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Portland Pride saved
from folding

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Four new investors have pumped new capital into the Portland Pride soccer club to ensure that the Continental Indoor Soccer League team plays its 1995 schedule.

"We purchased the franchise rights, the coaches and player contracts and other assets of the team," said Norm Daniels, president of G.I. Joe's retail stores and one of the four new owners.

Daniels would not reveal the purchase price of the soccer club, but said the purchase essentially prevented it from folding.

"The franchise had actually been pulled," he said.

NHL G.M.s silent
at recent talks

TORONTO (AP) — The first question to the NHL general managers Wednesday was a simple one: Are any of you optimistic the hockey season can be saved?

The response: silence.

Next question.

A day after meeting with commissioner Gary Bettman for an update on the NHL lockout, the general managers said at a news conference they are becoming increasingly frustrated with what they consider bad-faith negotiating by union head Bob Goodenow.

"He thinks we're all going to fall down," Edmonton general manager Glen Sather said. "We can't. We're already down."

"Yesterday's meeting killed all my optimism and I realized that we are dead in the water," New York Rangers general manager Neil Smith said.

1994 GOLDEN GLOVES

American League

First base: Don Mattingly
Second base: Roberto Alomar
Shortstop: Omar Vizquel
Third base: Wade Boggs
Catcher: Ivan Rodriguez
Pitcher: Mark Langston
Outfield: Ken Griffey Jr.
Devon White
Kenny Lofton

National League

First base: Jeff Bagwell
Second base: Craig Biggio
Shortstop: Barry Larkin
Third base: Matt Williams
Catcher: Tom Pagnozzi
Pitcher: Greg Maddux
Outfield: Barry Bonds
Darren Lewis
Marquis Grissom



Oregon State head coach Jerry Pettibone owns a 2-1 record against the Ducks and the Beavers are the only thing standing between Oregon and its first trip to Pasadena in 37 years. The series between the two schools is 47-40-10.

Beavers no pushover in the battle for Oregon

Chris Metz
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon head football coach Rich Brooks owns a lofty 21-3-2 record as a player and coach on both sides of the Civil War match up. But Brooks' success has been harder to come by in recent years since the arrival of Oregon State coach Jerry Pettibone.



Civil War

Brooks is 1-2 in three contests against the Pettibone Beavers, and with the Rose Bowl hanging in the balance of this year's battle for the state of Oregon, things are strictly business for Brooks and

the Ducks.

"The arch-rival game is always the most difficult to win," Brooks said. "This game hasn't had this much on the line since Tommy Prothro and Len Casanova were coaching. The Civil War was a very meaningful game in those days because it did decide who went to the Rose Bowl several times."

Indeed it did. But the last time this game determined the Rose Bowl was in 1964. Now, the Ducks stand just one win away from their first trip to Pasadena in almost four decades.

Unlike past years, this year's game has and will continue to receive national attention as the college football world will watch and wait to see if the Ducks can really pull it off.

"The popular theory was that we'd find a way to screw it up," Brooks said. "I think

Whether it's Squawhacker Canyon playing Blueburg State, if it's your rival game, you want to win that game.

—RICH BROOKS
Oregon head coach

we're past the point where we could screw it up. If we do lose, it will be because of Oregon State.

"It's what a rival game ought to be about. Fortunately this year there's a little more attention outside the state of Oregon."

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New Zealand
opening test
for 'Greenball'

Kris Henry
Oregon Daily Emerald

It has been a long time since there has been as much anticipation for a college basketball season to begin in Eugene as there was this past off season.

The waiting ends tonight as the Ducks host New Zealand in an exhibition contest at 7:05 p.m. in McArthur Court.

Oregon's men's team was 10-17 last year but finished strong by winning four of its last eight games in the demanding Pac-10 season, including a sweep of the Washington schools at their home courts and an upset win over 15th-ranked UCLA in the season finale.

"The last image we left our

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Oregon Trail paved with confusion

So everybody's crazy about the Oregon Ducks — the Gang Green defense, the electric offense, the 8-3 record and a postseason appearance for the fourth time in six years.

Not so fast.

"Who do they play for," said a woman from Northern California in reaction to seeing the umpteenth "Gang Green" sign cruise through her little hole-in-the-wall town on I-5.

"They play for the Rose Bowl," an innocent bystander responded.

It's not that hard to conceive of Northern Californians not knowing anything about the Ducks and their undeniable Cinderella story of a season. Besides, Californians have better, more important things to worry about — Proposition 187, earthquakes and the looming threat of the African killer bees — to name a few.



CHRIS METZ

But once the Oregon boarder is crossed, green and yellow banners litter the streets. Cats, dogs and children dance around in unison, shouting out the "Stand by your Mallard" theme song that was such a big hit with the kids last season. The founding fathers of Ashland renamed their village "Asherland" in recognition of the outstanding defensive services of linebacker Jeremy Asher. Likewise Brookings had no problems dropping three letters from its name to pay tribute to the man behind

the Ducks success.

Slow down partner.

"I don't really pay much attention to them," a young man confided about his knowledge of the Ducks shortly after his late-night shift at a Roseburg Taco Bell, home of the seven-layer burrito. "I like hockey."

Hockey? Who in the heck ever heard of someone from Oregon that liked hockey?

A trip to 7-11 produced similar results.

"I knew it was a disease, but I never knew it was a player," the nice clerk said with a smile about the vaunted Gang Green defense.

When asked about Rich Brooks, Danny O'Neil, Ricky Whittle or even Dan Fouts, Ahmad Rashad and Bill Musgrave, mum was the word as the woman shook her head smiling.

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