

## Tanner gets chucked by Bucs

By ALAN ROSEFIELD  
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PITTSBURGH — Chuck Tanner, the ever-optimistic manager who skipped the Pittsburgh Pirates to the world championship and three second-place finishes in nine years, was fired yesterday as part of a shakeup that put a local public-private partnership in control of the team.

Tanner said the decision was "mutual," but made it clear he was ousted not by current club President Dan Galbreath, but by a new ownership group headed by Malcolm "Mac" Prine.

"They didn't want me and I didn't want them," Tanner said. "I plan to remain in baseball as a manager for another 10 to 15 years. I'll be somewhere and it's going to be good. I want to win more world championships."

Prine, the chairman of Ryan Homes Inc., indicated last week when his group signed a letter of intent to buy the financially ailing Pirates that he favored a "clean sweep" approach that would bring in not only new owners, but also new management.

Tanner, 56, was asked to step down with two years left on his contract after the Pirates' worst season in 32 years. He said he hopes to begin talking to as many as six major league clubs within days.

"All the clubs know now that I'm available. I'm going to be with a club that's going to do well," Tanner said. "I have a lot of alternatives and I'll do what's best for me overall. I want to work for an owner who I can be loyal to, like I was to Dan Galbreath."

"My loyalty is to the Galbreaths. The game has lost a lot by the loss of the Galbreath family. I know the game has to go on."

Tanner, who managed the Chicago White Sox and Oakland A's before taking over a contending Pirates' club in 1977, has been mentioned in connection with vacancies or possible managerial openings with the Houston Astros, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves and San Diego Padres.

One rumor has current Dodgers Manager Tom Lasorda moving up to general manager, with Tanner then taking over as manager.

"Tommy's great," Tanner said. "If he ever became the GM, I'd definitely become the manager."

Galbreath said he has been approached by four major league clubs interested in talking to Tanner.

The announcement that the manager of the Pirates' 1979 "We Are Family" World Series champions would not return was made not by Prine but by Galbreath, because the



Chuck Tanner, right, talks to reporters last night after Pittsburgh Pirates President Dan Galbreath, center, announced that Tanner was fired after managing the team for the past nine years. Team general manager Joe Brown is at left.

owners-to-be are not officially empowered to make policy decisions.

"We've decided that a change in field managers is in the best interests of the Pirates in 1986," Galbreath said. "It is time to move on. There will be new owners, a new general manager, a new manager, essentially a new team. We're going to bring in some top guys."

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The local coalition stepped forward when Galbreath threatened to sell the

team to out-of-town buyers who might move the club from Pittsburgh.

Joe L. Brown, the Pirates' interim general manager, said his replacement will not necessarily be named before Tanner's successor is chosen.

"If we find a good general manager first, we'll hire him," Brown said. "If we find a good manager first, we'll hire him."

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## Booters prepared for must-win game

By CAROL D. RATH  
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The last stop for Coach Walter Bahr and his soccer team before it starts a five-game home stretch against some of the top teams in the nation, will be Eastern where the 7-4 Lions face a must-win game this afternoon with the 7-02 Leopards of Lafayette.

The Lions are coming off a frustrating 3-2 loss to Long Island in which Lion defenders Paul Moylan and Larry Miller were issued red cards. A red card not only immediately ejects a player but also sidelines him for the following game.

Unlike the Lions' last two games, Lafayette's last game resulted in a 5-0 victory over Towson State on Saturday.

"We just have to try to get our heads together," forward Thomas Greve said. "It's not the end of the season, but we definitely need to go into each game with the same spirit that we had in the second half (of the Long Island game). Lafayette is a team in our region that we just have to beat. It's as simple as that."

But what may not be so simple is juggling the line-up to compensate for the temporary suspensions of Moylan and Miller.

"Lafayette's a good team and we have our two middle defenders out," Bahr said. "Our main concern right now is replacing those two players who got red cards. We can always replace one because Steve Potter plays that position — either stopper or sweeper — but we've got two people out."

Bahr said that Potter will join Dave Zartman and Bob Christina in the defensive zone for today's game. Bahr, however, is unsure of which position Potter will assume.

Forward Troy Snyder will most likely be moved to the sweeper position — the position he played in the University Games earlier in August, or have defender Rich Schmidt fill the final defensive spot.

"There's no time for adjustment. We're going to have problems, guaranteed," Christina said. "Whenever you stick any new people who haven't worked together, we're going to have problems. I just hope we don't have too many."

With Snyder back in the defense, Bahr says the midfield unit probably will consist of Kai Sarkozy, Kevin Jennings and Torben Agren. Up front for the Lions will be leading scorer Greve, Dave Dabora, and a questionable Niall Harrison.

"Niall worked out today (yesterday), he wasn't 100 percent, but he worked out and is going to give it a try tomorrow (today)," Bahr said. "They thought possibly there was a little (bone) chip in the ankle, but they x-rayed it and it seems to be alright. He's in pain with it but it's one of those things where he's going to give it a try."

Forward Jay Ruby may be of assistance to the team if Harrison re-injures the ankle, as has been the case in the last two games.

Freshman goalie Bert Eckelmeier has for the most part, secured the Lion goal keeper position.

"He's our starting goal-tender at this point," Bahr said. "The only way we'll change now with Dave (Eckelmeier), is if he goes sour or he gets hurt. Unfortunately for John Pasarella, he got hurt and lost his job and Bert's going a good job. So we're not going to change unless there's a reason to change."

Christina predicts a tough, physical game with the Leopards.

"It's going to be a rough one but I don't think it's gonna be as bad as the Long Island one, but it's going to be very close," Christina said. "It's going to be dog-gone physical. They're undefeated so they're going to be after us. They're in our region so in order to get an NCAA bid they need to beat us and certainly we need to beat them."

Bahr feels that the temporary juggling line-up may work positively for the team.

"Sometimes, like in the game with Long Island, we finally scored when we were out for 10 players and in fact we got two goals when we were down a player," Bahr said. "Sometimes a little adversity picks up the rest of the squad so I'm hoping that haven't."

Earlier this summer, Tanner formed a group of eastern Pennsylvania businessmen in an attempt to buy the team and keep it in Pittsburgh. His group was unable to wrangle the same kind of concessions in the team's Three Rivers Stadium lease that the new owners received.

"I don't leave with bitterness," Tanner said.

## Netwomen claim Eastern title

By MARY DEWEES  
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The women's tennis team returned from the Eastern Championships in Trenton, N.J. last night celebrating for it had just claimed the Eastern title over 22 teams, broken the record for team points and advanced all six of its participating team members to at least the semi-finals.

Coach Jan Borner was more than pleased with winning the tournament. Prior to the season he had hoped to better last year's fourth-place finish in the tournament, but did not expect a win. He was particularly impressed by the total domination of all six Lady Lions.

"In my four years here at Penn State I can't think of a tournament in which all six players played outstanding tennis for an entire three-day period and to add to that, we put ourselves in a position where we had wrapped up the team championship by the end of the second day," Borner said.



Penn State's Romi Walker returns a shot earlier this season at the Outdoor Tennis Courts.

Penn State, with a total of 38 points, had an 11-point margin of victory over Trenton State, Rutgers (23.5), Columbia (20.5), and Colgate (20) rounded out the top five.

The most outstanding performance in the tournament came from the doubles team of Amy Robinson and Janet Whiteside, who advanced to the finals to defeat the

No. 1-seeded team at the championships and finished first out of 47 doubles teams. In control throughout the match, the duo defeated Rutgers' Donna D'Ariento and Kathy Fearon, 7-6, 6-4.

"I think in terms of Amy and Janet's performance in the finals, they played perfect doubles," Borner said. "They used sharp strategy, they chipped returns, they forced the play, they were tough to beat at the net — overall they were just very impressive in doubles play."

The Lady Lions' other doubles

team of Romi Walker and Kelly Nelson also breezed through most of the competition in the tournament, winning 6-0, 6-2 in the quarterfinals over a tough team from Colgate, before losing in the semifinals to the Rutgers' team that Robinson and Whiteside defeated.

Little discussion went into the expansion process as the players and owners both jumped at larger payoffs from the networks and larger gate receipts that increased the players' pension program.

The umpires' strike, meanwhile, has detracted from the playoffs for the second year in a row. The umpires struck the 1984 playoffs, but Ueberroth signed the umpires to a new contract designed to cover a best-of-five playoff series. When they were not promised compensation for working two more games they called the second strike in as many seasons.

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## Cold dogs, apple pie and snowmobiles

Dateline Toronto, sometime in early November.

The Fall Classic can now officially be called the Winter Classic as Game Seven of the World Series was snowed out for the third consecutive day at Exhibition Stadium.

Six inches of snow overnight and a forecast calling for sleet, freezing rain and a high of 28 degrees have turned the outfield into a skating rink better suited for the Maple Leafs. The latest snowfall brings the three-day accumulation to 11 inches since the Jays defeated the Cardinals 6-4 in Game Six. The Jays weathered (pun intended) two snow-squall delays before setting the series at three games apiece.



The grounds crew had not even attempted to remove the frozen turf covering the infield before the postponement was announced by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth. The game will be made up as soon as possible, according to the commissioner, who made the announcement wearing a pair of shorts and a ski cap.

According to forecasts, the next suitable day for baseball north of the

border will occur sometime in mid-June at the earliest, but Ueberroth vowed the show must go on.

Ueberroth has also promised that the major league umpires' strike will be settled before the decisive game is finally played.

Appearing on the World Series pregame show for the game that wasn't, Ueberroth unveiled a few proposals that may end the Series before Christmas. The commissioner also denied allegations that the white-stuff was actually the major league's allocation of cocaine for the 1985 off-season.

Among the proposals offered, Ueberroth said he was considering implementing the orange baseballs that former Oakland A's owner Charley Finley used on a trial basis during exhibition games in the mid-1970's.

He also proposed using blowtorches to thaw out the pitcher's mound and the baselines as well as painting the chalk lines green so they could be distinguished from the snow that blankets the outfield.

A proposal to give the outfielders sled dogs was voted down because local animal groups protested that it would be inhumane to allow dogs out in weather this unseasonably cold.

A proposal to shift the final game to Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles was also voted down after a horde of Blue Jays stormed Ueberroth's hotel room and forced the commissioner to barricade himself inside.

If the game is finally played before training camps open in February, the

Series could prove to be unique in several ways. Besides becoming the first baseball season to stretch from February to November, several individual records could also be set.

Either Toronto's Dave Steib or St. Louis' John Tudor could become the first pitcher to win four games in a World Series.

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Cardinals running back Stump Mitchell (30) tries to go over the top of Washington Redskins reggie Branch (30) and Dean Harnal (78) during last night's game at RFK Stadium in Washington.

## Redskins defeat Cardinals

By IRA ROSENFELD  
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WASHINGTON — George Rogers and John Riggins each rushed for more than 100 yards and Washington's special teams and defensive unit combined to bottle up the St. Louis offense last night as the Redskins handed the Cardinals a 27-10 NFL defeat.

Rogers rushed 25 times for 104 yards and Riggins 17 for 103, the first time two Washington running backs have rushed for over 100 yards in the same game.

The Cardinals, pinned deep in their own territory most of the night, started inside their own 25-yard line on their first nine possessions.

The Redskin defense intercepted four Neil Lomax passes and sacked the St. Louis quarterback four times, keeping the Cardinals out of the end zone until the fourth quarter when Washington held a 20-3 lead.

The victory, before a sellout Robert F. Kennedy Stadium crowd of 59,194, raised the Redskins' record to 2-3.

The Redskins, taking advantage of favorable field position, scored on their first two possessions for a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

After holding the Cardinals within their own 20 in the opening minutes of play, the Redskins took over at the St. Louis 49.

The Redskins moved quickly to the St. Louis 14 with John Riggins picking up 16 yards on the ground on five carries and Art Monk another 19 with his first reception.

On fourth and one from the 14 and the Cardinals bunched to stop another expected run. Theismann faked to Riggins, hid the ball on his hip and skirted around the left side of the Cardinal line untouched for the touchdown and a 7-0 Washington lead.

## Stickwomen ready for Bisons

By TODD SHERMAN  
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Head Coach Gillian Rattray is hoping history does not repeat itself as the field hockey team takes to the road to start the second half of the season with a crucial game against Bucknell this afternoon and then travels to No. 9 Temple on Thursday.

Penn State (No. 13) is 8-2 and has played its last six games, dating back to Sept. 15, on Lady Lion Field. The team went undefeated during that span, including a crucial victory over Connecticut on Saturday.

Last year at this time the team was 7-1-1, and after beating UCONN for their seventh win the Lady Lions proceeded to lose four straight and five of their next eight games.

"Last year we peaked at Connecticut and then we had a letdown," Rattray said, "and I know this year we are determined not to let that happen. We can't go into this week saying 'hey, we are great,' and I don't think we will."

Although the Temple game is one of the biggest of the year for the Lady Lions, Rattray said her team cannot afford to overlook 1-7 Bucknell.

"This is one of those games where theoretically we shouldn't have any trouble at all," Rattray said. "They are one of those teams that on paper we are a lot stronger than they are, but they can't let down. And it is very easy to do that and look ahead to Temple. We can't do that."

"Two years ago we came off a big win and went down to Bucknell and we struggled. In the first half we looked awful. In the second half we finally woke up and decided to do something about it."

The Bisons lone victory this season was over a good LaSalle team, by a 2-1 score. Forward Michelle Manoff leads the team with six goals. Penn State won last year's meeting, 4-0.

"It is tough working out this week because obviously we have to look ahead to our game on Thursday, and we beat them on our field, but we haven't had much luck at the turf field," Rattray said. "But we feel this is our year."

Team Captain Lorraine Razzi said the win over Connecticut would help the team prepare for the Owls.



Penn State's Chris Vitale, left, battles a Delaware player for control of the ball during a game at Lady Lion Field earlier this season. The Lady Lions open a crucial road trip this afternoon at Bucknell.

"It was a great win for us, and we needed it because we need to be high for Temple," Razzi said. "We are going to work on our turf this week and we are going to go into that game feeling good about ourselves."

The 7-3 Owls are led by right winger Crystal Gibbs (6 goals, 2 assists) and goalie Kim Lambden, who has 67 saves.

Rattray said Temple will be tough to beat.

"Hopefully we will win but it will take everything we've got," she said. "They are very physical, and they are fast on turf."

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