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Carter Offers Way Out For Camby, Who Stays Mum Off Court

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NEW YORK (AP) - If Marcus Camby plans to patch things up with Toronto Raptors coach Butch Carter, he isn't letting on.

But Carter seems to like the idea that his \$5 million defamation suit against the Knicks forward has been keeping some of the focus away from Toronto's young stars during the teams' first-round playoff series.

Camby, a former University of Massachusetts star, twice glared in Carter's direction following baskets for New York, mouthing an expletive after the second, during the Knicks' 92-88 win over Toronto in the series opener Sunday.

Carter filed suit on Friday in New York Supreme Court against Camby because the Knicks forward reportedly called the coach "a liar." But the coach said Sunday the suit would go away if Camby apologized.

Camby wouldn't extend an olive branch, on or off the court.

With Toronto's sideline at the same end of the floor as New York's basket in the second quarter, Camby let neither of his only two field goals pass without a deliberate look toward Carter.

After the game, Camby dismissed the posturing. "That's not me trying to egg stuff on," he said, but wouldn't say whether he would try to make amends with his former coach.

Toronto traded Camby to New York after the 1997-98 season, a move at the root of the current flap. Camby finished with more personal fouls (five) than points

(four) in 24 minutes Sunday, though he did provide some strong interior defense that helped Latrell Sprewell and Allan Houston hound Toronto's Vince Carter and Tracy McGrady into shooting a combined 12-for-41 from the floor.

Butch Carter, who's also been in the news lately for his book that accuses Bobby Knight of racism and for verbal sparring with Bucks coach George Karl, indicated some of the stir might have been by design.

"The main thing is I kept the media off (Vince Carter and McGrady)," Toronto's coach said. "I just couldn't keep Sprewell and Houston off them."

The suit stems from comments attributed to Camby by the New York Daily News on Wednesday. Camby said that, shortly before Toronto traded the forward, Carter promised that the Raptors would build their team around him.

"He is a liar," Camby was quoted as saying. "I don't like him. No one likes him and no one wants to play for him. That's the kind of guy he is."

Carter said he's been trying to put the legal, and personal, battle out of his mind.

"I don't want to come in here and be angry at Marcus Camby. I don't have time to be angry. I've got a basketball team to coach," Carter said. "It would be a start if we could just talk. There's nothing for me to do. I will not slap an extended hand."

NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik criticized Carter, telling NBC: "The idea of a coach suing a player over his public comments seems unprecedented and inappropriate."

Huskies Loose Star Guard



Senque Carey

SEATTLE (AP) - Senque Carey, one of the few bright spots during a dismal season for the University of Washington men's basketball team, will transfer to another school.

Coach Bob Bender announced Friday that Carey, a two-year starter in the backcourt, is leaving.

Carey started 29 games for the 10-20 Huskies this season, averaging 10.4 points and assists. He scored a career-high 27 points against Old Dominion.

"My decision to transfer is for personal reasons," Carey said in a statement. "Basically, I would like to play somewhere that allows me to be closer to home."

The 6-foot-4, 210-pound

guard is a native of East Palo Alto, Calif.

"We wish, Senque nothing but the best and I certainly understand his feelings of wanting to be closer to home," Bender said.

As a sophomore, Carey was the second-leading scorer on only the second Washington men's basketball team to lose 20 games. The Huskies were 5-13 in the Pac-10.

In 1998-99, he averaged 8.7 points and was selected to the Pac-10's all-freshman team.

"I want to wish my teammates the best," Carey said. "I also want to express my thanks to coach Bender and his staff for the opportunities they presented me at Washington."

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NCAA Certifies Two New Bowl Games For 2000-01

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - College football's crowded bowl schedule will have two more entries for the 2000 season, bringing the number of games certified by the NCAA to 25.

The galleryfurniture.com Bowl in Houston and the Silicon Valley Classic in San Jose were certified Friday as bowl games by the NCAA's football certification subcommittee. Twenty-three games on last year's schedule were recertified. The Houston game will be

played Dec. 27 in the Astrodome and include teams from the Big 12 and Conference USA. It will have a payout of \$750,000. The Big 12 had seven teams that were eligible for a bowl last season, but only six received invitations. Conference USA has contracts to provide teams to three other bowls.

No information was immediately available on the Silicon Valley Classic.

The bowl season will begin Dec. 20 with the Alabama Bowl and conclude with the Orange

Bowl on Jan. 3 for the national championship.

Another new bowl game, the New Orleans Bowl, received initial certification for the 2001-02 season, the NCAA said. The game's representatives must go before the subcommittee again a year from now, before winning final approval. The Sun Belt Conference, which will sponsor football for the first time next year, hopes to play host to the game which would be played in the Superdome in December

2001.

The subcommittee will meet in September to consider initial certification for two additional bowls, the Hoosier Bowl in Indianapolis and the Freedom Bowl in San Francisco. Both games would begin in 2001-02.

"We've reviewed the 1999-00 bowl operations, and we're confident the current bowl system structure will work well for years to come," John Kasser, chairman of the subcommittee and athletic director at California, said in a statement.

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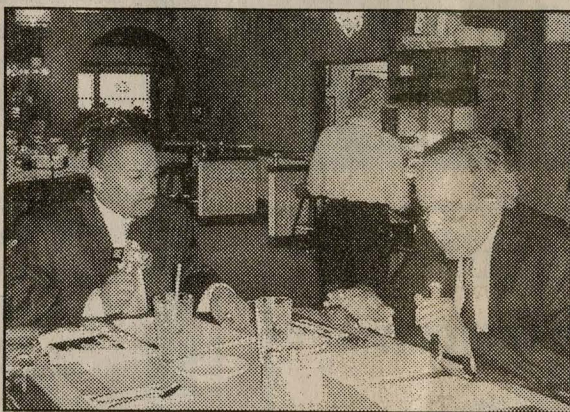
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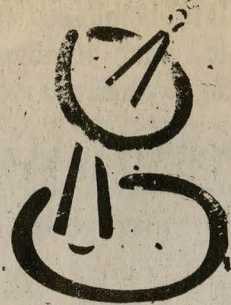
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