





San Diego Appeals Forfeiture Ruling

By Dave Knickerbocker

Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Carmen Ciparick drew "impossible inferences" from the 101-year-old America's Cup deed of gift when she ordered the San Diego Yacht Club to forfeit the Cup to New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club, San Diego charged in an appeal filed yesterday with the court's Appellate Division.

Ciprarick ruled March 28 that September's match between San Diego's 60-foot multihull and New Zealand's 132-foot monohull was a "gross mismatch" that violated the spirit of the deed because the boats were not "somewhat evenly matched."

In a 50-page brief, San Diego argued that Ciparick "was in error" in ruling that the deed prohibits multihulls from racing monohulls, and that her opinion that the boats should be "somewhat evenly matched" was an invention unsupported by the deed and contrary to other evidence of the deed's intent.

San Diego also claimed that Michael

Fay, the Auckland merchant banker who mounted the Cup challenge, waived his rights to a redress of the match in court because he did not protest the eligibility of San Diego's multihull to the International Yacht Racing Union jury constituted for the match, as the racing rules require.

San Diego said the judge made an "astonishing" mistake in writing that there was no central authority to enforce the rules when the IYRU jury was in place. "San Diego has found no other case in which a court has doffed its robe to don the striped shirt of the referee," the brief stated.

San Diego also said forfeiture was "shockingly inequitable" because San Diego had "reasonably relied" on two previous rulings by Ciparick that suggested the deed did not bar multihulls from competition.

Mercury Bay's answer to the San Diego brief is to be filed May 24. A hearing before a five-judge panel is scheduled June 8 and a decision is expected before the end of the summer.

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Palmer Strikes Back at Temple

Temple University enjoyed Paul Palmer's football skills for four years and then dumped him, the Kansas City Chiefs running back told the Philadelphia Daily News yesterday.

Letting his anger show nine months after Temple wiped out the statistics of his senior year and the 16 school records he set that season, Palmer said: "It hurts. Bad. I make one mistake my whole college career, and everything is just gone."

Temple erased Palmer's last year with the Owls football team after he admitted signing with sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom the summer before his senior year, in violation of NCAA rules. Walters and Bloom are awaiting sentencing for extortion, fraud and racketeering.

Even without his senior statistics, Palmer is the all-time leading rusher at Temple. He said he has thought about telling the Chiefs to delete any mention of Temple from their press releases about him. "I might just tell them to put 'unattached' by my name," he said.

Irish Backup Leaving

Kent Graham, the No. 2 quarterback behind Tony Rice at national champion Notre Dame last season, is planning to transfer to another college. "It looks like it's going to be either Ohio State or South Carolina," Graham said.

The 6-5, 236-pound Graham was a Parade magazine high school All-America and Chicago player of the year, but his lack of speed and mobility apparently hurt his chances at competing with Rice for the starting spot with the Irish. This spring, he was in a three-man battle for the backup job behind Rice.

Giants Add 12

The Giants signed 12 free agents, including wide receiver Deron Calvert of Wilmington State, who made 75 receptions for 1,158 yards and 12 touchdowns last season.

Also signed were linebackers Lish Adams of Sam Houston State, Mike Hooten of Wake Forest and Mike McCreary of Toledo; fullbacks Dayne Williams of Florida State and Dave Hudson of Iowa; wide receivers Frank Miotke of Grand Valley State and Tony Pearcy of Vanderbilt; tackle Jeff Fryer of Indiana; guard Dean Tiebout of Western Kentucky; punter Billy Smith of Tennessee-Chattanooga, and defensive end Leon Cole of Texas A & M.

Wide receiver Steve Largent, the most prolific pass-catcher in NFL history, has signed a one-year contract with the Seahawks.

Cycling Series Starting

Americans Greg LeMond and Andy Hampsten head a field of 114 professionals and amateurs who will compete in the inaugural Tour de Trump bicycle race starting tomorrow.

The 837-mile event, promoted by real-estate mogul Donald Trump, NBC Sports and a television production firm, will include 11 races in 10 days in five Eastern states. Eight six-rider proteams will vie for a \$250,000 purse, the largest in U.S. cycling history. The individual winner will receive \$50,000.

The event begins with a two-mile prologue to determine the race leader for Saturday's first stage, a 110-mile road race from Albany to New Paltz.

Munich Davis Cup Site

The Davis Cup semifinal between West Germany and the United States will be played at the Olympiahalle in Munich July 21-23. The West German Tennis Federation said Munich was chosen over Dortmund because the Bavarian capital has more hotel space available.

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Rutgers women's basketball coach Theresa Grentz will coach a team of women college players at the World University Games Aug. 20-26 in Buffalo. As a player, she competed in the Games in Moscow in 1973... Northern Arizona University has signed 6-4, 220-pound forward David Truell, who played for Seward Park High School. Truell will enroll this fall as a junior after playing the last two seasons at Arizona Western CC.

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