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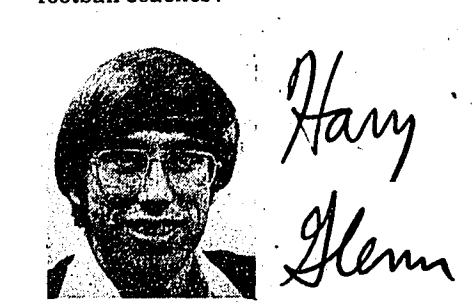
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**Crying wolf not helping Paterno this time around**

To a journalist, credibility is extremely important. It is also important to business executives, administrators and football coaches.

If a journalist writes something one day, and something completely opposite occurs the next, that writer will be questioned by his readers. If an executive or administrator makes a prediction one day, and something totally different happens the next day, he is questioned by his fellow executives and administrators.

So why should it be different with football coaches?



On Wednesday I sat across from one football coach who is rather well known in these parts. After the coach finished questions for 15 minutes, somebody got around to asking him a question about his team's sluggish offense.

The coach leaned forward, looked through his dark glasses and said, "I told you before the season began that we were going to have problems. How many times did I tell you?"

Continuing to lament on that subject for several minutes, something struck a nerve and he looked up and said, "You (writers) never listen to me when I tell you things."

That coach who claims writers never listen to him is the same coach that last year told writers that Texas Christian University, "is a better team than people realize."

Penn State promptly went out and destroyed the Horned Frogs 58-0, outgaining them by 270 yards.

One week later, he opened up and told the writers, "If anybody doesn't think Kentucky is a good team, they're daydreaming."

He flew back from Kentucky several days later a 30-0 winner.

The fact of the matter is that writers are not sure what to believe when Joe Paterno speaks. I'm not calling Joe Paterno a liar, but he likes to be conservative in his opinions.

Believe it or not, 10 years ago, the same coach, 10 years ago, was asked about the possible outcome of a game with Maryland. Paterno answered by saying, "Win? Certainly."

Writers and fans alike realize that Paterno exhibits a certain class by not knocking or, as he puts it, "berating" other teams. He is truly a gentleman and is gracious in defeat as well as in victory.

As he said before that Maryland game 10 years ago, "Win, but do it with charity towards those you beat. I think you can have a good football team without sacrificing your integrity."

Nobody questions the fact that Paterno must be gracious.

But he must understand that writers, and fans, will remain skeptical when it comes to his evaluations of a team. Not only is it a question of acceptance, it is a question of proven fact that as much as Paterno down plays his own team, and builds up the strength of his opponents, he has won 125 games and lost only 27 in his 13½ seasons here.

Paterno must realize that even if he was leveling when he talked about the problems of his offense early in the season, the writers and fans have been weened on his winning ways and again expect a winner. He has been quoted this season as saying the team is "really not that good." But writers and fans won't accept that.

"I don't think people are being fair to the kids," he said Wednesday. "If you put things back in perspective and don't daydream the way people do..." he continued, never finishing his sentence.

Maybe he was unable to finish the sentence because deep down inside he knows Penn State football can't be put back into perspective — not when 76,000 people pile into a steel bowl to watch his team play, or when a program is relied upon to produce millions of dollars in revenue.

Sometimes it's obvious that he knows Penn State football is out of proportion. "I would be the same way if I was sitting in the stands spending 10 bucks to see a football team play. I know the students are anxious to have a powerhouse every year."

What is more obvious is that Paterno doesn't have a solution to the problem of putting the football program back into perspective. Just like a business or a newspaper that is growing and expanding, he doesn't have a solution. All he can do is look up over those dark glasses, shrug his shoulders, shake his head and sigh, "What are you going to do?"

## Lions must get off tails for Cadets

By DARLENE HROBAK  
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Will the real Penn State football team please stand up?

Is it the Nittany Lion squad which looked impressive in defeating Maryland 27-7 last week and which, in the season opener, routed Rutgers by a score of 45-0?

Or is it the Lion team which looked anything but impressive in its second and third games of the season, losing consecutively to Texas A&M 27-14, and Nebraska 42-17?

The answer, if one is to be found, may well be provided at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon at Beaver Stadium when the unranked 2-2 Lions take on the Army Cadets in the feature attraction of Penn State's Alumni Homecoming Weekend.

Quarterback Dayle Tate analyzed the two personalities of the Lion squad: "When it was easy we've won, and when it was tough we didn't. But we're gonna get better. We should beat Army, and I think we will beat Army."

Army, however, is not a team to be taken lightly. The 2-1 Cadets have a 17-13 upset victory over Stanford to their credit, and Penn State coach Joe Paterno called the Cadets "the best team I've seen in a long time."

The Lion defense — strengthened by last week's move which sent Bruce Clark to nose guard and Greg Jones to tackle — surrendered only 153 yards against Maryland and seems ready for Army.

But the general consensus is that if State wants to indulge its alumni with the nostalgic winning ways of old, the offense will have to start to jell.

"I think it's (the offense) gotten a little bit better, but obviously it's not good enough," Paterno said. "It's not consistent enough, but I'm hoping the little bit of success we had against Maryland, and the fact Dayle had a good game, that we should make a lot of progress."

"I'll be disappointed if we're not a much better offensive team this week than last week," he said.

Last week, Tate completed 10 of 18 passes for 100 yards. The Lions amassed 318 total yards. Freshman Jeff Hostetler and sophomore Frank Rocco are now Tate's back-ups, because Paterno moved No. 2 signal-caller Terry Rakowski to split end Monday.

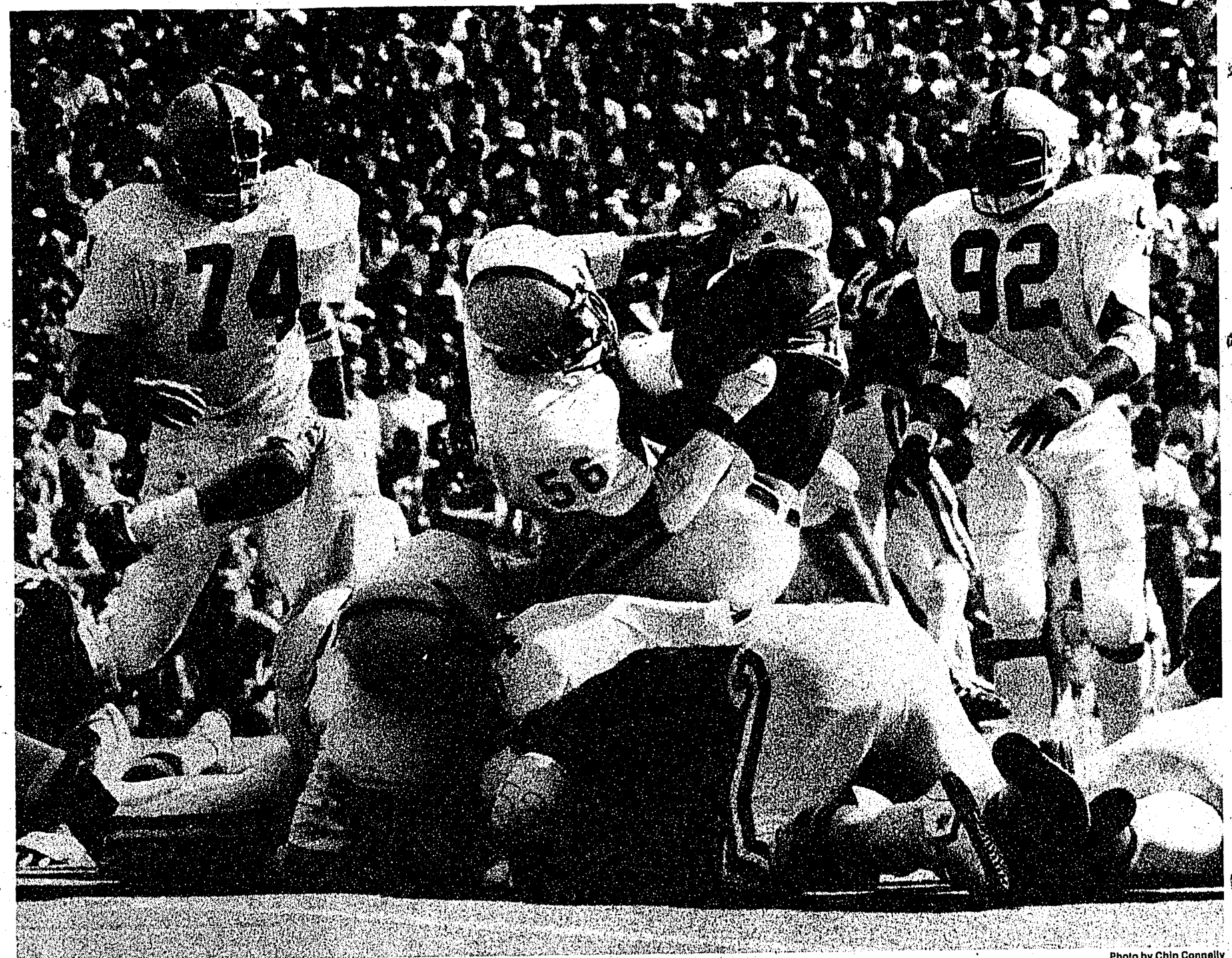
Freshman standout Curt Warner will probably watch the game from the sidelines. The doctors are afraid that if State's offensive leader in total yardage reinjures his knee, he may be out for the remainder of the season.

If Warner can't go, Booker Moore or Mike Guman — who was switched to flanker this season — will join tailback Matt Suhey in the backfield, with Leo McClelland seeing some playing time. Guman, still troubled by a lacerated knee, is a step or two slower than he'd like to be, but will probably see action at wideout as well as tailback.

"We're trying to do things that eventually will give us an offense that can be consistent," Paterno said. "We're trying to develop some kind of offense game, but it's going to take a little time because we're just not good at some of those things right now."

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Penn State's Lance Mehl pulls down Nebraska's Jarvis Redwine as Larry Kubin (74), Rick Donaldson (92) and Steve Griffiths (52) look on. The Lions should have an easier time tomorrow afternoon than they did against the Cornhuskers when they take on Army in the annual Homecoming game at Beaver Stadium.

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ahead of Franco Harris on the Penn State career rushing chart, is the Lions' leading rusher. He has 224 yards — 86 of which came last week against Maryland — on 55 carries, which gives him a 4.1 average per carry.

Tom Donovan is Tate's leading receiver with nine catches for 134 yards. He'll be at split end tomorrow, and Scott Hettlinger will fill in at Guman's flanker position. Kip Vernaglia will be the back-up.

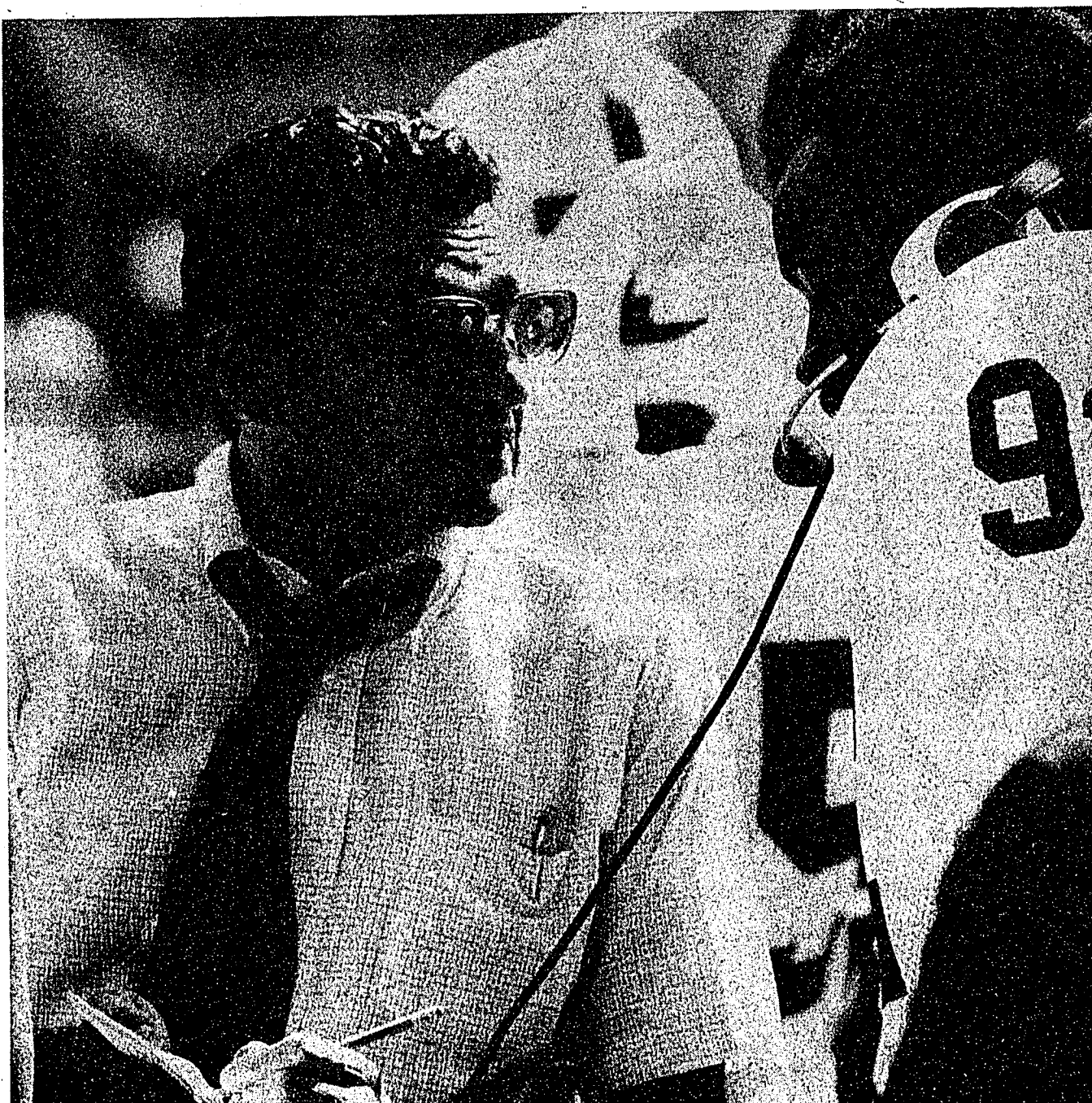
"We are just going to have to execute better than we have been," Donovan said. "We'll basically use the same stuff

"more invulnerable" left end Larry Kubin said. "It strengthens our whole defensive scheme."

The Lions' defense will have basically the same personnel as last week. Only defensive back Mickey Urquhart is questionable with a leg injury. Paterno said he wants Clark to stay at middle guard and Jones at tackle for the rest of the season. The move makes it tougher for offensive squads to double team Clark and tackle Matt Miller since they're playing side by side.

"It's making our strong side a little

## Cadets hope to snap Lions' domination



Penn State football coach Joe Paterno discusses some defensive strategy with linebacker Rick Donaldson. Paterno believes this year's Cadet squad is vastly improved compared to their teams of the past.

By TOM VERDUCCI  
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Service academies are so named because of their service to the country, but somebody forgot to tell the U.S. Military Academy.

Dating back to 1908, Army has been serving Penn State with unfailing allegiance. In the eight games between the schools since that year, the Cadets have bowed down to the Lions no less than eight times, including a most recent 38-16 thrashing in 1976 at Beaver Stadium.

When the two teams get together in the same place tomorrow, there is little reason to believe that Army will abandon its loyalty, and no one is more aware of this than Army coach Lou Saban.

"It's obvious to everyone that we don't have much (playing talent)," Saban said. "We can get hurt rather quickly."

Despite Saban's pessimistic analysis, the Cadets (2-1) have only been hurt once this year — that being a 41-5 mugging at the hands of North Carolina. Still, victories over Stanford (a 17-13 upset in California) and Connecticut (26-10), and a tie with Duke, are enough to convince Lion coach Joe Paterno that maybe, just maybe, the 1979 Cadets are of a different breed than their dedicated predecessors.

"Army is the best Army team that people will have seen for a long time," Paterno said. "They're better organized than they've been. Saban's done a fine job with them. I think the North Carolina game would be a little misleading, but at times in that ballgame they played very well. I think it'll be a tough football game."

Paterno said that an injection of speed into the Cadets' corps addicted them to a more potent attack.

"It's one thing if you've got a tremendous amount of determination, but if you don't have the speed to get there to do things, it doesn't make any difference,"

Paterno said. "But this club has the speed. In past years you always felt with their lack of speed that the country, but somebody forgot to tell the U.S. Military Academy."

Watching other teams is no strange practice for Saban, either. In fact, with "about to injuries" to his squad, Saban wouldn't mind switching his role from coach to spectator.

"I look at the talent they (Penn State) have and I enjoy seeing it," Saban said. "I enjoy seeing a great team and great players perform no matter what side."

Two players Saban will not see perform are his No. 1 quarterback Earle Murren and starting inside linebacker John Hillard. Ironically, both players left last week's game with Duke with ankle injuries — although Murren's was an aggravation of an earlier sprain sustained at Stanford — and will not make the trip.

"After losing the two games, I think it opened our eyes a little bit," Kubin said. "It was still early in the season, and we looked ahead of us and saw we still had eight games to play. We really want to pull off a good season."

"They're a very well-disciplined team," Donovan said. "They don't have great amount of fantastic athletes, but they always know what they're going to do. They seem to be in the right place at the right time."

## Sanguillen sends home Ott, Pirates with series tie



No way was Pirate catcher Ed Ott going to let the Orioles' Ed Murray score on this play in the sixth inning of last night's second game of the World Series. Murray was out and so were the Orioles as Pittsburgh tied the series.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Pinchhitter Manny Sanguillen delivered a two-out, two-strike single during a continuing downpour in the ninth inning, scoring Ed Ott with the winning run last night as the Pittsburgh Pirates nipped the Baltimore Orioles 3-2 in the second game of the 1979 World Series.

The victory tied the best-of-seven series 1-1, with the teams moving to Pittsburgh for the next three contests, beginning today with a battle of left-handers, Scott McGregor pitching for Baltimore against John Candelaria of the Pirates.

Sanguillen, the seldom-used third-string Pittsburgh catcher, won a battle of nerves with Baltimore reliever Don Stanhouse and drilled the decisive hit on another rainy, bone-chilling night in Baltimore.

Pinch-hitter Bill Robinson opened the ninth with a single to left against reliever "Tippy" Martinez. Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver immediately went to his bullpen for Stanhouse, a right-hander who saved 21 games this season.

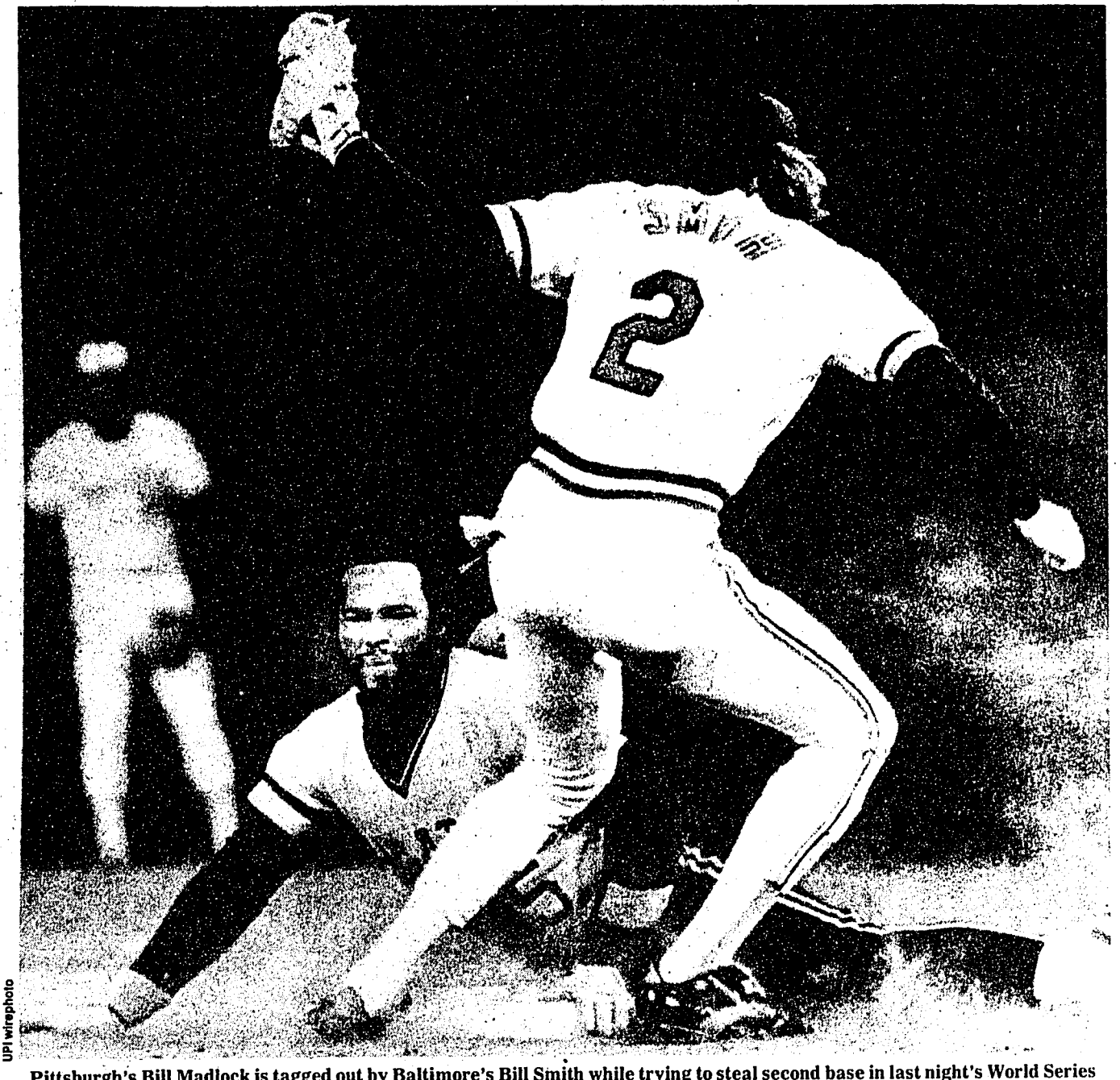
The frizzy-haired pitcher made just one pitch to Bill Madlock when pinch-runner Matt Alexander took off for second. The speedster previously had been thrown out only once all year, but Orioles catcher Rick Dempsey gunned him down.

After Madlock fled out, Ott bounced a bad-hop single off the chest of Baltimore second baseman Billy Smith. Then, Phil Garner, goat of the Pirates' 5-4 opening-game defeat, worked out a walk on four pitches.

That brought up Sanguillen, one of the last survivors of Pittsburgh's 1971 World Series. The 28-year-old catcher had batted only 230 this season, with only 17 hits and four runs batted in.

Stanhouse, working deliberately as a heavy mist fell on the already soaked Memorial Stadium field, worked the count 1-2. Sanguillen, always a bad-ball hitter who has a reputation of swinging at almost anything, fouled off three pitches, then drilled his hit to right.

Ken Singleton charged the ball and his throw to the plate was cut off by first baseman Eddie Murray. Murray relayed to catcher Rick Dempsey, but



Pittsburgh's Bill Madlock is tagged out by Baltimore's Ed Murray while trying to steal second base in last night's World Series action. The Pirates, however, weren't caught as they edged the Orioles, 3-2, to even the series.

Ott, running all the way, beat the tag for the deciding run.

Armed with the lead, Chuck Tanner, manager of the National League champion Pirates, went to relief ace Kent Tekulve to nail down the victory.

The lanky right-hander, who saved 31 games in the regular season, made quick work of the Orioles in the ninth, striking out Dempsey and Kiko Garcia for the first two outs, then getting Al Bumbry on a bouncer to shortstop.

The Pirates scored first, nicking Orioles starter Jim Palmer for two runs in the second inning on three straight singles. Willie Stargill started the rally with a single to right and moved to second on John Milner's single.

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