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Sports briefs

EPD asks for safety on tracks

The Eugene Police Department and Union Pacific want Duck fans to avoid becoming Duck soup.

That's why they're asking fans crossing the train tracks on the south side of the Willamette River to be safe about it. Many fans have been crossing the tracks in illegal, unsafe areas in an attempt to cut time off the trip to Autzen.

"We're asking fans to treat the train tracks like a freeway," EPD officer Pete Aguilar said. "Cross where it's legal."

Aguilar said the most dangerous and most popular spot to cross is behind the building at 933 Franklin. He said that the crossing is near a blind curve in the track, and especially dangerous when a freight train rumbles through.

Idaho tickets still available

About 1,800 reserved-seat tickets were still available for this Saturday's game against Idaho as of Wednesday. Reserved seats cost \$29 each. About 500 tickets were still available for the Ducks' game against Portland State on Sept. 21.

Those 2,300 tickets are the only ones left for the rest of Oregon's home schedule. All tickets, including standing-room only tickets, are sold out for the Ducks' Pacific-10 Conference matchups with Arizona State, USC, Stanford and Washington.

— Peter Hockaday

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cup. This, for the Masters and the green jacket. The gallery is silent.

"But, hold on, wait, here come Phil Mickleson and he *drills* Tiger from behind! Oh, that was a rough hit! Phil finally took out his years of frustration and losing to Tiger and just blindsided him!"

Football doesn't need an image change, I know. But there are so many possibilities. Imagine football mulligans?

"Oh, that was a bad throw by Fife. He'd like to have that one back, he just missed Howry by a full 10 feet. But wait, he's signaling to the ref, I think he's going to... yes! He's going to use his first-half mulligan on that one! Repeat third down!"

Football bunkers?

"Fife drops back... oh! Right into the bunker! He'll have to scramble... here comes an Idaho defender... and Fife kicks sand in his eye! That should buy him some time."

Football handicaps?

"And here we are at Autzen Stadium on this beautiful Saturday! Idaho comes into this game ranked last in the NCAA, and the national officials have decided to spot the Vandals 21 points in this contest. So the Ducks will have a little hole to dig out of at the start of this game."

Of course, golf has always tried to market itself to a younger audience.

May I suggest a little football merging? Starting with the cheerleaders? "Two-four-six-eight, who do we appreciate? Rich Beem! Rich Beem! Gooooooo Beemer!"

Can you imagine golf coaches? "And Sergio looks to John Smith in the gallery for the play. Smith radios up to his offensive coordinator... holds up his fingers... it's four! Garcia is going with the four-iron."

A golf gridiron?

"Vijay steps up to the tee and surveys the scene. He hits his drive... oh, that's well struck. His drive is right on the 40-yard line there. He'll move it to the right hash mark and try to get it in the endzone with his nine-iron."

So smack me with an "I'd rather be golfing" sticker and call me silly, because I'm about to march down and patent my two new games before you can. I know you wanted to, I'm sorry. Maybe some day you can come up with a cool crossover game of your own.

But just letting you know, I already patented gymna-hoops, tennis on ice and volley-soccer.

Wow, I'm a sports nerd.

Note: this column is secretly in honor of the Buy.com Oregon Classic, going on now at the Shadow Hills Country Club. Go Casey Martin.

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