

ARENA

Giants Owner Says the Club Will Leave SF

Giants owner Bob Lurie yesterday vowed to move his baseball team to another city after San Francisco's voters rejected a proposed \$80-million downtown stadium, 53.2 percent to 46.8 percent.

Lurie repeatedly has said the club will move when its lease expires in 1994 unless it gets a replacement for Candlestick Park, on windy San Francisco Bay.

"I am very, very disappointed and very surprised," Lurie said. "The people of San Francisco said we don't really care about you. We don't want you." He said he will start negotiating with other communities in 1988. "In 1994 we will be someplace else."

In Washington, 15 lawmakers representing states seeking baseball teams urged the major league to expand. Sen. Tim Wirth (D-Colo.), in announcing a Senate task force on baseball expansion, said "potential expansion cities" include East Rutherford, Denver, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Miami, Phoenix, Vancouver, Indianapolis, Buffalo, New Orleans, Nashville, Columbus and Washington.

Networks Get Rebate

The NFL has agreed to rebate to the three commercial television networks approximately \$58 million for advertising revenues lost because of the cancellation of one week of games and the three weeks of replacement games.

Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell, head of the NFL's broadcasting committee, said \$40 million already has been passed along to the networks. Additionally, because of the revenue lost for the canceled games of Sept. 27-28, the networks will pay about \$18 million less for the TV rights next year. Since CBS pays an average of \$150 million as compared to \$120 million by NBC and ABC, CBS' share of the rebate will be larger.

— Manny Topol

Nixon Disabled Again

Veteran Clippers guard Norm Nixon, who missed the 1986-87 season because of an injured left knee, ruptured his right Achilles tendon during practice and will be sidelined for the 1987-88 season. He will undergo surgery today and will be placed in a knee-length cast for six weeks. A year ago last July, Nixon ruptured a tendon above the left knee while playing softball in Central Park.

Rockets Sign McCray

Rockets forward Rodney McCray, a free-agent holdout, agreed to terms with the NBA club, signing a six-year contract, and is expected to be in uniform for tomorrow's season opener. . . . The Pistons extended an offer sheet to another free-agent holdout, Clippers power forward Michael Cage. Reportedly, the 6-9 Cage was offered \$2.4 million over three seasons by the Pistons, the Clippers' offer was \$500,000, and Cage has asked for \$750,000. . . . Former Celtics standout Jo Jo White has signed to play with the Topeka Sizzlers of the Continental Basketball Association. White, 40, retired in 1981 after a 12-year NBA career.

Agent Loses Decision

Bills running back **Ronnie Harmon** will not have to repay agent **Norby Walters** nearly \$50,000 that **Harmon** received as a junior at the University of Iowa, an arbitrator has ruled.

The Atlanta Constitution reported that John Culver, a former U.S. senator from Iowa, nullified the contract **Harmon** signed in March, 1985, on grounds that **Walters** and associate **Lloyd Bloom** violated regulations of the NFL Association pertaining to agents. Culver's 30-page decision, a copy of which was obtained by the Atlanta newspaper, held that **Harmon** must repay only \$5,869 of the \$54,924 **Walters** gave him in cash, airline tickets and a car.

Harmon fired the agents last year before signing with the Bills.

Officials of the Big Ten and the University of Iowa said they will investigate **Harmon's** brother Kevin, now a senior running back at Iowa. In his decision, Culver said Kevin **Harmon** received \$350 and airline tickets while a sophomore.

Lendl Raps McEnroe

Ivan Lendl has suggested that John McEnroe give up his tennis career to save his image if he can't lift the level of his game.

In an interview in Milan's La Gazzetta Dello Sport, Lendl said McEnroe has slipped noticeably following his six-month sabbatical in 1986.

"Now McEnroe's shots are less potent because he's not moving like he once did," Lendl said. "If he doesn't improve his game, maybe it would be better for him to retire early because he is destroying his image in tennis."

Grabb Tops Wilander

American Jim Grabb upset No. 2 seed Mats Wilander, 7-5, 6-4, in the second round of the 525,000 Stockholm Open-Scandinavian Championships. Grabb, a 23-year-old former all-America at Stanford, turned pro 17 months ago and is ranked 76th in the world.

College Sports

Men's Soccer. Despite three goals by Rob Gretton, Queens lost, 4-3, as Post clinched the Suburban Division II title. . . . Bob Kittlerberger, Chris Reali and Berkan Mesropyan scored to lead NYU to a 3-1 victory over CCNY. . . . St. John's lost to Adelphi, 1-0, on a goal by Paul Tetlow at 77:33.

Furthermore . . .

Temple is the preseason choice to repeat as the Atlantic 10 Conference basketball champion. Temple received 28 of 29 first-place votes cast by members of the media. West Virginia received the other first-place vote and was second. Rhode Island was third, Rutgers ninth. . . . The Rams have suspended cornerback **LeRoy Irvin** for "conduct detrimental to the team." The club said the eight-year veteran's status will be reappraised next week. . . . **Randy Thomas Lanier**, the 1986 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year, pleaded innocent to drug charges in Benton, Ill. He is accused of conspiring to distribute more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana.

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HIGH SCHOOLS

STUDENT/ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kim Murray Richmond Hill

By Neil F. Best

Kim Murray's teammates on the Richmond Hill volleyball team love the results of her serves — she leads the team in service points — but the moments leading up to her deliveries are another story.

"I take my time," Murray said. "I bounce the ball so many times, and there's a five-second limit for the serve. My teammates always say, 'We thought they were going to call the whistle on you.' I scare myself sometimes, but so far they haven't gotten me. . . . It's just a psychological thing. It helps my concentration."

Murray's pre-serve ritual has helped transform what had been "a pretty good serve" into a consistently effective weapon that combines power and accuracy. "She's had the most service points in every match this season, which is very unusual," 18th-year coach Sherry Burkholz said.

The senior captain had nine and 17 points in victories last week for Richmond Hill, which has won 37 of its past 38 regular-season matches. Along with co-captain Tracy Nelson, whose specialty is setting, Murray helped the Lady Lions (7-1 in Queens III) earn their fifth consecutive division title and 10th straight postseason berth. The first round of the PSAL playoffs begins Sunday.

Murray, a 17-year-old Kew Gardens



Photo by Phillip W. Schultz

Besides serving her team well on the volleyball court, Murray is a member of the honor society and an editor for the school newspaper.

resident, has an 85 academic average. She is the manager of the Richmond Hill boys basketball team, a member of Arista, the school's honor society, a contributor to the school's literary magazine, an editor for the school newspaper and a participant in the school's annual fashion and talent show.

"I hate to just go home after school," she said. "I like to get involved in things."

Murray's involvement for the next couple of weeks will center around the volleyball team, which hopes to return to the final, where it lost to Kennedy in 1986. Richmond Hill's chances will depend largely on Murray continuing her success as a server. "I don't know," she said, "I guess I just found the magic touch this year."

NEW YORK NEWSDAY HONOR ROLL

Highlights of the Week Oct. 28 - Nov. 3

FEAT OF THE WEEK

Hugo Arias
Newtown

The senior forward scored once in a 3-0 victory over Cleveland and four times in an 11-0 defeat of Aviation to set a single-season school record of 23 goals. The previous mark of 22 was set in 1982 by Hugo's brother Jemay.

FOOTBALL

Arthur Dennis
Adams

The junior running back gained 174 yards on 29 carries, scored a touchdown and excelled defensively in a 17-6 victory over Bayside that clinched a playoff berth for Adams.

Jeff Cesario
Christ the King

Cesario, a senior defensive back, returned an interception 99 yards for a score to break an 8-8 third-quarter tie and give the Royals their first victory of the season, a 14-8 defeat of Hayes.

BOYS SOCCER

Chris Evans
Cardozo

Evans scored game-winning goals in a 2-1 victory over defending PSAL A champion Bayside and a 2-0 defeat of defending CHSAA A champion Molloy as the Judges improved to 14-0.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Phil Hemery
Molloy

Hemery, a junior, won the Private High Schools Championship with a time of 13:06 for the 2.5-mile course at Van Cortlandt Park, defeating second-place Paul Whittaker of Xaverian by three seconds.

Basil Scarborough
Canarsie

Scarborough won the PSAL Brooklyn title by nearly a minute with a personal-best time of 14:17.0 for the 2.7-mile course at Prospect Park. Second-place John Collins of Canarsie finished in 15:08.7.