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Orr speaks out on hockey impasse

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Former Bruins star **Bobby Orr** called on NHL commissioner **Gary Bettman** and players' union executive director **Bob Goodenow** to "get out of the way" if they can't solve the impasse that triggered the cancellation of the NHL's season. Orr, who operates a sports agency for hockey players, wrote in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune of Lawrence: "Our sport is in danger of becoming irrelevant unless both sides immediately put an end to this nonsense." . . . **Venus Williams** and **Lindsay Davenport** gave the US Fed Cup tennis team a 2-0 lead over Belgium with singles victories at Delray Beach, Fla., yesterday. Williams defeated **Els Callens**, 6-2, 6-2, after Davenport needed just 39 minutes for a 6-0, 6-2 win over **Eveline Vanhyfte**. Belgium is playing the five-match first-round series without its top two players, **Justine Henin-Hardenne** and **Kim Clijsters** . . . Top-seeded **Andy Roddick** dominated **Jurgen Melzer**, 6-4, 6-2, to reach the finals at the US Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston against **Sebastien Grosjean**, a 6-1, 7-6, (7-5) winner over **Nicolas Lapentti** . . . Returning to the ring as a welterweight after losing two straight 154-pound fights to **Winky Wright**, **Shane Mosley** was impressive in spurts on his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over **David Estrada** in Las Vegas. On the same card, **Antonio Margarito**, a possible welterweight opponent for Mosley, dominated **Kermit Cintron** and retained his WBO crown when Cintron's corner called an end to the bout at 2:12 of the fifth round . . . Former World Boxing Organization heavyweight champion **Wladimir Klitschko** stopped previously unbeaten **Eliseo Castillo** in the fourth round at Dortmund, Germany. Klitschko, younger brother of World Boxing Council champion **Vitali Klitschko**, knocked Castillo down with a jarring right with 9 seconds left in the round.

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