

Sporting View

The Series and other stuff

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By the time you read this, it may already be to late.

No, I'm not talking about a pop quiz in Math 140 or Chem 14. I'm talking about this years version of the fall classic, which is looking a lot more like a Mike Tyson fight: quick and hardly worth the trouble of watching it.

That's not to say that there hasn't been any excitement, but the outcome so far has hardly been surprising.

The Oakland A's have thoroughly dominated games one and two, despite the fact that Jose Canseco has yet to get his first hit. Of course, when you have Rickey Henderson almost literally carrying the A's offense on his shoulders, Jose can just stand in right field and flex his pectorals.

Offense isn't the difference in this Series, however. The Giants have some lumber, with Kevin Mitchell and Will Clark cutting most of the wood. The difference is in the pitching.

The A's have great starting pitching. The Giants have average to above average pitching. While both managers have a bullpen ace that they can always count on, A's skipper Tony La Russa has more depth and better middle-relievers to call on than his counterpart, Roger Craig.

That is why the A's will win the Series. Of course, that's easy for me to say after two games have been played. I told you it was to late.

The Steelers-Browns game on Sunday may not have been the biggest national sports story this past weekend, but the game certainly garnered much of the local sports interest.

After their first meeting, in which the Browns embarrassed, humiliated, and basically gave the Steelers a sound thrashing, Pittsburgh turned the tables and upset Cleveland in the dawg pound. The Steelers accomplished this victory despite having to jump several hurdles.

First, Pittsburgh didn't have the services of their starting quarterback, Bubby Brister, who is out with a knee injury. Second, the Steelers suffered five more injuries to key players, including wide receiver Louis Lipps, running back Tim Worley, and cornerback Rod Woodson. Last, Pittsburgh overcame one of the toughest home crowds in the NFL.

Aren't these the same guys that were bums a few weeks ago?

Speaking of bums, if the Browns keep playing the way they have the past couple of

weeks, particularly the offense, the daws will do more booing than barking.

After their season opening loss to Virginia, Penn State fans started mumbling about another long season like the previous one. National sports publications such as "Sports Illustrated", which printed a story entitled "Very Sorry State", took their kicks while the Nittany Lion was down. But after Saturdays convincing win over Syracuse, in which the Lions racked up 356 rushing yards, the Lions are kicking back.

Now that the Lions have put together a five-game winning streak and put the suspension signal-caller Tom Bill behind them, Penn State faces their first big test on October 28 when the Crimson Tide of Alabama rolls into Beaver Stadium.

If Penn State beats 'Bama, the Lions will most likely go on to a successful year, with a bowl bid offer coming at the end of the season.

Otherwise, JoePa and the boys will have plenty of time to study for finals.

There were two big goals scored over the weekend, both by the NHL's two biggest stars. One of the goals was historic, the other merely a goal that ended a week and a half of frustration.

Sunday night was a record-breaking evening for The Great One, Wayne Gretzky, as he tied and then broke Gordie Howe's 1,850 career points mark. Fittingly, Gretz broke the record in his old kingdom, the Northlands Coliseum in Edmonton.

Wayne tied the record with an assist, and then broke the record late in the game when he put one of his classic backhanders into the net. Gretzky then won the game in OT with his second goal of the game.

As for the frustration ending goal, Mario Lemieux finally put the puck into the net after four games. *Le Magnifique* accomplished this feat against the Rangers Sunday night in the second period.

Lemieux almost scored an amazing shorthanded goal in the first period when he exploded past two Ranger's defenseman, faked goalie Bob Froese out of his skin, zipped behind the net and stuffed the puck into the net. There was just one problem. A Ranger's defenseman had accidentally knocked the net off of its moorings. No goal.

Do you think that Dallas Cowboys Owner Jerry Jones realizes yet that its just not that easy to buy a team and make it a winner? An 0-6 record just might.

Erie Panther's coach talks about the athlete and substance abuse

Seminar kicks off Alcohol Awareness Week

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hockey player can either seek professional help or be banned from the league. Both Hansis and his players thought that the random testing was effective.

Hansis thinks that one reason that substance abuse is prevalent in sports is because of the incredibly high salaries that todays athletes earn.

He said that professional athletes have a lot of spare time as well as money. Many people, including drug dealers, take advantage of this fact.

After Hansis was finished speaking, Moore talked to the audience about some of the people he has seen using drugs while he played college hockey at R.P.I.

He said some of the fraternity members would try to get the hockey players caught doing drugs. The team at R.P.I. would try to keep the player away from the frats and their drugs. Sometimes, they were unsuccessful.

Miciak spoke next, and

explained he had seen many talented hockey players who took drugs, but ultimately amounted to nothing, either as a hockey player or a person.

Miciak said he thought all professional sports should be more strict in their drug policies, banning players for life if they are caught for drug abuse.

After Miciak stepped down, Hansis opened the floor to anybody who had questions about substance abuse, hockey, or

included discussion of the National Hockey League and the special attention many of the athletes receive these days after getting caught for substance abuse.

Hansis summed up his comments by noting he has seen so many talented athletes ruin their talent through substance abuse.

He added that drugs and alcohol will catch up to you sooner or later.

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**-Ron Hansis
Erie Panther's coach**

sports in general.

Much of the time was spent discussing the Panther's upcoming season. Other topics

Upcoming sports events

- Women's V-Ball tonight vs. Geneseo and Allegheny Colleges- Home, 6 pm, Erie Hall.
- Men's soccer at 3 pm vs. Grove City College, Home, soccer field.
- Women's V-Ball this Saturday against St. John Fisher and Carnegie-Mellon, Home, 1 pm, Erie Hall.

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Game #4	Wednesday,	October 18, 1989
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Game #7	Sunday,	October 22, 1989**

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