

What they're saying



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MLS Commissioner Don Garber says recent moves will make MLS a more viable league.

"While we are reducing the number of teams by two for now, the long-term funding commitment, media commitments, new investment and the fact that all teams will have investor-operators will make MLS a stronger and more viable league going forward."

— MLS Commissioner Don Garber tries to put a positive spin upon the announcement that the Miami Fusion and Tampa Bay Mutiny were ceasing operations.

"I wish it wasn't happening here. But I truly believe that in the long run this is going to strengthen the league. I have no doubt about that."

— Tampa Bay coach Perry Van der Beck after the Mutiny folded.

"The visibility was so poor. Other sports teams down here didn't even look at the Fusion as a threat. They just looked at them as a bunch of bozos tripping over themselves."

— South Florida soccer promoter Tom Mulroy, blaming the Miami Fusion's demise on mismanagement.

"I took a bit of a hammering today. It was like a 6-0 drubbing at Old Trafford. It was one of those days when nothing went for me. But it was good, and I've enjoyed it. I'm just a baby in this game, and I expect a few more of these days along the way."

— Roy Wegerle on his opening-round score of 80 at the Dunhill golf championship in his native South Africa. It was the former U.S. national team star's debut as a professional golfer.