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Senior Trio Paces Tiger Grid Stats

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Three seniors top the La Grande Tigers in five statistical departments following last Friday's game with The Dalles. Jim Cornett and Ray Westenskow each lead two individual categories and Buck Corey heads the third.

Cornett paces the Tigers in rushing with a total of 362 yards in 50 carries. He has averaged 7.2 yards every time he has packed the ball. The 165-pound senior also leads in scoring with 36 points and ranks second to Corey in pass interceptions with five.

Dave Carman and Don Smith, Cornett's running mates in the starting backfield, trail but not by much. Carman is second in total yardage with 334 yards on 48 carries. Smith has rushed 43 times for 260 yards. Fourth man in the backfield, Westenskow, has 223 yards on 45 carries for a 4.9 average per try.

Corey, the big 200-pound end, leads the pass scatters with 11. Westenskow leads both the passing and punting departments. He has completed 7 passes in 35 attempts for 347 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore Rick Gerry has hit on three of five passes for 66 yards.

Westenskow and Gerry both have 36-yard averages punting. booted 12 times for 435 yards while Gerry has 217 yards on six kicks.

Expected To Return To SF

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Don't back the family jewels on it, but Bill Rigney probably will still be managing the San Francisco Giants next season.

The ball club, which faded badly in the clutch winnow of the past season, has called a "very important" press conference for this afternoon and Rigney is expected to emerge with another contract in his hand.

Club President Horace Stoneham has tended to brush off recent speculation that either Leo Durocher or Charlie Dressen might replace him. But at the same time, the cherubic prexy has kept silent on Rigney's status.

Stoneham said earlier Wednesday that the managerial decision might only be worth a phone call to various news outlets. But then the club announced plans for a full dress press conference at a downtown hotel.

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The "Big Three" also are 1-2-3 in scoring. Cornett paces the point makers with 36. Westenskow has 25 and Corey 14. Eight of Corey's points have come on conversions. Four other backs, Jim Hilliard, Gooch Whittemore, Andy Rauwolf and Carman, have scored single touchdowns to complete the scoring parade.

The Tigers, as a team, have scored 112 points while holding their six opponents to only 33. La Grande gave up six points to Redmond and 27 to Pendleton in their only two losses. La Grande's defeat by Pendleton is the only contest in which both teams have scored. Five of the six contests have seen one team go scoreless.

All four of the Tiger wins have been shutouts and their loss to Redmond was a 6-0 affair.

Czech Wins First Lake Mead Race

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—Mira Slovak, a "Flying Czech," yesterday celebrated his 30th birthday by capturing the first Annual Lake Mead Cup race for unlimited hydroplanes in the Steady Wahoo.

Achieving a speed of 114.431 miles an hour and an average speed of 110.316 miles an hour in his first heat, Slovak piled up a 22 second advantage going into the final heat over the national champion Maverick.

Maverick apparently finished first in that deciding heat but the home-based boat along with two others jumped the starter's gun and had to take a sixth lap around the three-mile course on Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam.

But Maverick at best had about a 12-second lead and even if it had not been forced to take the extra lap to finish second in the heat it still would not have won the Lake Mead Cup. Under American power boat rules when two boats are tied in points the boat with the fastest heat is declared the winner. Going into the final heat Wahoo had 800 points to Maverick's 700 and if Maverick had won the final heat they would have tied 1,100 points each, with Wahoo winning for the fastest heat.

The handsome Czech's life was videotaped the night before the Lake Mead Cup race on Ralph Edwards' "This is Your Life" program and hit the air a few hours after Slovak won the race. The famed Hawaiian Kai III was second to Wahoo in the 110.316 mile an hour heat but after crossing the finish line blew out a connecting rod and was forced out of the race also.

Miss Bardahl, which along with Miss Seattle II, had to take an extra lap but for finishing fourth and winning 160 points it ended up the year in second place nationally to Maverick which added 300 points to its championship total of 2,175 prior to Thursday's race. Wahoo was back in third place thanks to its win in the Lake Mead Cup.

The standings in the Lake Mead race behind Wahoo were Maverick, Miss Seattle II, Miss Bardahl, Kai Roy I and Kai Roy II.



DEER ON THE HOOK

Forrest Masters, owner of the Grande Ronde Cold Storage Co., checks the tags on the deer hanging in his cold storage room. Approximately 25 deer are on the hooks waiting processing by cutters. The deer are cooled in the room until "aging" is complete. (Observer Photo)

Rain Forces Huskies Inside; Ducks Plan Surprise For Game

United Press International
SEATTLE, Wash. (UPI)—The University of Washington Huskies were forced inside by rain Thursday as they drilled for Saturday's game with undefeated Oregon.

Coach Jim Owens stressed defensive drills and offensive passing. Quarterback Bob Mynner, who broke his finger against Colorado five weeks ago, practiced Thursday. Coach Owens says Mynner is still a doubtful possibility to play against the Ducks.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI)—Coach Tommy Prothro's Beavers of Oregon State College worked through their last heavy drill Thursday before facing the University of California Bears.

Prothro has not lost a game to California since taking the State helm four years ago Thursday he had praise for several members of his squad.

Don Kasse's punting, the passing of Larry Sanchez and the running performances by tailback Ron Miller and fullback Jim Stinette brought credit from Prothro.

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—Stanford University worked through its longest practice session of the year Thursday, and coach Jack Curtice said it was one of the "worst of the season." The Indians toiled for two and one half hours, finishing under the lights. Two third stringers, suffering minor injuries, will not make TWO RECORDS SET

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (UPI)—Crowds totaling 115,644 bet \$5,729,944 during the 42-night, 16th annual fall harness racing meet at Saratoga raceway this year. Both figures are records.

Russia Enters Two Horses At Washington

LAUREL, Md. (UPI)—The Soviet Embassy in Washington today informed Laurel officials that Russia has accepted an invitation to start two horses in the \$100,000 Washington, D. C. International Nov. 11 for the second straight year.

The 1958 trip marked the first time Russian horses had appeared outside the Iron Curtain since the days of the czar.

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