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Twins trade for reliever Bedrosian

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Roanoke, Ill. As speculation grows, it's far more valuable than a stuffed bear or a book of coupons. Then again, it came at a much steeper price.

By obtaining reliever Steve Bedrosian in a trade with the New York Yankees on Wednesday, the oft-suspicious Twins secured their Cy Young Award winner who has saved 17 games over the past five seasons and gained some flexibility in their pitching staff. On the other hand, the Twins had to part with their No. 1 left-hander, Tim Lincecum, whom they have been using for three years, plus a minor league player to be determined.

The Twins were hoping to acquire a key player without relinquishing one in return, but their unprecedented venture into the upper echelon of the free-agent bidding produced nothing but a minor league player, in fact, when the Yankees' general manager, Brian Cashman, told the Twins that Bedrosian was

available, it equaled to general manager Andy MacPhail that the Twins had lost out on their bid for Dave Righetti, the fourth free agent they had wooed unsuccessfully (the others being Mike Boddicker, Kirk Gibson and Franklin Stubbs).

MacPhail emphasized that the deal for Bedrosian was not made in order to return closer Mike Boddicker to the rotation, though MacPhail and manager Tom Lauder indicated that they should remain open-minded toward that prospect. "We just don't want our starters being so young, it was purely to surround them with the best, most experienced bullpen we could find," MacPhail said.

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Twins invest in Bedrock
Here are career statistics for reliever Steve Bedrosian, whom the Twins acquired Wednesday for minor league pitcher Jimmy And and a player to be determined.

Year/Team	W-L	ERA	IP
1981-Astoria	1-2	4.00	0
1982-Atlanta	8-6	2.42	11
1983-Atlanta	9-0	3.00	11
1984-Atlanta	8-6	3.00	11
1985-Atlanta	2-10	3.83	1
1986-Philadelphia	5-3	2.89	49
1987-Philadelphia	5-6	3.15	28
1988-Pitt.-P.	2-7	2.87	29
1989-Pitt.-P.	3-8	4.20	17
Totals	65-70	3.27	178
ML playoffs	0-0	18.00	0
1989-Toronto	0-0	2.70	2
1989-San Fran.	0-0	2.70	2
World Series	0-0	0.00	0
1989-San Fran.	0-0	0.00	0
Postseason totals	0-0	3.86	5

Owners get the bill - \$280 million

By Jeff Leach
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Roanoke, Ill. Baseball owners would 25-1 Wednesday to chip in \$13.77 million per player to pay for the \$280 million settlement of the collusion cases.

Players are expected to vote today to approve the settlement, which also designates 13 major leaguers, including the Twins' Steve Bedrosian, as new-look line agents for 30 days, beginning Dec. 15.

Besides Cashman and Bedrosian, other free agents include Brett Butler, Jack Clark, Chili Davis, Jack Morris, Mike Witt, Dave Henderson, Dave Smith and Mike LaCruz.

The settlement would bring to an end the three collusion grievances filed by the players and won after the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons. Arbitrators had awarded the union approximately \$113 million in damages for 1986-87 but had yet to consider damages for 1989 and 1990. The union eventually must come up with a plan to divide the money.

Bedrosian is in the second year of a deal that will pay him \$1.05 million in 1991, while Cashman's three-year deal has expired. His 1991 salary would have been determined by negotiation and possibly arbitration.

Hoping to find out what will take

Padres, Blue Jays swap 4 All-Stars

Associated Press

Roanoke, Ill. Joe Carter, Fred McGriff, Roberto Alomar and Tony Fernandez were traded in baseball's biggest deal in years, the New York Yankees traded five agents Vince Coleman, and several other big-name players changed teams Wednesday on the last day of the winter meetings.

In a move that came so suddenly that it caused gasps when it was announced, Toronto sent Fernandez and McGriff to San Diego for Carter and Alomar in a deal involving four of baseball's best players. "We thought we'd give you an old-fashioned baseball trade," Padres general manager Joe McManis said. "We're trading four All-Stars. It was kind of a party trade on both ends."

Blue Jays general manager Pat Gillick, once nicknamed "Stan Pat" because he never made moves, said: "We don't make too many trades like this these days. I'm sure it will be analyzed from all angles."

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh lost free agent first baseman Sid Bream to Atlanta; that cleared the way for Franklin Stubbs, who was considering the Braves, to go to Milwaukee. The Brewers also lost onto free-agent pitcher Tippy Higney, who signed a four-year contract. Second baseman Bill Dawkins signed in Cincinnati, but Pat Tabler, baseball's best baseball writer, left the Mets for Toronto. And infielder Tony Bernazard returned from Japan and signed with the Detroit Tigers.

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Patrick Rousseau

Vikings born again, but why?

The Vikings' winning streak has reached an astounding five. A couple of weeks ago, Tim Brown, an offensive tackle and lawyer, was an article that credited the media with whipping the Vikings into shape. Big Tim degraded a and spread forth a monologue that marked him as a later-day William Jennings Bryan.

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Giants owner success to a collection of castoffs, 4C.

taking credit for their success, nor any media smart guys. What remains a mystery until this day is the source of the Vikings' success from now on. A number of observers were asked this week for an opinion on what has inspired the born-again Purple Pile.

Tim Tschida, St. Paulin, and American League origin. "They are out of excuses. They finally realized they had to do it on their own. They realized it's not the coaches' fault, not the defense, not the offense, but everyone's fault. Once they got all of the garbage out of the way and just played football, they were OK."

Ralph Reese, retired sportswriter, covered Vikings from 1966 through 1980. "It's simple — Mike Lynn's announcement that he was leaving the club. It turned that team around as no Harold Walker trade possibility could."

Head over heels
Jennifer Mackey, a senior at Mounds View, practiced a vault as one of the team's coaches, Mark Tomasing, spotted for her. Mackey's return, along with the addition of freshman Kaye Martini, has coach Bill Swanson optimistic heading into the season. Gymnastics preview, page 6C.

Stars prove talk's tough, Leafs aren't

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Toronto, Ontario All week long, the Toronto Maple Leafs talked tough about the North Star and his home-and-home series in which the two newly North Division rivals find themselves.

And Toronto, not nearly a scoring machine, registered his first goal since March 24 of last season. Long overdue.

"It was a great time to get my first goal," he said. "You can't go anywhere in your own division if you lose to teams in your own division."

The logic is indisputable. By winning last night, the Stars opened a one-point lead over the Leafs for the final Norris Division playoff spot. A Stars victory tonight would make it 1-1. It's only the first week in December and the season ends March 31, but still, said the Stars' Dave Gaudet, "They needed it. It was an opportunity for them to gain some ground on us. It's a good game for us."

Leafs coach Tim Wren continued to frame the rivalry in catastrophic terms. "This is the first battle in what I see as a prolonged war," he said.

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New coach, but Lakers still Lakers

By Jerry Zappa
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Timberwolves coach Bill Musselman has two words for anyone who predicted the Los Angeles Lakers' immediate demise after last season's playoffs. Think again.

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All hands
Pounder's Kevin Johnson was stopped by Indiana's LaShelle Thompson, left, and Rick Smith. NBA report, 4C.

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