

Judge Denies American Women's Soccer Immediate Appeal

"A federal judge has denied a request by American women's soccer players to allow an immediate appeal of his decision to throw out their claim of unequal pay against the U.S. Soccer Federation," reports Ronald Blum in *StarTribune's Loons*.

"Lawyers for the women had asked him to enter a final judgment on his decision to dismiss the pay claim, which would have allowed them to take the case to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco."

"Klauser ruled May 1 the women could not prove discrimination over pay and granted in part the USSF's motion for a partial summary judgment. He said the union for the women's national team rejected an offer to be paid under the same pay-to-play structure as the men's national team's collective bargaining agreement and the women accepted guaranteed salaries and greater benefits along with a different bonus structure."

"He also refused to let go to trial allegations the women were discriminated against because they played more games on artificial turf."

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