

Knicks sign Ewing

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NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing, saying he is not St. Patrick let alone a franchise savior, signed a contract yesterday with the New York Knicks that makes him the highest-paid rookie ever in pro basketball and one of the richest ever in professional sports.

The value and length of the contract — the first two with Ewing, the Knicks or ProServ Inc., the Washington-based agency that handled the negotiations for the 6-foot center from Georgetown University. Estimates

ranged from five-seven years and from \$12 million to \$15 million. But at a Madison Square Garden news conference announcing the signing, Donald Dell, chairman of ProServ, said Ewing "will be the highest-paid rookie ever in the NBA."

Ewing, regarded as the best defensive center to come out of college since Bill Russell in the 1950s, said he felt no pressure to turn around the Knicks' fortunes by himself. New York finished 34-58 last year and earned the right to draft Ewing No. 1 in the NBA's June draft by winning a lottery among the seven worst teams in the NBA.

Altoona cage star committed to PSU

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Mike Iuzzolino, a senior guard from Altoona High School, made a verbal commitment yesterday to play on the men's basketball team beginning with the 1986-87 season.

Through three years of high school, Iuzzolino finished with a 90.9 percent average in basketball. He also shot 75 percent from the free-throw line, helping lead Altoona to a 27-1 record and the semifinal round of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association playoffs.

Unlike the Altoona team, Penn State did not have a winning season last year, ending the year with an 8-19 record. But, Head Coach Bruce Pearl is hoping Iuzzolino can help turn things around.

"We're very excited about Mike's decision to attend Penn State," Pearl said. "I think it's a great choice and we support him 100 percent. Penn State has a great facility and great academics and the basketball program, in my estimation, is about ready to turn the corner. The coaches are good people and it's just a matter of time before the program comes around. Mike will definitely be an asset to our program."

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Snyder's return boosts booters

By CAROL D. RATH
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Soccer Coach Walter Bahr may be content with the way the season is progressing, but by the time a five-game home stretch opens Oct. 11, he should be one ecstatic coach.

By then, the squad should have reached full strength with Troy Snyder and Gerry Moyer back in action.

Sophomore midfielder Troy Snyder (four goals and eight assists last season) returned to Happy Valley Sept. 8 after playing on the U.S. squad at the World University Games, in Tokyo, Japan. Snyder was with the U.S. squad from Aug. 15 to Sept. 5.

"I was registered (for fall semester) but I had to make a decision whether to compete in the University Games or to come play at school," Snyder said.

"I made my decision to go play over there. When I was notified (of the games), I just thought I wouldn't be able to come back to school and would have to sit out this semester and come back in January. If they didn't think I would have been able to pull it off academically, missing two weeks, I probably would have red-shirted this year."

"It was questionable whether we would let him come out for the team or not because he's here No. 1 for an education and then No. 2, to play soccer," Bahr said.

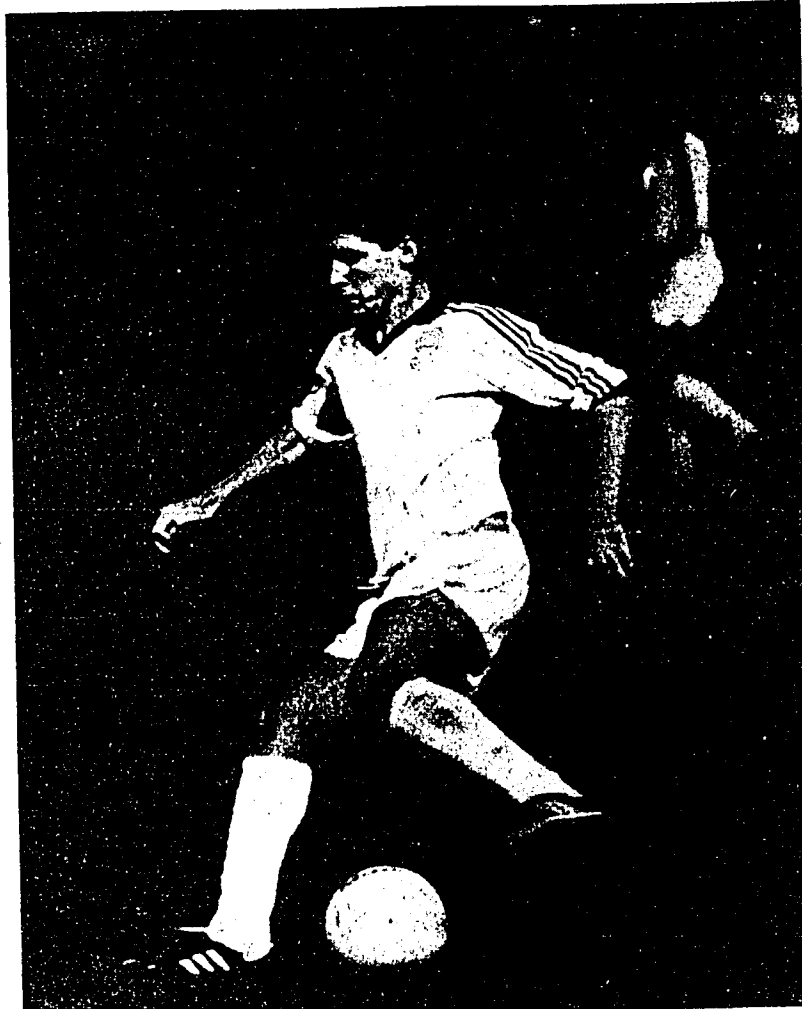
Snyder's decision to go to Japan landed him a spot as the center midfielder on the U.S. team that returned home with a 2-4 record. The squad defeated teams from France (1-0) and Great Britain (4-0) but lost to China (3-1 in overtime), Korea (2-2) lost on penalty kicks) and the host team (2-0).

After he returned from Japan, Snyder thought his season was over until he received a call from Bahr.

"When I came back I was notified that I might have a chance to come back (to the University) if I talked to my professors and got some positive feedback, he said I'm behind and I'll want to do the work, I can."

Snyder, a left midfielder last season, said that while he was in Japan he had no idea of how the season was going or who was starting for the Lions.

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Troy Snyder

thing for the team," Snyder said. "I practiced last week and played only half a game against West Virginia."

Snyder, however, did not travel with the team to Akron last Sunday. "Coach elected which was a very smart move, that I stay home and study and get caught up with all my work, so coach left me behind for the weekend," Snyder said. "He had to do it. I wanted to go, of course, but I had to stay home and get my studies squared away."

Snyder said that Bahr has named a few positions — left wing, left mid, center mid, and sweeper — that he may fill.

But that's a task easier said than done since the Lions have just several unexpected injuries made several positions questionable.

"The most likely spot for Snyder to fill right now would be the left mid-

field spot which is currently being tossed between Torben Aagesen and Kai Sarkozy. There is also a slim chance that Snyder will have to battle Kevin Jennings at center midfield, Jay Ruben at left wing and one of four defenses — Paul Moylan, David Zartman, Larry Miller, and Bob Christina — for the sweeper spot.

"We never really had that position (left midfielder) set," Bahr said. "Torben Aagesen probably started most of the games but he was sharing some playing time with Kai Sarkozy and Dave Dabora. Torben, I guess, spent most of the time at midfield, but that job wasn't nailed down."

Snyder just hopes to come in and make a contribution to the team. He feels that this year's team can make a run at the national title if things come together for the team. Injuries hampered the team early, but Snyder thinks Moyer's return could be a step that he may fill.

Moyer added that the injury is similar to a broken shoulder he suffered two years ago against West Virginia when he also thought he'd be out for the season.

"When I came back, all that time I had found their spots at midfield so I ended up being a defender," Moyer said.

Will Moyer play apprehensively following his leg injury?

"You think you will but once you start playing, instinct takes over," Moyer said. "I know I thought that with my shoulder, it was just that kind of thing. You just don't even think about it when the game starts."

Bahr originally thought Moyer was done for the year, but is optimistic that he will meet the present timetable and be back soon.

"As soon as he's ready to go physically, he'll jump right in."

Experienced harriers look for continued success

By JANET DAVIES
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Experience and teamwork. They are key elements in any team's winning formula and are characteristic of the men's cross country team.

Returning from a successful 1984 season that was highlighted by a first place finish in the Region II championship and the victory over arch-rival West Virginia, are nearly fifteen veteran runners, most of whom were instrumental in last year's successes.

Among those returning are seniors John Evans, Robert Hudson, Paul Mackley, Rick McGarry, Mark Overheim and Steve Shisler, all of whom have had two to three years of collegiate experience.

"The seniors, in particular, have been pretty consistent in the last two to three years that they've been running. They've all, at times, been the number one guy on the team," Head Coach Harry Groves said.

"Every year that you run, you become conditioned better, physically. Our experience running last year will help us this year," Overheim said.

Additional veterans capable of contributing this season include juniors Steve Balke, Tom Gough, Bill McCafferty and Vance Watson. Eric Carter returns from a standout freshman season.

"He (Carter) was an exceptional freshman in that he ended up ranked as the fourth freshman in the country in the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). This was a tremendous improvement over his high school record," Groves said.

"As far as this season goes, I'm not going to make any big statements about any of them. They're doing a pretty good job right now. We have some experienced runners that run close together. You can end up with a good team, based on the fact that they bunch up."

In an effort to be better prepared for upcoming meets, the Lions are changing their practicing and conditioning routines this year. A stronger emphasis is being placed on strength training than in previous years.

"Last year we worked on more of a maintenance program to prevent injuries. This year we're emphasizing getting stronger," Overheim said. "The stronger you are, the better fit you are for running."

"We're going to try some different things. We always innovate each year and try to improve what didn't work well last year," said Groves.

"We have a compatible training group. What we're aiming for for November will be a practice pace as fast or faster than race pace. Right now, we're just building up mileage."

The team, which runs an average of 90 to 95 miles per week in practice, is now preparing for its season opener, the Spiked Invitational. The five-mile race, run annually on the University's Blue and White golf courses, will begin at 11 a.m. this Saturday.

In addition to Saturday's meet, the Lions must prepare for at least seven other meets this season, beginning with the Penn State Open in November just prior to the Region II Invitational on Sept. 28 and followed by the Paul Short Invitational Oct. 12.

"We have to go up against some good teams in Ontario and then again at the Paul Short Invitational. People sometimes show up for that from around the country," Groves said.

"The high points of the season are the NCAA Region II and ICAO championships, which are the same meet, but two separate championships. This is what we aim for. Unlike other sports, you can lose everything and win it here and you've accomplished what you set out to do."

Other scheduled meets include the Bucknell Cross Country Classic (i.e. Wilburton Classic), held in alternate years at Bucknell and Penn State, and the Atlantic 10 while placing second in four others.



Lion Mark Overheim, right, leads a pack of runners around the Penn State course in a meet last year. Overheim is one of 15 veterans that Head Coach Harry Groves is counting on this season.

The Lions were known for close-knit running with an average time spread between their top five runners of approximately 30 seconds.

"They're really consistent scorers in cross country. Last year, they ran close enough to the top to salvage several good workouts and are ready to run."

take that and move it on up," Groves said.

Despite their minor drawbacks, Groves is pleased with the Lions progress so far this season.

"We're well prepared for this time of year," Overheim said. "We've had several good workouts and are ready to run."

Forsch leads Cards over Phils

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bob Forsch pitched a three-hitter and National League batting leader Willie McGee hit a double and two singles last night as the East Division-leading St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-0 for their seventh straight victory.

It was the 17th shutout of Forsch's 11-year career and his first since Sept. 26, 1983, when he defeated Montreal with his second no-hitter.

Forsch, 36, struck out four and walked three in his third complete game of the season. The loss ended a three-game winning streak for John Denny, 11-2.

McGee, hitting .361, also batted in one run, scored another and stole a base.

The Phillies, who committed four errors, helped the Cardinals to an early 4-0 lead with some loose defense.

Cesar Cedeno singled, stole second, moved to third on a single by Darrell Porter and came home when Terry Pendleton hit into a force play for a 1-0 lead after one inning.

**Mets 4
Cubs 2**

NEW YORK (AP) — Ray Knight drove in two runs to pace New York to a three-run fourth inning, backing Rick Aguilera and the Mets to a 4-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs last night.

With St. Louis also winning, the victory kept New York two games behind in the National League East.

The Mets scored three times in the fourth inning against left-hander Steve Trout, 8-6, on four hits, including doubles by Keith Hernandez, Darryl Strawberry and Knight.

Aguilera, 36, limited Chicago to four hits, pitching out of trouble in the third inning when the Cubs scored two runs, before Roger McDowell took over to start the seventh. Aguilera, a rookie right-hander, struck out five and walked just one, and McDowell earned his 15th save, giving up two more hits in three innings of work.

The Mets began their fourth-inning rally with one out when Her-

nandez doubled down the left-field line. A single by Gary Carter moved Hernandez to third, and Strawberry then looped a double down the left-field line out of the reach of Davey Lopes, scoring Hernandez.

George Foster was walked intentionally to load the bases, and Knight doubled into the right-field corner, driving in Carter and Strawberry with the tying and go-ahead runs.

**Red Sox 13
Blue Jays 1**

BOSTON (AP) — Rich Gedman hit for the cycle and drove in seven runs to lead an 18-hit explosion, and Al Nipper scattered six hits last night as the Boston Red Sox crushed the Toronto Blue Jays 13-1.

Despite the loss, the Blue Jays remained five games ahead of second-place New York, which lost to Detroit 5-2.

The Red Sox swept the two-game series from Toronto and won all six games against the Blue Jays played in Boston this season.

Gedman hit a solo homer, his 18th of the year, in the third inning, a three-run triple in the fourth, a run-scoring infield single in the fifth that made it 10-0 and a two-run double in the seventh.

Gedman became the first Boston player to hit for the cycle since Dwight Evans did it on June 26, 1984.

Wade Boggs had four hits, all singles, in five at-bats and raised his major league-leading batting average to .372. Jim Rice and Bill Buckner each added three hits for Boston, which shelled six pitchers.

**Tigers 5
Yankees 2**

DETROIT (AP) — Phil Niekro failed in his second attempt to win his 300th career game as Detroit's Nelson Simmons and Bob Melvin both delivered run-scoring singles in the sixth inning last night that carried the Tigers over the New York Yankees 5-2.

The 46-year-old Niekro was trying to become the 18th 300-game winner in baseball history. He lost

to Toronto 3-2 last Friday in his first try to reach the milestone.

Niekro, 15-11, pitched eight innings and gave up five earned runs on 11 hits. He struck out five and walked four.

Darrell Evans, who had hit one of two Detroit home runs off the knuckleballer in the first inning, opened the sixth with a single. Evans took second on a passed ball, moved to third on John Grubb's infield single and scored on Simmons' single through the middle.

After Niekro retired Tom Brookens for the inning's second out, Melvin, a last-minute replacement for Lance Parrish, bounced a single through the middle for the Tigers' fourth run.

Larry Herndon hit a solo home run, his 12th of the season, in the eighth for an insurance run.

**Mariners 6
Royals 0**

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Bill Swift, Roy Thomas and Ed Nunez combined on a three-hitter and the Seattle Mariners continued their mastery over the Kansas City Royals with a 6-0 victory last night.

The Royals began the night with a two-game lead over second-place and Great in the American League West. California played at Chicago on last night.

Fifth-place Seattle, which shut out Kansas City 7-0 on Tuesday night, extended the Royals' scoreless-inning string to 26. Seattle has beaten Kansas City in eight of nine games this season, including the first three in this four-game series.

Swift gave up one hit and struck out three before being replaced by Thomas at the start of the fourth. The Mariners said Swift left because of a groin strain suffered in the third.

Thomas, 7-0, gave up one hit in 4 2/3 innings and Nunez allowed one hit the rest of the way.

The Mariners, who won for the ninth time in their last 12 games, pinned the loss on Mark Gubicza, 13-4, who walked six before being relieved by Mark Husamann with two on and no out in the third.



Penn State's Barry Buchman (26) and Temple's Chris Eddy (90) eye each other during a change of possession in Saturday's game at Beaver Stadium.

Buchman fills hero's role

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Nearly everyone has, at one time or another, dreamt of becoming a hero.

Yet for the majority of people, that dream remains just that — a dream.

On occasion, however, an opportunity will present itself and those who are fortunate enough to recognize that opportunity receive a chance to prove their valor. One such person is Barry Buchman.

When Penn State hero Mike Zordich went down with a bruised knee just 12:17 into last Saturday's game against Temple, Buchman graciously accepted the opportunity to play hero and made the most of it.

In the remaining 38 minutes, he made six solo tackles, assisted on two others and turned a few coaches' heads with his pass coverage.

The irony of Buchman's story, however, is the fact that less than a year ago he wanted nothing to do with Penn State. After running into trouble academically, he dropped out of school for a semester and returned home to work for the Whitehall Water Authority.

"I just wasn't sure what I wanted to do," Buchman said. "I just wanted to get away. I knew I wanted to play football but the grades weren't that good and I just wasn't sure that I wanted to stick it out or not."

Fortunately for Buchman, the 6-1, 200-pound hero had an alternative to schoolwork at the White Authority while he worked on getting his head together.

"The boss there had gone to Penn State and he said if I needed some time or I needed a job he'd give me work," Buchman said.

Although Buchman's abrupt departure didn't sit too well with Head Coach Joe Paterno at the time, the Lions' mentor said he knew Buchman's troubles extended beyond football.

"It was not just a question of football," Paterno said. "I think he's always liked the football but he just wasn't sure he belonged in college."

As it turns out, a short sabbatical was just the ticket Buchman needed. After a few months in the working world, he knew he wanted to return to Penn State — and that made all the difference.

"It's just a question of sometimes kids just don't know what they want and I don't think he knew what he wanted when he first came here."

Buchman agrees wholeheartedly with Paterno's diagnosis of the situation.

"It was just a matter of getting my head together," he said. "I really didn't know if I wanted to be up here and I made my mind up at home to come back."

Once his head was on straight and he squared things away academically, Buchman decided to, once again, take a chance on football.

"I wasn't sure if I was going to play a lot of ball," Buchman said. "But when Mike (Zordich) went down I just buckled my chin strap and went in."

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