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Chris Mullin flew to Oakland last night, hoping Golden State has come up with the right stuff.

Mullin Prepares To Join Warriors

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what was going on. I was a business major, but I wasn't too good at it so I've stayed away from the business end. Otherwise, you could get phone calls every two minutes, and all it would be is an emotional roller coaster."

Mullin took the ride once before, when an agreement was almost struck early last month and he was advised by Pollak to start packing. That deal fell through when Warriors owner Franklin Mieuli suddenly appointed Jim Fitzgerald, the team's financial backer, to replace Attles in the negotiations Oct. 7. The negotiations stagnated until public opinion apparently began to weigh heavily, from the 2,000 additional season tickets sold to the "Where's Mullin?" banner that received a standing ovation Thursday at the Oakland Coliseum.

"I haven't had any bad feelings toward them, and I hope they feel the same about me," Mullin said. "I think people out there know I had nothing to do with it. . . . I'm really looking forward to it, just as I was on draft day. I can't wait to just get out and play."

Has he considered the possibility that the talks might break down again? "I can't see that happening," he said. He said that he figures to debut Friday against the Hawks, although he smiled when mentioning the possibility of playing tonight against the SuperSonics.

He said he plans to report in the best shape of his life, courtesy of daily practices with the Redmen and intensive workouts on his own. At a closed-door meeting early last night at Alumni Hall, St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca reminded him that it still will take a few weeks to learn the league, the tempo, the plays and his new teammates.

"What else could he say?" Mullin said. "He just said, 'Good luck. . . and goodbye.' Then he gave me a kiss on the cheek."

A Change of Scenery For PSAL Playoffs

Ardie Segars had just scored on a 4-yard run in overtime to give Far Rockaway the 1972 PSAL football championship, 28-22, over Brooklyn Tech. "We've been waiting a long time to show them that the Queens teams are as good as the Brooklyn teams," the senior halfback said amid the victory celebration. "And today we showed them good."

Queens football earned some respect that afternoon, and it spent more than a decade proving its success was not a fluke. Between 1971 — when the PSAL instituted its current playoff system — and 1984, the borough dominated the A Division playoffs with nine City titles and 12 championship-game appearances, including an all-Queens final featuring Adams and Bayside in 1983.

Things will be different this year. Losses by Martin and Bayside in Saturday's first round mean Queens will be without a representative in the City final for the first time since 1978 and without a team in the semifinals for the first time, period.

Two schools, Bayside and Adams, have accounted for eight of Queens' nine titles and 11 of the 12 final-game berths since '71.

"These things go in cycles," PSAL football commissioner Allen Leibowitz said. "It used to be Midwood and Madison, then Jefferson, then Bayside and Adams, now Kennedy. . . . It's hard to say whether one borough is better than another."

If any borough has a claim to supremacy this fall, it is the Bronx, which will send two teams, Kennedy and Lehman, to this week's semifinals. Kennedy plays South Shore and Lehman meets New Dorp. Sites and times for the games are expected to be announced today.

■ No assurance of success

Predicting college performance based on high school success is, at best, an inexact science. Since naming its first All-Queens football team in 1980, New York Newsday has selected seven athletes as Queens Player of the Year. Their high school performances were uniformly outstanding, but a quick update of their college statistics shows mixed results.

Ronnie Harmon, a senior at Iowa, has had the most notable college career. The Bayside graduate, named Queens' top player in 1981, is the Hawkeyes' all-time leading receiver (119 catches), No. 5 all-time rusher (1,931 yards) and No. 2 scorer (174 points).

Three other players of the year are active in college ball. Glenn Kimbrough, the '82 pick after rushing for 1,486 yards at Adams, is a



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Bayside's Vishnu Maharaji (1) is no match for Rodney Shepard in Kennedy's win Saturday.

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Neil Fidelman

halfback at Southern Connecticut. He is the team's third-leading receiver and rusher (220) this fall.

Chris Ritter, a defensive back out of Adams, and Joe Donadio, a quarterback from St. Francis Prep, shared the top honor in 1983 and are teammates at Hofstra. Ritter is the starting right cornerback and Donadio has completed 4 of 7 passes and thrown for a touchdown as the team's backup quarterback.

The co-winners in '84 were receiver Doug Johnston from St. Francis and running back Larry Ciullo of Adams. Johnston is a freshman red-shirt at Rutgers, and Ciullo plays baseball at Queensborough Community College.

The 1980 pick, Taras Davis of Jackson, was on the Temple roster in 1982 but the school has no record of him having appeared in a game.

Although there was no All-Queens team in 1979, Bayside's Jaime Covington was named the borough's top player. Covington went on to become the No. 6 career rusher (2,188 yards) at Syracuse. He was drafted by Minnesota this year but did not make the team.

■ Lehman pulls for Kennedy

The Lehman football team's primary concern Saturday will be its A Division semifinal against New Dorp. But the Lehman players also will have a rooting interest in the other semifinal, which pits Kennedy against South Shore.

If Lehman can get past New Dorp and Kennedy defeats South Shore, the Bronx rivals will meet in the City final, giving Lehman a chance to erase last month's 25-0 loss to the defending PSAL champion.

"It would be great to play them again," co-captain Richard Rodriguez said, adding Lehman gained inspiration for its 34-14 victory over Lafayette in the first round partly from the fact that Lafayette's colors, red and white, are the same as those of Kennedy.

"Everyone thinks there's no one else in the Bronx," Lehman halfback Jeffrey Underwood said. "We want a chance to show it's not just Kennedy."

■ Two Boys & Girls forfeits

The '85 PSAL football season has seen a series of forfeits. Teams have lost games off the field for a variety of reasons, including fights, ineligible players and roster shortages. The latest victim is Boys & Girls, which had to forfeit a tie with New Utrecht and a victory over Erasmus because it used an ineligible player. The losses drop Boys & Girls to 1-4 in the Brooklyn B Division, while raising New Utrecht to 1-4 and Erasmus to 4-1.

■ Gooden tries new pitch

Dwight Gooden will be in there pitching tomorrow when Save Amateur Sports, an organization dedicated to assisting athletic programs in City schools, holds a fund-raising auction from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Water Club, 30th Street at the East River in Manhattan.

Among the items Gooden will help auction is his baseball glove and signed lithographs of the Mets' pitcher. There also will be bidding for a pair of Ebbets Field seats, pictures of Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers and a baseball signed by Mel Allen.

Save Amateur Sports was founded six years ago by Howard Golden, the Brooklyn borough president, to help restore and upgrade school athletic programs following the cutbacks of the mid-1970s.