

## Bootleggers in line for tournament bid today

At 4 p.m. today, Penn State will receive an NCAA Soccer Tournament Invitation and will also know the team it opposes in the first round of the tournament.

Bids to four eastern teams will go out after the conclusion of the Farleigh-Dickinson-Bridgeport game, a contest Farleigh-Dickinson needs to win if it is to secure the fourth spot in the eastern bracket of the tournament.

"It looks to me like Philadelphia Textile, Penn State, Bucknell and probably Farleigh-Dickinson will be the four eastern teams," Penn State coach Walter Bahr said. "We could be ranked number one but I won't know until the bids come out."

There is a definite advantage to being ranked first. In the NCAA tournament system, the first-ranked team plays the fourth-ranked squad and the second-ranked team plays the third-ranked, the higher ranked team having the home team advantage.

After the first round of games, which

must be played before Nov. 20, the winners play, again at the higher ranked team's field.

"The quarterfinals are played on the Eastern champions home field so if the top ranked team keeps winning, it could play three games up to the national semifinals at its home field," Bahr said.

So naturally, Bahr hopes Penn State is awarded the number one spot.

Bahr would also like to play Penn State's first tournament game this Thursday night, the day before the scheduled game against Pittsburgh.

"If we can't play Thursday evening, I'd rather play Saturday evening or Sunday," Bahr said. "My main objective though is to get at least one tournament match in before school is out."

In any case, the tournament schedule shaped up like this: First round before Nov. 20, second round before Nov. 27, quarterfinals before Dec. 1 and the semifinals and finals in St. Louis Dec. 6-7

—Brian Miller



Chris Bahr will end his PSU career

## WFL Players Hungry— for Money and Food

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Players on at least four World Football League teams haven't been paid lately. Now one team has given the impression that it is begging for food, and another is missing a set of uniforms.

Players on the Portland Storm, who according to sources haven't been paid for six weeks, were taken to a local restaurant for lunch on Sunday by a benevolent businessman. A team official said other meal donations are needed badly.

Ron Mix, the Storm's general manager, said he was trying "to get some money from any source" to take care of the players' day-to-day needs. The players, who threatened to boycott last week's game unless they were paid, played after being assured the team would get \$50,000 of the gate receipts.

But team owner Bob Harris says the money hasn't arrived from Florida, and he has no guarantee it will. Still, the Storm players said they would play their 20th, and final, regular-season game this week.

Elsewhere, the situation is not so clear. For instance:

—Chicago Fire owner Tom Origer has called off his team's final game, ending its playoff chances. He says he has lost \$800,000 this year and is looking for investors. Origer said his team didn't deserve to be in the playoffs and he is against eight teams in the playoffs since there are only 10 teams left in the league.

—James Healey, revenue director of the city of Birmingham, says the WFL's Americans owe \$14,000 in sales taxes. Officials say they have been promised payment by this Tuesday, and Healey says if he doesn't get it he will seek an injunction to bar the team from playing any more home games. The Americans are supposed to play Shreveport in Birmingham Wednesday night.

—The Charlotte Hornets are minus one set of uniforms — confiscated by sheriff's deputies because the team hadn't paid a laundry bill. As far as could be learned, however, the Hornets will play this week's game against Memphis, using their second set of uniforms.

The Hornets are among the WFL teams which are running behind on payrolls. Hornet players were paid for two weeks on Sunday, but they were told not to cash the checks

right away. Team officials said they hoped to make a bank deposit on Tuesday.

Then there are the Florida Blazers, who have not received a regular pay check since Sept. 6, although they did get a \$75,000 lump sum payment from one week's gate receipts. Players have been promised several times they will be paid once the team is sold, but the sale has yet to be consummated.

Finally, players on the Southern California Sun were given two weeks' back pay this past weekend. The team's coaching and front office staff still is owed back pay.

Against that backdrop, the league plans to begin its playoffs next week.

## Taiwan expelled from LL series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP)— Little League Baseball has changed its World Series format to exclude teams from outside the continental United States.

The move appeared to be aimed at Taiwan, which has won the series the past four years. Japan won the championships the previous two years, and in 1957 and 1958. Monterey, Mexico, took the title for boys under 12-year-olds.

The announcement yesterday from Little League headquarters said all its local leagues had been advised that henceforth entries for the annual series in August would be limited to the United States.

Little League said the move was a decision of the board of directors after a review and reassessment of the competition.

Little League said regional championship series would be continued in Canada, the Far East, Europe and Latin America. The action does not affect the senior or big league World Series Little League program.

A Little League spokesman cited travel costs for foreign entries and the nationalistic approach taken abroad. He described the U.S. Little League programs as regional in makeup.

Since the Little League broadened its scope in 1957 and 1958 to include teams outside the continental United States, 20 foreign teams competed in the program.

## Record Series

NEW YORK (AP) — Winning the World Series was worth \$22,219 to each member of the Oakland A's who voted a full share, baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn announced Monday.

The A's divided a record team share of \$736,359.41 for their five-game victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and voted 31 full shares. Fifteen of those shares went to players who were also on Oakland's 1973 and 1972 world champions.

For those 15 players — Sal Bando, Vida Blue, Bert Campaneris, Rollie Fingers, Dick Green, Ken Holtzman, Jim Hunter, Reggie Jackson, Darol Knowles, Angel Mangual, John Odom, Joe Rudi and Gene Tercia — Oakland's three world championships have been worth a total payoff of \$67,684.97.

The \$22,219.09 payoff for 1974 was the second highest in baseball history, about \$2,500 less than the A's shares in 1973. That year, Oakland

players voted 27 full shares compared with 31 for 1974.

Among the full shares voted by the A's were three to non-uniformed personnel—Trainer Joe Romo, Equipment Manager Frank Ciensczyk and Traveling Secretary Jim Bank.

The losing Dodgers received a record \$15,703.97 each with 32 full shares. Included among the cash awards voted by the club was \$5,000 to bat-

ting Coach Dixie Walker, \$3,000 to batting practice catcher Mark Kresse, \$250 to batting practice pitcher Joe Moeller and \$100 apiece to six bat boys.

The Baltimore Orioles and Pittsburgh Pirates, championship series losers to the A's and Dodgers, received almost identical payoffs. The Orioles voted 30 full shares of \$7,394.76 each and the 31 full Pirate shares were worth \$7,424.05 apiece.

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