

Booters tie No. 13 Connecticut, 2-2

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What a difference a month can make. At this time last month the Penn State soccer team was going through a scoring drought and was in the midst of a four-game winless streak. Friday night the Lions battled the 13th-ranked Huskies from the University of Connecticut to a 2-2 tie at Jeffrey Field. The 7-6-3 Lions are now unbeaten in their last five games, recording three wins and a pair of ties. Although it wasn't a win, the Lions showed about 1,500 fans the type of game that has characterized the Penn State squad over the years — the ability to control the game and come from behind. Head Coach Walter Bahr said he liked what he saw on his home field this weekend. "Our players held up extremely well," Bahr said after the game. "It was a good effort from everybody on the field. I was pleased with everything and would have liked to have had the victory. "We're disappointed we didn't get the victory, but we can't be too disappointed with a tie. I thought we had a lot of good scoring opportunities and I thought we had enough in the game to get a win, but it didn't turn out that way." The game started out with both teams unable to get close to the opposing net. The first real pres-

sure began at the ten minute mark when the Huskies recorded the first shot on goal. After that it didn't take long for the excitement to catch on. UConn (11-3-3) drew first blood 13:12 into the game on a goal by senior forward Kanto Lulaj. Lulaj took a beautiful cross from teammate Dan Donigan and beat Lion goalkeeper Bert Eckelmeyer to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. The lead was extremely short-lived, however. After the goal the Lions put the ball in play and quickly worked it into the UConn box, putting pressure on Huskie netminder Tom Foley. Shortly thereafter, a hand ball was called against UConn in its penalty box and the Lions were awarded a penalty kick. Just as he had done in five previous games, Lion defender Paul Moylan converted the kick into his ninth goal of the season to tie the score at 1-1. The Lion goal was registered at 13:51, a mere 39 seconds after UConn scored its goal. The first half ended with the score tied at one, but not before two close calls — or rather one close call and one no call — at each end of the field. With 7:45 left, Huskie midfielder Brian Parker found a hole in the middle of the Penn State defense, dribbled the ball through and let a blistering shot fly toward the Lion net. Eckelmeyer had no chance to react, but fortunately the ball caromed off the left post and was cleared.

Just over two minutes later, Moylan kicked a long ball downfield in the direction of Lion forward Jan Skorpen. Skorpen made a classic move around his defender and was one-on-one with Foley in the Huskie box. However, Skorpen's defender recovered just in time to take him down. Much to the chagrin of Bahr, the referee did not call a foul which would have given Penn State another penalty kick. "I certainly thought we should have gotten a second penalty kick," Bahr said. "Jan made a great move into the box and he was brought down from behind. It was a classic textbook penalty kick that was not called. "That upset me a bit. You work hard to get somebody in the box with the ball. If the guy would not have taken him down I think he would have scored." The second half goal production was literally a carbon copy of the first. Connecticut came out storming and grabbed the lead quickly. Donigan got the ball all alone in the Lion box and forced Eckelmeyer out of the net. Donigan faked a shot that Eckelmeyer committed on, then passed the ball to Lulaj who promptly unloaded into an empty net at 47:36 to give the Huskies a 2-1 advantage. This time, UConn's lead was even shorter than the 39-second lead they held in the first half. Please see BOOTERS, Page 17.



Collegian Photo / Theresa Dylewski
Penn State's Danny Kelly beats a Connecticut player to the ball Friday night at Jeffrey Field as the Lions played the Huskies to a 2-2 tie.

Twins are World champs

By BEN WALKER
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MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins rode the determination of Frank Viola and the decibels of the MetroDome to their first World Series championship last night, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 in Game seven and becoming the first team to win four home games.

The Twins, with the best home game record in baseball, won each game in their own wreck room and became the 10th different team to win the Series in 10 years. They rallied in the final two games and went ahead to stay on Greg Gagne's bases-loaded, infield single with two outs in the sixth inning.

Viola, who was pitching on three days' rest after winning Game one and losing Game four, was named the Most Valuable Player after giving up six hits over eight innings with seven strikeouts and not a single walk.

Viola, who last lost in the Metrodome on May 22 and won 11 decisions after that, settled down after allowing two runs in the second inning and gave up only two more hits before Jeff Reardon pitched a 1-2-3 ninth to set off the celebration in the Twin Cities.

"I didn't want to take him out," Minnesota Manager Tom Kelly said, "but that's what we've done all year. When it gets to the ninth, we give the ball to Jeff Reardon."

There were no arguments from Viola. "He's been doing it all year, coming in to close the door," he said of Reardon. "Why change now?"

If Viola was the most valuable player, the Metrodome was the most valuable place.

"Of course, no team in history has ever had to play four games up here," Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog said when reminded that it was first Series in which the home team won every game.

The Twins were nearly invincible at the Metrodome, finishing 62-25, including three routs over St. Louis.

The Cardinals, the top road team in the majors, were swalloved up by a raucous record crowd of 55,376 as they failed for the second time in three years to win their 10th title. A couple of controversial calls by umpires at first base — which haunted

St. Louis in 1985 — and some maneuvers by Herzog that went wrong, left the crippled Cardinals one game short.

Herzog would not blame the umpiring for this one, though. "I don't want to comment on the umpiring because in all fairness I felt they (the Twins) played better than we did and it would take something away from them."

The Twins scored 72 runs in beating Detroit in the playoffs and then St. Louis, the most ever scored by a club in the postseason.

Minnesota also managed to overcome the Cardinals' success in do-or-die situations. St. Louis is now 8-3 in Game sevens, still the most victories by any team in seventh games.

In this, the Year of the Home Run, the Twins manufactured the winning run Cardinals-style.

Danny Cox, pitching on two days' rest and in relief for the first time since 1984, walked Tom Brunansky and Kent Hrbek leading off the sixth with the score 2-2. That finished Cox, who failed to retire any of the five batters he faced, and he was ejected by home-plate umpire Dave Phillips as he exited. That brought back more memories of 1985, when Cardinals pitcher Joaquin Andujar was tossed from Game seven, in which Kansas City shutout St. Louis 11-0.

Todd Worrell walked pinch-hitter Roy Smalley, playing on his 35th birthday, before striking out Dan Gladden with the bases loaded for the second out. Gagne followed with a sharp grounder that third baseman Tom Lawless backhanded, and Gagne beat the one-hop throw to first.

The Twins, whose starting lineup outthomered St. Louis' 183-32, scored an insurance run in the eighth when Tim Lardner singled and came home on Gladden's double.

The Twins came back despite getting two runners thrown out at the plate by left fielder Vince Coleman and possibly losing a run on Phillips' call in the second.

Trailing 2-1, Minnesota tied it in the fifth. Joe Magrane, who lost the opener and was the sixth rookie to ever start a Game seven, got the first out and Gagne followed with a grounder to first baseman Jim Lindeman. Magrane covered first and replays seemed to show he tagged the bag



AP Laserphoto
The World champion Twins celebrate their 4-2 win over the Cards in Game seven last night in Minnesota.

after getting Lindeman's throw, but umpire Lee Weyer called Gagne safe.

Herzog brought in Cox, and Kirby Puckett hit the first pitch for an RBI double to right-center. Gary Gaetti walked, but Puckett was caught trying to advance to third on a pitch in the dirt and Gaetti was thrown out at the plate on Don Baylor's single to left.

Herzog gambled on his lineup, starting reserve catcher Steve Lake

for the first time in the Series. That move paid off when Lake and regular catcher Tony Pena, in the DH spot, hit RBI singles in the second inning.

But Herzog left himself open to second-guessers when he took out Magrane in the fifth and brought in Cox, who obviously was tired. Cox, who started twice in the Series, threw 21 pitches and just seven were strikes.

The record crowd of 55,376 began

cheering 30 minutes before the game began.

A running catch by Cardinals right fielder Jose Oquendo in the gap stopped Minnesota from scoring in the first inning and St. Louis struck with two runs in the second.

Two pitches, and Lindeman and Willie McGee had singled. Pena hit a ball five feet foul into the left-field seats and then lined an RBI single past Viola's head.

Viola named Series MVP

By JIM DONAGHY
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MINNEAPOLIS — Frank Viola, the one called "Sweet Music," was in perfect pitch for Game seven of the World Series.

Viola allowed six hits in eight innings and pitched Minnesota to a 4-2 victory last night over St. Louis and was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1987 Series.

"This is the happiest moment of my life," Viola said. "I'm thinking of all my teammates, my friends and my family."

Viola won the first game of the Series 10-1, allowing five hits.

But he struggled in Game four at St. Louis, allowing six hits and five runs in three and one-third innings. The Twins, who finished sixth in the American League West last season, left St. Louis trailing 3-2 and Viola was hoping to get one more chance under the friendly Teflon ceiling at the Metrodome.

"I was happy to have another chance," Viola said. "I ended the season on a much better note than if I had ended it on Game four. I would have had a bitter taste in my mouth for a long time."

Instead, Viola lived up to his nickname and threw sweet pitches in the seventh game.

Viola's nickname comes from a banner that hangs in the rightfield stands and reads: Frankie "Sweet Music" Viola. Viola is 17-0 at the dome in games in which fan Mark Dornfeld has unfurled the banner.

Viola, who struck out seven, joined a list of great seventh-game World Series pitching performances.

There was some concern over Viola pitching on three days' rest.

Viola was 2-2 in his previous five starts on three days rest, and his ERA on those starts was 5.64.

"I felt great tonight," Viola said. "I had a real good fastball and a good changeup. I could have pitched on two days' rest."

Viola was 2-1 in the Series with a 3.72 ERA. He is the 15th pitcher to win the World Series MVP, but just the third in the last 19 seasons. Pitchers won the award 12 times in the first 14 years after the award was started in 1955.

"It's great just to win the World Series but to win the MVP makes it just that much more special," Viola said.

Dean Jordan to work for Pirates

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Dean Jordan, University coordinator of sports radio and television media, is leaving his position to become director of broadcasting for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

During his almost 1½ years at the University, Jordan was responsible for building the Intercollegiate Athletics Network.

The PSU Sports Network became independent from Total Communications Systems this year, giving the University control of all facets of its football and basketball game radio broadcasts for the first time in the network's history.

Jordan directed the network in handling advertising, production and distribution. He also expanded the network to include 68 affiliate stations, adding stations in major market areas such as New York City and Los Angeles.

Jordan will leave the University after the final regular-season football game, said Budd Thalman, associate athletic director.

"We're really disappointed, he's done an outstanding job... (but) it's a marvelous opportunity. I can't begrudge him," he said.

Jim Lachimia, assistant director of media relations for the Pirates, said a formal announce-



Dean Jordan

ment of Jordan's new position will be released this week. Jordan, who is in Pittsburgh until tomorrow, could not be reached for comment.

Thalman said there is no urgency in finding a replacement for Jordan until the beginning of next year because Jordan has already done most

of the organizing for the network's basketball game broadcasts.

"But I'd like to find someone before that," he added.

It is too early to know exactly how the University will go about finding a new coordinator, Thalman said.

"We'll have to investigate until we find someone with the same splendid qualifications (as Dean had)," he said.

Lachimia said Jordan's role in the Pirate Radio Network will be very similar to his part in the PSU Sports Network.

"He will be responsible for the overall operation of the Pirate Radio Network," he said.

Because of the Pirates' takeover of the Pirate Radio Network last week, Jordan will have the responsibility of directing its first year of in-house operations, Lachimia said.

He cited Jordan's past record of success at the University and his established reputation with many western Pennsylvania affiliate stations that broadcast both the PSU Network and the Pirates Radio Network as reasons behind Jordan's selection.

"We expect him to be a real asset to the organization," Lachimia said. Jordan will assume his duties in Pittsburgh Nov. 23, he said.

Harriers win A-10s

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The men's cross country team turned in another outstanding performance this weekend by dominating the Atlantic 10 Championships, posting its second consecutive A-10 win in as many years and fourth title overall.

The team also won titles in 1978, 1982 and last year.

The Lions shaved six points off last season's 27-point performance, posting 21 points this year. All-American Eric Carter won the individual title for the second year in a row. Last year Carter set the Van Cortland course record with a time of 23:51.

Placing five runners in the top ten, the Lions easily won the team title. Penn State convincingly defeated second-place Massachusetts, which finished with 54 points. Rutgers (86 points) was third, followed by West Virginia (95), St. Joseph's (109), St. Bonaventure (200), Rhode Island (220) and Duquesne (227).

The fourth-ranked Lions were the pre-race favorites and quickly displayed their superiority. A one-two-three finish from seniors Carter

(24:46), Dave McMillan (24:46) and junior Brian Laird (24:49) sealed the team title early.

Rutgers' Rick Granquist was fourth after posting a time of 24:54, he was followed by Kiernan Boyle of Massachusetts (25:12) and Ian Manners of West Virginia (25:17). The Penn State duo of Ken Frazier and Steve Balkey finished seventh (25:20) and eighth (25:27), respectively. Bill Stewart of Rutgers (25:28) and Joe Millette of Massachusetts (25:30) rounded out the top ten.

Head Coach Harry Groves was pleased with the team's performance and noted that the runners accomplished the two goals they had set before the meet.

"We went to the meet wanting to win the team title which we accomplished," Groves said. "And we wanted to bring the time between the runners down. There was a 41-second split between the top five runners. Our goal is to keep the split below 45 seconds."

Groves said the level of competition in Saturday's race was not as strong compared to previous meets. He noted, however, that every race over the season is important.