

# A's overcome it all to win it all

OAKLAND (AP) — The much-maligned Oakland A's — a team that always seems on the verge of splitting at the seams with dissension — pulled itself together yesterday long enough to erase the remnants of the "Mets' Miracle," beating New York 5-2 in the seventh and decisive World Series game.

The heroes were Bert Campaneris and Reggie Jackson, who ended a week of power drought and frustration for the A's by ripping a pair of two-run homers in the third inning that triggered the victory.

Afterwards, the celebration — both on and off the Oakland Coliseum field — was interrupted by the expected negative note that seemed to surround this team at all times.

Dick Williams formalized the worst-kept secret of the Series — his resignation as manager of the club.

It was a resignation he had told his players in the midst of the Series that he would deliver to A's owner Charles O. Finley at the end of it — "win or lose."

Williams said he was leaving the A's because of family considerations "and personal considerations that have no reflection on the Oakland A's and that I think I don't have to discuss."

Losing their manager was a final ironic twist for the world champion A's, who survived all kinds of problems on their way to the title.

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There was a reported threat on the life of Jackson before the American League playoffs began. There was the Mike Andrews affair, when the team seemed on the verge of outright revolution against Finley, who tried to banish the utility infielder to the disabled list following a pair of costly second-game errors.

And, finally, there were the Mets, a Cinderella team that had battled its way from the oblivion of last place in their division one month before the end of the season, right into the world championship showdown.

Surprisingly, it was the New York club that proved the toughest obstacle for the A's to overcome. The A's came home Friday, trailing 3-2 in the Series. But Jackson's bat won Game 6 and helped them take the seventh as well.

Afterwards, they gave Reggie the Series' Most Valuable Player Award, a new sports car. He couldn't believe it.

Maybe the hero was really Williams, who pulled this team together and made them champions. When they

asked Jackson what kind of man should be the A's next manager, the slugger had a three word reply:

"Another Dick Williams," he said.

Operating with their lameduck manager, the A's overcame their own internal strife and became the first team since the New York Yankees of 1961-62 to win two straight world championships.

The fans thought the game was over when pinch-hitter Ed Kranepool hit a grounder to Gene Tenace with two out in the ninth. But Tenace kicked the ball for an error while hundreds of fans were already spilling onto the field.

The error kept the Mets alive, gave them their second run and brought in A's reliever Darold Knowles for a record-setting seventh straight Series game. Knowles got Wayne Garrett to pop to short to end it.

In the end, it was the power that Oakland missed through the first six games of this Series that won it for the A's in the seventh and deciding contest.

Strapped without a home

run for six games by New York's fine pitching staff, the A's exploded for two long drives in the third inning that decided the issue.

The homers were delivered by Campaneris, the slight shortstop, and Jackson, the muscular outfielder, who operate at opposite ends of the power ruler.

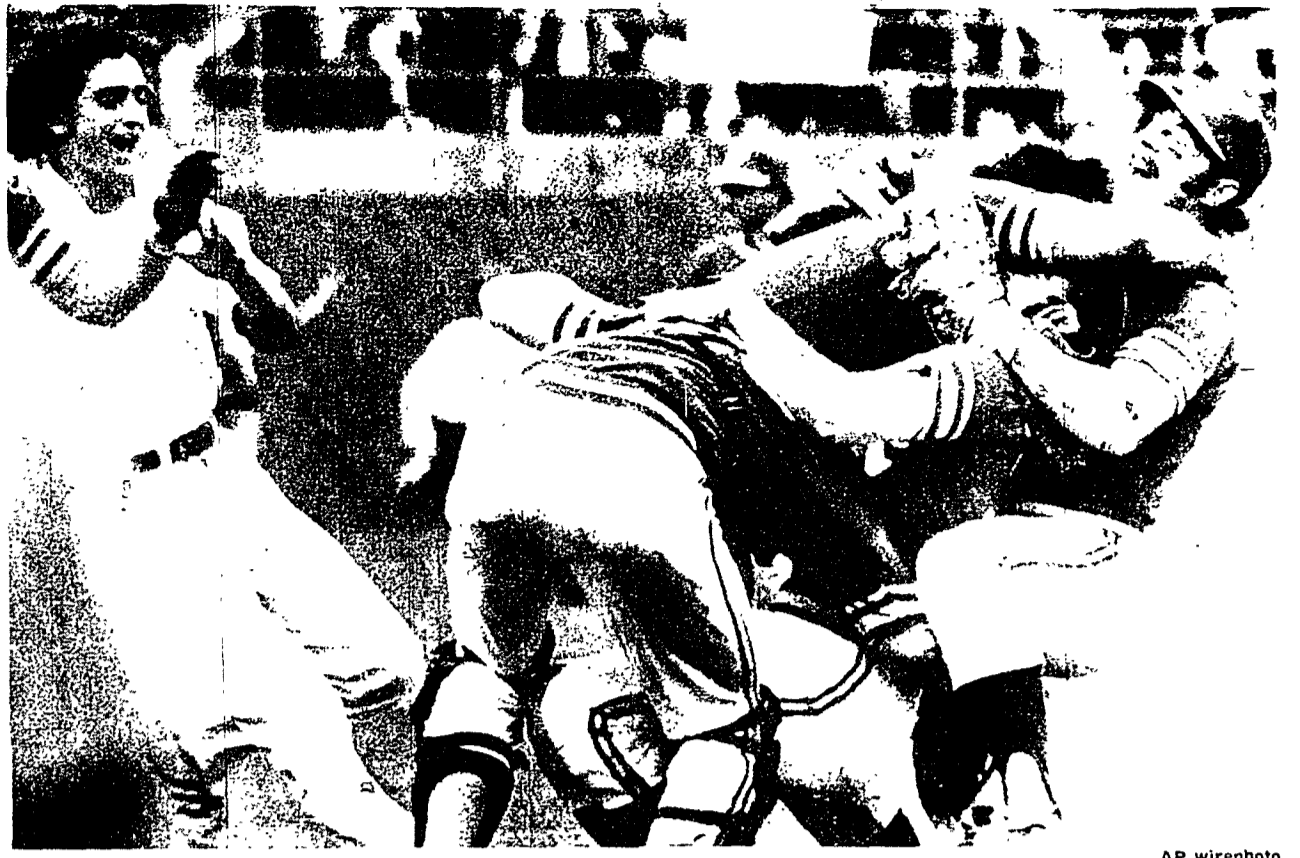
Ken Holtzman, who won his second game of the Series, again helped the A's with his bat as well as his arm. The stylish left-hander, who delivered a key double in the first game of the Series, drilled another double with one out in the third against Mets' starter Jon Matlack, who had split his first two confrontations with Oakland.

That gave Holtzman a perfect season at bat in this year of the designated hitter. He had two official at-bats, both of them in the World Series, and two doubles. He walked the only time he went to the plate, in the regular season.

Matlack seemed shaken by the hit, the first one the Mets' southpaw allowed in the game.

And, a moment later, he was even more shaken.

Campaneris, who had three hits in the game, stepped into the next pitch and sent it on a line into the lower right field stands.



rockets to celebrate the first homer the A's had managed against the Mets.

Those two runs were the first earned runs off Matlack in 26 innings.

Joe Rudi drilled a single to center that kept the sellout crowd of 49,333 howling, "Let's Go, A's!" while the scoreboard urged them on with a plea of: "LOUDER!"

Jackson, forced to sit out last year's World Series against Cincinnati with a leg injury and intent on making amends for that absence this time around, gave them something to yell about. He unloaded a towering blast that soared into the right-center field seats, some 400 feet from home plate.

Campaneris' homer had hit some concrete steps and bounced back on the field, but

Jackson's shot never was seen again.

Jackson, whose three hits in the sixth game had helped the A's tie the Series and send it to a seventh-game showdown, raced happily around the bases and stomped on home plate with both feet as the A's completed their biggest scoring inning of the Series.

Two innings later, the A's made it 5-0. Campaneris, a pest to the Mets throughout

the Series, opened with a single to left and when Cleon Jones fell, spraining his right ankle, the ball got away and Campy raced to second on the error.

Rudi hit the next pitch for a line single to center, scoring Campy.

Game 7  
New York 0-0  
Oakland 0-0  
Matlack, Parker (3), Sadecki (5)  
Stone (7) and Grote, Holtzman, Fingers (8) and Tenace, Fosse (7), W — Holtzman, 2-1 L — Matlack, 1-2 HRs — Oakland, Campaneris (1), Jackson (1)



Photos by Randy J. Woodbury

Scott Frazier goes down but doesn't quit

Al Vitiello tries a new approach

## Soccer 'team effort' rips Terps

By BILL GUTHLEIN  
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Vindication is sweet. After half a season of trying to gel a group of soccer players into a cohesive whole Penn State coach Herb Schmidt finally put together his 1973 product, a product that generated a 5-1 victory over Maryland.

The Lions began their season stumbling and were finally tripped up by a tough West Virginia. Entering Friday's game with Maryland with a 2-1 record, Schmidt was facing an opponent the Lions hadn't beaten since 1957, or while the Lion coach was still dribbling soccer balls for his New Jersey high school.

The way the game began Schmidt must have been thinking that there's always next year. Five minutes into the game Terp goalie Andy Griffith committed himself and was caught outside the goal with the ball resting

in front of the open goal.

Chris Bahr moved in from his halfback spot to put it away but flubbed the shot long enough to allow Griffith to leap on the ball.

And so it went. Even the Lions first goal, a Randy Garber-Bahr combination that netted the junior college transfer his second score, looked sickly. Like a tantalizingly slow change-up pitch, the ball snuck by the Terp goalie.

Afterwards the booters began to look sharper as the offense produced another goal in the first half and three more in the second to decisively defeat their 16-year protagonists.

Bahr played no small part in the ending of the Maryland streak. In addition to his first half assist the junior All-America and Lion place-kicking specialist scored twice on fast breaks to ice the Penn State victory.

All the while playing on a sore arch that's getting weaker and weaker as

he runs. Unable to celebrate the year's biggest triumph thus far, Bahr had to prepare for a trip to Syracuse the next morning where another coach needed the services of his sore foot.

Although he would only rate his performance as "pretty good" he was happy to be back at halfback after a stint as an inside forward.

"I like being able to see things, you can do that at halfback," he said.

The Lions defeated the Terps with a scrambled offense and a steady defense.

"We showed threes and twos and ones," the jubilant Schmidt said of his front line alignments, "I think a lot of players are doing a good job. I'm sorry I had to hold back in substitutions."

Maryland coach Doyle Royal refused to permit unlimited substitution. NCAA rules permit unlimited substitution only when both

coaches agree on it before the game.

It didn't matter much as the Lions scored on two breaks and a rebound in the second half. Fans were also treated to a scuffle between Garber and Maryland All-America George Taratsides while the first half ran out.

Taratsides resorted to physical means again in the closing minutes of the game, this time with halfback Al Vitiello.

"I did nothing," protested Vitiello shrugging his shoulders. "The guy grabbed me by the neck and said he was going to get me after the game. I started talking with him when I realized I should be walking away. As I did the ref said 'out.'"

The Lions may have vindicated their previous performances but they'll have to keep it up if they are intending to reach the NCAA tournament. Their most recent success will be tested Friday night at Jeffrey Field against Navy.

## Martin leads W&M over Lion harriers

By TIM PANACCIO  
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It was hailed as "the best cross country meet ever to be held in Pennsylvania." It might not have been that, but Saturday's meet on the White golf course was the best distance running since Gerg Fredricks donned a Penn State track jersey.

Ron Martin, William and Mary's premier All-America ripped Gerg Fredricks six-mile record of 24:30 and startled Penn State's Charlie Maguire by clocking a 24:07.2, to lead the Colonials to a 20-40 win over Penn State and Georgetown (48).

The loss ruined State's bid for a third consecutive unbeaten season.

It was thought that the race would be a cliff-hanger among Martin, Maguire and Bill Louv (WM). But Martin made it one man against the record books.

"I wasn't thinking about records," said the bearded Englishman. "I run as I feel at the moment. Today, I just felt like taking it out. I sat on Charlie (Maguire) until the two mile point and then I

broke." Martin ran a blistering 9:24 over the two-mile span. He opened a 75-yard lead on Maguire by the three-mile mark.

"He kept upping the pace; I've never seen anyone run like that," said Maguire. "I was hoping he'd slow by three miles but he didn't... no way I could catch him."

Martin pumped arms, sprinted and legged out a lead of about 200 yards when he came flying home at the tape. His searing pace produced something no one expected.

Four men broke the 25-minute mark — another record for the White course. Maguire was second with 24:32.5, Louv was next in at 24:35.5 and Mac Collins finished fourth for William and Mary in 24:54.5.

"This was a national class of competition," said harrier coach Harry Groves. "Four men under 25 minutes — that says something about the quality of the race."

Groves said his squad didn't "run up to snuff." Bob Hillman, Gary Gittings and Ron Secord ran middle 25s.

George Malley turned some eyebrows with a strong 25:13 filing in behind Maguire for Penn State.

There's a strong chance

Martin will meet Maguire and Oregon State's three-mile NCAA champ, Steve Prefontaine, in the national championships soon.

"This meet has been really encouraging for me," Martin said. "It was a great rival meet and I'm looking forward to racing Prefontaine."



Photo by Henry Stefans

Charlie Maguire (559) starts with Ron Martin on shoulder

## Hockey women edge Cortland 2-1

A strong defense and the scoring of Ann Findley led the Penn State field hockey team to a 2-1 win over SUNY-Cortland, Friday afternoon at the Pollock fields. This was the second victory of the season for the women, now 2-1-1.

The game's first score was a questionable goal by Cortland's Gayle Bottcher. "She didn't hit the ball, she kicked it in," Penn State halfback Barb Doran said afterwards. "We appealed it to the officials, but I guess there was a crowd around the

goal, and they couldn't see." Findlay tallied twice for Penn State, once on a rebound from a Peggy Gerhart shot, and again on a pass from Gerhart.

The women visit Shippensburg State College, now 2-3-1, tomorrow.

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