



Photo by Richard Buday
Manager Danny Ozark on the Phillies' first Eastern crown: "My players don't seem excited."

Phils' title boat rocking as Allen makes waves

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies, who took pride in their togetherness during the drive to the National League Eastern Division championship, are feuding among themselves, and controversial first baseman Dick Allen is the man in the middle.

The Phillies' simmering resentments surfaced after a 34-minute "give 'em hell" meeting called by manager Danny Ozark before Wednesday night's game in St. Louis, before Wednesday night's game in St. Louis.

Ozark was unhappy with the attitude and performance of some of his players since the division clinching victory Sunday in Montreal.

"It's hard to believe," said the normally imperturbable Ozark. "I've been so excited about winning the division I get up at seven in the morning just to feel good. But my players don't seem so excited."

Ozark is disenchanted with Allen. It started in July when the first baseman failed to show up for two games. The manager reportedly threatened to resign because he didn't like the way the front office handled the matter.

And several weeks ago when the club was in an almost disastrous slump, Allen didn't show up until half an hour before one game. Ozark benched Allen for three days. It was reported that the manager was ordered to restore his first baseman to the lineup.

The latest Allen caper occurred Sunday after the division clinching in Montreal. The team went to St. Louis for its final road trip. Allen took a plane to Philadelphia. He said he was going home to celebrate with his family.

Ozark told reporters on the plane that Allen had permission to go home, but refused to elaborate.

Still another bone of contention is Allen's ultimatum told to a writer traveling with the team that he would not participate in the National League Playoffs, or the World Series unless his longtime friend, Tony Taylor, is included on the 25 man post-season roster.

The resentment unloosed by some players also involved outfielder Ollie Brown, platooned in right field all season with Jay Johnstone. Ozark played Jerry Martin in right field in Sunday's division winning game.

Then, there was grumbling over four players locking themselves in an equipment room during the second game of the Montreal doubleheader and holding their own celebration.

Some players were disturbed because Allen sat in the dugout by himself during the celebration in the clubhouse.

Bitter statements were made by some of the team's stars on the various issues that threaten to tear apart the Eastern champions before they meet the Western Division winning Cincinnati Reds in the best of five game playoff for the National League pennant starting here Oct. 9.

"He (Allen) makes \$250,000 a year, and if he was so hot to celebrate with his family he should have had them flown here to St. Louis," said reliever Tug McGraw. "They said he's been hitting an hour and a half every day at home. What the hell does he think his teammates are doing out here in St. Louis?"

Outfielder Garry Maddox took the opposite view on Allen's flight home. "Why should everybody be upset over Dick's going home? He got permission didn't he? He asked Danny if he could go and he told him he could."

Three writers traveling with the team have implied that while Ozark said he had given Allen permission to return home, the manager didn't know about it until he boarded the plane for St. Louis Sunday night.

Maddox was upset because he felt the race issue had been injected into the team meeting by McGraw. Maddox insisted that race never entered his mind when he, Dave Cash, Allen — all black — and Mike Schmidt — white — entered that equipment room in Montreal to rap about winning the division.

"Somebody has been fooling me this season," said Maddox. "I never saw a sign all year of any race problems. But now one of my teammates tells me we've got one. A LOT OF GUYS ARE UPSET BY THIS."

Another charge at the meeting was that Schmidt had joined a clique with black players. McGraw reportedly said that Schmidt and a group of black players had segregated themselves from the rest of the team in recent weeks.

Schmidt was surprised at the charge. He said Maddox is his neighbor as well as his teammate, and that he has been friendly with Cash ever since the second baseman joined the team. It apparently didn't bother Schmidt too much, because the third baseman went out and doubled and hit his 38th home run Wednesday.

The Allen ultimatum about Taylor upset the front office. The 40-year-old Taylor, who probably will be given a job with the organization next year, has been on and off the disabled



Photo by Richard Buday
Phils' Dick Allen has given new meaning to 'division' title.

list all year. He's a 19-year veteran who has never been in a World Series. Allen thinks he deserves the chance.

If the Phils make Taylor eligible, they would have to deactivate a pitcher, and the whole 10 man staff has been effective in the drive to the title.

"Much as I love Tony Taylor," said Ozark, "and as much as I'd like to see him play in a World Series, I'm not going to go to one of my pitchers and ask him to sit it out."

The Phillies' front office had all but decided that Taylor was the only possible person that could be omitted from the post-season roster. Allen said he would rather sit out than have Taylor miss the playoffs and Series if the Phils make it. That well might end up as the solution.

Cat fight brewing in bluegrass country

Lions clawing for consistent offense

By CHUCK BUCHANAN
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Consistency. Intensity. Sound familiar? If you've been listening to Joe Paterno, and many people do in these parts, you've doubtlessly heard these words in reference to the Nittany Lions at one time or another. In fact, if you listen often enough it's most likely that you've heard these words at one time AND another AND another ever since the Stanford Band, accompanied by the Stanford football team, came to spend a Saturday afternoon in Happy Valley.

Only the valley hasn't been all that happy since that eventful afternoon. Eventful, because the Lions won a football game on that day. Unhappy, because of consistency and intensity. Or rather, the lack of them.

"I'm not sure what the reason is exactly," says Joe Paterno in trying to explain the lack of consistency displayed by this year's Lion offensive squad. "We do well at times, and then we seem to break down."

Unfortunately for Lion fans and of course, the Lions, the breakdowns seem always to happen inside the opponents' 30-yard line.

"We have different players playing different positions each week," Paterno explains. This contributes highly to the inconsistency, says the coach.

"We haven't been as lucky as we could have been with all the health problems, and we've had to shuffle players around because of this."

Then, too, there is the overall make-up of the 1976 squad. Besides the large number of underclassmen on the team, most players who fill the key positions, and who have a few years of varsity experience under their belts, have very little experience at those positions.

Senior George Reihner is playing only his fourth game this weekend on the offensive line, and senior Rich Mauti is in his first full season at wide receiver. Situations such as these lend themselves to inconsistency.

And if there was one hallmark of the Penn State offense in past glory years, it was consistency. "We are obviously not that good now," Paterno observes, "but we'll get there!"

Another hallmark of the great Penn State teams was intensity. Intensity, as applied to football players and to football teams, refers to the vehement, fired-up, killer instinct. A quick review of the current season will reveal that the Lions have not killed anyone to date.

"We just haven't done well enough to win this year," laments Paterno. Explaining the most recent loss, a 7-6 setback suffered at the hands of Iowa, Paterno pinpoints the problem: "We didn't play with enough intensity. But we're trying," he adds.

And try they must. If Paterno is to be believed, and he by all rights should, a Nittany Lion performance against Kentucky similar to that of last week's against Iowa will produce an even rarer item in these parts than a 1-2 Penn State football team — a 1-3 Penn State football team.

"It's gonna be a good ole fashioned gang fight down there in Lexington," he predicts. "We're gonna have to play a real gutty, hard-hitting football game to win this Saturday."

Paterno sees this game, the Lions' first road contest of the season, as a challenge. "They really outplayed us last year (when the Lions took a 10-3 decision at Beaver Stadium). They deserved to win, and they're anxious to prove that this year. This game will either make us or break us."

Netwomen to face Mary Baldwin team

Penn State netwomen face this fall's toughest competitor, Mary Baldwin College, when they travel to Staunton, Virginia, tomorrow.

"Mary Baldwin always plays smart, consistent tennis," said Coach Joan Nessler. "They play intelligent percentage tennis with probably the best doubles strategy we could expect from any team."

match lists Joy McManus in the first singles slot, followed by Wendy Gavett, Molly Wesner, Micki Larkin, Gail Ramsay, and Karen Goldstein.

McManus will be up against Chrissy Gonzalez, the number-two seed in Eastern Collegiate. Gavett meets Heidi Goeltz, the number seven seed.

— Joyce Tomana



Photo by Edward Paisa Jr.
Penn State defensive tackle, George Reihner (68), will grapple with Kentucky's potent Wishbone offense.

4th retirement for Danny Murtaugh to hang it up

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Danny Murtaugh, who led the Pittsburgh Pirates to two World Championships and four division titles, will retire as manager of the baseball club, it was learned yesterday.

Murtaugh's exit, which could be officially announced yet this week, will be his fourth as a Pirate manager, but no doubt his last one.

At 58 — he'll be 59 on Oct. 8 — he'll leave baseball at the same time his boss and close friend Joe L. Brown retires.

The Associated Press confirmed his plans just a day after Brown announced he will step down from the post he's held for 21 years.

It was Brown who gave the tobacco-chewing former Pirate second baseman his first managing job at the Pirates' New Orleans farm club in 1952.

Brown must have seen something more than wins and losses during Murtaugh's first three years in New Orleans because the team finished fifth twice, second once. And when Murtaugh went to Charleston, W. Va., in 1955, his Triple A team finished eighth with a 31-64 record.

Murtaugh became third-base coach

for the Pirates in 1956 and was named manager in mid-1957 when Bobby Bragan was ousted.

It was the fall of 1960 when Murtaugh's Pirates, capped by Bill Mazeroski's memorable home run against the New York Yankees in the ninth inning, won their first World Championship in 33 years.

Murtaugh remained as manager until 1964 when he retired because of ill health. He returned as interim manager in 1967 for the fired Harry Walker, then again in 1970 on a more permanent basis. This time he led the Pirates to two consecutive first-place finishes and the World Series title in 1971, in which Steve Blass and the late Roberto Clemente excelled.

That was the year pitcher Dock Ellis found the beds too small in San Francisco for the championship series, called the Pirates cheapskates and repeated the complaint when he got to Baltimore.

It was Ellis who gave Murtaugh perhaps his most trying moment when in August 1975 he and Murtaugh had a showdown in front of the team over Ellis' refusal to pitch in the bullpen.

Murtaugh said Ellis was fined a "substantial amount." Then he was

Wildcats can run, but defense? Well...

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Kentucky — true John Denver country, where everyone gets high on clean air, those aesthetic surroundings and, of course, bluegrass.

Who can blame the folks of Lexington for feeling a little high this weekend? After all, their unheralded Wildcat football team meets No. 20 Penn State tomorrow and will come out of the scuffle with nothing less than a record equal to that of the visiting team.

The University of Kentucky players, finishing with a meager 2-8-1 record last season, already stand 2-1 in the 1976 campaign. But as any Stat 200 scholar knows, numbers can be very deceiving.

Although the Wildcats posted a convincing opening win over Oregon State, 38-13, and squeaked by West Virginia, 14-10 last weekend, the Kentuckians are quite young and inexperienced.

Top 20-rated Kansas took advantage of the mistakes of youth, romping over the Wildcats by a 38-16 count.

Though still in a rebuilding stage under fourth year head coach Fran Curci, Kentucky refuses to be a pushover. The ground-oriented offense has not been shut out since Curci took over the reins in 1973.

Quarterback Derrick Ramsey leads the newly-instituted wishbone attack, picking up 225 yards in three games off the option play. Ramsey saw some action as signal-caller of the veer offense last season, but played much of the year at the tight-end slot. With the loss of 1,000-plus yard getter Sonny Collins and last year's number-two running back, Steve Campassi, an inexperienced trio has taken up much of the slack as the Wildcats have been clipping off 289-yards per game on the ground.

Sophomore Rod Stewart, who saw limited action last season, holds down the vital fullback position. Flanking him are senior defensive back-turned-running back Greg Woods and soph Chris Hill.

Don't look for the aerial game, although assistant coach John Cooper says, "We will go to the air if we have to. We haven't passed the ball in the first three ball games because we felt we really didn't have to pass."

Ramsey hasn't stacked up in his most impressive statistics in the throwing department, completing just 13 of 31 attempts and throwing two interceptions. Back-up quarterback Bill Tolston is more inclined to throw, but has seen very little action so far.

Up front, the Kentuckians stack a big line, anchored by potential All-American Warren Bryant, a 249-lb. tackle, which could pose some problems for the smaller Penn State defense.

The Wildcats can be expected to commit some turnovers, as offensive errors have hurt them 10 times so far.

Defensively, Kentucky is vulnerable and should give the Lion offense some much-needed working room. The defense sacrificed over 300 total yards per game, and are susceptible to an aerial attack.

Strained knee ligaments sidelined junior linebacker Jim Kovach last Saturday. Kovach, listed as doubtful for tomorrow's contest, led in unassisted tackles and assists in 1975 and seemed well on his way to repeating that feat during the first games of this season.

Noseguard Jerry Blanton and defensive end Art Still anchor the line. Only three other veteran starters are scattered among the defensive corps.

Both the punting and kicking specialists are back — Pete Gemmill (37.3 yards per punt) and place kicker John Pierce, who is 8 for 8 in PAT's and 2 for 2 in field goals.

If the Wildcats are to drop Penn State into a 1-3 oblivion, "We're going to have to shut down their passing game and stop their power running," Cooper said. "We're going to have to play our best football to be in the game."

Altgelt sets red hot pace in Sahara golf

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Long-shot rookie Stan Altgelt, the first man off the tee, fired a career-best seven-under-par 64 and tied Wally Armstrong for the first round lead yesterday in the \$135,000 Sahara Invitational Golf Tournament.

Altgelt, a 27-year-old from Dallas, one putted 10 holes with the peculiar, red-and-white striped "Demon" putter he was using for the first time and birdied three of his last four holes on the 6,800-yard Sahara-Nevada Country Club course.