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At 4 p.m. Saturday, two groups of \_\_\_\_\_Adjective\_\_\_\_\_adversaries will gather once more around a hotel conference table and try to settle the \_\_\_\_\_Acronym\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_Noun\_\_\_\_\_ - if they can only hold off the agitating \_\_\_\_\_Plural\_\_\_\_\_ noun\_\_\_\_\_behind them.

This critical meeting will \_\_\_\_\_Verb\_\_\_\_\_against a backdrop of ultimatums, \_\_\_\_\_Plural noun\_\_\_\_\_and posturing by hardliners on both sides. The immense pressure could force N.B.A. and union officials to make a deal, or \_\_\_\_\_Verb\_\_\_\_\_any chance they have, \_\_\_\_\_Verb ending in ing\_\_\_\_\_the 2011-12 season.

"You know, hope springs eternal,"; Billy Hunter, the executive director of the players union, said Thursday.

But that was before disenchanted constituencies of owners and players began \_\_\_\_\_Verb ending in ing\_\_\_\_\_to undermine a deal.

A group of players is \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb ending in ing a drive to \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb the union if it accepts any deal that reduces  
the players'; share of revenue below 52.5 percent.

The league is facing an equal threat from a group of 10 to 14 owners - led by Charlotte's Michael Jordan - who  
are \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjective to cap the players at 50 percent, according to a person who has spoken \_\_\_\_\_  
Preposition  
the owners. The hardliners are expected to reiterate that stance when all 29 owners meet Saturday morning in  
Manhattan, about six hours before the bargaining session.

The negotiations will be guided once more \_\_\_\_\_  
Preposition the federal mediator George H. Cohen, who agreed  
to return after a \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjective three-day session last month. Cohen reached \_\_\_\_\_  
Preposition to both sides  
earlier in the week.

Saturday's session will be the 21st since the lockout began, and if talks fail it might be the last for a long time.

The league has already canceled a month of games and is nearing the point where it could postpone the season

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