### Arrington

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And as the autograph seekers

kept coming, so did the questions. Can you take consolation in the reporters. way it ended? You played a big role at the end.

"Nope," he said. "I'm a team player, though, so I won't take it a little bit, but I'll be alright. I'm too personally. I love my team."

While sports writers were drooling over the juicy quotes Arrington bruised at the Big 33 Football Claswas dishing out, little children ran sic, but it seems clear he is a man to their parents in the stands, excitingly showing them the football have many nights in his career as cards the Parade Magazine Nation- disappointing as Saturday, but al Player-of-the-Year had just signed for them.

Soon, Arrington was stripped of all the parts of his wardrobe he did not have to give back to Big 33 offi- thrived on the media," Arrington cials. All his wristbands and towels said. "I just want to be the best I had been given to different chil- can be. If after my years at Penn dren who had approached him State, and I don't go any further after the game.

his right wrist that was adorned part of it." with a cross that was drawn with a black magic marker. Arrington Andrew Debes (axd144@psu.edu) is was visibly annoyed with the a senior majoring in journalism and reporters around him, and his hand is a Collegian sports writer.

was probably cramped from sign-Arrington. He wanted the spotlight ing an endless amount of autographs, but he remained playful with the fans and tolerant of the

"I really have nothing to say about this game," Arrington said. "I just want to go home and cry for just a little hurt right now."

Arrington's ego may have been with priorities. It's doubtful he will even if he does, it can be assumed he will handle it with the same grace he did this past weekend.

"I've never been one that's than that, I will have already had All that was left was the tape on my ride. Football isn't life, it's just

## **Dodgers complete sweep of Phillies**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - If Tripp Cromer Mike, Eric and Mondi just can't do it every job every time he has a chance to pitch." return trip to the minors.

Cromer, a Dodgers utility infielder called up from Triple-A Albuquerque on June 17, hit his fourth homer in 79 at-bats yesterday in the third inning of Los Angeles' 7-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

"You never try to hit a home run," said Cromer, who hit only five in 368 career atbats with the St. Louis Cardinals. "I've hit home runs in the past, but I haven't hit a lot."

Roger Cedeno's homer triggered a five-run sixth as the Dodgers completed a three-game sweep of the team with the worst record in baseball and remained close to the divisionleading San Francisco Giants in the NL West.

Cromer and Cedeno were in the starting lineup because the Phillies started left-hander Matt Beech, and their bats compensated for a Dodgers' lineup. Mike Piazza, Eric Karros, Raul Mondesi and Todd Zeile already have become the Dodgers' first 20-homer quartet since 1979.

to have to hit if we expect to win because just steadily goes out there and does a great this club."

continues to hit like this, he might avoid a day," Cromer said. "So it's a plus that other guys can step up and hit the back of the wall every once in a while."

> Tom Candiotti (7-3) won consecutive starts for the first time since June 21-25, 1995. The right-hander, demoted to the bullpen at the end of spring training, allowed one run and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings with his two speeds of knuckleballs.

> Cromer's home run was his third in support of Candiotti. His other two came on July 17 in an 8-7 loss at Florida. Perhaps it's Cromer's way of paying Candiotti back for the generosity of Candiotti's wife.

Donna Candiotti was responsible for retrieving the ball from Cromer's first home run with the Dodgers, on July 10 at Dodger Stadium. She left her seat behind home plate and went out to the right-field pavilion, where less than productive day by the middle of the an usher helped her locate the man who caught the ball. She bought it for \$100 and gave it to Cromer's wife, Michelle.

"You want to play hard for somebody like nce 1979. that," Cromer said. "Candy's a great guy and "We've got four guys with 20 home runs he's worked hard. I've heard all the rumors already, but guys like me and Roger are going about him getting traded all the time, but he

Candiotti is 4-1 since taking over in the rotation for Ramon Martinez, who has been out since June 15 with a torn rotator cuff. Martinez is due to come off the disabled list in about two weeks, which would probably send Candiotti back to the bullpen.

"Maybe I could lobby for a six-man rotation and pitch in the pen in-between starts," Candiotti joked. "As much as maybe I don't like what my role has been here this year, you've got to give a lot of credit to that guy (general manager Fred Claire) for not trading me - if he was."

Candiotti wasn't the only one in the ballpark who had to address constant trade rumors about himself. During the game. Phillies general manager Lee Thomas said he would not trade right-hander Curt Schilling before Thursday's deadline.

'My teammates were sick of hearing about it and I was sick of talking about it, so we just decided that we'd put it to bed," Schilling said. "We shouldn't be sitting here talking about this after a game where we just got beat 7-1. The important thing for me is that we focus on baseball and what's important for

# **Ullrich first German to win Tour de France**

### **By SALVATORE ZANCA** Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — A hero in his Black Forest home and a champion along the Champs Elysees, Jan Ullrich yesterday became the first German to win the Tour de France local club's soccer game. since the cycling showcase began in 1903.

"I'll never forget this day my entire life," he said. "A dream from my youth was fulfilled."

21-stage, 2,455-mile race.

He ended 39th for the day, the podium from last year. same time as the rest of the pack, but his work in this grueling threeweek test had been done well Telekom teammate Bjarne Riis, before

"Unbelievable," Ullrich said. "I'm overjoyed because I was Telekom team rode to protect Ullafraid of crashing up to the last meter.'

France — he was second in 1996 — Ullrich finished 9 minutes, 9 seconds ahead of Richard Virenque of France, the largest victory margin is possible." since Laurent Fignon won by 10:32 in 1984

Hinault and Miguel Indurain when Paris. they won the first time. The late Jacques Anquetil, another five- cuits from the Arc de Triomphe to time champion, was only a month Place de la Concorde. A streaker younger than Ullrich.

teur road champion. He moved to Merdingen, a small town near the French border, in 1994 after turning pro.

In Merdingen, television coverage of the final day of the race was shown on a big screen during the

Fans packed the town's restaurants and free beer flowed as the party, expected to last well into the night, got rolling.

Ulrich's fans, including his moth-Before several hundred thousand er Marianne, traveled to Paris and cheering fans on a bright, sunny waved banners and German flags day, he rode into Paris with the on the Champs Elysees. The Gerleader's yellow jersey to finish the man national anthem was played as Ullrich moved up a step on the

In 1996 Ullrich was second by a little more than a minute to who finished seventh this year. This time, Riis and the other rich's lead.

"Nobody can win the Tour with-In only his second Tour de out a strong team. We were a real team, everyone sacrificed himself for the others," Ullrich said. "That's the only way such a victory

Nicola Minali won the final stage, a largely ceremonial ride of The 23-year-old German is the 99 miles that started on Main eighth youngest winner, younger Street in Disneyland Paris and than five-time winners Bernard ended on the Champs Elysees in

The race finished with 10 cirleapt onto the road on the final straightaway but was ouickly



Ulirich had been wearing the leader's yellow jersey since the removed by police. 10th stage of the race, taking over the lead on the second day in the Erik Zabel, Ullrich's teammate who Pyrenees mountains in the south of had won three previous sprint fin-France.

Ullrich, who earned \$360,000 for was third. the victory, said he will cherish two memories in particular.

time," he said.

Ullrich, born in the former East Germany, was the 1993 world ama- factor in this year's Tour de stayed close while Riis faded in the trial, winning by more than three ken collarbones. Falls also played a being disqualified from victories.

Enjoy the

Minali won the sprint ahead of

ishes. Henk Vogels of Australia

All nine riders finished for the U.S. Postal Service team, which France, a race marked by falls, Pyrenees. With his senior team- minutes. He stayed close to part in the withdrawal of Alex "The first was the victory in the was competing in the race for the controversial sprints and injury mate out of contention, Ullrich was Pyrenees, the second was putting first time. It was only the second on the yellow jersey for the first American team invited to participate.

Aldag, center, and Erik Zabel, all from Germany, ride down the Champs first German to win the Tour yesterday.

withdrawals.

top three favorites when the race Ullrich seemed the only constant started July 5 in Rouen. Ullrich vincing victory in the first time

allowed to go for the lead and did He was considered among the on the second day in the Pyrenees.

He cemented that with a con-

Tour de France winner Jan Ullrich, right, and his teammates Rold Elysees after the final stage of the Tour de France. Ullrich became the

Virenque in the Alps, even gaining another 40 seconds at one stage.

Early on, Tony Rominger of Switzerland and Yevgeny Berzin of resulted in Zabel, Sergi Russia were eliminated with bro-

Zuelle of Switzerland. Three stages went to riders who didn't finish first. Controversial sprint finishes Outschakov and Bart Voskamp



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