

Sports Bits

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Say It Isn't So Joe: The San Francisco 49ers traded Joe Montana, safety David Whitmore and a 1994 third-round draft pick to the Kansas City Chiefs for a first-round draft pick (18th overall) in this Sunday's draft. Last Friday, Montana agreed to a three year, \$10 million contract with the Chiefs and asked the 49ers to trade him. The 49ers made a last ditch effort this weekend to keep Montana when head coach George Seifert offered him the starting slot over MVP Steve Young. Montana declined the offer and the 49ers sent him to Kansas City.

Penwins: The Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the New Jersey Devils last night 7-0 to take a 2-0 lead in the Patrick Division semifinals. The win extended their National Hockey League record playoff win streak to 13 games. The Penguins last lost a playoff game on May 7, 1992 and last lost a game March 5, 1993. Penguin's goalie Tom Barrasso made 36 saves to record the shutout.

Identity Crisis: The Buffalo Sabres, who haven't won a playoff series in nine years and come from a town known for repeatedly losing the big game, have taken a 2-0 lead over the Boston Bruins in the Adams Division semifinal playoff. The Sabres defeated the Bruins 4-0 on Tuesday as goalie Grant Fuhr made 34 saves to record the shutout.

Shipwrecked: The Pittsburgh Pirates dropped their fourth game in a row Tuesday night when they were shutout by the Cincinnati Red's 5-0. During the last three games the Pirates have allowed 10 runs in the first inning alone. The three time defending National League East Champion Pirates (7-6) now trail the first place Philadelphia Phillies (10-3) by three games.

Big Sticks: San Francisco Giants' outfielder Barry Bonds and Philadelphia Phillies' first basemen John Kruk are tearing up National League pitchers. As of Tuesday, Bonds was third in the league in batting (.400) and RBI's (12), first in the league in slugging percentage (.850) and runs scored (14), and was second in the league in total bases (34). Bonds and Kruk lead the league in doubles with 7. Kruk is tied for the most homeruns (4), is second in the league for RBI's (13) and slugging percentage (.787), is third in the league in runs (13) and is batting .383.

"Flawless softball"

Lady Lions extend record to 17-3

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The latest victim on the Lion's path of destruction was SUNY-Geneseo.

The Lions played "flawless softball," said Coach Paul Benim after they came out on top in both games by scores of 4-3 and 10-0 last Saturday.

In the first game, Geneseo played the Lions to the end. Unfortunately for Geneseo, third baseman Sue Mazur chose to be the end.

Left fielder Terry Pegher led things off in the sixth with a walk. After stealing second, Pegher scored on Mazur's game winning double.

Casey Putteman pitched seven strong innings as she picked up her eighth victory of the season. Mazur went 3 for 3 with a double and triple and 5 assists



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Strike three: A disgruntled Allegheny batter looks at catcher Megan Musante after striking out.

from the hot corner.

The second game wasn't even close. The Lions put away Geneseo in the fifth thanks to the ten run rule. Mazur had another big game as she went 3 for 3 again and scored three runs. Second baseman Karen Strait went 1 for 3 and added 2 RBI's.

Cherie Varrassa continued her

great pitching as she went to 9-1 on the season with the victory and dropped her ERA to 0.95.

The Lions, in both games, committed no fielding errors to add to their impressive .940 fielding percentage.

"Our defensive intensity picked up," said Benim.

Back on April 15, the Lions travelled to Buffalo to take on

12th ranked Buffalo State. The Lions were no match in the first game, falling victim to a 17 hit barrage as the Bengals ran away with the 15-5 victory.

The nightcap of the doubleheader was a completely different story as the Lions won

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Varassa instrumental on the mound



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Good outing: Coach Paul Benim congratulates Cherie Varassa after a win against Geneva College.

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Good things come to those who wait. And wait she has. Six years ago, she was a utility infielder. It wasn't until her freshman year at Corry High School that she began to pitch.

It was a trying year, 1988. Her junior varsity team only won one game. Fast forward to the present, 1993, and you'll find her on the mound for the 17-3 Lady Lions.

Although she'd rather share the credit with the rest of her teammates, Cherie Varrassa is this week's Athlete of the Week.

Varrassa, a fourth semester chemical engineering major, has been instrumental on the mound.

In a 7-1 week for the Lady Lions, this pitcher from Corry, PA collected four wins including an important 5-2 win over nationally ranked Buffalo State College.

The Bengals, who were ranked #12 in the nation, managed only six hits against Varrassa. The turning point in the win was a defensive gem turned in by catcher Emmy Arnett and Varrassa.

In the bottom half of the sixth inning, the Lady Lions were

leading 3-1, and Buffalo State had a runner on third. Varrassa's wild pitch was fielded off the backstop by Arnett, who consequently flipped the ball back towards home plate.

Varrassa tagged out the runner who had tried to score from third on the passed ball. The following batter homered for Buffalo State, but the previous out turned the game around for the Lady Lions.

On the year, Varrassa is 9-1 with an incredible 0.95 earned run average, with four shutouts.

She has only walked 7 batters in 66 innings.

Varrassa is threatening several season and career records with her outstanding performances.

When asked about the season, Varrassa commented, "If luck is with us as far as the weather, injuries, etc., we have a real good shot at making the NCAA tournament."

Varrassa's future plans include getting involved in environmental engineering, although she does wish to continue partaking in softball from a coach's perspective. Best wishes to Cherie and the rest of the softball team.