

## Hernandez amazed at success of Mets

By JOHN NELSON  
AP Baseball Writer

HOUSTON — When Keith Hernandez was traded from the St. Louis Cardinals to the New York Mets, he cried.

The Cardinals had won the World Series the year before; the Mets had been last in the National League East.

At the time, Hernandez never would have believed that, three years later, he would have another chance to be in a World Series.

"I was pretty down. I didn't like the idea of the trade at all," said Hernandez, who was obtained by the Mets on June 15, 1983 in a deal that sent pitcher Neil Allen to St. Louis. "Who could have guessed?"

"Here was a club that lost 90 games six or seven years in a row, a team that was in fifth and sixth place six or seven years in a row. And they turned it around to win 90 games, then 98 and now, 108 this year. That's a pretty tough act to follow."

The Mets, champions of the NL East, take baseball's best record, 108-54, into the first game of the best-of-seven NL playoffs tonight against the Houston Astros, who won the NL West with a 96-66 record, best in their history.

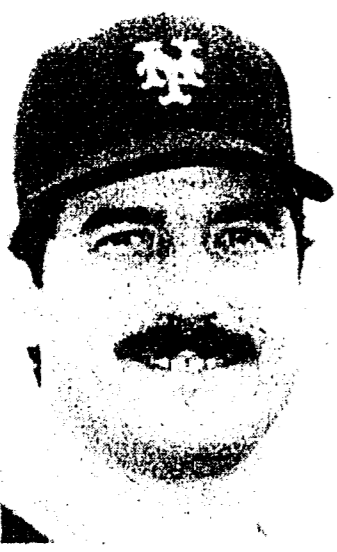
Dwight Gooden, 17-6, will start Game One for the Mets, with Mike Scott, 18-10, going for Houston.

"They've got a great club, and Davey Johnson has done a great job as manager," Astros Manager Hal Lanier said. "But we've had a pretty good season, too. We were in a fight to win our division, and I've got to be pretty satisfied with the way things turned out."

Both clubs finished the season with five-game winning streaks. The Astros clinched on Sept. 17 and won 14 of their final 18 games. The Astros clinched on Sept. 25 when Scott pitched a no-hitter to beat San Francisco 2-0.

The no-hitter came in a stretch during which the Astros won six of eight games, all by shutouts.

Bob Knepper, Lanier's Game Three starter, made his final tune-up for the playoffs by pitching five perfect innings against Atlanta before being taken out in Sunday's season finale. The Mets third-game starter, Ron Darling, combined with Sid Fernandez on a



Keith Hernandez

four-hitter to shut out Pittsburgh on closing day.

While the Astros' pitching staff finished on an up-note, it was the Mets' hitting that got hot when the regular season ended. Darryl Strawberry, Gary Carter and Ray Knight hit home runs in the 9-0 finale. In their final 18 games, the Mets had 18 homers.

Strawberry had six homers and 15 RBI in his final 11 games, while Carter ended the season with a 13-game hitting streak during which he batted .373. He also wound up with 105 RBI to tie a club record set by Rusty Staub in 1975.

"The guys in the middle of the order are getting explosive at the right time," Strawberry said. "I wanted to go out the way we came in."

Glenn Davis has provided the power for Houston. With his 31 homers this season, he became only the second Astro to top 30. The other was Jim Wynn, who had 37 in 1967 and 33 in 1969-Davis' 101 RBI were the sixth highest total in Astros history and the most since Bob Watson had 110 in 1977.

Davis' power is all the more impressive because he has had to cope with the vagaries of the Astrodome, the toughest park in the National League in which to hit home runs.

"I just use my natural strength," Davis said. "You can't change because at the dome you can't worry about how many homers get taken away."

## Angels club Clemens in 8-1 win

By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

BOSTON — The pitching duel between Roger Clemens and Mike Witt that everyone expected in Game One of the American League playoffs never took place.

Witt and the California Angels completely blew away Clemens and the Boston Red Sox 8-1 last night.

Witt held Boston hitless for five and two-thirds innings and finished with a five-hitter. Clemens, the most dominant pitcher in baseball this year, suffered through his worst outing of the season, getting pounded for eight runs, seven earned, on 10 hits in seven and one-third innings.

"Personally, this probably is the biggest game I've ever pitched," Witt, who threw a perfect game in 1984, said.

"I didn't really feel comfortable in the first inning, but after that I got in a groove."

Clemens was making his first outing since being hit on the right elbow by a line drive last week, but he felt fine physically.

"I felt strong. I didn't feel any weakness until about the fifth inning," he said. "I made good pitches all night. I was doing the stuff I wanted to do."

But Clemens could not find his rhythm early on the 50-degree night. The Angels jolted him for four runs in the second inning after Clemens hurt himself with two walks after two were out.

"I didn't feel my control was that far off. I had a pretty live fastball, got behind, and had to come in. Brian Downing delivered two two-run singles, including a liner that capped the second-inning outburst."

"I know they feel like when he is pitching, they're invincible. Normally, they are," Downing said. "It was nice to get a few runs early in the game off a Cy Young pitcher like Roger Clemens."

Witt, hitless with the first no-hitter in playoff history before Wade Boggs beat out an infield chopper for a single. The hit broke a string of 16 straight batters retired by Witt after walking Boggs, the major-league batting champion, leading off the first.

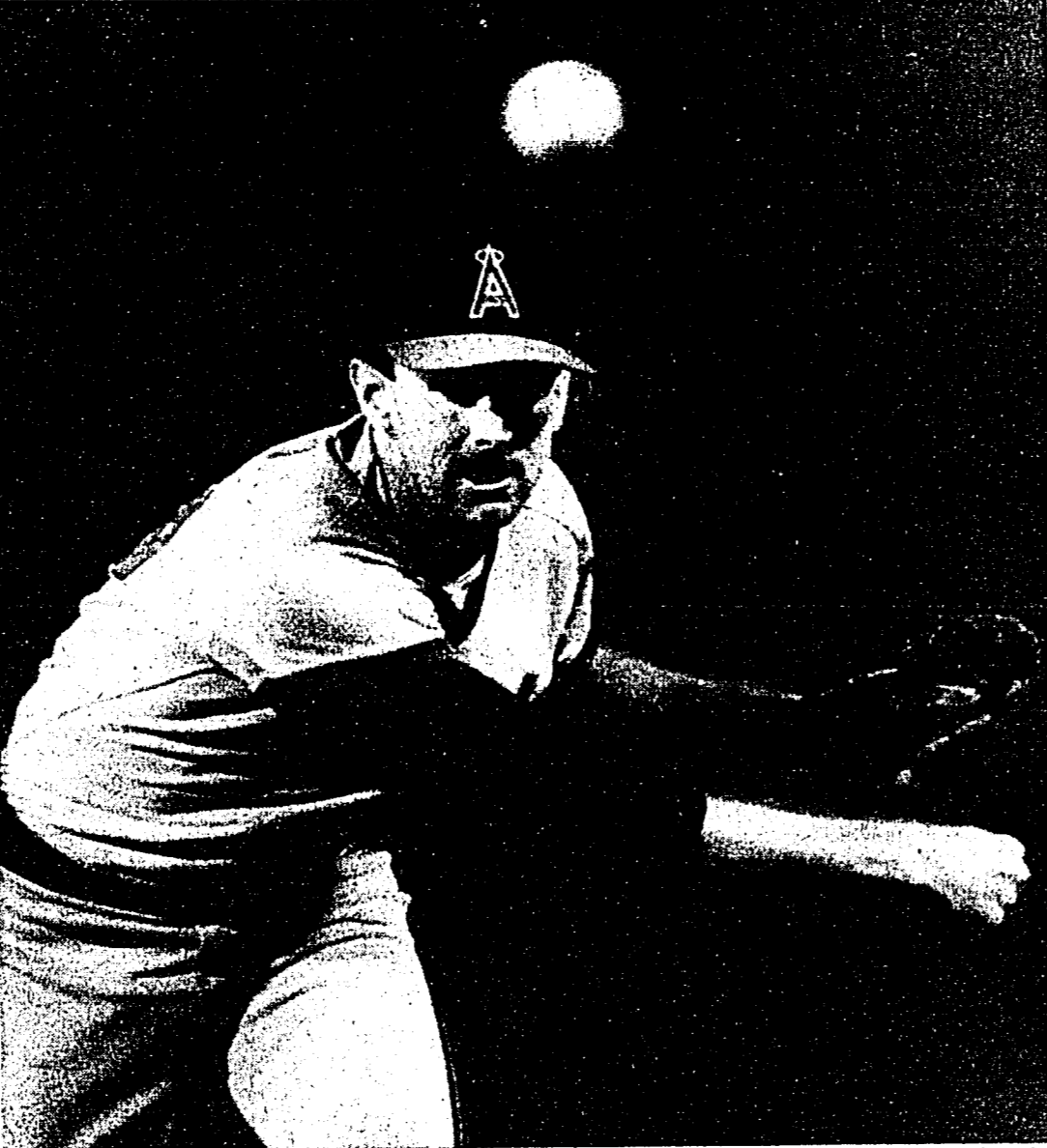
When Boggs got his hit, however, Witt and the Angels had the game in control and they coasted the rest of the way in the opener of the best-of-seven series. Game Two is scheduled to start this afternoon at 3:05.

Clemens, who was 24-4 this year, including a 3-0 mark against the Angels, came out throwing hard with fastballs exceeding 95 mph. He escaped a two-out, two-out jam in the third inning by retiring Doug DeCinces on a drive to the center-field wall, and opened the second by easily striking out Bob Watson on a 2-1 pitch.

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Ruppert Jones followed with a line single up the middle and rookie Wally Joyner, who had doubled in the first inning, sliced an RBI double into the left-field corner that made it 2-0.

After Clemens threw ball one to Downing, Red Sox pitching coach Bill Fischer walked hurriedly



AP Wirephoto

California Angels pitcher Mike Witt fires a pitch to the plate in last night's opening game of the American League playoffs against the Boston Red Sox. Witt and the Angels shocked the Fenway Park fans by crushing the Sox, 8-1.

to the mound to talk with his struggling ace. As soon as the visit was over and Sammy Stewart began warming up, Downing lined a two-run single into the left-field corner.

By the time Clemens finished striking out Reggie Jackson, he had thrown 45 pitches in the second inning and had been rocked for four runs in an inning for only the second time this season.

While the crowd of 32,993 sat in stunned silence, the Angels scored again in the third. Shortstop Spike Owen made a high throw for an error on Boston's only run. Witt ended the inning by getting Bill Buckner on a fly ball, and went on to close out the Red Sox.

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## Booters' woes continue in 1-0 loss

By STACEY JACOBSON  
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Three words best describe last night's soccer match between Penn State and the Leopards of Lafayette — domination, frustration, and defeat.

Despite the fact that Penn State had 11 shots on goal and Lafayette only had five, it only took one to win the game and that shot permanently eluded the Leopards.

Penn State suffered a 1-0 loss on its home field, its third loss in five games with two ties thrown in from last weekend's tournament in Florida.

The first few minutes of last night's game were a foreshadowing of what was to come. Five minutes into play, senior Niall Harrison shot at an open goal, but his efforts were rebuffed by Leopard goalie Matt Lancor. Lancor had a total of 19 saves and was the backbone of Lafayette's defense — the strong point of the Leopards' game.

"We played great defense," Lafayette Head Coach Steve Reinhardt said. "My goalie had a great game and my back four defenders must have hit about nine thousand balls out. But we were only in possession of the ball 20 percent of the time."

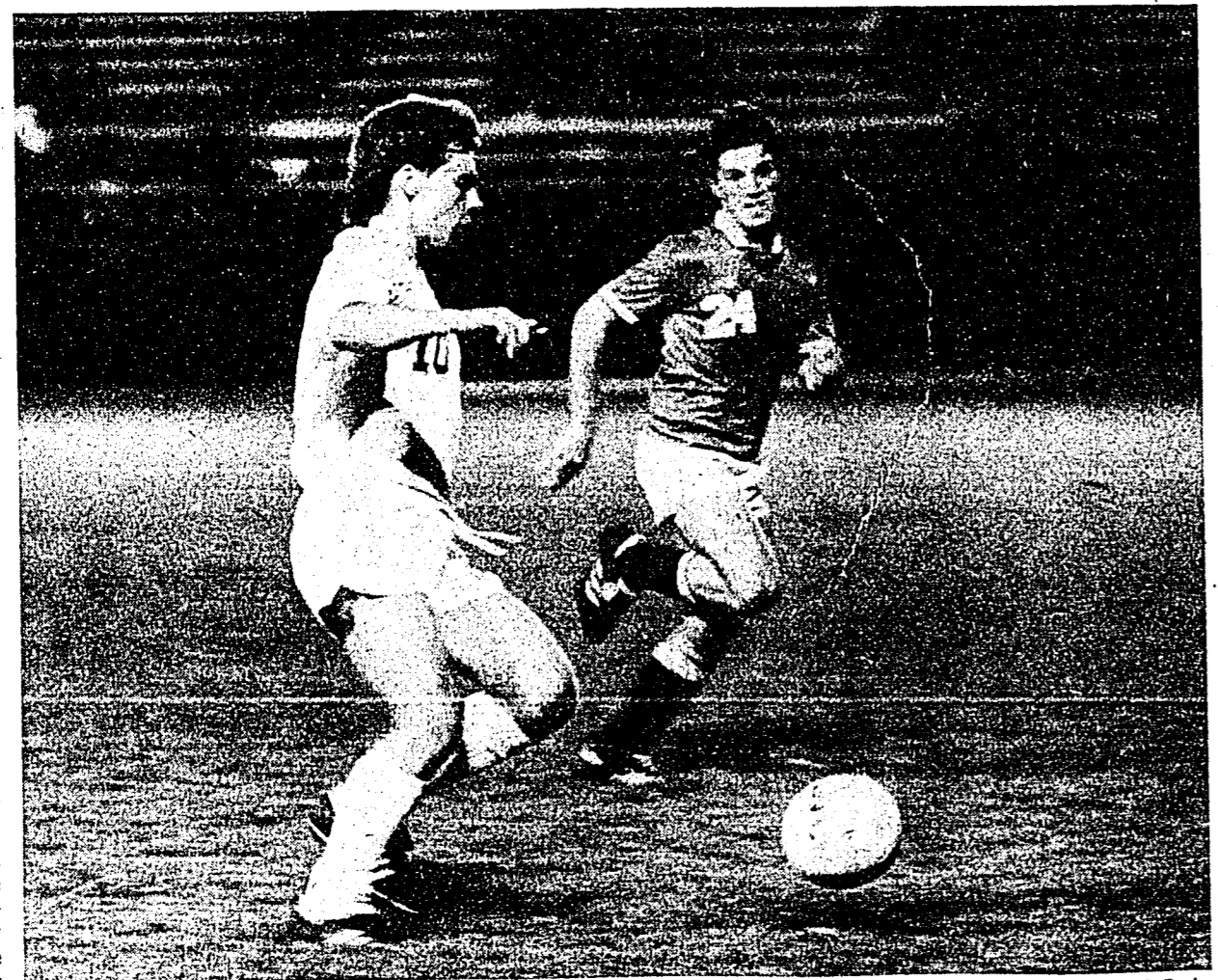
The play in the first half continued with sharp passing and a total of nine Penn State shots and none for Lafayette. Several of the shots narrowly missed their target, including one taken 20 minutes into the game by Steve Potter. Potter's shot came from dead center, 30 yards out. The ball flew inches over the goalie's head, curving towards its destination at the bottom corner of the net. But one punch from Lancor sent that precisely-executed shot flying over the crossbar.

At halftime Head Coach Walter Bahr's advice remained the same as he had given in previous games.

"In the first half we had a hundred opportunities to score," Bahr said. "All we could say at half time was keep on playing like you're playing and eventually the goal has to come. Unfortunately it didn't."

The second half yielded not only a goal, but three yellow cards and a high level of frustration.

The goal was knocked in 31 minutes



Collegian Photo/Anne-Marie Rosen

Penn State's Jan Skorpen, left, attempts to gain control of the ball and move it upfield during last night's game against Lafayette at Jeffrey Field. Despite a barrage of shots on goal, the Lions lost to the Leopards, 1-0.

goals like we should have, we would not have to worry about the officiating."

The recipients of the yellow cards for the Lions were Troy Snyder and Jan Skorpen; Andy Mott from Lafayette was also given a yellow card in the second half.

Bahr's explanation for the excess of penalties in the second half was a rise in tension due to the lack of scoring.

"We play excellent soccer for 65-70 minutes and there's a frustration that sets in because you can't get any results in that," he said.

"That's the type of game you're always worried about. You're playing well but you're not scoring and the team's gonna come down the other end and that's exactly what happened," he said.

There was no question who outplayed who, but unfortunately, the only thing that matters is the end result — Penn State suffered a defeat it could hardly afford.

"Yes, Penn State was better than us tonight," Reinhardt said. "We did exactly what we hoped to do, we stole the game. We hoped for a breakaway and we got it."

## No. 4 lady laxers return home to face Lady Owls

By MARK FURRY  
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The field hockey team finally gets to play a home game tomorrow, and yes, it's news, because the team hasn't had a home game since Sept. 18. Temple will attempt to overturn the Lady Lions, but it won't be easy. Penn State hasn't lost a game at Lady Lion Field in two years.

The Lady Owls come into the 3 p.m. game with a 3-1 record. In its last game, Temple tied Maryland, a team that the 9-1 Lady Lions defeated earlier this year, 3-1. Despite this, Gillian Rattray, head coach of the No. 4 Lady Lions, is not taking the Lady Owls lightly.

"I think they're much better than their record might lead us to believe," Rattray said. "They scored nine goals in one game against Rider and they scored eight goals against American."

Last year in Philadelphia, the Lady Lions tied Temple 1-1, so forget about the records this year. Any team from Pennsylvania, it seems, always guns for Penn State.

"Temple has always been a physical team," said goalie Michele Monahan. "They're scrappy, and it doesn't matter if they're in the Top Ten or not, because they take this game very seriously."

After Saturday's 1-0 loss to Connecticut, the team is looking to rebound.

"We're excited about finally playing at home," Monahan said. "Saturday was frustrating because we never got on track. But in a way it was good to lose, because UConn said they played

its best game of the year, while we didn't. We know when we play again, we'll get them."

Now that the road trip is over, Rattray expects the team's offensive line to improve.

"We'll have to work together as a unit," Rattray said. "What was happening in Saturday's game, because we were so tired, was that our offensive line and our midfielders were getting further and further apart, so it was too much of an isolated effort. In order to beat someone like Temple, it's going to have to be a total team effort."

Penn State hasn't beaten Temple in four years, and that weighs heavily on the mind of the senior goaltender.

"We haven't beaten them since '82," Monahan said. "So for the seniors, this is our last chance."

Rattray characterizes Temple as a tough team, and feels the Lady Lions also have to be tough, but can't get out of hand. But no matter what the outcome, the coach is just glad to be home for a while. The Lady Lions have three home games in a row.

"We can't believe we have a whole two weeks before we go on the road again, it's quite a luxury," Rattray said. "That schedule really killed us, and playing the defending national champions, Connecticut, was not the way to do it. We were just exhausted."

The Lady Owls are led by Christal Gibbs, who has nine goals and two assists. Temple's second-leading scorer is Gail Cummings, who played on the Canadian lacrosse team with Penn State's Carol Taylor. Defensive standouts are Sue Rice, four-year starter, and Mandee Moore.

## Booters shoot, but don't score

By CHRISTINE BORN  
Collegian Sports Writer

Lafayette goalkeeper Matt Lancor may have recorded his sixth shutout of the soccer season last night, but it wasn't easy.

Penn State dominated play through the middle of the second half, but came up short when the Leopards' Peter Lerner snuck a shot past Lion goalkeeper John Pascarella with 13:45 left in the game for a 1-0 Lafayette win.

Lerner took the ball on a breakaway and beat the Penn State defender for a clean shot at the goal.

The loss was Penn State's fourth of the season against five wins and three ties.

Last night, the Lions spent most of the game in Lafayette's territory and piled up the statistics. Penn State outshot the Leopards 21 to five and recorded 22 corner kicks to one.

The Lions also kept Lancor busy as the Cheshire, Conn., native made 19 saves. Pascarella spent most of the game as a spectator in recording only one save.

Penn State is 0-3-2 in its last five games. The Lions have not recorded a win since their 6-0 blowout of West Chester on Sept. 21.

The lack of marks in the win column is frustrating to Head Coach Walter Bahr. "The scoring opportunities were there," he said. "People got their head on it, their feet on it, and there were deflections. I have no other

explanations except the ball would not go in the net. It's frustrating. We play good soccer for 60 or 70 minutes and we're not getting any results out of it."

"I know I sound like a broken record, but there is nothing different that we can do on the field."

Last weekend, Penn State traveled to Florida for two games and returned north with two ties to add to its record.

Against Tampa last Friday, the Lions were outshot 21 to 16, and held to one goal. Pascarella made five saves and held Tampa to one goal.

The next night, Penn State lost a 2-0 lead to the University of Florida. In the second half, USF took a 3-2 lead but Potter scored a goal with 30 seconds left to tie the game.

The last two weeks have been the same story for Penn State — plenty of shots but no goals. The Lions have been keeping the pressure on their opponents, but the shots just are not falling in the net.

Pascarella echoed the team's frustration over the past two weeks.

"The breaks went against us (tonight)," the senior said. "As long as we keep playing well, the wins are going to come — they have to come."

Penn State began the season with a 1-1 tie with Navy and went on to win five out of its next six games. Then the bottom fell out of the Lions' offense, beginning with a 2-1 loss to Division II power Lock Haven.

## Dull resigns amid controversy

By GORDON BEARD  
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Dick Dull resigned as athletic director of the University of Maryland yesterday, the first casualty of the campus upheaval following the cocaine-induced death of basketball star Len Bias.

While contending he had been contemplating resigning for as long as two years, Dull conceded that the Bias incident and the resulting investigations accelerated his decision.

He will serve Chancellor John B. Slaughter for a year as an advisor on athletic and policy program issues after stepping aside on Nov. 1. He also will be available on an as-needed basis for nine months after that.

Charles F. Sturtz, vice chancellor for administrative affairs, will serve on an interim basis, Slaughter said, while a national search is conducted for a permanent replacement.

Slaughter announced the resignation at a news conference, but he declined to discuss the status of basketball coach Lefty Driesell whose job may be in jeopardy.

"That is not an appropriate question today," Slaughter said. "I'm not going to enter into speculation and conjecture on that issue."

Driesell was reported out of town

on a basketball recruiting trip, and was not available for comment.

The 41-year-old Dull, in his sixth year as athletic director, has publicly supported Driesell in the wake of charges against his program by Prince George's County prosecutor Arthur A. Marshall.

Marshall's criticism of the team's academic performance after the grand jury voted against an obstruction of justice indictment he sought against Driesell for allegedly seeking to have Bias' dormitory room cleaned soon after he collapsed.

"The university had given Lefty a vote of confidence before Len Bias died, and it was fully aware of the academic problems," Dull said last night. "I don't see why he shouldn't be given one now."

Slaughter said major changes in the athletic department were upcoming, but he reiterated that he would not address them until he receives all the information he seeks.

A report from an academic task force Slaughter created will be made public on Friday. But he still awaits the grand jury report and a special in-house investigation of Driesell he initiated recently.

After Bias died, Dull said, he was determined to see the situation through to a completion.

"By Nov. 1," he said, "most issues should be resolved. It's appropriate right now for my personal happiness and future that I step aside."

Dull, a former lawyer, said he had interests in other areas he wanted to pursue, without naming them. He did say he was not a candidate for other athletic director jobs.

"I haven't done anything that I'm ashamed of," Dull said. "Obviously, I've made some mistakes, that's the human condition. But on balance, I'm pleased with the performance I've provided."

Jack Zane, Maryland's sports information director and assistant athletic director, said he was surprised by the liming.

"I would have been less surprised if it had happened six months ago," Zane said. "He had talked about making a decision on what he was going to do with the rest of his life. I had the feeling he did not want to spend it as a director of athletics."

Football coach Bobby Ross said he was "caught off guard" by the resignation of the man who hired him five years ago. "He was not only my boss, but my friend."

"Although we couldn't do all the things we wanted to do," Ross said, "he was always supportive. He allowed us to make major improvements in our program."

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