

Hatfield looking for TV sponsors

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — University of Arkansas football Coach Ken Hatfield has no hard feelings over a requirement to secure sponsors to continue his televised show, his agent said.

Attorney Kirk Wood of Orlando, Fla., says he believes there is enough time to meet Little Rock station KATV's requirement.

"He wants to get that done and I think he'll be able to," Wood said.

KATV has set a Thursday deadline for Hatfield to line up sponsors for the show. The station has carried a Razorback coach's show weekly during football season since the early 1970s.

"We'll get it done," Hatfield said Monday after returning from vacation. "It's just that we had hoped to have it wrapped up by now. We didn't want to be trying to find sponsors at the last minute when we were getting ready to start the season."

A daily radio show on the Arkansas Radio Network has been canceled because it was not financially successful, according to ARN general manager Neal Gladner.

Wood said he wrote to KATV president Nicholson and Gladner in April, and again in June, asking for proposals about renewing each show.

The radio show consisted of



daily reports lasting five minutes and an hour-long call-in show each Thursday and was worth about \$20,000 annually to Hatfield.

Thursday's deadline was set by KATV in a June 27 response, Wood said. Nicholson said ratings would not justify what sponsors were asked to pay for participation on the show.

Hatfield was paid more than \$50,000 for the 1987 TV show, sources said.

Wood said Hatfield believes the shows are important to Razorback football.

"Money has never been brought up," Wood said. "He believes the shows are important for the program. They take Razorback football to the people and to the young men he will be recruiting some day."

"I'm just an attorney and businessman hired by Ken because he wanted to focus on football."

"We're trying to have radio and TV shows that can sell the Razorbacks and keep the people and high school players updated," Hatfield said.

Alvin asks mayor to settle dispute

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs guard Alvin Robertson, deadlocked with club management over a new contract, will seek the help of Mayor Henry Cisneros as an arbitrator to end the dispute, Robertson's agent said Wednesday.

Robertson, a three-time All-Star made \$400,000 while averaging 19.6 points last season, but wants a new six-year contract that would net him about \$1 million per season, his agent Tom Selakovich said.

Spurs management, however, has offered only \$600,000 with subse-

quent increases, Selakovich said.

He said he wants Cisneros to act as an impartial party because Robertson has become part of the community and losing him could hurt the franchise and the city.

"Mayor Cisneros is involved in San Antonio and for four years that's what my client has done: been involved in San Antonio," Selakovich said at a news conference.

"Whatever he decides we'll accept."

Cisneros was out of town and could not be reached for comment.



Selakovich said other younger players, including Spurs No. 1 draft pick last year, David Robinson, are getting more money for playing less than Robertson.

He released figures that would put Robertson at No. 4 statistically on the court behind Clyde Drexler,

Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson but far below them financially.

"We're not asking for parity, we just want it to be fair," Selakovich said.

Robertson said the thought of an arbitrator, especially Cisneros, did not strike him well initially.

"I didn't think that was the greatest idea, but you want to be paid productively," he said. "I never want to feel anger toward the San Antonio Spurs."

"I don't want to be traded, but it comes to that I will ask to be traded

Dawson, Raines hacked about conspiracy

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Dawson says he isn't surprised that owners exchanged information about him.

Commissioner Peter Ueberroth says he encouraged the practice and doesn't see anything wrong.

And Tim Raines says that if given another chance at free agency, he may leave Montreal.

Dawson and Raines are among the players referred to as the "January 8 Eight" in the Major League Baseball Players Association's post-hearing brief involving their charge that the club owners conspired not to sign free agents.

Dawson's name appeared on notes taken by Philadelphia Phillies owner Bill Giles on Jan. 28, 1987. Giles wrote down numbers next to Dawson's name which matched the contract offered to Dawson by the Chicago Cubs five weeks later. The notation was "5-700 Dawson." Dawson was paid \$500,000 by the Cubs for 1987 with bonuses that raised him to \$700,000.

"I don't think that's a coincidence," Dawson

said. "That's probably one of the reasons they (the Phillies) never made an offer. They were probably too embarrassed to make an offer like that."

He could benefit from any monetary awards if the arbitrator George Nicolau finds the owners guilty of collusion. But Dawson waived his right to become a free agent again when he signed a two-year contract with the Chicago Cubs this spring for a guaranteed \$4.15 million.

"I'm where I want to be," Dawson said. "That's behind me now. I took a gamble. I realized where the game was headed and what the owners were trying to do. I put myself out on a limb and I had a good season. This year, I'm taken care of."

Raines was another of the eight players who became the first to go past the Jan. 8 deadline for re-signing with their former clubs. He says that he would consider leaving the Expos if Nicolau rules against the owners and then makes Raines a free agent. Arbitrator Thomas Roberts made

seven players free agents last January when he ruled in a 1985 case.

"I can't say I'm pleased," said Raines, who signed a three-year contract for \$5 million on May 1, 1987, the day he was eligible to re-sign with Montreal. "I wish it would never have happened. A lot of guys really only get one opportunity at free agency. I didn't want to go free agent, but I was forced. But that's behind me now. I've got another opportunity. I'll look at my options again."

Lance Parrish, who left the Tigers and signed with the Phillies at a cut in salary, could become a free agent again if Nicolau rules against the owners.

"We're just waiting for whatever decision he comes up with and (will) abide by it," Parrish said.

Ueberroth, in an interview published in Wednesday's editions of the *Washington Post*, said again that he did not think owners conspired against signing free agents.



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