



Detroit's Billy Sims dives from one yard out for a Lion touchdown but his team fell 24-23 to the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday in St. Louis.

Cowboys down Raiders, 19-13

The Atlanta Falcons and Dallas Cowboys yesterday became the second and third teams to clinch National Football League playoff berths. Their wins helped deadlock two divisions with two weeks to play in the season. The Cowboys clinched their 14th playoff berth in 15 years as Rafael Septien kicked a 52-yard field goal and Ron Springs scored a 2-yard touchdown to defeat Oakland 19-13. But the Raiders, 9-5, stayed in a tie with San Diego in the AFC West after Washington upset the Chargers 40-7. The Redskins intercepted five passes, three by Joe Lavender, and Mark Moseley kicked four field goals. Tim Mazzetti's 37-yard field goal with seven seconds left gave the Falcons a 20-17 victory over Philadelphia. Atlanta, 11-3, and two games ahead of Los Angeles in the NFC West, recovered from a 14-0 deficit to beat the Eagles, who had lost two straight games to fall to an 11-3 mark and a tie in the NFC East with Dallas. Buffalo quarterback Joe Ferguson hit wide receiver Frank Lewis on a spec-

Falcons' late surge trips Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tim Mazzetti's 37-yard field goal with seven seconds to play gave the Atlanta Falcons a 20-17 victory yesterday over the Philadelphia Eagles in a battle of playoff-bound National Football League teams. Quarterback Steve Bartkowski, who had thrown touchdown passes of 11 yards to Wallace Francis in the second period and 12 yards to Lynn Cain in the third quarter, guided the Falcons from their own 9-yard line into field goal range after Atlanta took possession with 1:03 remaining. His throws of 24 and 11 yards to Alfred Jenkins and a defensive holding call against cornerback Richard Blackmore, which wiped out a potential game-winning interception for the Eagles, enabled the Falcons to raise their record to 11-3. It kept the Falcons ahead of Los Angeles in the National Conference West. The Eagles, losing their second straight, fell to 11-3. Tony Franklin tied it at 17-17 with 3:47 gone in the fourth period with a 40-yard field goal before Mazzetti, who had opened the scoring for Atlanta with a 26-yard field goal in the first period, broke the deadlock. The Eagles burst back from that early deficit with two touchdowns in the second quarter, the first on Ron Jaworski's 22-yard pass to Harold Carmichael, the second on a 15-yard halfback option pass from Louis Grammon to tight end John Spagnola. The Falcons' only previous playoff appearance came in 1978

Bowlers' unbeaten streaks still alive

The men's and women's bowling teams have grown accustomed to winning as they kept their unbeaten records intact this weekend. The Lions (8-0) and the Lady Lions (7-0) were able to bombard an overmatched Lincoln University team in a match yesterday afternoon. Going into the match, Villanova was the only undefeated men's team in the conference. Penn State started out by winning all six points in the first game, but Villanova outscored the Lions in the second game to cut the lead to 8-4. Nevertheless, Penn State dominated the third game and won the match by nine points. On Saturday, Jacques Jacobson and Dwayne Fry led the Lions with three games of 97 and 92, respectively. Jacobson took high single game honors with a score of 235. Fry, a senior and team captain of the Lions, said that term break seemed to have a positive effect on his bowling. He said he bowled a lot during the break, and apparently it paid off.

Phils sign relief ace McGraw

DALLAS (AP) — Relief pitcher Tug McGraw, one of the stars for the world champion Philadelphia Phillies in both the National League playoffs and the World Series, agreed to a four-year contract with the Phillies yesterday, the club announced at the major league baseball winter meetings. McGraw, who had become a free agent following last season, telephoned his acceptance of a pay estimated at \$1.6 million from a racketeer near Harrisburg. He called Phillies personnel director Paul Owens to confirm his acceptance of the contract worked out over the past month. McGraw, 36, said the first three years of the contract were guaranteed, while the fourth year was partially guaranteed. McGraw, a 14-year major league veteran who came to the Phillies from the New York Mets in 1974, has a 1988 season record of 3-4 with 20 saves and a 1.47 earned run average.

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Lady Lions swim to 4th place in Relays

BY STEVE GRAHAM Daily Collegian Sports Writer
Women's swimming coach Ellen Perry was counting on a few things at the 19th annual Penn State Swimming and Diving Relay championships over the weekend.
North Carolina and North Carolina State would battle for the team championship.
The Lady Lions would be psychologically prepared for arch-rivals Syracuse and Pittsburgh.
The upperclassmen would guide the pressure to be too overbearing.
It was the overall performance of the upperclassmen, Perry said Saturday after the Lady Lions finished in fourth place (242 points) behind champion N.C. State (316), North Carolina (314) and Pittsburgh (302).
They've set a good base of experience for the others to follow. (They) took right over and showed the way.
Perry said she was pleased that the Lady Lions were able to compete with Pittsburgh and she hopes the confidence and experience acquired from the Relay will carry over through the rest of the season.
We've seen some teams we're going to see at the national championships and we know we can swim with them, Perry said.
Penn State had problems stacking up with the Lady Tar Heels and the Lady Wolfpack as the two squads combined to establish seven new Relay records. The best the Lady Lions could do was capture third places in the three-meter diving and the 300-yard breaststroke relay.
Despite placing fourth in the 800-yard freestyle relay, they set a new team record with a time of 7:51.25.
After Friday's three-meter diving final, Perry was hoping the Lady Lion tandem of Pam Hiestler and Patti Jones could "finish fourth and perhaps challenge for third" in the one-meter event. And that's exactly what happened.
The girls weren't on nearly as well as they could have been, diving coach Bob Goldberg said. He said with some more experience, the divers will be able to handle their increased roles on the team.
Now it's all on their shoulders. It's changing their attitude to their position on the team, Goldberg said.
Jones agreed that the divers need more experience and that there is more pressure on them this year after having lost last year's team.
If we did have a bad day (last year), we had Becky to lean on, Jones said.

Icers bounce back to win 2

BY RON MUSSELMAN Daily Collegian Sports Writer
In the first four regular games this year, the ice hockey team was performing as though it had just fallen through thin ice. They were slowly sinking into the depths of the pond before help finally arrived.
That help came from Rodger Furse and Brad Rush who each scored two goals in a 10-1 victory over Pittsburgh on Friday and from leading scorer Matt Glass who chipped in with two goals in a 6-2 victory over Duquesne on Saturday. The victories upped the Lions' record to 3-2-1 on the season.
Penn State coach Clayton John was pleased with his team's play both offensively and defensively.
I was really pleased with our defensive performance, John said. They really dictated the outcome of the Pitt game by controlling the puck and the flow of the game. And our offense really played well in both games.
John singled out a few key performers.
Rodger (Furse) is having a great year and so is Matt (Glass), he said. That line (which also includes complemented each other well. All have scored some goals and Matt has set up quite a few goals. I guess you could say that line is nothing but pure hustle.
Glass is indeed having a fine year. He scored 11 goals in 16 games last year but has nearly equaled that total output with nine goals in just six games this season.
Glass said more ice time has been a big part of his team-leading production this season.
Last year we had a big crew at right wing, so I didn't get much of a chance to play until Thom (Horgas) was injured, the sophomore right-winger said. But this year I've had a lot more playing time and lately I guess I have just been in the right place at the right time.
John also had words of praise for his leading scorer.
Matt has won himself a starting spot on a regular shift this year and he has matured into a big scoring threat, John said. Besides scoring a lot of goals, he also has dishied out a lot of assists and that's important for a good hockey player to do.
John agreed that his team was off to a slow start and that these two wins were very important.
In the games against Pitt and Duquesne, John said, it was important for us to set up a good pattern and play hockey the way we are capable of playing. I think we did.

Tar Heel swim team crashes Lions' party

BY STEVE GRAHAM Daily Collegian Sports Writer
Men's swimming coach Lou MacNeill had a splash party at McCoy Natatorium over the weekend. The only problem was he was serving excitement instead of alcohol, and not everyone went home as happy as when they arrived.
North Carolina probably had the best time of all the guests as it captured the 12th annual Penn State Swimming and Diving Relay championships by nudging North Carolina State, 310-308. Penn State (240) finished fifth behind third-place West Virginia (288) and fourth-place Pittsburgh (278).
It was really a great three days, MacNeill said. The test was, can you get up early in the morning and swim well. We did a good job.
Despite the Lions' finish, MacNeill said the freshmen continued to come through in the clutch.
The team's success started (Thursday) night and it's just wonderful, MacNeill said. I feel much better because the other kids are improving. The way they're coming along, I think they'll break 3:30 at Easters in the 400-yard medley relay.
Had it not been for a mistake on his part in judging the competition for the 2,000-yard freestyle relay, MacNeill said the Lions could have scored more points in the final standings.
This relay meet is a matter of guessing the four fastest (teams) and I guessed wrong, he said.
As a result, the Lions placed sixth behind fifth-place Bucknell, who Penn State should have beaten, MacNeill said. But, he said, "It wouldn't have mattered."
Andy Cosgrea, a member of that relay team, said the three days of competition took their toll on the swimmers.
It's tough to be in fine-tune shape three days in a row, Cosgrea said. We had that tough dual meet with West Virginia on Thursday. We had just come out of a long stretch of training.
We were competing with the best. We still swim well. We did a good job.
Lion divers Craig Brown and Joe Greenwell continued to score high points as they combined to place first in the 1-meter event. However, Greenwell's brother, Pat, who dives for Pittsburgh, retaliated with his partner in the 3-meter event and forced the Lions to take second place.
On Friday night the Natatorium was dedicated to the late Ernest B. McCoy, who served as dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Penn State for 18 years.

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