

Phillies favored to unseat Bucs

By the AP

In the year of the nation's bicentennial, much of the celebration has been centered in Philadelphia. Now the Phillies are ready to join in with a serious run at the East Division pennant.

The addition of pitchers Ron Reed and Jim Kaat over the winter seems to have solidified the staff that includes veterans Steve Carlton and Jim Lonzog and youngsters Tom Underwood and Larry Christenson.

The lineup has some impressive bats like Greg Luzinski, Mike Schmidt, Larry Bowa, Dave Cash and Garry Maddox. If Dick Allen can regain the long-ball touch that once made him baseball's highest-paid player, the flag could fly in Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh has won the division five of the last seven years, an accomplishment that wouldn't have been possible if they had been living in the West instead of the East. The Pirates could pull off another division title this year with strengthened pitching from the addition of Doc Medich and a full season from young John Candelaria.

National League East

The Pirates never have to worry about runs. The bats are there, led by Willie Stargell, Richie Zisk, Dave Parker, Manny Sanguillen and Rennie Stennett.

St. Louis is counting on two youngsters in the infield, first baseman Keith Hernandez and third baseman Hector Cruz.

The Cardinals may have the National League's best outfield with Reggie Smith and Lou Brock flanking Bake McBride. Look for Brock to burn the basepaths. He's after Ty Cobb's all-time, base-stealing mark and needs 84 for the record.

The New York Mets surrendered one of their best bats when they swapped Rusty Staub to Detroit for pitcher Mickey Lolich. Now the Mets have the National League's best four-man pitching rotation — Tom Seaver, Jon Matlack, Jerry Kosman, and Lolich. But who's going to get them any runs?

If shortstop Bud Harrelson is sound, the defense could be solid, at least in the infield. In the outfield, it's something else. Center fielder Del Unser could use a bicycle as well as his glove with John Milner in left and Dave Kingman in right.

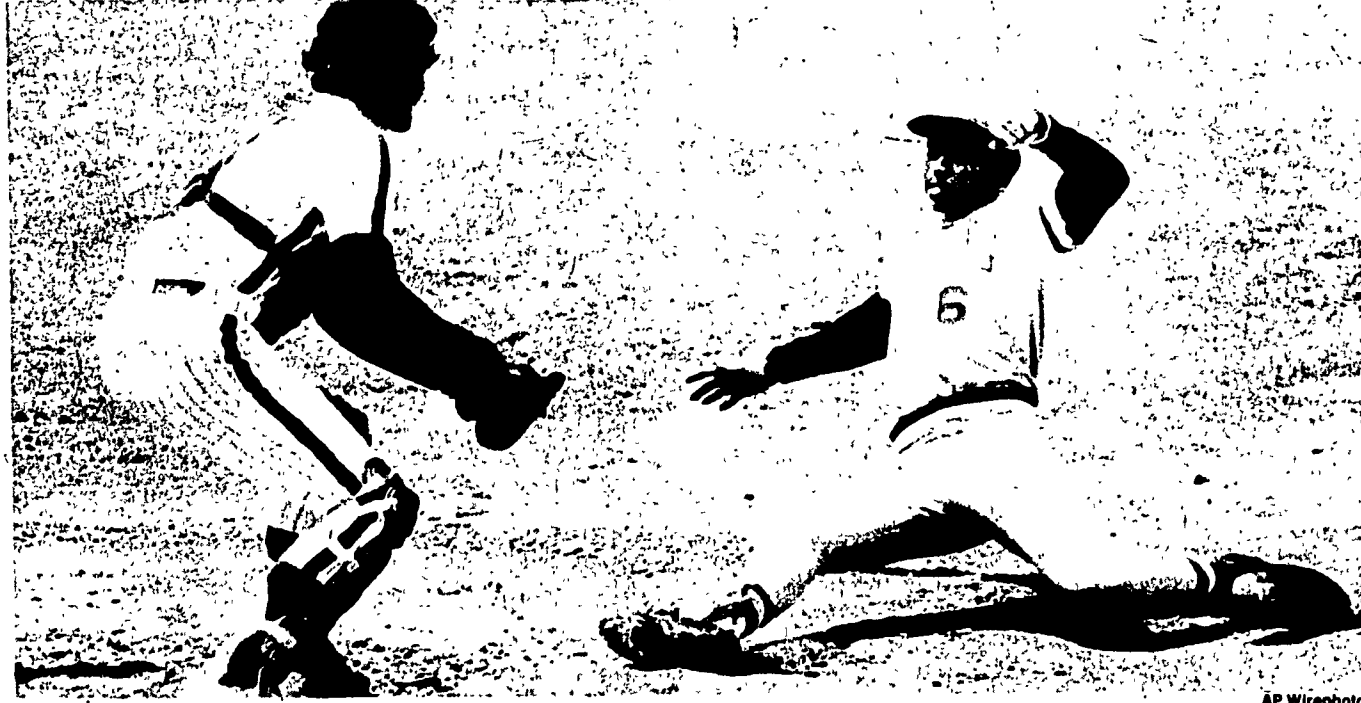
Chicago has the defending NL batting champ in Bill Madlock but, except for him and outfielders Rick Monday and Jose Cardenal, there isn't much in the Cubs' lineup to recommend them.

Montreal has a top young player in catcher-outfielder Gary Carter and some other talent in third baseman Larry Parrish and outfielder Larry Bittner.

The Picks:

West: Cincinnati, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, San Diego, Houston.

East: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, New York, Chicago, Montreal.



The Phillies' Bob Boone forms a one-man welcoming committee for the Pirates' Rennie Stennett in a Florida Grapefruit game this past Monday. The National League's Eastern Division race is previewed along with that of the Western Division next door

Behind The Bench

To the Editor:

It has been interesting to note that since the beginning of fall term, intramural sports have been organized for both men and women.

The Collegian has only carried the results of the men's teams. Another intriguing fact is that women's intercollegiate club results seldom appear anywhere in this paper. Suppose that the men's national basketball championships would have been held here at P.S.U. Do you think that all the information would have been relegated to the sports section? You'd better believe differently!

Thursday and Friday, April 1st and 2nd, another fascinating technique of informing students as to their teams' activities was demonstrated. Since both the men's and women's gymnastics teams were participating in national competition, we felt that both teams should have received equal coverage prior to their tournaments. However, Thursday's paper ran a large article on the men's teams and on Friday another large article appeared which analyzed all of their competition. As for the women's team, nothing was mentioned on Thursday and on Friday they were granted a summarization article half the size of either of the men's articles. Amazing? No, not really — typical.

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Seaver's successes could raise salary

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — They're calling Tom Seaver the highest salaried pitcher ever to play major league baseball. But whether he really is — officially, that is — may have to be decided by higher powers.

The three-year contract that the New York Mets' three-time Cy Young award winner agreed to Monday night reportedly starts at \$225,000 for the first year.

But it's only a handshake at the moment. There's nothing on paper with a signature.

And according to the handshake, the yet-to-be-signed paper will reportedly contain "escalation" clauses calling for more money based on Seaver's performance.

That's where National League President Chub

Feeney, or Commissioner Bowie Kuhn or both come in — or could come in.

Contracts providing bonuses for winning a certain number of games or striking out a certain number of batters or, in the case of batters, hitting so many home runs or getting so many hits or runs batted in are illegal according to baseball's rules.

Interestingly enough, though, not all so-called incentive clauses are outlawed. Getting extra cash for so many victories is illegal, but cash for a certain number of innings pitched isn't. Similarly, hitting so many homers is a no-no, but batting X number of times isn't. So it all comes down to clauses, details that could make Seaver's contract worth well more than \$225,000 a year — or make him a holdout again.

Reds tabbed to win another title

By the AP

How do you improve the best team in baseball? The Cincinnati Reds, champions of Bowie Kuhn's world in 1975, found a way, adding bench strength to the awesome starting lineup that produced the city's first championship in 35 years.

Without disturbing the basic starting lineup that destroyed the West Division and then zoomed to the National League and World Series championships last year, the Reds picked up veterans Bob Bailey from Montreal and Mike Lum from Atlanta. Both should be useful additions to the bench of a team that hardly needed help in its starting lineup.

The Big Red Machine has the same old motor composed of MVP Joe Morgan, slugger Johnny Bench, RBI specialist Tony Perez and Mr. Everything, Pete Rose.

The supporting cast isn't bad with people like George Foster, Ken Griffey, Cesar Geronimo and Dave Concepcion and a pitching staff headed by Don Gullett.

Put it all together and it spells pennant, perhaps not by the 20-game margin the Reds had last year, but by enough.

National League West

Look for the improving San Francisco Giants to move up the NL West ladder to the runner-up slot behind the Reds.

The Giants own some of the National League's top young players, including third baseman Ken Reitz, acquired from St. Louis, first baseman Willie Montanez, outfielders Von Joshua, Bobby Murcer and Gary Matthews, and pitchers John D'Acquisto, Ed Halicki and John Montefusco, the NL Rookie of the Year.

Los Angeles added outfielder Dusty Baker from Atlanta over the winter but the price may have been too high. The Dodgers surrendered outfielders Jim Wynn and Tom Paciorek and infielders Lee Lacy, Jerry Royster in the deal. That stripped Los Angeles of much of its depth and the loss of 19-game winner Andy Messersmith will hurt, too.

Still, the Dodgers have some solid infield talent in Steve Garvey, Dave Lopes, Bill Russell and Ron Cey and a quality top starting pitcher in Don Sutton.

The Baker-Wynn trade and the acquisition of outfielder Ken Henderson from the Chicago White Sox and infielder Darrel Chaney from Cincinnati gives Atlanta a new look.

The quality Braves pitching remains in the hands ... or rather the knuckles ... of veteran Phil Niekro. Carl Morton is the No. 2 starter and the Braves could use the recovery of Buzz Capra's tender arm.

San Diego keeps collecting first-round free-agent draft choices and sooner or later, that kind of talent is going to pay off. The Padres have assembled some promising players like infielder Bill Almon, Dave Roberts and Mike Ivie and outfielder Dave Winfield, all former high free-agent selections.

During the winter, the club picked up third baseman Doug Rader from Houston and outfielder Willie Davis from St. Louis. After Randy Jones, however, the San Diego pitching is suspect.

Houston must begin a rebuilding program around talented players like Greg Gross, Cesar Cedeño and Bob Watson. There is, however, plenty of rebuilding to do.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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Sports: Men's tennis vs. Columbia, 2:30 p.m., Men's lacrosse, vs. Franklin and Marshall, 8 p.m.
Overda Page, flute, 8:30 p.m., Music Bldg. recital hall.

SEMINARS

Biochemistry and Biophysics, 4 p.m., Room 101 Althouse. Daniel Branton, Biological Laboratories, Harvard University, on "Freeze-Fracture Studies of Macromolecular Mobility in Biological Membranes."
Astronomy, 4 p.m., Room 443 Davey. Thomas F. Adams, University of Chicago, on "The Morphology of Seyfert Galaxies."

MEETINGS

NSCAR, 7 p.m., Room 304 Boucke.
Orthodox Christian Fellowship, church service, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room.
Academic Assembly, 7 p.m., Room 225 HUB.
Penn State Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room.
Circle K, 8:30 p.m., Room 312 Boucke.

FILM

Commonsplace Theatre, "St. Louis Blues," 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern.

EXHIBITS

Museum of Art: Recent Works by Stuart Frost.
Zoller Gallery: Invisions, until April 10.
Kern Gallery: R. Logan Harrison, photography, until April 9. W. C. Handy Jazz Exhibit, until April 9. American Evolution in the Arts.
Chambers Gallery: African Art, opening April 10. Art Alliance Invitational Exhibit, all media.

HUB (Main Lounge): Americana in the Netherlands (Royal Netherlands Information Embassy), until April 9. Suiting Everyone (Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service), opening April 7.
HUB Gallery: Selections from the Permanent Collection at the Museum of Art.
Pattee Library: Main Lobby - The Ukrainian Heritage in North America by W. O. Luciw. East Corridor Gallery - The Work of Wendell McRae, photographer. Lending Services Lobby - Drawings and Paintings, Bill Diaz.
Paul Robeson Cultural Center: Paintings and Sculptures by the WYSO, a Ukrainian Club Exhibit.
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