

# Eagles edge Atl.; Pgh.-Vikes tonight

ATLANTA (AP) — Mike Boryla fired a nine-yard touchdown pass to Charles Smith on a fourth down gamble with only 4:21 remaining yesterday to give the Philadelphia Eagles a 14-13 National Football League comeback victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

Philadelphia blocked a 42-yard field goal attempt by Nick Mike-Mayer on the game's final play to hold the victory.

The Eagles, trailing 13-0 and having netted only 34 yards and two first downs in the first half, had trimmed the lead to 12-7 on Boryla's 22-yard scoring strike to Harold Carmichael on their first possession of the third quarter.

Philadelphia, which dropped an overtime decision to Washington Monday night,

started its winning drive with just under 10 minutes remaining.

It was helped along early on a 15-yard roughness penalty against Atlanta's Claude Humphrey, and triggered a five-minute delay when Boryla refused to start a play because of the crowd's booing.

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** (AP) — The Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers hope to snap out of their early season lethargy tonight when they visit Minnesota in a nationally-televised National Football League contest.

The Steelers have sandwiched only a victory over Cleveland between losses to Oakland and New England and a loss to the Vikings would leave Pittsburgh with a 1-3 record. And the Steelers

have a divisional game at Cleveland next Sunday and two games apiece remaining with Houston and Cincinnati in the American Football Conference Central Division.

On the other hand, a Minnesota victory would give the Vikings a 3-0-1 record heading into next Sunday's National Football Conference Central Division showdown against the upstart Chicago Bears.

Both teams appear to be near full strength, although the playing status of Viking quarterback Fran Tarkenton will remain questionable until game time.

"I don't want to play if I can't help the team," said Tarkenton yesterday.

Minnesota Coach Bud Grant has already named Bob Lee as his starting quarterback, but noted that Tarkenton's sore ribs were improving.

"While he hasn't practiced, I'm sure he could play," said Grant in reference to Tarkenton.

Lee took over for the injured Tarkenton in the second half of last week's 10-9 victory in Detroit and engineered all the Minnesota scoring.

Tarkenton, 36, has never missed a starting assignment because of an injury in 15 years.

The only thing hurting on the Steeler ledger appears to be the pride of the defensive team. Steeler opponents have scored 75 points in three games, although turnovers have been a major factor in that statistic.



Kris Bankes (left) and Kathy Mills, PSU cross country runners, both ran this three-mile race in 17:34 for a first place finish in Sunday's meet.

# Lady harriers take meet; men outrun Mountaineers

By DON HOPEY  
Collegian Sports Writer

Kris Bankes had only her shadow running with her as she won yesterday's women's cross country meet matching Penn State against Lock Haven, Pitt and Maryland.

But the front running Bankes was never lonely.

Bankes' shadow under the bright and sunny blue skies that graced Happy Valley was Penn State teammate Kathy Mills who crossed the finish line not a step behind the winner. Both girls finished the three-mile race over Penn State's White Golf Course with a time of 17:34.

The frontrunner's position was even more crowded than that for much of the race. Almost two miles into the race, Bankes had three shadows instead of just one. You could have thrown a Penn State stadium blanket over Bankes, Mills, and teammates Liz Berry and Hilary Noden and still had a corner left for the close trailing Donna Gardner, also from PSU.

The race was all Penn State's from start to finish as the Lady Lions took eight of the top nine positions and 11 of the top 16. So lopsided was the race that even the winning Bankes had trouble "getting up" for it.

"I wasn't as nervous as I was last week or as psyched," Bankes said. "The other teams weren't even around when we got to the course and that didn't help. Only my teammates were there to push me."

Bankes and her teammates pushed each other over the cross country course in an

effort to simulate the fast but even pace that Coach Chris Brooks has had them working on in practice.

"The idea is to try to run the race at an even pace and not go out too fast," Brooks said. "By running together they can help pace each other."

Brooks said the even pace will help the runners to develop their speed gradually.

"One of the biggest problems with women's cross country is that the girls have not been handled carefully enough," Brooks said. "In this country the girls are trained too hard at too early an age which results in the development of stress factors and mental problems."

"We'll try to bring them along gradually through pacing and teach them to try to make up ground on the downhills that they lose on the uphills," Brooks said. "By the time the nationals come around we'll be letting them go on their own."

The women runners will be going into next week's meet at Dayton, Ohio with a little more incentive.

"We can't afford to fool around around next week in the Kettering Meet," Brooks

said. "We'll be up against good Mid-western AAU clubs, and they're very strong. Kettering will be tough and so will the Peora Track Club. We'll go with our top people."

That means Bankes and her many shadows.

Penn State co-captain George Malley set a West Virginia course record on Saturday as the Lion cross-country team shut out the Mountaineers 15-46.

Malley's five-mile time of 24:39.2 was a half second faster than the previous record set by West Virginia graduate Alex Kasich last year. Malley was never threatened and finished more than 200 yards ahead of Lion junior Robert Snyder.

John Ziegler, Bruce Baden, and Ray Krombel followed Snyder to complete the shutout, while Dave Spears and Frit Cooper finished eighth and ninth and displaced three Mountaineer harriers.

Jim Villeoa's sixth place finish led West Virginia, now 3-2 and described as an average team. The 2-0 Lions travel to Kent State on Friday.

— Bill Klein

## Ali retired? Advisor doesn't think so

CHICAGO (AP) — Muhammad Ali's spiritual leader expressed doubt yesterday about the heavyweight champion's intention to retire from the ring, saying Ali may have acted hastily in announcing his decision.

"Obviously he had rushed into something before considering many other things," Wallace D. Muhammad, chief minister of the Nation of Islam religious faith, told reporters and followers at a news conference yesterday.

Ali, who announced Friday in Istanbul, Turkey that he would retire from boxing on

the advice of Wallace Muhammad, had been scheduled to attend the news conference but did not appear.

"As we journeyed home from Turkey, he began to show an increasing burden," Wallace Muhammad said. "I'm wondering if Muhammad Ali is really retiring or if he is just making another empty statement."

Muhammad spoke in a South Side Muslim mosque. A spokesman for the faith had telephoned news organizations Saturday to say that Ali would appear and answer questions.

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National Football League												
AMERICAN CONFERENCE												
Eastern Division						Central Division						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
N. Eng.	3	1	0	.750	121	85	Minn.	2	0	1	.333	69
Balt.	3	1	0	.750	124	87	Chi.	2	0	1	.333	62
Buff.	2	2	0	.500	88	69	Detroit	1	3	0	.250	54
Miami	2	2	0	.500	88	82	Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	45
NY Jets	0	4	0	.000	26	117						
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE												
Eastern Division						Western Division						
Denver	3	1	0	.750	123	33	San Fran.	3	1	0	.750	92
S. Diego	3	1	0	.750	96	66	Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	47
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	85	110	New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	68
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	20	39	Seattle	0	4	0	.000	65
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