

Don Coryell resigns from Chargers post

By DENNIS GORGIATOS AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Saying he made up his mind after the Chargers' seventh straight loss, San Diego Head Coach Don Coryell resigned yesterday and was replaced by Al Saunders.

Chargers owner Alex Spanos said the resignation was unexpected and came as a surprise.

"I feel a change would be beneficial to the Chargers," Coryell said in a prepared statement. "I made up my mind (to resign) after the Philadelphia game, but Mr. Spanos was out of the city and I wanted to tell him in person."

The Chargers lost to the Eagles in Philadelphia, 27-7, last week. It was the only victory was a season-opening 50-28 decision over Miami.

"I had made a commitment to stay with the staff through 1987," said Spanos, who accepted Coryell's resignation during a 20-minute meeting at the Chargers' stadium offices. "I'd say at this point we have to look at what's going to happen from today on. I don't like losing. I want to win. I think we all want to win. My fans want to win and I'm going to continue to do whatever it takes to win, and if Don felt this was the best thing for us, then God bless him."

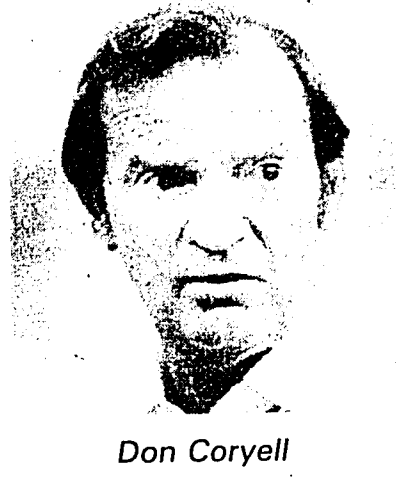
Spanos said he anticipated no further changes this year in the team's administrative and coaching staff.

Saunders, 39, said his association with Coryell over the past three and one-half years would help him in assuming his first NFL head coaching assignment.

"Don Coryell has one of the greatest passing minds in the history of football," Saunders said. "I've really been privileged... to have the opportunity to learn from Don over the years."

Saunders said he told the players of Coryell's resignation at a closed-door meeting before yesterday afternoon's practice.

"The reaction among the players was surprise, just like it was for all of us. As we talked about it, we felt like



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we had to go onward and upward," Saunders said. "We are 1-7 right now and we've got to turn it around."

The architect of the Chargers' fabled offense, Coryell, 62, was in his ninth season with the Chargers, who were 11-5 in 1975, when it opened with 11 straight losses. This year's start was also the worst for Coryell in 29 years of coaching in the collegiate and professional levels.

Saunders joined the Chargers as a receivers coach in 1983. He was promoted to assistant head coach at the end of the 1985 season and was often described as Coryell's heir apparent.

Coryell is the only coach to win more than 100 games on both the collegiate and professional levels. In 14 years as an NFL head coach at St. Louis and San Diego, Coryell was 114-88, including playoff games. His collegiate coaching record in three seasons at Whitier and 12 seasons at San Diego State University, ending in 1972, was 127-43.

Under Coryell, the Chargers advanced to the playoffs four straight years beginning in 1979 but have had problems winning in recent years. San Diego has not had a winning year since the strike-shortened 1982 season, when the Chargers were 6-3.

Last year, Coryell came within one game of getting fired. His job was saved when San Diego finished 8-8.

Stickwomen rally, edge Tigers 2-0

By ROBERT WILLIAMS Collegian Sports Writer

The No. 6 field hockey team ended 70 minutes of scoreless frustration as it notched two goals in the first overtime period yesterday afternoon to upend unranked Princeton 2-0 at Lady Lion Field.

Junior forward Diane Scheleicher tallied the game-winning goal with just over two minutes gone in the extra stanza.

The Allentown native broke the 0-0 deadlock when she received a beautiful feed from senior midfielder Mary McCarthy, had all day to re-up the ball about 20 yards from the Tiger goal, and slapped a shot that bounced off Princeton net-minder Angela Tucci into the goal.

"They were getting us on the offense trap all day," Scheleicher added. "Mary just put the ball behind them. I was right there and I hit it in."

"The offense trap, to which Scheleicher referred was employed by Princeton (5-6-2) to stymie the Penn State (14-3-2) offense. The trap not only kept the Lady Lions off the scoreboard during regulation, but the frustrating tactic also kept Penn State on its heels.

"They were constantly playing the offense trap," Rattray said. "They had six people across the field absolutely flat. It's the most frustrating thing because it holds your timing, it holds the flow of your game."

"They pull out so that they're even with the 25 (yard line)," McCarthy said. "If any of our players cut behind the 25 before the ball gets there, they're offside. We knew they were going to do it, but it still caused us a lot of problems."

Despite the trap, the Lady Lions dominated play in the first half, as they outshot the Tigers 25-2. However, many of Penn State's shots weren't of the high-percentage variety. In fact, in its last two games, the squad has outshot its opposition 74-10, but it has connected on only five of those shots.

"I get concerned when we take the shots from outside and waste them on the goalie, which we were doing in the first half," Rattray said.

"(The players) were so happy that they were there in front of the goal and they weren't offside, that what they did was take the shot from outside when they could have gone in with it more. We could have penetrated more."

The Lady Lions were in front of the goal a lot less frequently in the second half, as Princeton came on and began to apply some pressure of its own. Penn State only outshot the Tigers by the tune of 5-4 in the period. McCarthy said that the Lady Lions' inability to capitalize on its many opportunities may have helped spark the Tigers.

"We really started out slow today," she said. "I think the more we let them feel good, the better they got."

"I think that made them feel a lot better about themselves. It frustrated us and it made them feel a lot better."

But Princeton's bid for its first win ever against Penn State (the Lady Lions lead the series 8-0) would fall just short, as Penn State finally came to life in the overtime period.

After Scheleicher's game-winning goal, sophomore midfielder Tami Worley connected on a penalty stroke at 3:57 of overtime to increase the winning margin to 2-0. Worley has now made three of six penalty strokes this season.

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Penn State's Stacia Palanyuk, right, battles two Princeton opponents for possession of a loose ball yesterday at Lady Lion Field. The Lady Lions were held in check by the Tigers for all of regulation play, but rallied to score two goals in overtime for a 2-0 win.

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"We have a lot of character on the team," McCarthy said. "A lot of times we've come back. You can never put us out of a game no matter how many goals we're down or if the score is tied like it was today."

The Lady Lions are now 7-0-1 at Lady Lion Field this season, where they have outscored their opposition 23-3.

Driesell reassigned; but deal still lucrative

By GORDON BEARD AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Lefty Driesell lost his job as basketball coach at the University of Maryland yesterday, but retained much of his lucrative contract while becoming an assistant athletic director.

Under a renegotiated deal, Driesell will be guaranteed at least \$136,000 by the university for each of the next four years, and \$86,000 for the remaining four years, provided he stays at the university. Driesell also will keep his summer basketball camp on campus, which reportedly earned him about \$70,000 annually in recent years.

Driesell stepped aside under pressure from an administration reacting to the furor which followed the cocaine-induced death of All-America Len Bias on June 19 and criticism of Maryland's academic standards for basketball players.

Chancellor John B. Slaughter praised Driesell for successes during his 17 years as coach, but said that in the best interest of the athletic program, "a change of leadership is required." He denied that Driesell was a scapegoat.

Slaughter several times said he took full responsibility for problems that have occurred, but in answer to a question during a sometimes hostile news conference, he added, "I have no intention of resigning."

"I should have had more insight into that situation at the time," Slaughter said, referring to drug and academic problems within the basketball program.

Driesell, who spoke to reporters before Slaughter, read a terse statement and declined to accept any questions.

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Marshall also charged that Driesell had placed more emphasis on winning than academics. A university task force appointed by Slaughter also was critical of the basketball program.

After remaining silent for 14 weeks, Driesell took the offensive last month when he defended his program and said, "I'm not apologizing for anything we've done."

Under the financial arrangement, Driesell did not retain a shoe endorsement contract, signed just before Bias' death and said to be worth \$100,000. The chancellor said Driesell never sought a buy-out of his contract.

Slaughter said Driesell would be free to accept a coaching job elsewhere, but that the contract would be broken if he leaves.

Driesell's summer camp arrangement caused an immediate reaction from one athletic department member, who wondered if it would interfere with the signing of a new coach.

Slaughter said a new coach, either interim or permanent, would be announced before the start of practice on Saturday.

Ron Bradley, a Driesell assistant for five years, is regarded as a possible choice as interim coach since he knows the players and the system.

Clemens, Carter lead AP All-Star team

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens and catcher Gary Carter of the World Series champion New York Mets lead the 1986 Associated Press All-Star team announced yesterday.

Also picked were first baseman Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees, second baseman Steve Sax of the Los Angeles Dodgers, third baseman Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies and shortstop Tony Fernandez of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Jim Rice of the Red Sox was chosen as the left fielder, Kirby Puckett of the Minnesota Twins was picked as the center fielder and Jesse Barfield of Toronto as the right fielder.

Joining Clemens as pitchers were left-handed starter Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles and reliever Dave Righetti of the Yankees.

Houston's Hal Lanier was chosen earlier as manager of the year.

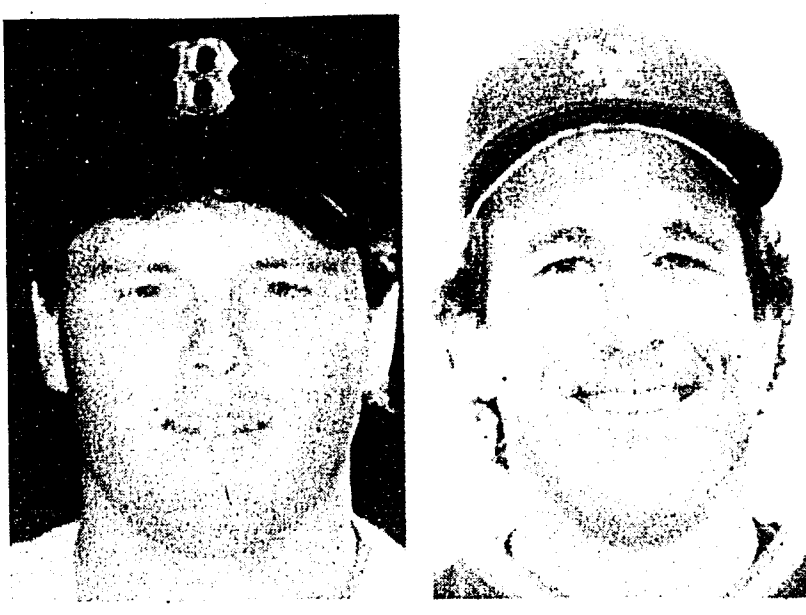
Ballotting was done prior to the postseason, with voters naming one player at each position.

Clemens, 24, was the most dominant pitcher in baseball this season, leading the majors with a 24-1 record and helping the Red Sox into the World Series. He started the season with a 14-0 record and went to top the American League with a 2.48 earned run average. Houston's Mike Scott was second to Clemens with four votes.

Valenzuela, brilliant throughout his career with the Dodgers, went 21-11 in his first 20-victory season. Valenzuela, who turns 27 this week, received 73 votes and finished far ahead of Milwaukee's Ted Higuera, who got 14.

Righetti set a single-season save record with 46. He was named on 71 ballots and outdistanced St. Louis rookie Todd Worrell, named on 20.

Carter, with eight All-Star Game appearances, finished third in the



Roger Clemens Gary Carter

National League with 105 runs batted in while hitting 24 home runs and batting .255. Tony Pena of Pittsburgh got five votes.

Mattingly, the 1985 AL Most Valuable Player, was second in the majors with a .352 average and hit 31 homers with 113 RBI. Mattingly, 25, led baseball with 238 hits and 53 doubles, both all-time Yankee records, and his .573 slugging percentage also was best in the majors. He got 91 votes and Houston's Glenn

Davis was far back with three. Sax had his best all-around year. His .322 average was second in the NL, he stole 46 bases and he committed just 16 errors, his lowest total for a full season. He got 51 votes and Houston's Bill Doran was runnerup at 14.

Schmidt, 37, enjoyed one of his finest years. He led the NL with 57 home runs and 119 RBI and batted .290. Schmidt, a nine-time All-Star, made only eight errors. He got 83 votes and finished ahead of major-league batting champion Wade Boggs of Boston, who got 15.

Fernandez, 24, continued to develop as one of the most exciting young players in baseball. He batted .310 with 10 homers and 65 RBI, stole 25 bases and was flashy in the field while not missing a game. Fernandez got 61 votes with Baltimore's Cal Ripken receiving 18.

Rice made an effort to hit for higher average this year and it worked as he batted .324 with 20 home runs and 110 RBI. Rice got 47 votes with George Bell of Toronto runnerup at 28. Cleveland's Joe Carter, who led the majors with 121 RBI, got three votes as a left fielder and seven as right fielder.

Puckett, 25, had one of the most productive seasons in the majors. The Twins' leadoff hitter batted .328 with 31 homers and 96 RBI, stole 20 bases and was among the outfielders in assists.

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Penn State student set for NYC Marathon

By DANA PENNETT Collegian Sports Writer

Penn State students are used to crowds, so when graduate student and Army officer Mike Maher is surrounded by 19,000 people this weekend, he won't be uncomfortable.

However, the group that Maher will be with will not be fellow Penn State runners — it will be 19,000 runners from all over the world. Maher is entered in the nationally televised New York City Marathon, which will begin Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Maher has been training for this race since last June when his application was accepted. This in itself was no easy feat. Since there are no qualification times or other requirements to enter the race, a large number of people apply, meaning applications must be in by May with the majority of the acceptances made by lottery.

Now that he is entered, Maher's major concern is a good starting place. "Because of the masses of humanity in the race," he said "if you're in the back it can take up to five or six minutes just to reach the starting line and the rest of the

race is spent making up time." Moreover, Maher says that the first few miles of the race are spent trying to run at one's own pace and break away from the crowds, so a good starting place is a definite advantage.

Although he is not expecting to place, he said, "I am not competing to win. I'm going for time." Maher has trained diligently for the past four months. In the beginning of June, he was only running four or five miles a day, but one day last week he ran 20 miles.

"Usually, I run in thirds," he said. "My shortest day will be one-third the distance of my longest day."

On the average, Maher is running 50 miles a week, which is the average person may seem like a lot but is little in comparison to the professionals who run up to 110 miles per week.

Maher's goal for the race is to finish within three and one-half hours, which he believes he has a good chance of doing. His best time was three hours and 20 minutes in Paris in 1983. Last year he finished the New York City Marathon in four hours and two minutes in assists.

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Hensler irreplaceable for lady spikers

By MARK S. McWHIRTER Collegian Sports Writer

When you think about the success the women's volleyball team is enjoying this far in 1986, you can't help but single out a few major contributors to the cause. Some names you may come up with are Vida Kernich, Bessy Ramirez, Lisa Leap, Judy McDonough and Zetta Phillips. But of all the key players, one that stands above the rest is senior Ellen Hensler.

Head Coach Russ Rose said after this season, Hensler will not be easily replaced.

"Ellen Hensler is an elite volleyball player," Rose said. "She is mentally tough to a degree that she can outperform people with perhaps more talent."

"She is the only player out east this year who has been given the option of training with the national team," he continued. "And if that is what she wants to pursue, I wouldn't put it past her."

Last season, Hensler was selected as an All-America player and was invited to train with the U.S. National team the last three years. She was selected as a first team member of the All Atlantic-10 Conference team in 1984 and 1985 and was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1985 A-10 Championship Tournament.

In addition, Hensler was the only Eastern player to be recognized on the Asics Tiger team in 1985 as well as being selected to nine all-tournament teams during the season. And the list goes on.

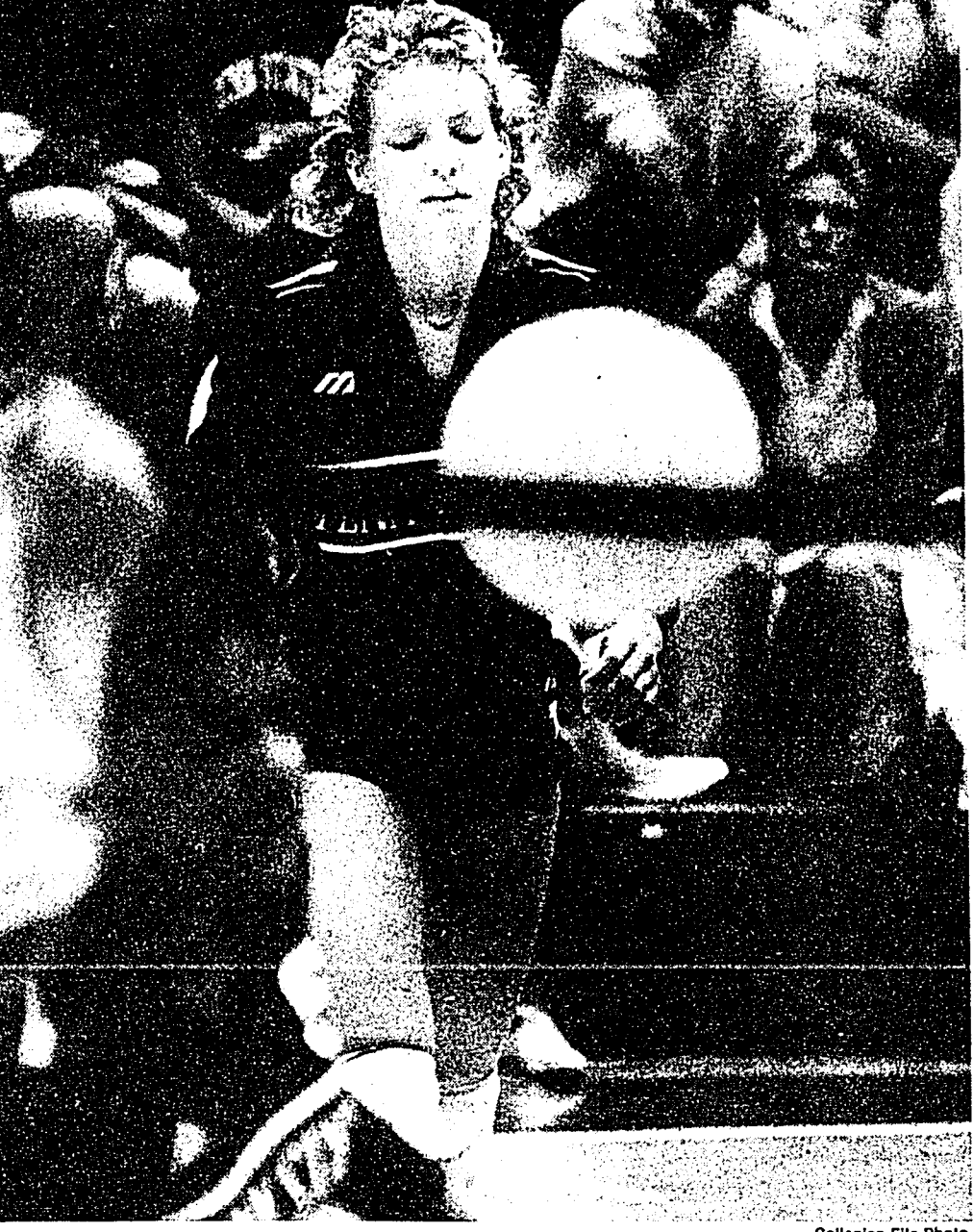
Hensler's volleyball career began when she was in seventh grade. But by the time she entered high school, her skills were well-refined. As a middle hitter for Norwin High School in North Huntington, Hensler led the Knights to three consecutive state championships. In fact, Norwin amassed an incredible 90-0 record during Hensler's tenure.

Sharon Watson, Norwin's volleyball coach, said it was Hensler's athletic ability that separated her from the rest.

"Ellen is an outstanding athlete," Watson said. "And it didn't matter what sport she chose to pursue in college (basketball or volleyball), I knew she would have been quite successful in either one."

Hensler's basketball career at Norwin was equally illustrious as she scored more than 1,000 points during her three-year career.

When she arrived at Penn State, Rose moved Hensler to the right side hitting slot, where she spent the year. Coming into her sophomore season, Rose made another adjustment and shifted Hensler to the setter position. In that role, she quickly made a name for herself among Division I volleyball programs and has been since justly rewarded.



Ellen Hensler

tempo of the game. And Hensler is quick to point out that setting can be the difference between a good team and a bad one.

"First of all, it's very important to have a good pass," she said. "The setter can then make it easy or difficult for the hitter, having one block in front of her."

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The Lady Lions' 1986 campaign for a bid to the NCAA tournament is nearing an end. Winning the A-10 Conference would give the team an automatic bid and Hensler is well aware of what it will take to accomplish that.

"We have to win the conference," she said. "We might be able to get an at-large bid, but I'd rather go into the tournament as the A-10 champs."

No matter how far the team goes in post-season play, one painfully realistic fact Rose has to deal with is that after this season, Hensler is gone. And, with the option of continuing her volleyball career on the international level, Hensler also has a tough decision to make in the near future. Rose says that no matter what Hensler decides, he is confident of her chances at success.