Lydell Mitchell signs with the USFL Stars

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Lydell Mitchell has been out of the trenches for two years, but the former Penn State All-American who set several NFL records is ready for another go of it.

Mitchell, who described himself as "a relatively young 33," said yesterday he is looking forward to playing for the Philadelphia Stars during the United States Football League's inaugural 1983 season.

"I know I can play," said Mitchell, who played in three Super Bowls during six seasons with the Baltimore Colts.

"Football is a very instinctive game, like riding a bicycle. You have to realize you may have lost a step, but in football the most important thing is quickness. If your reflexes are still there, you can play."

The Colts, who drafted Mitchell in 1972, traded him to San Diego in 1978. He played with the Chargers for two years before closing out his NFL career with the Los Angeles Rams, who released him on waivers in 1981.

"It's a challenge, but I know I can still play and the USFL is offering me a chance," said Mitchell, who lives in Baltimore and operates the "Point After" restaurant there.

"I was blessed with good health over my career. I didn't take that many beatings," he said.

He plans to report later this month to the Stars' training camp at Stetson University in Deland, Fla.

Mitchell's announcement came as the fledgling league was in the midst of its first draft.

He set a national collegiate season record of 29 touchdowns and 174 points during his senior year at Penn State.

With the Colts, he rushed for more than 1,000 yards a season three times — 1,193 yards in 1975, 1,200 in 1976 and 1,159 in 1977.

In 1974, he set an National Football League record for most receptions by a running back in one season, with 72. His NFL record of 43 combined attempts in one game, against the the New York Jets on Oct. 20, 1974, still stands.

Heading into his final NFL season, Mitchell ranked third in the AFC and fifth in the NFL among active receivers with 374 catches. On his release by the Rams, he ranked 11th among all-time league rushers with 6,534 yards.

Banks voted top defensive rookie

By BRUCE LOWITT
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Linebacker Chip Banks, who led a rejuvenation of the Cleveland Browns' pass defense, was named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year yesterday by The Associated Press.

Banks, the third player selected in the National Football League's 1982 college draft, behind Kenneth Sims of New England and Johnie Cooks of Baltimore, received 30 of the 84 votes cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

"I think my strongest point would be rushing the passer," said Banks, who said he felt the players' strike hurt his performance. "I still feel I have to work on reading keys to diagnose plays. My pass coverage needs some more work."

Cornerback Vernon Dean of the Washington Redskins was runner-up in the balloting with 17 votes. Defensive tackle Bruce Clark of New Orleans, a Green Bay draftee who chose to start his pro career in Canada, was third with nine votes.

Other rookies receiving at least three votes were Sims and Buffalo linebacker Eugene Marve, with seven apiece; Cooks, with six, and Banks' teammate, linebacker Tom Cousineau with five. Cousineau was another rookie who detoured his career through Canada after being drafted by Buffalo.

Banks led the Browns in quarterback sacks with five — three of them in the team's season opener against Seattle — and forced fumbles with two. He also had 56 tackles (41 solos, 15 assists) and an interception.

Banks also was selected by his peers to play in the Pro Bowl, the NFL's all-star game. He is one of only two rookies chosen for the squads, joining Los Angeles Raiders running back Marcus Allen.

Lady cagers pound Fairfield

Ellison, Herbert key in 80-57 victory

By JOHN SEVERANCE
Collegian Sports Writer

In preparation for last night's game with the women's basketball team, Fairfield Coach Dianne Nolan instituted a defense to stop the Penn State guards. It worked, but her triangle and two defense did not stop frontliners Cheryl Ellison and Kahadeejah Herbert as they led the Lady Lions (9-3) to a 80-57 win over the Lady Stags (6-6) at Rec Hall.

"We ran a special defense to stop their guards," Nolan said. "The kids did a good job running it, but Ellison was burning us inside in the first half."

Ellison burned the Lady Stags for 16 of her 18 points in the first half as she continually hit short jumpers over the outstretched arms of Fairfield's giant center Katrina Fields.

"I basically had a field day in the first half," Ellison said. "I took the jumper whenever I was open, because they were doing a good job defensing the guards."

Ellison put the Lady Lions ahead 37-20, when she tallied for seven consecutive points in a two-minute span. Fairfield, which never led in the contest, scored the last five points of the first half and trailed 37-25 at halftime.

The teams started the second half trading baskets and with the score 45-35 Lady Lion Basketball Coach Rene Portland took out four of her starters and inserted Andrea Fridley, Lorraine McGirt, Patti Longenecker and Joanie O'Brien, leaving in Annie Troyan to run the show.

Fairfield took advantage of the inexperience of the Lady Lions and closed to 55-52 with just over nine minutes left.

"I put the kids in, because the seniors weren't doing anything," Portland said."I didn't threaten them with their lives, but I told them they better get the job done."

The starters came back with fire in their eyes and went on to hold the Lady Stags scoreless for the next seven minutes. Meanwhile the Lady Lions went on to score 19 straight points and extend their once slim margin to a comfortable 74-52 lead.

"We finally started to play as a unit," Ellison said. "When they came back, it seemed like we finally pulled together, which was something we have been lacking all year."

Nolan cited how tired her team was as the reason why her team collapsed.

"I think our team was really tired," Nolan said. "I thought the officiating had a bearing on the game. Our kids were getting hit all through the game and no fouls were called. That's not to say that we didn't do some hitting ourselves. You can't expect to win games when you go down the floor 17 times and don't come up with any points."

Portland also put her substitutes back in, to play the remaining two minutes of garbage time.

"One of our goals is to hold the opposing team to under 60 points," Herbert said. "We were talking on the bench and we really thought we could hold them the last nine minutes."

This game was built as the battle of two giants with Herbert facing their 6-4 sophomore center Fields. It was as good as advertised as Herbert tallied with 18 points and seven rebounds while Fields countered with 20 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

"I didn't do a very good job on defense against her," Herbert said. "She had a lot of open shots. I'm not really sure who won the duel, because I haven't seen the stats yet."

Herbert might have wished she didn't see the stats, because even though the Lady Lions outrebounded the Lady Stags 43-38, Penn State shot a meager 32.9 percent. Fairfield was equally as bad as it shot a mediocre 41.7 percent. What saved the Lady Lions as they made 28 of 31 free throws for a sizzling 90.3 percent.

Nolan was not overly impressed with the performance of the Lady Lions as she failed to concede they were a better team.

"Their guards play smart and they are experienced," Nolan said. "Their three inside people are quicker than most teams we play. I thought the only difference in the game was the amount of poise they showed when we came back. I wouldn't mind playing them again."

Nolan probably won't get a shot until next year but the Lady Lions are home again this Saturday to face Connecticut at 7:30 p.m.

Photo by Eric C. Hegedus

Penn State's Andrea Fridley struggles for control of the ball in the Lady Lions' 80-57 victory over Fairfield last night in Rec Hall. Fridley scored 8 points in her six minutes of play.

LADY LIONS' NOTES: Walderman was held under double figures for the second consecutive game. . .Troyan's 86 assists in 12 games leads the team in that department. . .The Lady Lions shot 100 percent from the free throw line in the second half last night. . .Reserve center Fridley scored 8 points last night in only six minutes of playing time. . .Kahadeejah Herbert continues to lead the team in shooting percentage at a .572 clip. Last year, she broke the shooting percentage mark while shooting .569. . . Walderman would be the all-time leading scorer in Penn State women's basketball history if her freshman year at Colorado was counted. Currently she is 201 points shy of the record set by Jan Bednarek. . .Portland currently has a 52-18 record at Penn State and has a 139-47 coaching career record.

Sixers OT victors over Lakers

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Andrew Toney's driving bank shot with five seconds left in overtime gave Philadelphia a 122-120 victory over Los Angeles last night, giving the 76ers a sweep of their two-game series this season over the team that beat them in the NBA championship series last year.

The Lakers beat the 76ers four games to two to win the 1982 National Basketball Association title, but last night's defeat was their 12th regular season loss in a row at Philadelphia since 1975. The victory was the fifth in a row for the 76ers, who also beat the Lakers 114-104 on Dec. 5, and snapped a seven-game winning streak for Los Angeles.

Toney scored 28 points, Julius Erving 27 and Moses Malone 21 for the 76ers, who won despite the brilliant efforts of Jamaal Wilkes, who tied his nine-year career high with 36 points, and Earvin 'Magic" Johnson, who had 23 points, 20 assists and 12 rebounds.

The Lakers played without starting center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who missed the game because of migraine headaches.

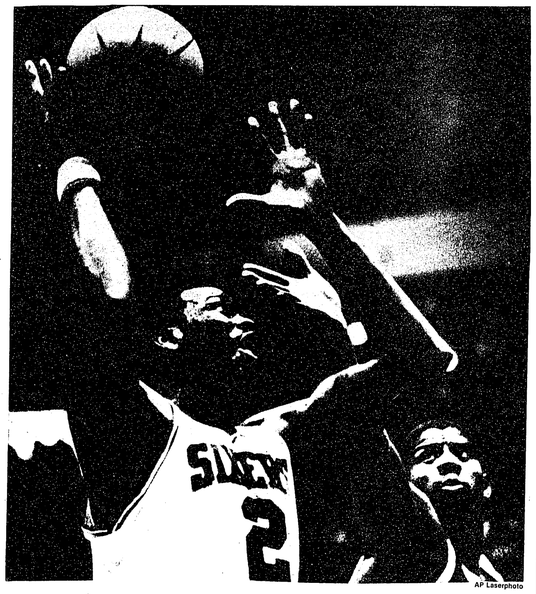
Wilkes scored 14 points in the third quarter, 10 of them in a 3:26 span during a 20-3 spurt by the Lakers that turned their biggest deficit of the game, 84-68, into an 88-87 Los Angeles lead with 10:56 to go in regulation.

The Lakers took only their second lead of the second half as they went ahead 112-110 on a basket by Wilkes with 35 seconds left. But Toney, who scored six points in overtime, forced the extra period with his ninth and 10th points of the fourth quarter with 27 seconds to go.

There were seven lead changes in the first 5½ minutes of the game before Kurt Rambis scored the first five of eight straight Los Angeles points in a 54-second span, giving the Lakers a 21-14 advantage. They had three more seven-point leads in the first quarter as Johnson scored 11 points in the period.'

A three-point play by Erving with 26 seconds left in the first quarter started a 19-5 run by the 76ers that gave them their largest lead of the half, 47-38, with 7:55 left.

The run-and-gun Lakers got six points in a row in the next 1:05 to trim the deficit to three, but Erving's 10 points in the second period helped Philadelphia rebuild a 67-58 lead at halftime.



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Los Angeles Laker Earvin Johnson (right) attempts to block a shot by Philadelphia 76er Moses Malone during regulation time of a game that was sent into overtime in Philadelphia last night. The Sixers squeaked by the Lakers 122-120.

Boxer Spinks arrested

By ERICH SMITH
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Spinks, the WBA light heavyweight champion, was arrested yesterday and charged with possession of a gun that police say was stolen in Canada eight years ago.

The arrest followed a high-speed car chase of about 25 blocks, according to police. Spinks, however, denied it, saying he knew there was an emergency vehicle behind him but did not immediately realize it was a police car.

Police said the pistol was stolen in Toronto in 1975 and that Canadian authorities had been contacted. Spinks said the weapon was given to him as a "keepsake" during a visit to Montreal following the 1976 Olympics, where he won a gold medal.

Spinks, 26, the brother of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, was in the car with another brother, Leland, 20, of Philadelphia. Leland was not arrested, police said.

Spinks was released on his own recognizance by Municipal Judge Lynwood Blount following arraignment via closed-circuit television on a charge of possessing a gun without a permit.

Initially, the fighter was whisked from the police station where he was arraigned, but he returned a few minutes later to talk to reporters.

Spinks' manager, Butch Lewis of Wilmington, Del., said attorneys had recommended that Spinks not talk to reporters. But Spinks overruled them, Lewis said, because "it is so important to him how his image is projected."

Spinks, who asked the reporters to "treat me as fair as possible," said he had fired the .45-caliber pistol on New Year's Day in an open field.

"I don't carry guns, no weapons at all," the fighter said.

Flyers, Soviets clash

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers, boasting a seven-game NHL winning streak, face the Soviet Union All-Star team tonight in an exhibition game that Bobby Clarke says is a big mistake.

"We're making a big mistake," says Bobby Clarke, even though he is a good friend of Soviet goalie Vladislav Tretiak, and Minnesota North Stars Coach Glen Sonmor thinks the Soviets are the best in the world.

Sonmor's team lost to the Soviets 6-3 Tuesday night.

"My thoughts are the same as they have always been," Sonmor said. "They are probably the best hockey team in the world."

The Soviets now have a 3-2 record on their North American tour against National Hockey League teams. The stop in Philadelphia will end the series. Clarke's friend, Tretiak, has shut out the Quebec Nordiques and the Montreal Canadiens during the current tour.

"I don't know why we treat the Soviets so special," countered Clarke. "I think we've got them in a position now where we shouldn't even play them."

Clarke contends all the best European players outside the Soviet Union are "over here playing now."

It is mistake to play them, he said, because "they come over here, take that money and put it back into their program to develop players to beat us."

It also is a mistake, Clarke said, because the reason for the 1980 Olympics boycott still exists —Soviet soldiers remain in Afghanistan.

But Clarke said he will not be bowing out of tonight's game.

"I still want to beat them. I enjoy the competition," he said.

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New Orleans Hilton Lion home away from home

By DINA DeFABO
Collegian Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS — The luxurious New Orleans Hilton, Penn State headquarters at the Sugar Bowl, offered its guests the finest in decor, gracious hospitality and comfortable accommodations. But even with all its splendor it seems, for Penn State fans, there's no place like home. For when Lion fans move in anywhere, a miniature University Park comes along also.

In a matter of minutes last week, the hotel became a world of swarming blue and white. Blue and white shirts, hats, buttons, faces — the colors were everywhere. And a dummy dressed in a Nittany Lion football uniform placed on top of a gazebo watched over the bubbly crowd and made any Bulldog fan think twice before carousing with the people from Pennsylvania.

Those needing some more blue and white or other Penn State paraphernalia could buy a variety of items at a Penn State Shop set up on the first floor.

Near the shop, many University alumni had a fun time posting their hometowns with blue stickers on a huge map of the United States which was available courtesy of the Penn State Club of Louisiana.

And in the Penn State fashion of coordinating activities, a large cork board similar to the HUB ride. boards advertised New Year's Eve parties, tailgates, pleas from people needing Sugar Bowl tickets and several personal notes.

To complete a true Penn State football celebration, a huge tailgate was held in the Hilton lobby before the game. Hot dogs, potato chips, submarines, and, of course, popular beverages were for sale. Fans leisurely milled around the hotel breaking into fight songs, shouting "We are Penn State," and bad talking "dem dawgs."

Amid groans and happy cheers from many watching the Cotton Bowl at the lobby bar, mellow jazz music wafted from a lobby corner. "Penn State's sho gonna beat da dawgs, yaaes sir," a soft Louis Armstrong-like voice crooned.

"Yaaes sir," the black man said, "gonna be a big time in the city tonight."

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A middle-aged woman stood near the makeup table with a very untrusting look on her face.

"Now, you're sure this is gonna come off my face?" she asked reluctantly.

"Of course it will," an attractive woman in black leather pants reassured her and then began drawing on the older woman's face.

Lion Paws.

Tiny ones, large ones, blue-and-white ones, ones that glittered.

They were the craze of the day on Saturday at the New Orleans Hilton and everyone, including University Board of Trustee President Walter J. Conti, sported one.

In addition to the paw prints, faces were decorated with No. 1s, lions, and yes, there were even a few bulldogs running around, courtesy of Carol Ann Carroll, a cosmotoligist from Aloe, Beauty and Color Centers of the South.

Carroll draws clowns, butterflies and all types of decorations on people's faces in the French Quarter year round.

"In New Orleans we do weird stuff like this all the time," Carroll said. "New Orleans is a wild place to live."

Photo by Renee Jacobs

Carroll realized the potential gold mine awaiting her at the Hilton and set up a booth to make up people's faces in the hotel lobby. Most figures cost $3 but, because of its complexity, a bulldog sold for $5. Ten dollars could buy you a whole face covered with blue and white and one man opted for the complete facial makeover.

But noticing what she thought was a ridiculous price just to have some fun, one Penn State woman stood across from Carroll's booth and offered to draw paw prints for 25 cents.

"Get 'em here folks for *only* 25 cents," she baited passers-by.

The competition began and Penn Staters anxious to get in the swing of things lined up at both booths to get painted.

But after a half-an-hour, many people still got in line for the $3 paw prints.

Something is wrong here, the Penn Stater with the cheap paw prints thought. A few minutes later, her sales pitch changed.

"Get 'em here folks, paw prints for only 50 cents."

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Ah, the spirit of competition.

In New Orleans this weekend, you were either blue and white or red and black. No in between. No fooling around when the national championship is on the line.

But surely all the rivalry would be forgotten when both Georgians and Penn Staters gathered in St. Louis Cathedral for Mass Saturday afternoon.

Not so — this Sugar Bowl was serious stuff. Frank Clemson, husband of University editor of alumni publications Donna Clemson, said when the Mass began it looked like a wedding.

The right side of the church was filled with red while blue dominated the left.

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When Sandy Barto, class of 1962, told the Lions to "Stomp them dogs," she brought some aids to make sure the job got done.

Barto decorated the floor of the Hilton lobby with a large Bulldog poster she received from teachers she works with in Houston, Texas.

"Last week I walked in my room and it was totally red and black," said Barto, who teaches seventh grade students. "There were streamers, posters, balloons — my fellow workers are not Penn State fans. I guess I've been a little Penn State proud and obnoxious and they decided to get me back."

After Barto placed the poster on the floor, alumni howled as they did an Indian dance on the Bulldog's face. One little boy with "You have a friend in Pennsylvania" bumper stickers pasted all over his clothes bent down, glared and the Bulldog and stuck his tongue out at it.

"Stomp 'em, kill 'em, stomp dem 'Dawgs," the alumni hooted and hollered as more and more people joined in the beating.

But the fun soon ended when a chubby, black maid shook her index finger at the crowd and said in a motherly voice, "Now folks, can't have none of dis." She then swiped the poster, ripped it up and waddled out of sight.

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With Georgia fans outnumbering Penn Staters by about three to one, "How 'bout dem 'Dawgs?" cheers were making many a blue and white stomach get nauseous. To combat the catchy southern phrase, Ed Skodal, class of 1964 and a member of the Penn State Club of Chicago, came up with a now popular Lion tune.

"I just thought of it this morning in the shower," Skodal said Friday. "We needed a song to counteract these dogs."

By Saturday, the song, which is sung to the tune of Camptown Races, had made its way to many Penn State sites around New Orleans and the band at the Hilton frequently requested Penn Staters to sing a verse or two.

"Penn State's gonna whip them dogs, do da, do da,
Penn State's gonna whip them dogs, on New Year's Day,
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CDPC seminar, Resume Preparartion, 5th period, Room 312 Boucke; Interview Skills, 6th period, Room 312 Boucke.

Focus on Sweden meeting, 1 p.m., Room 319 HUB.

Ad/Hoc Program Calendar Committee meeting, 2 p.m., Room 227 HUB.

P.S. Wingers meeting, 7 p.m., Room 108 Forum.

Campus Crusade lecture, 7 p.m., Rooms 311, 312 and 314 Boucke.

College of Science Student Council meeting, 7 p.m., Room 318 HUB.

College Republicans meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 169 Willard.

Cross-Country Ski Seminar
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