

# Red Sox, Mets prepare for World Series finale

By JOHN NELSON  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston Manager John McNamara finally had a chance to get to some sleep last night. New York Mets pitcher Ron Darling got a little extra rest and probably so sleep.

For Darling, who will start Game 7, the rainout means an extra day's rest and an extra night to wonder about the outcome.

The Series' last game now will be played at 8:10 p.m. EST tonight, placing it in direct competition with the NFL's Monday night football game — this week, the New York Giants vs. the Washington Redskins.

McNamara said yesterday he was still undecided about his starting pitcher for Game 7. Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd is scheduled to start, but McNamara said he would confer with his pitching coach before deciding whether to go with Boyd, the loser in Game 3, or perhaps bring back Game 1 and Game 5 winner Bruce Hurst on three days' rest.

"I will consult with Bill Fischer tonight. We have a lot to run by one another and the whole coaching staff will be involved. There's a lot of detail to it, before we can make an announcement," he said at a news conference after the game was called off.

# Steelers finally victorious in Pittsburgh

By The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Steelers won their first home game of the season and the Miami Dolphins, another struggling team, won for the first time on the road in Sunday's NFL action.

Playing their best football of the year, the Steelers surprised the favored Cincinnati Bengals 30-9 for their 100th victory at Three Rivers Stadium.

Steelers won for the first time in four home games this season and ended a four-game losing streak against the Bengals.

Dolphins 17, Colts 13  
Quarterback Dan Marino passed for 243 yards and a touchdown and Miami's John Offerdahl made a game-saving tackle at the Dolphins' 14-yard line in the closing seconds, preserving the victory over the Colts, 6-0.

It was the Dolphins' 13th straight victory over the Colts, the longest current string in the league.

Jets 23, Saints 23  
Al Toon, the NFL's leading receiver, caught three touchdown passes from Ken O'Brien as the Jets won a club-record sixth straight game. New York built a 28-6 lead through three quarters and withstood New Orleans' 17-point final period to raise its record to 7-1 in the AFC East.

Chicago 13, Detroit 7  
Linebacker Wilber Marshall's one-man sack, strip and 12-yard touchdown fumble return led Chicago over Detroit. Marshall, in one fell swoop, sacked quarterback Eric Hipple, forced a fumble, recovered and returned 12 yards for the Bears' only touchdown early in the first quarter.

Kevin Butler kicked two field goals, including a 27-yarder with 18 seconds remaining in the game.

EAGLES 23, Chargers 7  
Philadelphia's defense shut down the explosive San Diego offense and Paul McCadden kicked Gary Anderson kicked three field goals as the

Chargers in intermittent rain. The Chargers, seventh in the 28-team league on total offense and averaging 22.7 points a game, gained 270 yards against the ever-improving "46 Defense" taught by Eagles Coach Buddy Ryan.

Rams 14, Falcons 7  
Eric Dickerson continued on his record rushing pace and threw his first NFL touchdown pass, a 22-yarder to lead Dallas over St. Louis.

Dickerson gained 170 yards on 30 carries to surpass the 1,000-yard mark as the Rams avenged a 26-1 loss in Atlanta two weeks ago and took over first place in the NFC West.

Cowboys 37, Cardinals 6  
Quarterback Danny White, making his first start in a month, threw two touchdown passes and Herschel Walker rushed for 120 yards and scored twice to lead Dallas over St. Louis.

White played only in the first half, throwing a 36-yard touchdown pass to rookie Mike Sherrard and a 20-yard scoring toss to Tony Hill as Dallas rolled to a 27-6 halftime lead.

Broncos 20, Seahawks 13  
John Elway passed for 321 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown pass to Vance Johnson on a flea-flicker play, and a grudging Denver defense yielded only field goals until the closing minutes in the Broncos' victory over Seattle.



Chicago quarterback Jim McMahon sports the latest in sweatband apparel in yesterday's game with Detroit. The '82 on his armband is in memory of former teammate Ken Margerum who was cut from the squad last week to make room for newly-acquired quarterback Doug Flutie.

# Offense no problem this time around

By CHRIS RAYMOND  
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — All through the 1985 season, Head Coach Joe Paterno argued that his Nittany Lions were capable of challenging for a national title, but the specter of Penn State's defense held an explosive Alabama offense to just 44 yards on the ground — 216 total.

Crimson Tide quarterback Mike Shula suffered one of the worst performances of his career completing 16 of 39 passes including one to Penn State cornerback Eddie Johnson and one to safety Ray Ison. When he wasn't mistiring balls, Shula was running from Lion defensive backs and linebackers. He was eventually sacked five times for 32 yards.

Alabama Coach Ray Perkins attributed Shula's misfortune to Penn State's pursuit.

"Mike Shula missed some throws. He didn't have his best day," Perkins said. "But... we had trouble protecting the passer. It's tough for him when he has to dodge those bullets."

Sandusky, in turn, credited the success of the Penn State pursuit to the play of the offense.

"We really didn't do anything different from what we've been doing," he said. "We were able to adjust a little bit to what (Alabama) does but I think there were some outstanding individual efforts."

"We kept alternating all those kids up front and I think they had as much to do with it as anything. There were some people who were still fresh and the offense kept the ball (long enough) so when we were out there we were fresh."

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Tight end Brian Siverling said the offense was happy to comply with Sandusky's wishes.

It's great to go out and do the things you want to do," he said. "I think rightfully so we were criticized last year. A couple of times we had to move the ball in crucial situations and we didn't get it done and that puts the defense in a tough position."

"But a couple of times (today) we were pinned down inside our own 20-yard line and we were able to get the ball out of there which is really a lift for the defense."

# Booters earn win, tie this weekend

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Last Friday night at Jeffrey Field, Penn State soccer fans were treated to a prime example of grace under pressure.

The pressure stemmed from the fact that the Lions had to beat the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame in order to have a chance at an NCAA tournament bid.

The game was in their performance, which gained them a 3-0 victory in one of the tightest games they've played all year.

"I thought we played well for 90 minutes," said Head Coach Walt Bahr. "It was our most complete game of the year from start to finish."

Yesterday however, the Lions didn't play as cleanly as they did Friday night and ended their game against the University of Connecticut in a 3-1 tie. Their record now stands at 9-4-5.

Friday night's game began as so many other Penn State matches have — beautiful shots but no goals. This streak ended 28 minutes into the first half when Jan Skorpen nailed his 15th goal of the season.

Niall Harrison controlled the ball in the right-hand corner of the field and crossed it parallel to the goal mouth.

The first half ended with the Lions up 1-0.

"Everything was working really well," said midfielder Steve Potter. "The energy was high and when the work is high and people want to work hard, everything falls in place."

Potter had the second goal of the game, which he scored off a direct kick due to a hand ball.

The third and final goal was a Skorpene-Troy Snyder combination which occurred with 15 minutes remaining. Skorpene dribbled the ball down the right side and located Snyder who was open at the near post.

Skorpene passed the ball and Snyder snapped the shot.

"They were a great team, but the way we played we just took the game away from them," Snyder said.

Following the Notre Dame game, the Lions hit the road and played a game marred by defensive errors.

UConn opened the scoring four minutes into the game by taking advantage of a bad Penn State pass.

Skorpene evened the score with 10 minutes remaining in the half off an assist by Harrison. His efforts were to no avail in keeping the score even, however, because UConn scored again with barely three minutes remaining in the first half.

In the second half, Snyder, with an assist from Potter, brought the score to 2-2.

His goal was followed by a UConn goal scored when a free kick was bobbed at the goal line.

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