

## Sounders extend Buttle's contract

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Steve Buttle's contract with the Seattle Sounders has been extended through next year's North American Soccer League season to November.

The contract was due to expire next April. Terms were not revealed.

Buttle, a midfielder who joined Seattle in 1977, nearly has left the club twice this year. This past winter he considered returning to England to fulfill a lifelong dream of playing in the First Division, for Norwich City.

Going back Buttle would have Buttle thwarted his efforts to obtain a "green card" (permanent United States residency) from immigration officials, so he remained here with the Sounders. He also said he felt more opportunities existed in America for his daughter, age 3.

After starting a team-record 115 straight games, he was left off the traveling squad for a trip to Calgary earlier this season. He discussed a trade to San Jose where he would be reunited with Jimmy Gabriel, his first Seattle coach, and possibly would regain a starting spot.

"I'm glad it didn't work out," said Buttle, who soon resumed starting for Seattle.

Winning the Trans-Atlantic Cup last weekend was something special, he said.

"All players want to win trophies," he said. "After finishing runnerup in 1977, it was nice to get a championship instead of finishing near but not No. 1."

In 1977, the Sounders lost to the Cosmos in Soccer Bowl. Mike Ivanov, goalkeeper, is the only other player remaining from that team.

Buttle cautioned the Cup championship "can be a good thing or a bad thing."

"Hopefully, it can give us confidence and poise now that you've got a piece of silverware, but then it can work the other way," he said. Seattle must guard against a letdown, thinking the season is successful just because it won the Cup, he added.

The Sounders (13-11) will have their first chance to prove they have avoided shifting into neutral tomorrow night when they host the lowly Dallas Tornado (3-22) in the Kingdome.

**THROW-INS:** The North American Soccer League has given the Sounders permission to print playoff tickets. Under the playoff format, the first two teams in each of the league's five divisions will qualify as will five "wild-card" teams with the most points. Jack Daley, Sounder general manager, said yesterday even if the Sounders sold out their final five regular-season home games the team would not break even financially this year. Money from playoff games goes directly to operate the league, Daley said. He added no team in the 21-team league is expected to show a profit.

The Sounders will receive individual medals from the N.A.S.L. for winning the Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup. Coach Alan Hinton says Giorgio Chinaglia, Cosmos star, came across the field Sunday after the Sounders had clinched the Cup with a 3-3 tie against the Cosmos and said, "You deserved to win."

Quotable quote: Alan Mayer, California Surf goalkeeper who leads the N.A.S.L. in concussions: "I've read where I've had 14 or 15 concussions. It's only seven." Mayer said the concussions are not the reason he puts soccer fourth on his list of favorite participation sports behind basketball, tennis and racketball. "It just so happens I make my living at soccer. I'd play tiddlywinks if somebody paid me for it."

## Campbell's seven birdies yield easy P.N.P.G.A. victory

**RICHLAND — (AP) —** Doug Campbell of Auburn yesterday collected seven birdies to win the Pacific Northwest Professional Golfers' Association tournament by seven strokes.

Campbell opened the final round of the 54-hole tournament with four birdies on his way to a 6-under-par 66, one stroke over the course record, at Meadow Springs Country Club. He totaled 211.

Craig Griswold, Bend, Ore., was second at 218, while Ken Haak, Portland, and Gary Lindeblad, Spokane, tied for third at 221.

Rick Adell, Ingleswood of Seattle, tied with Steve Stull, Sahalee; Mike Reasor, Jackson Park, and Pat Fitzsimons, Black Butte, Ore., for fourth at 222. Bob Duden of Portland was at 223 and Bill Tindall, Broadmoor of Seattle, at 224.

Campbell lost his tour card in March. He failed to regain it in the P.G.A. qualifying school in June.

In his best tour performance, he finished sixth in the Disney World team championships, which he entered with Mike Gove of Seattle.

## Blacken, ex-Husky waived by Broncos

**FORT COLLINS, Colo. — (AP) —** Ron Blacken, receiver from the University of Washington, was one of 13 free agents waived by the Denver Broncos today.

## Portes scores net upset, says countrymen helped

**TENNIS:** France's Pascal Portes upset fifth-seeded Harold Solomon, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, yesterday to advance to the third round of the \$200,000 Washington Star International tournament.

Portes, 22, said the presence of his countrymen, Yannick Noah and Christophe Freyss, is helping him in the tournament.

"It is good to have people from your own country to talk to and practice with when you are far from home," Portes said.

In a second upset, Uruguay's Diego Perez beat Paraguay's Victor Pecci, the sixth seed, 7-5, 6-1. The match marked the first time the two Latin Americans have faced each other on the court.

Vazquez noted, however, that it was Pecci's own play that led to his ouster.

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl easily defeated Italy's Corrado Barazzutti, 6-0, 6-2, in a first-round match that lasted only an hour. Fourth-seeded Guillermo Vilas swept past Ferdi Taygan, 6-0, 6-0. Vilas has won this tournament three times, most recently in 1979. In a first-round match, third-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina beat South Africa's John Vull, 6-4, 6-4.

The tournament, an eight-day, clay-court affair, ends next Monday with the winner earning \$28,000. Tennis' big three, Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, all have skipped this

## SPORTS DIGEST

Compiled from news services

year's tournament.

• After waiting nearly six years to become a United States citizen, Martina Navratilova flew to Europe yesterday carrying one of the benefits of citizenship she prizes the most — a U.S. passport that will allow her to visit her native Czechoslovakia.

Navratilova, 24, who was among 48 naturalized citizens sworn in during a federal ceremony Monday in Los Angeles, flew to Monte Carlo for an invitational tournament.

Her parents were first allowed to leave Czechoslovakia to watch her at the Wimbledon championships in London two years ago. Her parents also spent part of the past year in the U.S. on a one-year visa, and returned to Czechoslovakia recently.

After a five-year waiting period, Navratilova formally applied for U.S. citizenship last October 16.

• John McEnroe will have to wait at least another week before

a decision is made on whether to fine and suspend him for his behavior at Wimbledon earlier this month, en route to the men's singles and doubles championships.

Marshall Happer, administrator of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, the governing body of the sport's Grand Prix events, said yesterday he had just received the Wimbledon report and umpires' and linesmen's statements. "It will likely be a week or two before the issue is resolved," Happer said.

**FOOTBALL:** Fines of \$500 a day will be levied against Kenny Stabler, and two other veterans who have failed to report to the Houston Oilers' training camp, a team spokesman says. Stabler, Rob Carpenter, running back, and Greg Stenrick, defensive back, failed to report by last night's deadline, the spokesman said.

Stabler had his agent, Henry Pitts, phone the Oilers to say personal business had prevented his arrival. Carpenter has been demanding to be traded. General Manager Ladd Herzog said he understood Stenrick was in Houston on personal business.

• The Green Bay Packers resolved two major contract issues by reaching verbal agreements with their All-Pro wide receiver, James Lofton, and Ray Stachowicz, rookie punter.

• The Packers traded Steve

Luke, veteran safety, and a draft choice to the Atlanta Falcons for Frank Reed, six-year veteran safety from Renton and the University of Washington, and Dewey McClain, sixth-year linebacker.

Reed was an Atlanta starter at strong safety until midseason last year when Bob Glazebrook took over the position.

• **WOODY PEOPLES**, 38, 12-year N.F.L. veteran guard who played in the Super Bowl for the Philadelphia Eagles, has retired.

**BASEBALL:** John Candelaria, Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher, will be paid his salary "under protest," but the club said it will try to win the case in arbitration after the players' strike.

Candelaria argued he should be paid because he was on the disabled list with an injured left biceps when the strike began.

The Pirates said they agreed to pay Candelaria for now rather than take the chance the veteran left-hander would become a free agent if they failed to pay and an arbitrator later ruled in his favor.

**HOCKEY:** Purists who maintain the sport has never regained the glory of the pre-expansion era will

have a chance to relive those bygone days when retired players from the six original teams compete in the Oldtimers Hockey Series in August.

The four-day series will feature nearly 100 retired N.H.L. players, including Bobby Hull, Ted Lindsay, Bill Gadsby and Henri Richard.

The six original clubs — Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Montreal, New York and Toronto — will compete for three days, with the semifinals and final on the fourth day.

The series will be filmed for television August 27-30 in Markham, Ont., and will be broadcast next fall.

**MISCELLANY:** Lawrence Dell Acquila, Nassau Community College associate vice president, has been indicted on a charge of receiving an unlawful \$2,200 payment from the New York Arrows soccer team, officials said yesterday.

As director of the college's Physical Education complex, Dell Acquila, 39, supervised the renovation of a college-owned former Air Force hangar on the campus for use by the Arrows as a practice arena, but was not entitled to any additional compensation.

**AUTO RACING:** The August 9 CART Indy-car race on Watkins Glen's 2.428-mile "short course" has been lengthened from 150 to 200 miles.

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