

Surprise move ends 7-year wait

Volleyball gains varsity status

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The Penn State volleyball clubs' years of long, crowded van trips, hamburger meals, and sleeping bag nights are over.
It was seven years waiting, but effective last Wednesday both the men's and women's volleyballers attained varsity status, obtaining both first class traveling privileges and the right to participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships.
The timing of the Athletic Department decision surprised even Tom Tait, coach of the volleyball clubs-now-turned-teams. "I was thinking we'd get the decision in late fall or early winter," he said. "Everything happened really quickly once the wheels got in motion."
Tait added he didn't know who or what those wheels were, but two athletic department internal reports on clubs and athletics and the increased revenue from football ticket sales played key roles in the verdict.
"It was pretty evident from the reports, although they weren't yet finalized," he said, that the men's and women's spikers deserved varsity consideration.
Tait has applied for varsity status in the past, but has

been turned down on each occasion.
The rejection was especially bitter last spring because the men, although Eastern Collegiate Volleyball League champions, couldn't participate in the NCAA's due to their club status.
According to Robert Scannell, Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, the cost of financing an additional varsity program delayed the spikers' efforts.
Volleyball has been a "very controversial issue for three years," said Scannell. But no decision could be made until Title IX of the Equal Rights

Amendment was defined.
If Title IX meant spending the same amount of money on women's athletics as men's, Scannell said, Penn State could not have afforded volleyball; indeed it would have had to drop several minor varsity sports.
Title IX is still in the courts, yet to be defined, but increased football ticket sales have enabled the University to "handle volleyball without cutting other sports," said Scannell.
The department had just not been in the position to cut a little from each sport to finance volleyball, he said.
But the department determined on the basis of two internal studies that volleyball could become varsity, said Scannell, "and not in a directly measureable expense of something else."
The recently obtained varsity status means not only Holiday Inns and good restaurants, but an entirely new outlook on the volleyball program.
"It opens the door for both the men and women to go after national recognition and national titles," Tait said. "It's just one heck of a challenge, and one that we're all looking forward to meeting."

Dallas Cowboys cut Thomas, Johnson

By the AP
The comeback attempts of Duane Thomas and Ron Johnson, once two of the National Football League's premiere running backs, apparently ended yesterday when both were cut by the Dallas Cowboys.
Both were victims of the NFL's 43-man player limit as the teams administered their final cuts before Sunday's start of the regular season.
Other familiar names also were sliced. Among the casualties at Los Angeles was veteran wide receiver Jack Snow, who gained 6,012 yards in 11 years with the Rams. Minnesota's cuts included running back Dave Osborn, who had gained more than 4,000 yards in 11 years with the Vikings.
Besides Snow, the Rams cut nine players including defensive end Al Cowlings and defensive back Bivian Lee and Al Clark. The Rams also traded rookie defensive end Leroy Jones to San Diego and rookie guard Dan Nugent to Washington for two future draft picks.
The Vikings also cut defensive backs Terry Brown and Pete Athas, running back Oscar Reed, wide receiver Tom Geredine and tight end Doug Kingsriter.
Veteran quarterback Terry Hanratty was cut by the Pittsburgh Steelers and signal caller Bill Munson sent from the Detroit Lions to the Seattle Seahawks.
Munson was shipped to the Seahawks in exchange

for an undisclosed future draft choice in a deal that surprised Seattle Coach Jack Patera. "I didn't think someone of his caliber would be made available to us," he said.
Thomas had hoped to rejoin the Cowboys where he first achieved NFL stardom six years ago. After two stormy seasons with the Cowboys, he drifted around the pro football map with brief but unproductive stops at New England, San Diego and Washington as well as in the World Football League.
After the demise of the WFL, Thomas was signed as a free agent by the Cowboys, for whom he had gained 1,596 yards in two seasons, 1970 and 1971. But he was unable to crack the talented Dallas backfield this summer, gaining just 98 yards in 40 exhibition carries.
Johnson, twice a 1,000-yard man with the New York Giants, suffered the same fate. He had signed with the Cowboys as a free agent after playing out his option with the Giants last year.
In other moves, Dallas waived three players, listed three others as injured reserve and swapped place kicker Toni Fritsch to San Diego for a future draft choice. Fritsch led all NFL kickers with 104 points last season.
After getting Fritsch, the Chargers cut kicker Bruce Gossett as well as wide receiver Dwight McDonald and running back Glen Bonner. The Giants also switched kickers, including George

Hunt among six players cut and acquiring placement man Joe Danelo from Green Bay for a future draft pick. Veteran center Bob Hyland was also cut and the Giants made a pair of trades, swapping backup tight end Jim O-Bradovich to San Francisco for a future draft choice and acquiring offensive lineman Ron Mikolajczyk from Oakland for a draft pick.
In other trades, Atlanta sent guard Dennis Havig to Houston for linebacker Guy Roberts, New Orleans acquired rookie defensive back Clarence Chapman from Oakland, and Tampa Bay picked up running back Charlie Davis from Cincinnati.
Washington's cuts included defensive end John Matuszak, acquired earlier in the pre-season from Kansas City.
Miami dropped nine players, with the best known veteran quarterback Jim Del Gaizo.
The Denver Broncos waived eight players, including third-year quarterback John Hufnagel, put two others on the injured reserve list and placed guard Carl Schaukowitz on the "physically unable to play" list.
The Broncos released the names of four of the eight players waived, delaying identifying the others until they could be notified, a spokesman said.
In addition to Hufnagel, a former Penn State quarterback, those waived include second-year man Stan Rogers, a tackle who played at Maryland.



For the money Jack Nicklaus shot his way into the top money spot by taking the \$100,000 first prize in the World Open last weekend.

Big check for Nicklaus

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Jack Nicklaus had a bemused expression on his face as he studied the check for \$100,000.
"I don't think I've ever seen one like this before," said Nicklaus.
Miller Barber is the only pro golfer who had. He got his \$100,000 winner's check in the World Open in 1973. It was the largest prize the game had ever seen.
Nicklaus matched it with his four-stroke victory in the new, enlarged and enriched World Series of Golf which distributed a total of \$300,000 among the elite, international field of only 20 players. They played four rounds over the 7,180-yard South course at the Firestone Country Club.
Nicklaus — who scored only his second triumph of the season but his career seventh at Firestone — was the chief beneficiary and, for the first time this year, moved into his customary spot atop the year's money-winning list at \$261,769.
"I've always felt I need to win one of the majors the British and U.S. Opens, the Masters and the PGA to make it a good season," Nicklaus said. "I didn't win one of those, so it wasn't a good year from that standpoint."
"But if you can't win one of those, then it'd be very nice to be the leading money winner."
He's held that position — generally regarded by his fellow pros as the true determination of the year's champion — seven of his previous 14 seasons on the tour,

including four of the last five. The big check marked the sixth consecutive year he has gone over \$200,000.
But to take the money winning title again, he may need another victory in the next two weeks.
He plans to play only the World Open in Pinehurst, N.C. this week with \$40,000 to the winner and the Kings Island Open the following week with \$30,000 to the winner on the American tour the rest of this season.
There are five other events on the schedule and three other players are over the \$200,000 mark this year. Should Nicklaus fail to win one of the next two, Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw and Hubert Green all would have a shot at the coveted No. 1 spot.
Irwin won \$50,000 for second place in the World Series and moved from third to second on the money list at \$241,427. He also went past the \$1 million mark in career earnings, becoming only the 12th man to reach the figure.
Ben Crenshaw, who blew himself out of a title chase with a horrendous 11 on the par five 16th hole Saturday, dropped from first to third at \$224,901. Green went from second to fourth at \$208,654.
"I know I'll be playing if it looks like I have a chance."
Nicklaus, however, was more pleased with the title than the check.
"It's the first time I've won a tournament in a long time," he said. Actually, it was second of the season and 60th of his career.

Pearson cops 500 title

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — David Pearson unleashed the full fury of his Mercury yesterday and scored his first victory in the 27th annual Southern 500 stock car race to become the second driver in history to win the sport's "triple crown."
Pearson, seemingly with power to spare when he took the lead for good with 56 miles remaining, beat Richard

Petty's Dodge by 2.85 seconds for his ninth win in 16 starts this season.
The only other driver to win in one season the Daytona 500, the World 600 and the Southern 500 is Lee Roy Yarborough, who achieved the feat in 1969.
Darrell Waltrip, driving a Chevrolet, was third closely behind Petty. Dave Marcis' Dodge was fourth in the same

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Students can enter women's and coed tournaments in field hockey (women), tennis-singles, doubles (women), and coed doubles, and coed flag football.
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There is also a need for coed flag football officials. Anyone interested can sign up at the Intramural Building today and tomorrow at the same times as above.

Women's golf
Anyone interested in playing on the women's golf team for the 1976-77 fall and spring seasons meet in the White Course pro shop (behind Rec Hall) at 3 p.m. today. Questions — contact coach Annette Thompson in White Building.

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