in turn would negotiate their venues with North Korea in exchange for assurances that free access would be allowed for an estimated 25,000 Olympic athletes, coaches, officials, spectators and journalists.

The IOC statement Wednesday said both sides "have already confirmed that free access of all members of the Olympic family to relevant Olympic venues in the North and South would be assured."

Chong-Ha Kim, president of the South Korean Olympic Committee, said he was pleased with the progress from the latest round of talks.

"We are very satisfied," he said. But Ung Chang, secretary general of the North Korean Olympic Committee, was less optimistic.

He said the North would continue to push for more sports, including wrestling and weightlifting, plus the entire soccer tournament rather than just preliminary rounds.

Asked if the chances of final agreement were better than 50-50, he replied: "I can't say that."

He stressed, however, that there was room for compromise.

Morocco upsets Portugal 3-1 in Cup

Mexico, Belgium, England also advance to 2nd round

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Morocco, an outsider when it came here, defeated Portugal 3-1 Wednesday, winning the first African team ever to advance past the first round of the World Cup.

The Moroccans won Group F, while England finished second, and the Soviet Union 2, Canada 0.

Also advancing on the busiest day of the month-long tournament was Belgium, which tied Paraguay 2-2 to finish third place in Group B.

"Morocco has made world soccer history," Jose Faria, Morocco's Brazilian coach, said. "For us, it is the same as we had won the World Cup."

Portuguese Coach Jose Torres defeated the Moroccans.

Morocco will be a sensation in this World Cup just as Portugal was in 1966, and I send my congratulations," Torres said. "They have played of great class."

Most Mexico set off more celebra-

World Cup Results

FIRST ROUND

Monday

France 3, Hungary 0
Soviet Union 2, Canada 0

Tuesday

Italy 3, South Korea 2
Argentina 2, Bulgaria 0

Wednesday

Mexico 1, Iraq 0
Belgium 2, Paraguay 2, tie
Morocco 3, Portugal 1
England 3, Poland 0



tions here when it beat Iraq 1-0 to clinch the Group B title. Thousands gathered near the Monument of Independence on Reforma Boulevard,

where they chanted along with a cheerleader.

They waved small paper flags, shook tambourines, tossed paper into the air and danced to music that blared from nearby loudspeakers.

The Mexicans staged a lackluster performance in edging Iraq 1-0 on a second-half goal by Fernando Quirarte.

The triumph meant Mexico will stay here to play Sunday against a third-place team.

At Monterrey, England's Lineker scored three goals in 36 minutes.

First, he slid in front of the goal to meet a pass from Gay Stevens and put it past goalie Josef Mlynarczyk at seven minutes.

Seven minutes later, Lineker broke free in front to steer in a pass from Kenny Sansom from the left side.

He put in a short left-footed kick for his third goal after Mlynarczyk mishandled a corner kick by Trevor Steven.

British flavor garnishes U.S. Open

ROUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — The wind-ped dunes and scrub wastelands of Shinnecock Hills give the 86th U.S. Open golf championship a British-style challenge that was expected to be answered by Jack Nicklaus, Tomson and Seve Ballesteros.

The 46-year-old Nicklaus, fresh from his sixth victory, is firing at his fifth U.S. Open and 21st major in the tournament which ends Thursday.

Should he win, he would be the oldest player in history to capture the event, just as he was the first champion at Augusta.

He has won three British Opens and calls Shinnecock, which is just 3 miles from the Atlantic, "just like a Scottish links course."

After negotiating the pot bunkers, brown sand traps and thick rough just off the lush, green fairways, Nicklaus said "the style of the golf course, with the wind, will give players trouble are not used to British conditions."

Nicklaus, who failed to make the cut at the

1985 U.S. Open at Oakland Hills, owns the 72-hole record for the tournament at 272, set in 1980 at Baltusrol.

Watson, five times winner of the British Open, said "You can't help but think of the famous links courses of the British Open. It could be my kind of course."

Watson, the 1982 U.S. Open champion, has not won a tournament since the 1984 Western Open. He has the best scoring average in the last 10 U.S. Opens, with Nicklaus a close second, 71.31 to 71.74. No other competitor is under 72.

Ballesteros, who lost a four-shot lead in four holes to Nicklaus at the Masters, has won two British Opens and is powerful enough to hack the ball out of Shinnecock's honey-colored weeds. The Spanish golfer plays most of the year in Europe.

Two-time British Open king Lee Trevino, Australia's Greg Norman, Scotland's Sandy Lyle, the 1985 British Open champion, and West Germany's Bernhard Langer can handle windswept conditions.

Shinnecock, named after a tribe of Indians who used to dominate this area of east Long Island, hosted its only other U.S. Open 90 years ago.

It was won by Scotsman James Foulis, who shot 152 for 36 holes and won \$150. The 1896 U.S. Open was only the second one held.

The course, located 100 miles from New York City, has been the site of the 1967 U.S. Senior Amateur and the 1977 Walker Cup.

"We know we took a gamble coming here because of the location but we fell in love with it at the Walker Cup," said William J. Williams Jr., president of the USGA. "We thought it was a great course, but the question remains whether it will stand up to the great players."

Williams joked: "On behalf of the USGA we'd like to welcome you to the first playing of the British Open in the U.S."

The first tee shot is scheduled at 7 a.m. as the 156-man field chases the second oldest championship in golf and a \$115,000 first place check.

Padres snap Astro win streak with 11-7 win

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Garry Templeton lined a two-run double in the fifth inning, keying a four-run outburst that gave the San Diego Padres a 1-7 victory over Houston Wednesday, snapping the Astros' game-winning streak.

The Padres, who had squandered a lead, opened the eighth with a home run by Carmelo Martinez. Bruce Bochy, who earlier hit a two-run homer, doubled pinch-runner John Niese to third, and after reliever Jerry DiPino, 1-2, walked Jerry

intentionally to load the

bases, Templeton lined his game-winning hit down the right field line.

Lance McCullers, 2-1, followed with a run-scoring sacrifice bunt, and Leon "Bip" Roberts accounted for the final run with an infield hit.

The 11-run outburst was the Padres' highest score of the year.

The Astros trailed 7-1 after five innings before Denny Walling helped spark the comeback with a two-run homer in the sixth off Andy Hawkins.

Houston capitalized on a pair of Padres errors in the seventh to score

four runs off relievers LaMarr Hoyt and McCullers to tie the game 7-7.

After Craig Reynolds singled in a run, Hoyt walked Jose Cruz, loading the bases and bringing in McCullers.

Glenn Davis hit a grounder that bounced off third baseman Jerry Royster's glove for a run-scoring error. Templeton picked up the ball, but threw wildly to second for a second error and another run. The final run of the inning scored on Walling's sacrifice fly.

A run-scoring single by Cruz in

the first had given the Astros a 1-0 lead, but Bochy's two-run homer in the second off Mike Madden put the Padres ahead 2-1.

San Diego added three more runs in the third on RBI singles by Tony Gwynn and Steve Garvey and Madden's wild pitch, which allowed another run to score.

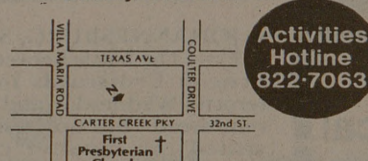
San Diego made it 7-1 after Hawkins opened the fifth with a single. Roberts tripled Hawkins home, then scored on Marvell Wynne's double.

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