

LINEUP

MLB
Philadelphia vs Colorado
 1:05 p.m., CSN
 Detroit vs Tampa Bay
 7:05 p.m., ESPN

TOP HITS (AP)

PSU chosen to host three PIAA finals

Penn State University has been awarded bids to host the PIAA State Championships in baseball, softball and boys' volleyball, as announced by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association on Friday. All three bids will run from 2011-14.

The baseball and softball championships will run on the same days - June 17, 2011; June 15, 2012; June 14, 2013 and June 13, 2014 - while boys' volleyball will take place one week earlier - June 10 & 11, 2011; June 8 & 9, 2012; June 7 & 8, 2013 and June 6 & 7, 2014.

Schedule changes likely for 2011

NASCAR appears ready to give its 2011 Sprint Cup schedule a facelift.

CEO Brian France said before Sunday's race at Indianapolis that stock car's top series is in the "final throes" of completing next year's Cup slate and that it will have a considerably different look.

"There will be some changes that look now," France said. "That could not quite materialize, but I sense it will and we'll have some pretty impactful changes to the schedule that I think will be good for NASCAR fans."

International Speedway Corp. and Speedway Motorsports Inc., the top two track operators in the series, have both petitioned NASCAR to alter the 36-race Cup schedule to accommodate date or track changes.

BASEBALL

Velez will travel with team after injury

San Francisco Giants outfielder Eugenio Velez has a concussion, but is expected to travel home with the team after being struck in the head by a foul ball in the dugout Saturday night.

Velez was hit on the left side of the head on a line drive by teammate Pat Burrell in the fourth inning of San Francisco's 10-4 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks. He spent the night in the hospital for further tests, but manager Bruce Bochy said Sunday he was doing well and was expected to be released before the team heads back to San Francisco.

THOUGHTS

BASEBALL

Jamie Moyer should walk away

Retiring because of an injury certainly isn't the ideal way to end a 24-year career, but it's exactly what Phillies' pitcher Jamie Moyer should do.

The ageless wonder has nothing left to prove. He won his World Series in 2008 and for 24 years, has shown that velocity isn't everything.

Moyer still sits at 267 careers victories, well short of the milestone 300. It just seems impossible for Moyer to pick up 33 more victories.

TRIVIA

Q: Who was the first American rider to win the Tour de France?

Friday's answer: Cal Hubbard was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1963 and the Baseball Hall of Fame as an umpire in 1976.

Spikes blank Scrappers

By Jake Kaplan
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The State College Spikes weren't happy after getting swept in a two-game home series against the Mahoning Valley Scrappers last week.

Sunday night's game may have made helped ease the disappointment felt on Tuesday and Wednesday, however, as the Spikes shutout the Mahoning Valley Scrappers 1-0 at

Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio. The State College trio of Casey Sadler, Brooks Pounders and Jonathan Ramos combined to give up eight hits and no walks.

Sadler, who got his first career start, threw the first three innings, giving up four hits.

Pounders and Ramos threw

three frames each to close out the game.

Pounders, who allowed just two hits, was the pitcher of record for the Spikes (19-18) and evened his record at 2-2.

The Spikes' offense was held to a mere four hits in the contest by three different Mahoning Valley (14-23) pitchers.

Half of those hits came back-to-back in the sixth inning, which made the difference in the game.

In the sixth, State College second baseman Gift Ngoepe hit a ground rule double to center field

before right fielder Adalberto Santos drove him in on a triple to right.

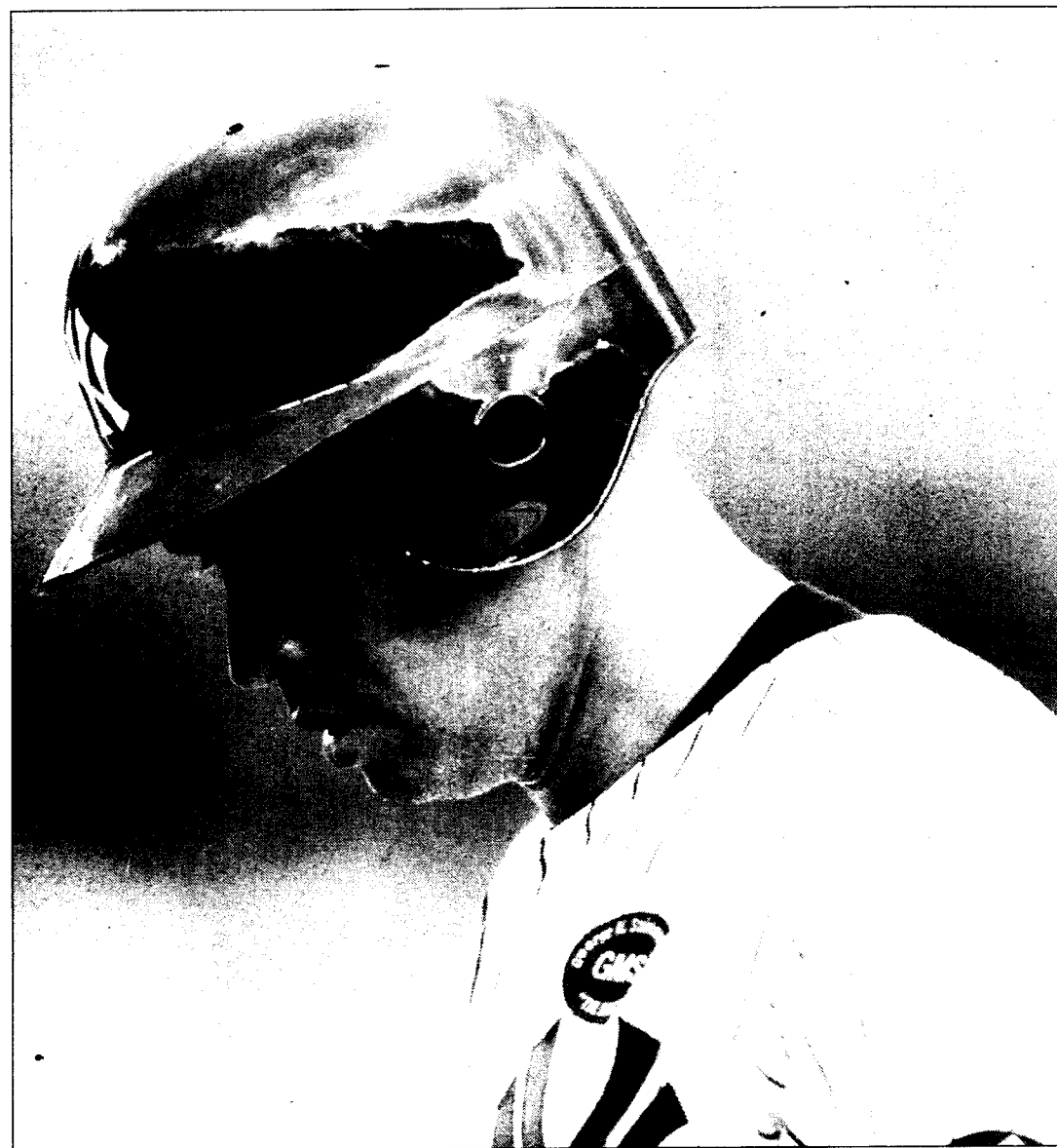
Matt Curry's 21-game on-base streak ended Sunday night as the Spikes first baseman went 0-4 with a strikeout.

The Spikes look to even their season series with the Scrappers at 7:05 tonight.

Zack Von Rosenberg is slated to take the mound for the Spikes against Mahoning Valley's Mike Rayl.

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BOMBS A-WAITIN'



Alex Rodriguez walks back to the dugout after grounding out in the fifth inning of the New York Yankees' 12-6 win against the Kansas City Royals Sunday. Rodriguez is still searching for his 600th career home run after going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. The Yankee's third baseman was taken out in the eighth inning after being hit in hand by a pitch from the Royals' Blake Wood.

Dawson honored by HOF

John Kekis
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. -- "The Hawk" has landed in Cooperstown.

Andre Dawson, who endured 12 knee surgeries to forge an impressive 21-year major league career, was inducted Sunday into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, becoming just the 203rd player in the game's long history to receive the honor.

"Thank you for welcoming this rookie to your team" said Dawson, who played for a decade in Montreal before signing with the Chicago Cubs as a free agent.

"It's an honor beyond words. I didn't play this game with this goal in mind, but I'm living proof that if you love this game, the game will love you back."

"I am proof that any young person who can hear my voice right now can be hearing here as I am."

The 56-year-old Dawson took the podium as Cubs and Expos fans roared their approval and began his speech by thanking his loyal fans from both cities.

Dawson, an All-Star eight times who had 438 homers, 2,774 hits, 1,591 RBIs and 314 stolen bases in his career from 1976-96, then got serious, warning players not to be lured to the dark side of using performance-enhancing drugs.

Phillies come back in 7th, top Rockies

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA -- Jimmy Rollins singled home the tying run in the seventh inning then put the Phillies ahead by scoring on a wild pitch as Philadelphia beat the Colorado Rockies 4-3 Sunday.

The teams waited through a rain delay of 1 hour, 39 minutes after the sixth inning. When play resumed the Phillies rallied.

Pinch-hitter Wilson Valdez started it with a double to right, snapping a 0-for-15 slump. Rollins followed with an RBI single off Joe Beimel (1-1).

Rollins advanced to second on an error by left fielder Ryan Spillborghs.

Two outs later, reliever Rafael Betancourt threw a pitch that bounced away from catcher Miguel Olivo.

Rollins, who had stolen third, scored without a play.

Colorado has lost five in a row. Ryan Madson (3-1) worked out of a bases-loaded, one out jam in the top of the seventh to earn the win.

The Rockies threatened against Brad Lidge in the ninth, but the closer recorded his ninth save in 12 chances.



Ryan Howard dives for a foul ball in the fifth inning.

Padres earn rare road sweep of Pirates

Alan Robinson
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH -- Adrian Gonzalez and Chris Denorfia homered, Wade LeBlanc won for the first time in six weeks and the first-place San Diego Padres finished off its only series sweep in Pittsburgh since 1998, beating the last-place Pirates 6-3 on Sunday.

The Padres have won all 10 series in Pittsburgh since PNC Park opened in 2001, but hadn't swept one there before outscoring the Pirates 20-8 in the three weekend games.

San Diego swept a two-game series in now-demolished Three Rivers Stadium 12 years ago but hasn't swept a series of at least three games since winning four in a row Aug. 8-11, 1996.

An infrequent big inning by a team that relies mostly on situa-

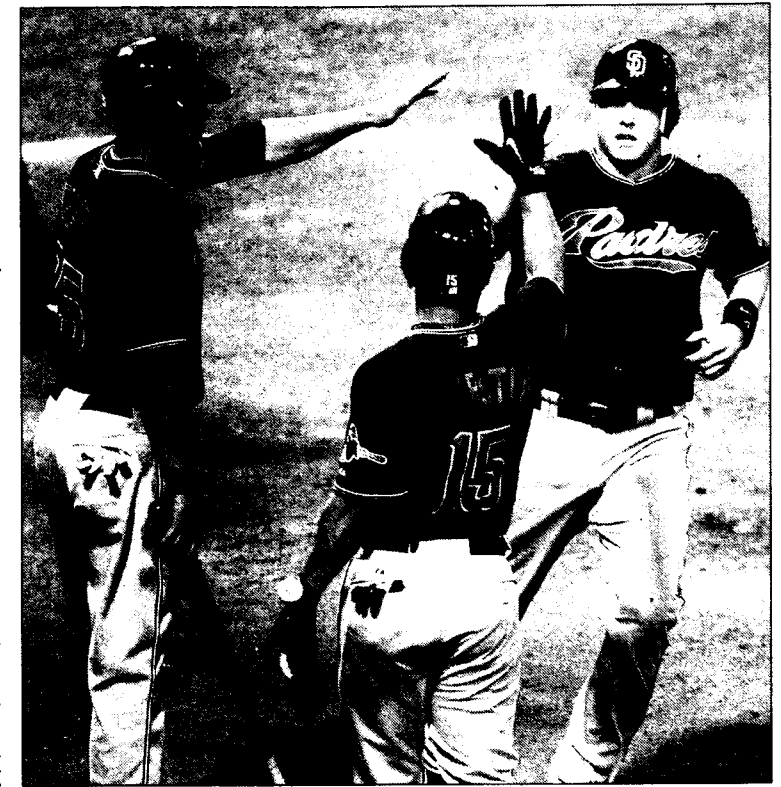
tional hitting, a strong starting staff and an even better bullpen decided this one as the Padres (58-39) won their eighth in 10 games to improve to 19 games over .500 for the first time this season.

Gonzalez's two-run homer, his 21st, highlighted a five-run third inning against Pirates rookie Brad Lincoln (1-4), who has a 9.61 ERA this month and is in danger of being sent back to Triple-A.

Denorfia, who drove in three runs, chased Lincoln with a solo homer in the seventh, the Padres' second homer in four innings after they won the first two games of the series — 5-3 on Friday and 9-2 on Saturday — without homering.

No doubt LeBlanc (5-8) welcomed the support. The Padres scored an average of only 1.72 runs for him as he went winless 0-4 in six starts since beating Seattle 7-1 on June 12, and the average of 3.10 runs off support he received in his first 17 starts was the NL's third lowest.

After LeBlanc was lifted with a 6-3 lead, the Pirates did nothing against San Diego's NL-best bullpen for the third game in a row.



Nick Hundley (right) scores one of the Padres' five eighth-inning runs.