

Carew issues attack on Griffith

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Rod Carew renewed his bittersweet relationship with Calvin Griffith with a scathing attack on the Twins owner after the Twins beat California 8-3 Monday afternoon in a make-up game at Metropolitan Stadium.

"We played this game because Calvin Griffith is horseshit," Carew told United Press International. "And you can tell him I said so."

"They're penny-pinchers and it's always been like that," said Carew, who played for the Twins for 12 years before he was traded to the

Angels in 1979. "They take everything they can get and give nothing in return."

Griffith, who is scouting the Twins Class AA team in Orlando, Fla., could not be reached for comment.

"It's regrettable," said Twins Vice President Howard Fox, "that a player that has benefited as much from the game of baseball would make such a disparaging remark about a club and a person that has had so much to do with his accomplishments."

"I'll assure you that Calvin Griffith and the Twins in playing this game today were only liv-

ing up to the rules that make this game as great as it is."

At least some Twins executives opposed playing yesterday's game, a make-up of a rainout last Saturday, because they were sure it would lose money. Although the temperature at game time was 82 degrees and the sky was clear, there were only two days to sell tickets for the game between teams who started the day 24 and 28 games behind the division leader. Twins Controller Jack Alexander said the game, which drew 2,508 fans, lost money for the team.

Angels executives didn't want to play either be-

cause they'd earn little from attendance and would have to stay in town Sunday night and Monday instead of flying home Sunday. Some put the Angels' loss as high as \$80,000.

The teams played because they were ordered to by the American League. An American League rule states that teams must complete their schedules when possible.

Griffith and Carew were close during the seven-time batting champion's early years with the Twins. When Carew won the American League's Most Valuable Player Award in



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