

Pitt to quit Eastern 8 after '81-82 season

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The University of Pittsburgh has decided to withdraw from the Eastern Eight basketball conference at the end of the 1981-82 season.

"The Eastern Eight is not a viable option," said Jack Freeman, Pitt vice-chancellor.

Pitt is apparently considering an alliance with the Big East, another basketball league, or the proposed all-sports Eastern League still on the drawing board.

The Eastern Eight has failed to secure a lucrative television package, while the Big East league recently negotiated a \$1.6 million regional TV deal.

"It's strictly a matter of economics," said Pitt basketball coach Roy Chipman. "If the Eastern Eight were solid financially, we'd stay. Obviously, it isn't."

Sports briefs

Mike Busniuk, who played in 71 games for Flyers in the 1979-80 National Hockey League season and 72 games last year, was sent to the Maine Mariners of the American Hockey League.

Also sent to Maine was goalie **Pelle Lindbergh**, the AHL's most valuable player and rookie-of-the-year last season with the Mariners, and center **Mark Taylor**, the U.S. College Player of the Year in 1980 at North Dakota.

Sixers cuts

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Rookie forwards **John Crawford** and **Rynn Wright** have been released by the Philadelphia 76ers of the National Basketball Association.

Saints on Vermeil's mind, not return to Super Bowl

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dick Vermeil, pleased that his unbeaten Philadelphia Eagles have the best record in the National Football League, said yesterday "our big concern is winning" not returning to the Super Bowl.

"They, we could go 16-0 and not go to the Super Bowl," he told reporters after reviewing Monday night's triumph over Atlanta, the Eagle's perennial nemesis. "You still have to go to the playoffs and win. There's no guarantees in any of those kind of things."

"Our big concern right now is doing the job we have to do each Sunday. We've got a lot of good football teams to play yet."

"We're striving to be the No. 1 team in the country. If you're the only undefeated team you're No. 1."

Vermeil had high praise for his quarterback, **Ron Jaworski**, who is "better this year," and for placekicker **Tony Franklin** who kicked three field goals.

Expos' Rogers says key to Phillies is Schmidt

MONTREAL (AP) — Montreal right-hander **Steve Rogers**, the Expos' starting pitcher in the National League East mini-series opener against Philadelphia at 1:05 p.m. today, says the key to the Phillies is Mike Schmidt, "but if you exclude the others, you're in trouble."

Rogers, 28, will face Phillies left-hander **Steve Carlton**, 33, in the opener of the best-of-five game series matching the first-half champion Phillies against the second-half winner, Montreal.

"I'm not thinking about the Phillies or about us — just about individuals," Rogers said. "If every individual has to narrow down on what he has to do, said Rogers, who clinched the second-season title for the Expos with a 3-0, two-hit victory over the New York Mets last Saturday. "If everybody does that, then we'll win."

Carlton remained characteristically silent before the playoffs, but teammate **Pete Rose** spoke for him. "We'll have our ace Carlton ready to go twice, if necessary. How many are as good as Carlton? None," Rose said.

Final home contest for fall baseball

The baseball team nears the end of its season with a home game at Beaver Field.

scoreboard

Lion football

DEFFENSIVE LEADERS	Yds	Int	Other
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D'Amico	5	0	0
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Optar	3	0	0
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Kelley	2	0	0
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Krus	2	0	0
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Patterson	2	0	0
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M. Jackson	1	0	0

Lady Lion field hockey

Game	G	A	Pts
1	2	1	1
2	2	1	2
3	1	1	1
4	3	1	1
5	1	1	1

NFL

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami	4	0	0	.800
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