

Miami cruises; Cowboys sack the Pack

From Associated Press reports

Miami shut down San Diego's vaunted offense and buried the Chargers 34-13 to advance to the American Conference finals and Dallas outlasted Green Bay 37-26 in a wide-open National Conference game in the National Football League playoffs Sunday.

With their victory, the Dolphins advanced to next Sunday's AFC championship game against the New York Jets, who beat the Los Angeles Raiders 17-14 Saturday. The Cowboys will play in the NFC championship game next Saturday against the Washington Redskins, 21-7 victors Saturday over the Minnesota Vikings.

Next week's winners will play in Super Bowl XVII in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 30.

The Dolphins took advantage of an early wave of San Diego turnovers and rode David Woodley's two touchdown passes and a relentless ground game to victory over the Chargers.

Woodley completed 17 of 22 passes for 195 yards, while San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts, under pressure from start to finish, hit on 15 of 34 attempts for 191 yards. He was intercepted five times and sacked three times for 23 yards in losses in his worst game of the season.

The Dolphins grabbed a 24-0

lead, thanks to an interception by cornerback Gerald Small of a Fouts pass and consecutive kickoff fumbles by Hank Bauer and James Brooks, and never allowed San Diego to seriously threaten them.

Dallas struck for 14 first-half points in 14 seconds but needed quarterback Danny White's fourth-quarter touchdown pass and Drew Pearson's surprise bomb to Tony Hill to beat the Packers.

Dallas built a 20-7 halftime lead on two Rafael Septien field goals and two touchdowns in the final 78 seconds. Timmy Newsome scored on a 2-yard run, and only 14 seconds later Dennis Thurman picked off a

Lynn Dickey pass and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown.

The favored Cowboys still led 23-13 at the end of three quarters, but the Packers threw a scare into them in the fourth period before succumbing.

Wide receiver James Lofton, who had caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Dickey in the second period, dashed 71 yards on an end-around with Dickey throwing a clearing block just 16 seconds into the final quarter.

White drove Dallas 80 yards in eight plays, capped by his 7-yard touchdown pass to tight end Doug Cosbie as he rolled out on third-and-one. The Packers again closed the gap to

four, 30-26, when cornerback Mark Lee intercepted a pass and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown.

But Dallas came right back to put the game away when Pearson, a former high school quarterback, unleashed a 49-yard pass to Hill and Robert Newhouse plunged the last yard with 4:24 remaining.

In Saturday's action, Wesley Walker caught seven of Richard Todd's passes for 169 yards, including a 45-yarder that set up the winning TD in the last four minutes, as the Jets beat the Raiders. John Riggins thundered for 185 yards and one TD to pace Washington over Minnesota.

Injured Ducks drop to Beavers

CORVALLIS — Heavily beset by injuries, the Oregon wrestling team ventured to Gill Coliseum Sunday afternoon to take on arch-rival Oregon State in a dual match. With a youthful look dotting its lineup card, the Ducks fell to the Beavers 35-9.

Three major injuries did and will continue to hurt the Ducks in their quest to repeat as Pac-10 Conference wrestling champions. First, heavyweight Dan Cook, who was 6-0-1, dislocated an elbow a couple of weeks ago and will be lost for another three weeks.

Als, 158-pounder Rick O'Shea, who was one of the Ducks leading grapplers with a 16-4-1 mark, sprained his left knee and will be sidelined for up to five weeks.

Finally, heavyweight Brett Hamilton, who had been filling in for Cook, suffered an injury and will be lost for three weeks.

The Ducks are now down to a skeleton lineup and there appears to be no help on the horizon.

Against the Beavers, the Ducks did get off on the right foot with 118-pounder Mike Erb beating Mark Rodriguez 9-0. With the victory, Erb lifted his season mark to 18-4, the best among the Duck ranks.

But after Erb's win, it was all downhill for Oregon.

Miles Hancock, Oregon's 126-pounder, fell to Oregon State's Rodney Hawthorne. At 134, the Beavers' Walt Markee beat Tim Curtiss 16-3 and at 142, Oregon State's Curt Berger whipped Lorenzo West 10-1.

Oregon got its second and final victory of the match when 150-pounder Jim Hildebrand, a fifth-year senior who had not wrestled this year, beat Dale Krzmarzick of Oregon State 12-10.

The Ducks got their final points on the scoreboard at 177 pounds when Charles Nutter drew with Tim Mondale 4-4. Nutter lifted his season record to 10-9-2 with the draw.

Palmer falls short in comeback as Morgan steals a tourney win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Palmer's gallant bid to turn back the clock fell apart over the last nine holes and Gil Morgan, with a closing 68, scored his second consecutive victory Sunday in the Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament.

Morgan, playing in something approaching solitude while a massive gallery thrilled — then agonized — over Palmer's shifting fortunes, posted a 270 total, 14 strokes under par, and added this title to the Tucson Open crown he won a week ago.

While the victory belonged to Morgan, the gallery belonged to Palmer, the 53-year-old golfer

who ranks as the most popular figures the game has produced.

They came by the thousands to see the man who last won on the PGA Tour 10 years back. They lined the fairways in a solid mob, six deep, gasping and cheering in delighted disbelief as Palmer took the lead early in the round, then drifted back into the pack with a string of three consecutive bogeys beginning on the 10th hole. He wasn't in title contention again.

Palmer, seeking to become the oldest man ever to win on the PGA Tour, played his back nine in 4-over-par 39 and finished with a 72.

Rabid about the new game in town

By Mark Evans
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The man is a soccer fanatic. When Henry Dewey Wilson III needed a way to pass his time this winter, he didn't go look for something to do, he created something.

A soccer fanatic, it seemed only natural that Wilson should be getting his kicks with the game he loves year round. To fill the void, Wilson formed Eugene's first indoor soccer league.

The new league, which Wilson single-handedly organized and promoted, boasts 37 teams in five divisions.

Participants range in age from six to 48-years-old, and Wilson conducts classes for children not old enough to play in the league.

Last weekend the five divisions — masters, women's and men's A, and a 19-and-under division for both sexes — kicked off the six-week season at Fox Hollow Elementary School.

Originally the league was targeted for youngsters. "With AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) in the fall and spring I thought a winter league would be viable," Wilson says. "But of the 800 fliers I mailed I got less than one

percent response."

Ironically, Wilson got about 90 percent response on the few fliers he sent to adults.

"Most of the adults have played soccer before, some have kids that play and others simply aren't good at golf or tennis," Wilson says.

As a wrestler back in high school at Medford, Wilson had played soccer strictly for conditioning. Now soccer is the focal point of his life. Besides the indoor league, he coaches the Sheldon High School team in the fall, and in the summer he runs the Northwest Soccer School.

When he's not coaching he's blowing his whistle as a state referee. And as if that is not enough, he is currently co-authoring a book on coaching soccer.

While soccer keeps Wilson busy, it doesn't keep him fed very well. "I've had to use my carpentry skills to make due," he says.

"Last year I couldn't afford rent so I lived out of my truck. I also went down to Phoenix and San Diego, staying at rest stops and state parks," Wilson reflected.

"I view the indoor soccer league as a big 'job wanted' ad — as a promoter, administrator and manager," he states.

The indoor game is like regular soccer except only five players play on each team and the addition of the walls.

"At the top level you get very high scores. The players use the walls a lot more and the ball behaves like a pinball," Wilson says.

"It's a lot more strenuous and intense indoors," says David Bull, masters player and coach of three women's teams. "There is a tendency of outdoor players not to use the walls. They tend to want to dribble a lot but with the indoor game you must pass off quick. It is a one or two touch game," he adds.

The balls look like large tennis balls

with their orange-green felt skin. "A normal soccer ball would bounce too much, these balls have a limited bounce effect and are soft so they won't hurt you," Wilson explained.

Other aspects making the indoor play different from the outdoor game are the wood boards in the corners so the ball doesn't get trapped, an eight foot high out-of-bounds line on the walls to protect the lights, and the scaled down goal and penalty area.

Patti DeVito, captain of the Oregon women's soccer team, arranged for the club to enter two teams into the women's A division of the indoor league. "It's a good change from the outdoor game since it's faster paced and you don't have to worry about the weather," she says.

"The caliber of play at the top is extremely good," says Wilson of the 10-team men's A Division, which includes Wilson's own NW Storm squad. "The Ramblers, in fact, won the state outdoor title two years ago."

The most attractive aspect of soccer for Wilson is the variety it offers. "You don't need 11 to play. It can be co-ed, adults and kids can play and size isn't a factor as it is in basketball and football.

"It's also a true world sport, unlike other sports. In the World Cup it's your country's best against my country's, be they amateurs or professionals," he explained.

The closest Wilson got to the professional ranks is when he made the Portland Timbers during the one game 1979 North American Soccer League player strike. "If the bus (bringing the other players) had crashed between the coliseum and the hotel I would have gotten to play."

He's playing now for the NW Storm in the new indoor soccer league, and he is providing the same opportunity to fellow fanatics in the community.

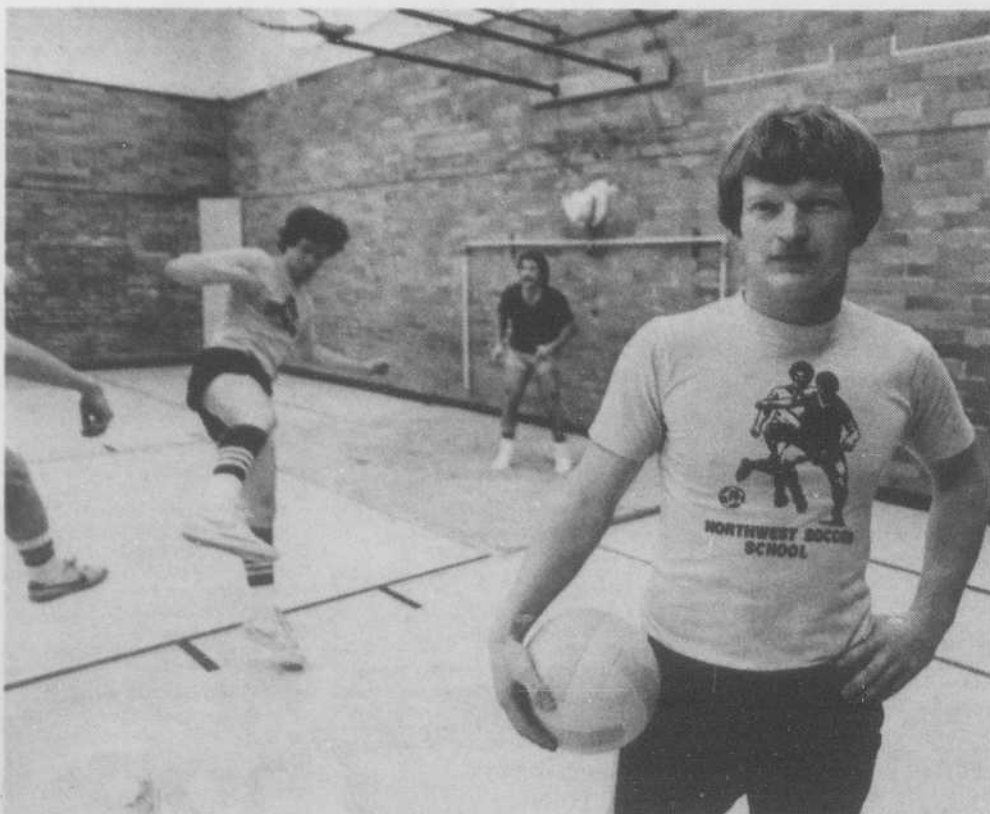


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Dewey Wilson (foreground) has been the force behind a surge of interest in soccer in Eugene with the new indoor soccer leagues which he promoted.