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Booters host Delaware in must-win contest

By CHRISTINE BORN
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Riding a two game winning streak, the soccer team hopes to extend its winning ways tonight when it meets Delaware at 7:15 at Jeffrey Field.

On Saturday, Penn State defeated Hartwick 2-0 on a Steve Franz goal with 13 seconds remaining. The win opened the Lions' record to 7-4-1.

Head Coach Walter Bahr said the win was a great morale booster.

"The ironic thing about this game was that we didn't play much better than in some of the games we lost or tied," he said. "But we finally got the breaks to even out."

"We also had a few things that went our way. We took advantage of two mistakes that they made and scored goals off both of them. That is something that had been going against us."

When Penn State beat Bucknell 4-0 last Tuesday, it was the first win for the Lions since Sept. 21 when they pounded West Chester 6-0.

But despite tallying a 9-3-3 record between West Chester and Bucknell, the Lions dominated their games and often outshot their opponents. Penn State's only problem seemed to be in scoring goals — a situation Bahr hopes to avoid tonight and for the remainder of the season.

Assistant Coach Barry Gorman said he thinks the Lions are up for the Delaware game.

"They saw the results against Hartwick and finally got the breaks which had been going against them all season," he said.

With only six regular season games left, Penn State is in a situation where it has to sweep the rest of the schedule and hope for Philadelphia Textile, Temple or Rutgers to lose at least one game.

"We have an outside chance of getting in the NCAA tournament if some of the teams in our region drop a few games," Bahr said. "Soton Hall plays Rutgers this week and it would really be better for us if Soton Hall wins."

Gorman said Penn State has its destiny in its own hands for the rest of the season.

"We have our backs against the wall," he said. "We have to stand and fight and prove ourselves to be a good team because our record does not show how good we really are. We are in a position that if we don't win, it's our own fault."

Delaware is in Penn State's region and despite a 5-7 record, Bahr said the Lions cannot take Delaware lightly.

He pointed to the previously winless Green Bay Packers' win over the Cleveland Browns last Sunday as an example.

"This is like the Browns and the Packers," he said. "Cleveland is a much better team, but the Packers had nothing to lose. That's what made them dangerous and that's what makes Delaware dangerous."

Bahr also compared Delaware to Lock Haven and Lafayette, two teams Penn State should have beaten but did not. The Lions lost to Lock Haven 2-1 and Lafayette 1-0.

Bahr hopes Penn State does not repeat those two performances.

"There is no question that we should beat Delaware," he said. "We should be a better team and we have a lot of talent, but they will keep our hands full just the same."

Gorman said Penn State will treat Delaware "with the utmost respect" in hopes of avoiding a repeat of the Lock Haven and Lafayette games.

"We have to see if we can put the two teams, in 1976, saw the Lions prevail.

"We did not do before. The longer the game goes on without us scoring, the more confidence they (opponents) get."

Gorman said Penn State is starting to play more effectively.

"We are cutting down on our mistakes and we are starting to punish the other team on their mistakes. We are feeling more confident, but not overconfident."

"We've played some excellent soccer and not gotten results. But we have to play well against Delaware because if we can knock them off, it will look good on our schedule."

LION NOTES: Leading goal scorer Jan Skorpene, with 13, has a banged up right knee and will miss the game. West Virginia, 2-4 on the season, hosts Boston College this week.

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ESPN will broadcast WVU game

Kickoff for the sixth ranked football team's game against West Virginia Nov. 1 in Morgantown has been changed from 1:30 p.m. to 7:45 to accommodate ESPN, Pete Kowalski, assistant sports information director at Penn State announced yesterday.

The 6-0 Lions will tune up for the game when they travel to Atlanta this Saturday to play the Crimson Tide. The game will be nationally televised by ABC.

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Although her name is not the most recognizable of the players on the women's volleyball team, Judy McDonough has been a key to Lady Lions' success this season.

Unsung McDonough key for lady spikers

By MARK S. McWHIRTER
Collegian Sports Writer

Every sports team has at least one of them. American Express has launched a successful advertising campaign featuring many of them. They are people who give 100 percent day in and day out and never manage to make it into the spotlight. If they were in the football team is a good example, Judy McDonough of the women's volleyball team is a better one.

McDonough has played solid, consistent volleyball for four years. But if you asked someone the names of a few of Penn State's women's volleyball stars, her name would not likely be mentioned.

While at Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, McDonough started on three state championship volleyball teams. At 5-foot-4 she was the team's setter and in volleyball, the setter is usually the player who controls the tempo of the game.

But when she graduated from Norwin and decided to attend Penn State, McDonough's volleyball career made an abrupt change. She realized she had to leave her familiar setter position to become a back row player. High school teammate Ellen Hensler 10 assumed the setter position for the Lions.

McDonough says it was that realization that helped her decide on Penn State.

"One of the reasons I came here was for the volleyball," McDonough says. "I knew they had a good team, but I also knew that Coach Rose would play short people."

"I knew I wasn't going to be able to hit," McDonough continues. "And a lot of coaches don't have defensive players on their team."

McDonough says she explored the option of playing at a smaller school that was not up to the calibre of Penn State.

"I knew I could have gone to a smaller school (a Division II school), and probably would have started," McDonough says. "I'd rather go to a bigger school with a better program and not play as much."

Coming into her senior season this fall, Head Coach Russ Rose said McDonough is one of the best defensive specialists in the East. So far, Rose has been accurate in

PSU grad hired by New Peach Bowl

By COLIN SNYDER
Collegian Sports Writer

The Peach Bowl is undergoing a facelift and a recent University graduate is assisting in the operation.

Robert Dale Morgan, a 1983 journalism graduate and former sports information director at the University of Tampa, has been named assistant executive director of the New Peach Bowl.

The New Peach Bowl has been developed from the merging of the Peach Bowl with SPORTS 2000, a membership organization that funds and supports organized sports on the amateur, collegiate and professional levels in Georgia. SPORTS 2000 is a division of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Morgan will be responsible for

coordinating the marketing, promotion and public relations areas of the game and also assisting in the overall management of the bowl and related events.

"We brought Robert Dale (Morgan) up from Tampa because we felt he was an impressive athletic administrator and felt he would complement our staff very well," said Lee Ayres, Executive Director of the New Peach Bowl.

Morgan said that his goal is to make The New Peach Bowl one of the top five post-season bowl games within the next three years.

"The New Peach Bowl will be promoted more this year than in the last eighteen years combined," said Morgan, who indicated that the game "was not promoted as well as it could have been in the past."

Last year, according to Morgan, attendance in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium was just over 46,000 for the game, which featured Army against Illinois.

Morgan also believes that the attitude with which the public views the game has to change.

"Our biggest problem is the re-education of the general public. In the past, the bowl was not viewed in the highest regard," Morgan said.

The New Peach Bowl also has a new, three-year television contract with MIZLOU that may potentially earn more revenue than the old contract with CBS.

Morgan said that MIZLOU is guaranteeing that 80 percent of the nation will be covered and is presently projecting coverage at 95 percent.

Since his graduation, Morgan has

worked at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado, the Sun Belt Conference and the University of South Florida.

Morgan has also freelanced at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and was selected as a press officer by the U.S. Olympic Committee for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Sports Festival in Houston.

In addition, Morgan has worked or freelanced for eight daily newspapers in Pennsylvania and Florida and has freelanced for all three networks and ESPN.

And when the bowl bids go out, would Morgan like to see his alma mater come to Atlanta and play?

"I'd love to see the Nittany Lions here. As a matter of fact, I plan on attending the Penn State-Alabama game since it's down here (in the South)."



Cornelius Bennett



Chris Loder

Perchance to dream: a writer vs. the Tide

I believe it was William Shakespeare, when he played quarterback for the University of Stratford-Avon campus, who said after a post-game press conference:



"To be, or not to be, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune . . . To sleep, perchance to dream . . . Ay, there's the rub."

I rank dreams right up there with cleanliness and godliness.

As one of my heroes, Robert F. Kennedy, often said, quoting from Tennyson: "Some men see things as

they are and say, 'Why?' I dream things that never were and ask 'Why not?'"

There's one recurring dream in my heart to share with you now.

It is a cold November day in the west of the Deep South — Birmingham, Ala.

The Penn State Nittany Lions, ranked No. 2 in the land, are battling the No. 1 ranked Alabama Crimson Tide.

In the dream, I'm the Lions' six-string quarterback (I also play line receiver, defensive back, linebacker, offensive tackle and water boy). It's my dream, I make the rules (apologies to George Carlin).

The Lions have been victimized by injuries to their first four quarterbacks and starting for the Lions is Darin Roberts. Me, I'm Darin's backup for the afternoon.

Before the game, as Darin and I are warming up, Joe Namath, a distinguished Alabama alumnus, goes by to offer a few words of encouragement.

"Chris, good luck to you," says

Namath. "I remember when I was in your shoes — a young boy in a man's game — I just lived, lived, lived. Partied hard and had my share of women. Just one bit of advice . . . look out for 'No. 97.'"

Nervously, I say something stupid.

"Thank you Mr. Namath, I've been a fan of yours ever since I saw you on 'The Brady Bunch.'"

The game begins and Roberts is moving the offense beautifully.

Unfortunately for the Lions, Mike Shula's doing the same for Alabama.

Time is quickly running out and the Lions are losing 28-17. With six minutes left in the game, Roberts is driving Penn State for the winning score when he finds Bennett breathing down his face mask. Bennett booms a 60-yard punt, and the Lions take over at their own 13. There's 2:08 left on the clock.

On first and ten, I throw a deep pitch to D.J. Dozier, who dances seven yards to the 20.

Going without a huddle, I drop back and throw a sideline pattern to Ray Roundtree. The play gains six and a first down.

All right, I'm thinking. This isn't so bad. There's no way Bennett is going to get to me now.

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Tide close in on No. 1 spot

By HERSHEL NISSENSON
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Runner-up Alabama made up some ground yesterday on No. 1-ranked Miami as the top seven teams remained the same in The Associated Press' college football poll.

Miami's 45-13 victory over Cincinnati enabled the Hurricanes to remain No. 1 for the fourth consecutive week. They received 55 of 59 first-place votes and 1,174 of a possible 1,180 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

Meanwhile, Alabama crushed Tennessee 56-28 and received three first-place votes and 1,111 points. Last week, Miami led 56-2 in first-place votes and 1,175,000 in points.

Nebraska held onto third place with 1,024 points by trouncing Missouri 49-17 and Michigan's last-second 20-17 triumph over Iowa ended the Wolverines to stay No. 4 with 997 points while the Hawkeyes slipped from eighth place to 11th.

Fifth-ranked Oklahoma blanked Oklahoma State 19-0 and received 997 points. The other first-place vote went to No. 6 Penn State, which routed Syracuse 42-0 and received 902 points. Seventh-ranked Auburn trimmed Georgia Tech 31-10 and polled 861 points.

Washington swamped Bowling Green 48-0 and climbed from ninth place to eighth with 701 points. Arizona State jumped from 10th to ninth with 695 points by downing Southern California 29-20 and Texas A&M rose from 11th to 10th with 606 points by edging Baylor 31-20.

The second team consists of Iowa, LSU, Mississippi State, Arkansas, Arizona, Clemson, UCLA, Stanford, Southern Methodist and North Carolina State.

Last week, it was Texas A&M, LSU, Mississippi State, Arkansas, Southern Cal, Arizona, Clemson, North Carolina and UCLA with Baylor and SMU tied for 20th.

New York can't afford to monkey around if it hopes to climb back from a two-games-to-none deficit in the World Series, which swings into Boston tonight.

By HERSHEL NISSENSON
AP Football Writer

Bob Ojeda will start the Game 3 tonight for the Mets.

Mets search for offense

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — It's back to Plan B for the New York Mets, as it has been for so long.

The Mets figured their pitching would carry them to a World Series championship over the Boston Red Sox, but it isn't working out that way.

After edging New York 1-0 in the first game, the Red Sox pounded out 18 hits for a 9-3 triumph in Game 2 at Shea Stadium Sunday night, and the Mets suddenly find themselves in a deep hole.

The next three games, if the Series goes that far, will be played in quint, old Fenway Park where 18-hit games are not rare, with Game 3 scheduled for tonight.

"We've faced some pretty good pitching," Mets pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre said yesterday. "I think maybe we under-evaluated the Boston pitching staff. They have a fine club."

I think maybe Bruce Hurst (the winner in Game 1) surprised us most; his command more than anything.

"He didn't make any mistakes. He was up and down. He changes speeds very well."

The Mets, the best-hitting club in the National League for average and runs during the regular season, went virtually silent during the NL playoffs (109) and have remained dormant through two World Series games.

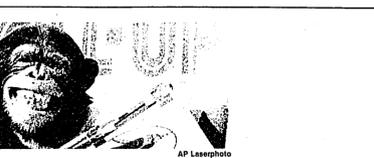
"I think our bats have to be the key now," Stottlemyre said. "Especially now that we're in their ballpark. If we get some runs, we'll be OK."

"I think it's not so much a matter of Bob Ojeda and Nor Darling (the Mets' pitchers in the third and fourth games) holding them down. We're on the road now, where we don't have last crack at them. I think that's important that we get on the board early."

"Hitting is contagious. It's not unusual when one guy gets hot that everybody gets hot, too."

Stottlemyre, Darling and Ojeda were the only Mets who showed up at the park yesterday as Mets' Manager Davey Johnson gave his beleaguered club a day off.

"After the second game, we were in a little shock," Stottlemyre said. "The first night



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everybody's game. A 1-0 game always is just one pitch away.

"We had our best pitcher, Dwight Gooden going in Game 2 and they had theirs (Roger Clemens) and neither was very sharp. But we still got blown out."

"I was surprised their bullpen did the job it did. They shut us down. We have a long road ahead of us, but we still have a good feeling."

Stottlemyre noted that the Mets won 53 of 82 games on the road during the regular season.

"You still have to have a sense that if we get our game going, we have a chance to get back to Shea (for Games 6 and 7). That's all we can hope for now."

"We're going to throw a good pitcher out there

Jets hold off Bronco rally

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Ken O'Brien threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Wesley Walker and an unyielding New York defense shut down Denver's high-scoring offense as the Jets defeated the previously unbeaten Broncos 22-10 in an NFL game last night.

O'Brien, who missed New York's last game against New England with a knee injury, came on late in the second period after Pat Ryan was spotted by Denver's Karl Mecklenburg. On his second play, O'Brien found Walker speeding down the right sideline behind safety Dennis Smith for the touchdown that made it 20-0.

By then, the Jet defense had established its dominance. Ranked fourth in the NFL against the rush — Denver led the league in that category — they pressured quarterback John Elway, sacking him five times, allowed only 24 yards on the ground and controlled Denver's passing attack, even though the Jets ranked next-to-last in pass defense entering the game. The Broncos came into the seventh weekend of the season with the league's most productive offense with 30 points.

Although it sputtered in the second half, the Jets offense already had put the game out of reach. Led by Ryan, the Jets put together time-consuming marches of 65, 56 and 49 yards in the first half.

Pat Leahy kicked field goals of 27 and 25 yards, giving him 22 consecutive successful kicks, one short of the NFL record set by Washington's Mark Moseley.

Johnny Hector ran one yard for a touchdown to account for New York's other touchdown. It was Hector's seventh in the season, tying him for the NFL lead with New England receiver Stanley Morgan.

With 30 seconds remaining in the half, Elway was sacked by cornerback Bobby Humphrey in the end zone for a safety, making it 22-0.

Rich Karly barely made a 47-yard field goal early in the third period, then Elway got the Broncos to the New York 8. But he was intercepted by a diving Kyle Clifton at the one on one, and the Jets had little trouble the rest of the way.

Denver scored with 3:35 remaining on a 20-yard pass from backup quarterback Gary Kubiak to Sammy Winder after the ball had been tipped by Bronco tight end Clarence Kay.

The victory kept the Jets, 6-1, two games ahead of New England in the AFC East. Denver, the last unbeaten team in the league, is, at 6-1, one game ahead of Seattle in the AFC West. The Broncos play the Seahawks on Sunday in Denver.

The Jets completely dominated the first half, when the game was decided. Ryan hit nine of 10 passes and O'Brien's second pass of the half was the touchdown throw to Walker.

The Top 20

	Record	Pts	Pos
1. Miami, Fla. (5)	7-0	1,174	1
2. Alabama (8)	7-0	1,111	2
3. Washington	6-0	1,024	3
4. Michigan	6-0	997	4
5. Iowa	6-0	997	5
6. Penn State (1)	6-0	902	6
7. Auburn	6-0	861	7
8. Washington	5-1	701	8
9. Arizona St.	5-1	695	9
10. Texas A&M	5-1	606	11
11. Iowa	5-1	601	8
12. LSU	4-1	561	12
13. Arkansas	4-1	548	18
14. Clemson	4-1	535	17
15. Stanford	4-1	522	19
16. UCLA	4-1	520	20
17. Southern Methodist	4-1	517	20
18. Stanford	4-1	513	20
19. North Carolina	4-1	511	21

Others receiving votes: Southern California 62, Ohio State 54, Baylor 24, Florida State 20, Georgia 16, North Carolina 12, Colorado State 4, Fresno State 3, Brigham Young 3, Michigan State 3, Air Force 2, Pitt 1, Temple 1.

Charges dismissed against Maryland basketball players

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

UPPER MERLBOROUGH, Md. — A Prince Georges County circuit judge yesterday dismissed charges against two men and scheduled trial for a third in connection with the cocaine-induced death of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias.

Judge James Rice, at the request of state attorney Arthur Marshall, dismissed possession of cocaine and obstruction of justice charges against David Gregg and Terry Long, who were with Bias when he died of cocaine intoxication June 19.

But the judge refused to dismiss the case against Brian Lee Tribble, who also was with Bias the morning he collapsed in a college dormitory room. The judge set Nov. 17 as the trial date for Tribble.

Tribble is accused of supplying Bias with the cocaine that killed him, and is charged with possession of cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, distribution of cocaine and possession of PCP.

At a pretrial hearing, the prosecutor said Long and Gregg, former teammates of Bias, "have promised to continue to cooperate with the state and assist us in our investigation."

After the charges against Long and Gregg were dropped, Tribble attorney, Thomas Morrow, asked for dismissal of charges against his client because of "unfair, prejudicial publicity" generated by Marshall, who Morrow claimed almost daily talked to the media about the grand jury proceedings.

Rea denied the motion, saying, "Even if there was some judicial prosecutorial abuse, it is not enough to reach a level that an indictment should be dropped."

Long and Gregg are expected to testify in Tribble's trial, but both Marshall and his lawyer, Alan Goldstein, denied that charges were dropped against them as part of a plea bargain.

"For the record, no deal has been consummated," Marshall told the judge.

After the hearing, Goldstein said there had been "no agreement," even though he and his clients had a long discussion with Marshall last Thursday, just hours before the players broke months of silence and testified before the grand jury.

Long and Gregg refused to comment.

"They (Long and Gregg) will honor all subpoenas in the case, whether they come from the state or the defense," Goldstein said.

Morrow said last week that his client would be exonerated of all charges against him "if Long and Gregg tell the truth."

Tribble, Gregg and Long were with Bias when the draft choice of the NBA's Boston Celtics collapsed after ingesting an unusually pure form of cocaine. Tribble called for an ambulance from the dormitory room at 6:30 that morning.

WUSA-TV and WRC-TV in Washington reported that on Thursday, Gregg and Long told the grand jury that Bias suffered three seizures in the early hours of June 19. They said Bias regained consciousness after the

two seizures, but remained unconscious after the third attack.

It also was reported by the television stations that the players said that Tribble brought a "mugshot" of cocaine into the room. After Bias collapsed for the final time, Long and Gregg reportedly testified, Tribble called for an ambulance, then the three men cleaned up the room.

"Tribble then put the remainder of the cocaine 'in his pocket' and left the scene," Marshall said yesterday that the testimony of Long and Gregg before the grand jury was crucial because of a medical report that claimed Bias may have unwittingly consumed the cocaine in a drink.

"It was important that we find out exactly what happened in that dormitory room June 19," Marshall told Rea.

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Emotions mixed as NBA officials discuss league expansion

By WALTER BERRY
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Six cities hoping to land a league franchise made presentations yesterday to the NBA's Board of Governors, but league officials expressed mixed emotions about diluting their product.

Representatives from Minneapolis, Toronto, Miami, Fla., Charlotte, N.C., Orlando, Fla., and Orange County, Calif., each made 30-minute presentations to the board's advisory and finance committee.

The 23-team league, which hasn't expanded since 1980, is expected to make its decision today. Eighteen votes are needed for final approval.

"We won't expand for the sake of expanding," San Antonio Spurs president Angelo Drossos said. "I've been an expansionist for a long time, but it won't hurt the league if we say 'no.'"

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