

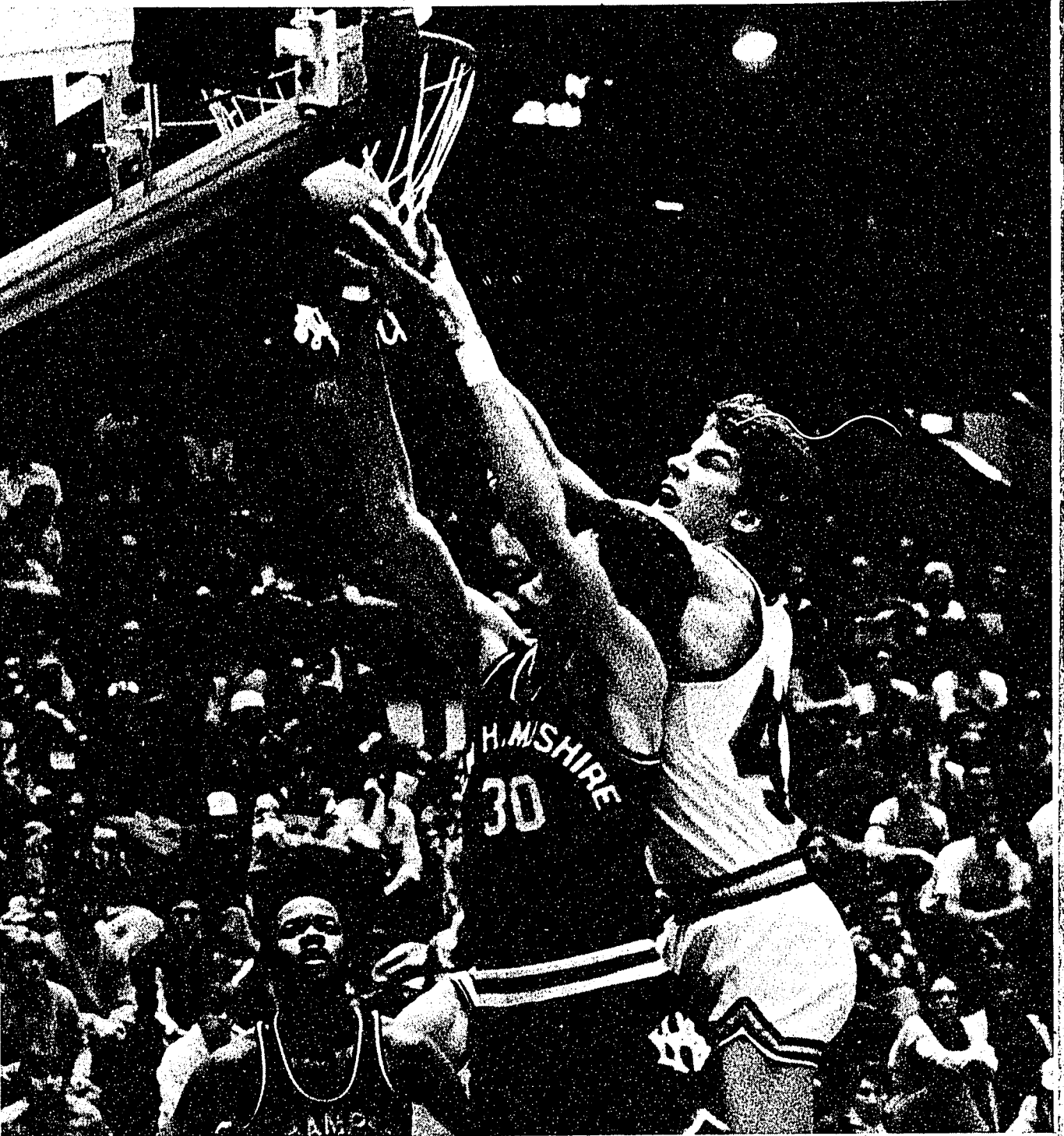
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Aguirre, Thomas go 1-2 Dallas, Detroit get top prizes in NBA draft

By ALEX SACHARE AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Aguirre and Isiah Thomas, boyhood friends from the school yards of Chicago, were the first two players selected in yesterday's NBA college draft. Aguirre, the 6-5, two-time All-American forward from DePaul, was picked No. 1 by the Dallas Mavericks and presented with the white-and-blue uniform with the No. 24 he'll be wearing. "Even the colors are great," said Aguirre, who found out Sunday he'd be the No. 1 pick but still said it was "the greatest feeling in the world to hear my name announced. I just wish I could go out, shoot some jumpers and relax." Moments later, the Detroit Pistons made Thomas, the point guard who directed Indiana to the National Collegiate Athletic Association title, the No. 2 choice in the draft. As Thomas entered the interview room, Aguirre spotted him and yelled: "Zekel! Zekel! We're in the NBA!" The Mavericks and Pistons are counting on the two prize rookies to help turn around teams that compiled records of 15-67 and 21-61, respectively, last season. Both players come from winning college teams and don't like the idea of joining losers. "I know there's going to be bumpy hills in Dallas," Aguirre said. "That's an adjustment I'm going to have to make. But I think between Coach (Dick) Motus and all the draft choices we have, we should make some progress." Thomas was the third point guard to be picked in the first round by the Pistons in the last three years (Ray Hamilton and Larry Drew were the others). When told of this, Thomas said: "I just hope this one sticks. To be a winner, a team needs cohesiveness, and that's what the point guard is supposed to do."

The most active team in the past 48 hours was the New Jersey Nets. On Monday the Nets obtained three-time all-star guard Otis Birdsong, the NBA's sixth-leading scorer with a 24.6 average last season, from Kansas City for 21-year-old forward Cliff Robinson. Just before yesterday's draft, the Nets dealt 32-year-old guard Mike Newlin to New York for second-year swingman Mike Woodson. And finally, the Nets used their three first-round choices to select 6-8 Buck Williams of Maryland No. 3, 6-6 Al King of Maryland No. 10 and 6-9 Ray Tolbert of Indiana No. 18. Williams is considered a 10-10-10 man by the scouts — he'll average at least 10 points and 10 rebounds per game for 10 years. He is the obvious candidate to step into the Nets' forward spot vacated by Robinson. King, a 6-6 teammate of Williams, grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is the brother of NBA star Bernard King. His selection drew the loudest cheer of the day from the gallery of nearly 1,000 spectators who attended the draft. King is expected to give Mike O'Koren a run for the starting small forward position. There was considerable intrigue involving the No. 4 pick. Seattle had hoped to get 6-11 Wood of North Carolina with the fifth choice, but Atlanta also wanted Wood. So the Hawks swung a complicated deal with Chicago that included a swap of first-round choices, giving Atlanta the No. 4 choice on the first round and dropping Chicago down to No. 6. That enabled the Hawks to take Wood, a forward in college who is likely to be shifted to the backcourt and fill Atlanta's need for a big guard. Seattle, it is hoped of getting Wood dashed, took the player



One of the minor surprises of yesterday's National Basketball Association draft came in the third round when the New York Knicks selected Penn State 6-10 center Frank Brickowski (right). Brickowski, a native of Bayville, N.Y., on Long Island, was never considered as one of the more outstanding collegiate prospects, but near the middle of last season he was one of the preliminary nominees selected by a panel of college coaches to play for the East team in the annual Pizza Hut Classic. But soon after that nomination, Brickowski lapsed into a stretch of lackluster play and eventually wound up spending four games on the bench. Brickowski had been considered as an outside prospect for the draft at the start of the season, but many thought that benching hurt his chances. Brickowski had improved greatly from his freshman year to his senior year and at various times led the team in rebounding and was always among the top five in scoring. And when he was at the top of his game, he was one of the most affective big men Penn State has had. He was the team's most valuable player in his junior year and is the first Penn State to be drafted since the mid-60s.

Baseball talks stalled, want NLRB ruling

By FRED HOTHENBERG AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball negotiators, still looking over their shoulders for a federal judge's ruling on an injunction, spent another fruitless 30 minutes yesterday at the bargaining table. After the session, Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said in the event of a strike, he would let the players themselves handle the negotiating sessions with management to show the other side "how strongly the players feel on the issue" of compensation for the signing of free agents. "It's getting very tense, very tense," said federal mediator Kenneth Moffet after another meeting yielded no movement progress. "Until the judge rules, it's going to continue this way." Moffet called a tentative meeting for this afternoon, which could be canceled if Judge Henry Werker chief referee on a National Labor Relations Board injunction that asks that the implementation of the owners' free-agent compensation proposal be postponed one year. Werker's office said Monday a decision would come "later this week." If the judge denies the NLRB request, the players have said they would strike within 48 hours of that decision. Miller said if they strike, he would let players negotiate with the owners because the owners have an "underlying assumption that they can sell the players the Brooklyn Bridge and I'm the only one that stands in the way." He said Ruly Carpenter, owner of the Philadelphia Phillies, was the latest management official to make that contention in an informal conversation with some of his players Monday. Ray Grebey, the owners' chief bargainer, told Miller at the negotiating table yesterday that that wasn't his belief. Miller said, however: "Mr. Grebey has told me directly that he thinks I can take the owners' proposal and sell it to the players. That's a grave underestimation of the players."

If a strike is called, the nucleus of the players' bargaining unit would include the four players on the union's executive board. They are Bob Boone of Philadelphia, the National League representative; Doug DeCinces of Baltimore, the American League representative; and the two pension committee representatives, Steve Rogers of Montreal and Mark Belanger of Baltimore. Miller said Don Fehr, the union's general counsel, would "attend the sessions to provide continuity." "While there's a change in format, there's no change in terms of mechanics," Miller said. "The union negotiating panel will still have full authority to negotiate a settlement subject to the approval by the union's executive board and ratification by the players."

Although both sides agreed they were waiting for judge Werker's decision, they disagreed on what action could be taken in the interim. "Neither side had anything new to offer," Grebey said. "The Players Association asked if I were waiting for the judge's decision, and we said it was a factor. This thing will have to be settled at the bargaining table, and having the judge's ruling will assist that."

Phillies defeat Astros, 10-3

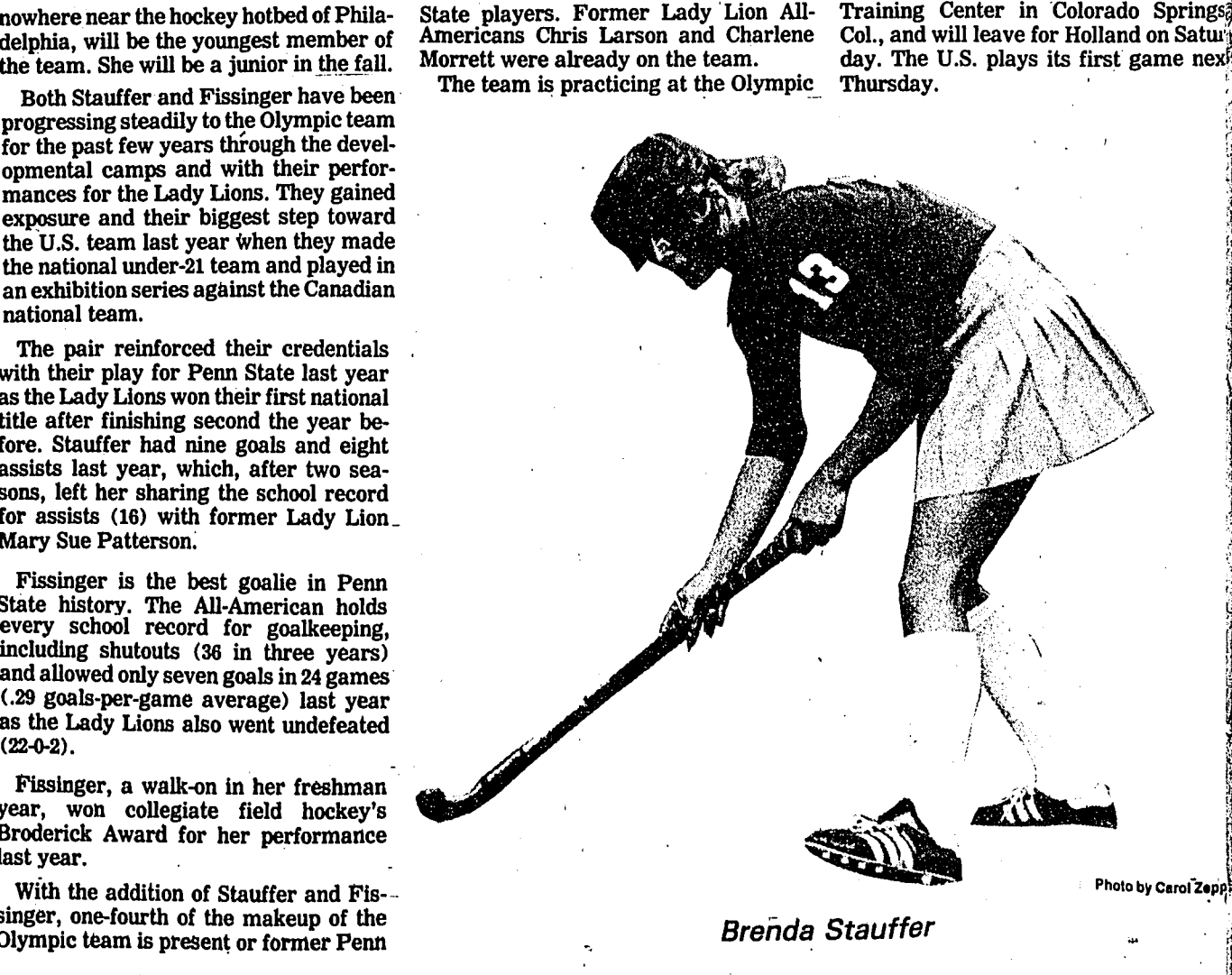
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mike Schmidt's two-run triple highlighted a five-run third inning and Pete Rose singled twice to move into two hits of breaking Stan Musial's National League career hit record of 3,630 as the Philadelphia Phillies pounded the Houston Astros 10-3 last night. Rose started the third-inning burst with a single to center and singled again in the eighth to give him 3,629 hits in 18 1/2 seasons. After Rose singled in the third to extend his hitting streak to 13 games, Gary Matthews walked. Schmidt then hit his triple off loser Joe Niekro, 6-5. And Dick Davis, hitting in his eighth straight game, singled to score Schmidt. The Phillies took a 1-0 lead in the first on a singles by Luis Aguayo and Matthews and a wild pitch by Niekro. Philadelphia added runs on a double by Schmidt and an RBI single by Garry Maddox in the fifth. Padres 7, Pirates 4. Steve Mura scattered nine hits in seven innings and hit a two-run double to lead San Diego past the Pirates 7-4 last night in Pittsburgh. It was scheduled as the first half of a twilight doubleheader, but the second game was rained out after 2 1/2 scoreless innings and a 91-minute delay. Mura, 47, needed help from Gary Lucas, who got his ninth save. Rick Rhoden, 6-1, took the loss, his first of the year. The Padres got four runs in the third inning. Terry Kennedy and Ruppert Jones singled and Joe Lefebvre walked to load the bases. Luis Salazar singled home Kennedy and Jones, then Mura's liner to right carried away from Dave Parker, scoring Lefebvre and Salazar.

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2 Lady Lions named to U.S. field hockey team

An intangible that's hard to measure is the caliber of player it takes to have a national championship team or build a nationally competitive program. One possible answer to that question now comes from the 1980 national champion field hockey team. Two members of that Lady Lion team were chosen on Friday as two of the top 15 hockey players in the country, and will represent the United States in the 1984 Olympic field hockey team. The pair reinforced their credentials with their play for Penn State last year as the Lady Lions won their first national title after finishing second the year before. Stauffer had nine goals and eight assists last year, which, after two seasons, left her sharing the school record for assists (16) with former Lady Lion, Mary Sue Patterson. Fissinger is the best goalie in Penn State history. The All-American holds every school record for goalkeeping, including shutouts (36 in three years) and allowed only seven goals in 24 games (29 goals-per-game average) last year as the Lady Lions also went undefeated (22-0-2). Fissinger, a walk-on in her freshman year, won collegiate field hockey's Broderick Award for her performance with the Lady Lions. With the addition of Stauffer and Fissinger, one-fourth of the makeup of the Olympic team is present or former Penn State players. Former Lady Lion All-Americans Chris Larson and Charlene Morrett were already on the team. The team is practicing at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., and will leave for Holland on Saturday. The U.S. plays its first game next Thursday.



Jeannie Fissinger

John resigns, hockey team needs coach

By SHARON FINK Daily Collegian Sports Writer
Most everyone around State College and the University has heard the saga of the Penn State Ice Hockey Club — how it's been trying to get varsity status and/or NCAA competitive status from the University for the respectable team it fields. Now it's trying to get something else, too, but not particularly from the University and not because the club particularly wants to. As of June 1, the Lions have been looking for a coach. Penn State coach Clayton John has received a job offer in Arizona and will move there before the start of the Lions' season in October. Because the hockey team is not officially affiliated with the University, it has to go out on its own to find a new coach. And that's what club president and team member Joe Battista is doing — being a one-man search committee. Battista has certain qualifications in mind for the new coach. "We need somebody who is involved with the University in some way — a teacher, a grad student," Battista said. "He doesn't necessarily have to be, but it would be a help in a transfer to varsity or NCAA status. That way, we'd have somebody who is familiar with University policies, affairs, the system."

"He is like a father to the club," Battista said. "With his energy and drive he created a total hockey atmosphere. He gave up a lot of time from his family and business for us. We need someone with Clayton's enthusiasm and energy and hockey background." John said the club will have a hard time finding someone if the new coach is to get paid what he did — nothing. But John has someone in mind for the job — John Shillington, a certified public accountant for a local firm. John said Shillington had played hockey for Clarkson, a northeastern Division I power. John had asked Shillington to be an assistant coach next year, and Shillington agreed to do that. "All I have to do is change the request from assistant coach to head coach," John said. "He's probably the best qualified person around." Battista agreed with John's choice, saying Shillington is definitely the team's first choice. But Battista has reservations. "He lives in Stormstown, which is like a half-hour away," Battista said. "And he'd have to be around a lot. For him to stay in with us, he'd miss his dinner hour. But Battista said if Shillington accepted the job, the ideal situation would be to get one or two assistant coaches who are University employees.

Change of scene good for Holmes' title defense

By ED SCHUYLER, Jr. AP Sports Writer
DETROIT (AP) — Larry Holmes is feeling good about his mental and physical condition for his WBC heavyweight title defense against Leon Spinks, and he thinks a change of scenery has helped. "I was getting stale in Las Vegas," said Holmes, who yesterday completed his serious gym work for Friday night's fight in the Joe Louis Arena. "I was becoming a champion of Las Vegas instead of a world champion. I love it here. The weather is real good in the morning for running, and the people are real warm." This fight will be Holmes' 10th title defense. But it will be only his third outside Las Vegas since he won the championship with a split decision over Ken Norton on June 9, 1979. Before becoming champion, the 31-year-old Holmes, winner of all 37 of his fights, fought four times in Las Vegas.

"I've had no trouble getting up for this one," he said. "Leon is a lot better opponent that a lot of my other opponents." Spinks has not been consistent in his brief pro career in which he has posted a 10-2-2 record and won and lost in title bouts with Ali. But said Eddie Futch, who became Holmes' trainer after the unhappy departure of manager Richie Giachetti: "Leon has a habit of ever so often turning in a good performance."

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