

## Phillies remain in front by four

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Larry Christenson and Tom McGraw combined on a six-hitter and the Philadelphia Phillies, with their highest run total in three weeks routed the Chicago Cubs 8-0 yesterday.

The victory was only the third in the last 16 games for the slumped Phillies, who led the second-place Pittsburgh Pirates by 1 1/2 games on Aug. 24th and now are fighting for their lives in the National League East race.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead off Chicago's Steve Renko, 7-9, in the third inning on a leadoff double by Oates and a two-out single by Dave Cash. Christenson retired the first nine batters and then was bailed out of trouble by catcher Johnny Oates' strong play at the plate. Rick Monday led off the fourth with a single and Joe Wallis doubled, but Monday was thrown out at the plate. Greg Luzinski to Mike Schmidt to Oates, who blocked the 200-pound Monday.

The Phillies, hitting .206 as a team in the last 15 games, kayped Renko in the sixth. Luzinski opened with a walk and Jay Johnstone singled. After Tommy Hutton flied out, Larry Bowa singled loading the bases. Oates singled home two runs and Christenson, who had two homers in a game last Sunday, singled in the third for a 4-0 lead.

The Phillies added four runs in the eighth for their highest scoring total since they beat Atlanta 14-3 on Aug. 24.

Christenson, 12-8, sent seven innings, giving up six hits. He left in the eighth with two on and none out in favor of McGraw, who retired George Mitterwald on a pop and struck out pinch hitter Wayne Tyrone and Monday, picking up his ninth save of the year.

The Phillies' eighth-inning rally was built on five singles, including one by Oates, who beat out a bunt to load the bases. Garry Maddox singled home two runs, Schmidt one, and the last run scored on a wild pitch by reliever Mike Garman.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dave Parker's triple sparked a three-run sixth inning rally that carried Pittsburgh to a 6-1 victory over the Montreal Expos yesterday and kept the Pirates four games behind Philadelphia in the National League East.

The Phillies blanked Chicago 8-0 yesterday.

Parker's triple came with Richie Zisk on base and broke a 1-1 tie. The Expos had tied the game in the sixth when Mike Jorgensen doubled and scored on Barry Foote's single.

Before the inning ended, Parker had scored on Richie Hebner's single and two outs later, Rennie Stennet came home on a hit by Frank Taveras.

Up to that point, Don Stanhouse, who had given up a run in the first inning, was holding the Pirates in check, while Pittsburgh's Bruce Kison, 13-8, was pitching in and out of trouble.

Stanhouse gave up a single to Zisk in the first inning, driving in Omar Moreno, who had walked and stolen second.

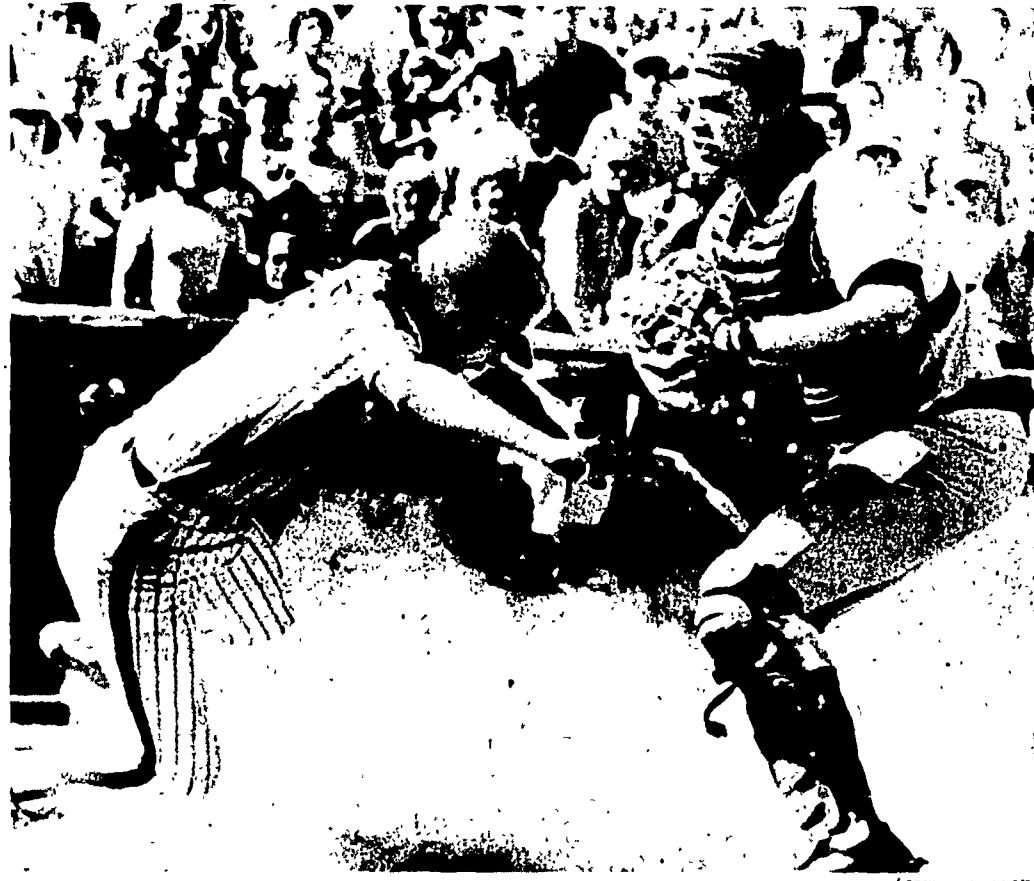
The Pirates scored two more runs in the seventh.

The victory was the 15th in the Pirates' last 17 games and both losses were to Montreal, with former Pirate Woodie Fryman pitching.

Kison, pitching erratically, gave up a single, a walk and a double in the fourth inning but escaped unscathed when Ellie Valentine was thrown out stealing. In the sixth, he gave up a leadoff double and two singles with an error in between, but the Expos managed only one run when Larry Parrish was caught in a rundown between third and home.

The Pirates' last two runs were scored when Richie Zisk led off the seventh with a double. One out later, Miguel Dilone, running for Zisk, came home on a single by Richie Hebner, who scored on Rennie Stennet's double to right.

Zisk, in addition to his double, walked once, had two singles and scored twice. Hebner drove in two of the six runs.



Slidin' in

The Cubs' George Mitterwald (right) puts the cuffs on Philadelphia's Johnny Oates in action at the Vet yesterday.

## Floyd birdies for victory

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — Ray Floyd birdied the first extra hole yesterday in sudden death and added the World Open Golf Tournament title to the Masters crown he won earlier this season.

Floyd, who had to birdie the 72nd hole to gain the playoff, threw his approach only three feet from the gently rippling flag on the first playoff hole, made a birdie and had his second title of the season.

McGee scored a par four on the playoff hole, the 406 yard first at the 7,007 yard No. 2 course at the Pinehurst Country Club.

McGee came from six strokes back with a six-under-par 65 in the final round and finished with a 72 hole total of 274, a whopping 10 under par and six strokes better than any previous winning score here.

Floyd, playing two groups behind him, converted a 10-foot putt about 20 minutes later for a birdie and a round of par 71 that forced the playoff in the final round. But late summer weather, warm sunny and almost windless.

George Burns, who had led or shared the lead through the first three rounds, once built a three-shot advantage in the final round. But he made double bogey six on the 12th hole after driving into a fairway bunker, lost five strokes to Floyd in as many holes and finished with a 73 that left him in third place at 275, one shot out of the playoff.

Tom Watson, with a 71, was next at 276. Hale Irwin, Bob E. Smith and Rik

Massengale were two shots back at 278, a score two strokes better than Jack Nicklaus' record winning score of a year ago.

Massengale closed up with a 67 while Smith and Irwin had 72s.

Nicklaus, who lost in a playoff two years ago and won the title last year, wasn't around for the wind-up this time. He failed to make the cut for the final two rounds, the first time he'd missed since October of 1970.

McGee, who now has two second place finishes this year, a third, three fourths and eighth in the PGA, came from out of the pack to present his challenge while Burns and Floyd were locked in what appeared to be a two-man struggle.

McGee, a chipper, quick-quipping man, moved into title contention with his birdie on the 16th hole, parred the next, then birdied the 18th to take the lead alone.

Burns, just completing his rookie year at age 27, began to fade with that double bogey on the 12th. He also bogeyed the 14th and 15th while Floyd was making birdie on the 14th. It was a five-stroke swing in as many holes and Floyd was leading him.

Floyd, however, who won the Masters with his record dominance of the par fives, faltered on the 16th, a 504-yard hole that ranks as the easiest on the course. He drove into the woods, was short in two, over the green in three, chipped poorly and two-putted for a bogey.

That put him one back of McGee.

## Eagles lose opener

# Steelers blow lead

OAKLAND (AP) — Rookie placekicker Fred Steinfort filled George Blanda's shoes magnificently yesterday, kicking a 21-yard field goal with 18 seconds left to complete a dramatic rally which gave the Oakland Raiders a 31-28 season-opening victory over the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Raiders scored three times in the final three minutes after the Steelers had driven 84 yards and taken a 28-14 lead on Franco Harris' three-yard touchdown run with 6:43 remaining.

A 76-yard Oakland drive, ending with Ken Stabler's third touchdown pass of the game and his second to tight end Dave Casper, cut the Pittsburgh lead to 28-21 with 2:56 left. Then Warren Bankston partially blocked a punt by the Steelers' Bobby Walden, and Stabler ran two yards for a touchdown as the Raiders tied the score with 1:05 to go.

Fifteen seconds later, Terry Bradshaw tried to rifle a pass up the middle. Oakland defensive end Otis Sistrunk deflected the ball into the hands of linebacker Willie

Hall and the Raiders had possession at Pittsburgh's 12-yard line.

After two runs by Pete Banaszak, the Raiders called on the rookie kicker from Boston College who sent the 48-year-old Blanda, hero of so many victories in past years, into retirement this summer.

DALLAS (AP) — Quarterback Roger Staubach's deadly passing and fullback Scott Laidlaw's determined runs carried the Dallas Cowboys to a 27-7 victory over Philadelphia yesterday, spoiling Eagle coach Dick Vermeil's National Football League debut.

Dallas scored five of the first six times it had the football against a porous Eagle defense, with Staubach connecting on two touchdown passes.

Laidlaw's tackle-breaking runs were instrumental in each Cowboy scoring drive as the second-year veteran from Stanford gained over 100 yards rushing.

Efren Herrera kicked field goals of 37 and 46 yards in the first quarter before Staubach cranked up the

Cowboy offensive machine. Staubach whipped Dallas 72 yards in 11 plays, climaxed by Doug Dennison's three-yard touchdown plunge to make it 13-0 early in the second period.

The veteran Cowboy quarterback connected on a 22-yard scoring strike to his favorite receiver, Drew Pearson, just before the intermission.

Dallas stormed 75 yards in six plays to put the game out of reach early in the third quarter.

## NFL results

Yesterday's Results  
 Los Angeles 30, Atlanta 14  
 Washington 19, New York Giants 17  
 Cleveland 28, New York Jets 17  
 Baltimore 27, New England 13  
 Dallas 27, Philadelphia 7  
 Cincinnati 17, Denver 7  
 Minnesota 40, New Orleans 9  
 San Diego 30, Kansas City 16  
 Chicago 10, Detroit 3  
 San Francisco 26, Green Bay 14  
 Houston 20, Tampa Bay 0  
 Oakland 31, Pittsburgh 28  
 St. Louis 30, Seattle 24

Today's Games  
 Miami at Buffalo, n

## Stickwomen challenged at Pocono Invitational

Penn State's field hockey team, warmed up for a tough season with some high class competition this weekend at the Mount Pocono Invitational Tournament.

Penn State coach Gillian Rattray was enthused over the chance to play top-level hockey so early in the season. "The range of ability and skill was fantastic," she said.

Out of 24 teams, only five colleges were invited to the tournament. The other entries were club, association, or alumni teams. Three Penn State rivals — Lock Haven, East Stroudsburg, and Slippery Rock — competed, but the scholastic teams were not pitted against one another.

The Lady Lions played four

short games (15-minute halves) Saturday and two on Sunday. Chris Larson scored two goals and Sue Ward tallied one to lead Penn State to a 3-0 victory over Lower Bucks club team in the opener.

The going was rougher in the next matchup against the North Jersey association team. Penn State lost that game, 1-0.

The Lady Lions got a look at some U.S. players in their next game against Lock Haven alumni. Charlene Morett and Larson were the scorers in a 2-1 Penn State victory.

The scores were reversed in the next matchup against the

South Jersey association team. Rattray termed this game a disappointment, as the Lady Lions outshot their opponent 13-5. Ironically, a former Penn State teammate, Lynn Watkins, was goalie for South Jersey and largely responsible for the outcome.

Penn State held a high-caliber alumni team, the Ursinus Youngtimers, to a scoreless tie yesterday and dropped the closing game, 3-1, to the Bluebells, a Philadelphia club team featuring several U.S. players.

"This showed up what we need to work on," Rattray said. Penn State's season opens Sept. 28 at Millersville.

— Barb Shelly

## 'Confused' rugby team loses

The Penn State rugby team ended up playing a game over the weekend but it wasn't against Susquehanna as they had planned. By the time all the confusion had subsided, Penn State was on the short end of a 12-7 score against the Carlisle Gaels.

According to Dave Skidmore, a scrum half on the team, Susquehanna called Friday night to inform Penn State that they had only 11 players and wouldn't be able to play as scheduled.

So, the ruggers set up an intra-squad game for

Saturday and were in the middle of that when the Carlisle team showed up and informed Penn State that they were to play a game at University Park. Evidently, Carlisle had been scheduled to play Penn State for Saturday but the Lions didn't have Carlisle on their schedule. At any rate, the game was played and the results counted.

Jim Dolphin scored Penn State's only try of the day and Chris Mather added a three-point penalty kick from about 35 yards.

Carlisle was trailing up until the last minute of the game, but a try plus the conversion gave them the win.

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