

NBA players plead case in court Athletes

Williams, Wilkins, Manning question legality of salary cap

NEW YORK (AP) — Buck Williams, Dominique Wilkins and Danny Manning agree. They make a lot of money tossing around a basketball.

They also told a federal judge Tuesday that millions of dollars does not buy them happiness.

"I also would like the right, the choice to live in Cleveland if I desire ... and basically give me the rights that every human being has," said Williams, a forward for the Portland Trail Blazers.

"This is not about money," said Danny Manning of the Atlanta Hawks. "I didn't like Los Angeles. ... I wanted to be closer to home."

Williams said players helped the NBA recover from a drug-stained reputation and financial troubles in the early 1980s by accepting salary caps in a collective bargaining agreement.

Williams, the president of the NBA Players Association,

testified before U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy in Manhattan at a short trial that could end with Duffy imposing an agreement on both sides.

Duffy will be left to decide the legality of the NBA's salary cap, draft and restricted free agency because the NBA and its union could not work out a deal. The decision most likely would come after several days.

NBA commissioner David Stern said basketball enjoyed a boom in popularity since the restrictions were put in place and both players and teams have profited.

"Profits have gone up very nicely," he said.

He predicted "total chaos" if the restrictions are lifted.

At one point during testimony by Williams, Duffy asked him if the top players in the league could make as much money as they do now if they all played for the same team.

"I am not sure," Williams answered.

In questioning several witnesses, NBA lawyer Jeffrey Mishkin pounded on the theme, suggesting repeatedly that the NBA enjoyed success today because salary caps and other rules created balanced teams and thrilling games.

Some witnesses insisted the growth in revenues paralleled greater success at the box office and television contracts for all sports.

The players said they were unfairly penalized by salary caps that gave them a smaller share of the growth in revenues than they otherwise would get.

Wilkins, who made \$400,000 in his first year in the NBA 12 years ago and \$3.5 million last season with the Los Angeles Clippers, said he is currently being offered only \$2.8 million because teams know no higher salary slots are open.

"Basically they have me over a barrel," he said. "I wouldn't say it is insulting but it is not what my worth is."

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"In the initial examination we try to discern if the injury will heal on its own," Hamilton said. "We try and weed out the patients that don't need surgery and instruct them on how to heal the injury on their own."

"For other injuries that won't heal on their own, we recommend we do the surgery. The player then decides whether they want to do the surgery," he said. The techniques for surgery have vastly improved over the past 30 years, Hamilton said.

Surgery has advanced

"Back in the 60s and 70s if you developed a knee injury there was no way of treating it," Hamilton said. "In late 80s, though, they developed a good procedure for treatment and people could have the knee repaired."

Dr. J. P. Bramhall, an orthopedic surgeon and team doctor for the Texas A&M football team, said it is important for doctors in the sports medicine field to understand the needs of different sports.

"You have to understand the requirements for each sport in order to apply the proper rehabilitation and therapy," Bramhall said.

Injuries not only for athletes

Hamilton said the majority of sports related injuries do not occur to amateur or professional athletes, but to "weekend warriors" who participate in sports after nine-to-five jobs and on weekends.

"It's common to have people into my office who have had snow skiing injuries where they have damaged the meniscus in their knee," Hamilton said.

One of the most common injuries Hamilton has to deal with is a tear in the anterior cruciate ligaments. The anterior cruciate ligaments connect the femur to the tibia.

After surgery or if an injury does not require surgery, then a physical therapist is employed to help return the athlete to playing strength.

Usually the orthopedist recommends a series of exercises that the athlete should perform. It is the physical therapist's job to make sure the exercises are done and done properly.

'Unloading' new rage

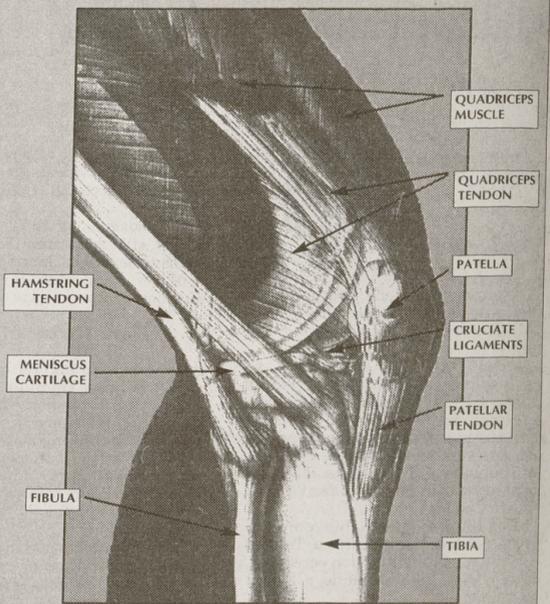
Skip Gjolberg, a physical therapist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan, said there is a new method of rehabilitation that allows an athlete to heal more quickly.

"The newest thing is called unloading," Gjolberg said. "We use a harness to offset the body weight of the athlete. This allows the patient to heal faster."

In unloading, only a portion of the patient's body weight is allowed to put pressure on the injured area. This way the patient can begin exercising the area sooner to help strengthen it as soon as possible.

However, many injuries can be prevented with the correct amount of conditioning. Karl

The Human Knee



The knee is one of the least stable parts of the human body. It relies on muscles, tendons, ligaments and cartilage to hold it together. One of the most common injuries in sports is a tear of the anterior cruciate ligaments which hold the femur and the tibia together.



Kelly Roberts performs ultrasound on Brad Marks' lower back in basement of A. P. Beutel Health Center.

Kapchinski, head athletic trainer for the Texas A&M Athletic Department, said he works closely with the football staff to insure the athletes are ready to play.

"I coordinate with Mike Clark (A&M's strength and conditioning coach) to make sure the athletes are pre-

pared," Kapchinski said. "If they're properly trained then we have less problem with injuries."

"Our football staff here makes sure our kids can play on Saturday. They are all educated with regards to physiology and nutrition and strength and conditioning," he said.

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All-Stars

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1979. He homered after Grissom drew a leadoff walk from Smith, the major league save leader, and Craig Biggio grounded into a force play.

"At first, I was just hoping to get an at-bat. It was late," McGriff said. "I told myself to be aggressive and take some hacks. He gave me a fast ball down and I hit it out."
McGriff hit an 0-2 pitch to left-center that Lofton chased, but he ran into the wall while the ball kept going and cleared the fence.

From the start, both teams were out to win. Roberto Alomar tried to bunt leading off the game. Mike Piazza slammed his bat after popping out.

And each club spilled out of the dugout to congratulate runners who scored.

Gregg Jefferies pumped his fists after a neat hook slide past Rodriguez in the third.



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SWC greats inducted into Hall of Honor

DALLAS (AP) — A dozen more Southwest Conference greets will join the original five members of the league's Hall of Honor in a July 29 ceremony.

The SWC announced the 12-man second class Tuesday and it includes some of the most familiar coaches and players not among the first six inductees.

The Class of 1994 include Baylor linebacker Mike Singletary, Texas Christian linebacker Bob Lilly, Rice running back Dicky Maegle, SMU running back-receiver Kyle Rote, Texas A&M lineman John Kimbrough, Texas linebacker Tommy Nobis, Texas Tech lineman E.J. Holub and former Texas coach Darrell Royal.

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