

SPORTS

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BASEBALL

Peninsula Little League Meeting Set

A planning meeting for next year's Peninsula Little League will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Lutheran Inner City Ministries at Skidmore and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Coaches, new board members and various committees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pierre DuBoise at 283-3582.

BASKETBALL

Ainge Retires After 14 Seasons

Danny Ainge, a native Oregonian who played on two National Basketball Association champions and six conference winners, announced his retirement from the Phoenix Suns to join the broadcasting team of Turner Sports.

The veteran guard from Eugene played 14 seasons with Boston, Sacramento, Portland and Phoenix after being a second-round draft pick out Brigham Young University.

Ainge was a member of the 1984 and 1986 NBA champion Boston Celtics and was a member of four other teams that advanced to the NBA Finals. He averaged 11.5 points over his career and played in 183 playoff games, third all-time among NBA players.

FOOTBALL

Oregon Stumbles At North Texas

Jason Mills' four-yard touchdown pass to Troy Redwine with nine seconds to play capped a 14-point rally as North Texas edged Oregon State, 30-28, Saturday, for its first-ever win at the Division I-A level.

North Texas (1-2) trailed 27-16 but Willis Hudson recorded the team's second safety with 6:26 to play, pulling within 27-18. On the resulting possession, the Mean Green closed to 27-24 on Bo Harrison's two-yard run. After Oregon State (1-2) punted, North Texas went 72 yards on 11 plays, capped by Mills' third touchdown pass. Mills finished 19-of-37 for 220 yards with four interceptions and three touchdowns, all to Redwine, who had 10 catches for 123 yards.

Quarterback Don Shanklin had 14 carries for 123 yards for Oregon State. Mark Olford added 100 yards and touchdowns runs of three, 27 and four yards. Olford's third touchdown gave the Beavers a 27-16 lead with 10:22 to play.

Nike Gives Away Pride Tickets

Need a ticket or two for the Sept. 28 professional indoor soccer game between the Portland Pride and San Jose Grizzlies game at Coliseum? Nike Town is giving away 100 tickets. No purchase is necessary, limit tow tickets per person. The giveaway will start at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25. Nike Town is located at 930 S.W. Sixth Ave.

BANNISTER EXPECTS NEW RECORD IN MILE

The world mile record could be brought down to three minutes 30 seconds, the first man to break the four-minute barrier said last week.

Britain's Sir Roger Bannister told a science conference much of the

improvement since his 1954 record of 3:54.4 had been due to factors such as synthetic tracks, better shoes and huge increases in training. But there was still room for improvement.

"I think that some day next century, a three-and-a-half minute mile might be possible," Bannister told a

news conference after addressing the conference. The current men's mile record of 3:44.39 was set in Italy in 1993 by Noureddine Morceli of Algeria.

But Bannister said there was a limit to how low the record could go.

"No-one can run a mile in three minutes unless, by some freak of genetic engineering, the structure of the lung and heart are changed to deliver vastly greater amounts of oxygen," Bannister said. Efforts to boost training could lead to overload, Bannister said, citing Briton Sebastian Coe who in the middle of

his career suffered a rare lung infection which normally affects only people whose immune system is damaged.

Coe, who had earlier set the 800 meters world record of 1:41.73 which still stands 14 years on, recovered and went on to set another world record in the mile.

"There comes a point however when training for more than two hours a day, often in two sessions, compared with my paltry 30 minutes a day in the 1950s, can bring its own problems. Some runners are over-trained," Bannister said.

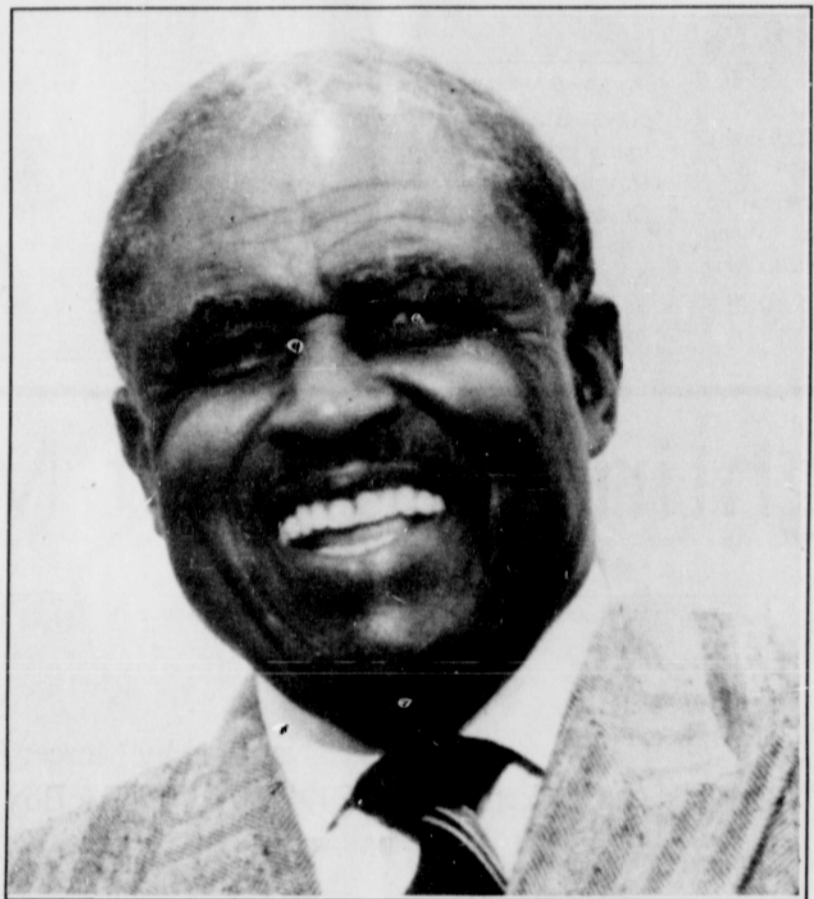
THE KING OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES

The All-time winningest coach in college football, Eddie G. Robinson of Grambling State University, roars into his 55th coaching season in September. Coach Robinson, who is fast approaching his record 400th victory, has led the Grambling Tigers to 397 wins over his nearly five and one-half decades with the school. His team's next three victories will take him and them over the top and that much deeper into the record books.

The Coach will be 77 years young in February and he continues to thrive on his insatiable love for the game and his dedication to the young men who play it. Over 54 years, Coach Robinson has shared his personal wisdom, his unswerving pursuit of excellence and his zeal for football with everyone who comes into contact with the team.

Coach Robinson has been lauded as a statesman, a legend, the Heir to the Bear (He broke Alabama Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant's record 323 wins in 1985), and an American Dream come true. This son of a sharecropper and a domestic worker has been inducted into Hall of Fames established for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Sugar Bowl, Pop Warner, Louisiana Sports, Northwest Louisiana, National Association of Sport and Physical Education, Southwestern Athletic Conference and Grambling State University. He has been praised, recognized and awarded by organizations from coast to coast.

But the Coach's professional legacy entails more than Hall of Fame inductions, tributes and awards. Coach Robinson has served as an inspiration, father, friend, counselor, teacher and coach to hundreds of



Coach Eddie Robinson, Grambling. The all-time winningest coach in College Football, Eddie G. Robinson Of Grambling State University, Roars into his 55th coaching season in September. Coach Robinson is only three victories shy of his 400th college football win.

young men, helping to shape their character and their careers -- both on and off the field.

More than 300 of Coach Robinson's players have been to pro football camps. More than 200 have played in the NFL and seven were drafted in the first round.

The Coach's list of outstanding graduates includes pro football Hall of Fame inductees Willie Brown (L.A. Raiders), Willie Davis (Green Bay Packers) and Buck Buchanan (Kansas City Chiefs). Plus, he

coached Paul Tank Younger (L.A. Rams), Doug Williams (Washington Redskins), Louisiana State Rep. Raymond Jettson and even former Grambling President Dr. Joseph B. Johnson.

What does the King of Coaches have to say about his amazing winning record? "The real record I have set for over 50 years is the fact that I have had one job and one wife [Doris, who he married in 1941, the same year he began coaching at Grambling]."

ATLANTA OLYMPIANS GET CRIME WARNING

Olympic athletes cannot expect special treatment if they are caught shoplifting or breaking other laws during next year's games here, the head of the Olympic organizing committee says.

Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, issued the warning last week to deny reports that organizers would discourage lo-

cal stores from prosecuting shoplifters.

The issue arose after two Armenian wrestlers taking part in preliminary events in July were arrested for shoplifting at a department store. After an Olympic official intervened on their behalf, they left the country and failed to appear for a court hearing.

"We will not ask for special

treatment from law officials or others," Payne said. "We will brief athletes on the laws and advise them of the consequences of any wrongdoing."

Payne said his committee would not try to discourage shop owners from prosecuting, but would help "facilitate communications — especially when there are language barriers."

EXPECT FLURRY WITH END OF NBA LOCKOUT

A flurry of activity is expected now that the National Basketball Association lockout has officially ended.

NBA owners Friday approved a six-year collective bargaining agreement already ratified by the players, clearing the way to end the first work stoppage in league history.

The lockout officially ended on Monday at noon.

The owners approved the deal, 24-5, during a vote by tele. A three-quarters majority, or at least 22 votes, was needed for approval since the vote was done by tele.

If the voting was done in person, only a simple majority would have been needed for approval.

Personnel activity such as

trades and signing of free agents and draft choices has been on hold since the owners declared their lockout on July first.

"The trading activity that has been pent up at this point will probably start to explode, especially involving the expansion teams," said Commissioner David Stern. "And we expect free agent moves to be brisk."

The salary cap will rise to \$23 million in 1995-96.

NBA player representatives had voted, 25-2, Wednesday to ratify the deal. The player reps met in Chicago one day after players soundly rejected a bid to decertify their union, giving the league and Commissioner Stern a decisive victory.

Player votes on decertification were counted last

Tuesday at the National Labor Relations Board office in New York and the final total was 226-134 against decertification of the union.

In essence, the vote against decertification was a vote for the tentative six-year agreement reached last month.

If there are no objections, the vote is considered to be certified by the NLRB. If there is a challenge, the standard time for resolution is four to six weeks.

The overwhelming vote to reject the decertification movement led by superstars Michael Jordan and agent David Falk, who represents them, virtually assures that the 1995-1996 season will start on time.

GLOBETROTTERS SUFFER RARE LOSS

The Harlem Globetrotters lost their first game in 24 years last week to a team of professional All-stars led by NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The Globetrotters were defeated, 91-85, in Vienna, Austria.

The All-stars charged back from a seven-point deficit with less than two minutes to play to record the win. Abdul-Jabbar scored 34 points. Former NBA player Bo Kimble had 13 points and eight rebounds.

The Globetrotters had recorded over 300 wins in exhibition series played worldwide during the run. The last loss came to Red Klotz and his New Jersey Reds, 100-99, in Martin, Tenn. in January 1971.

NETWORKS SPLIT WORLD SERIES COVERAGE

ABC Sports last week won the rights to broadcast the seventh game of the 1995 World Series, if necessary.

Major League Baseball announced previously that ABC and NBC would split the first six games

of the World Series as part of The Baseball Network partnership.

ABC will televise Games 1, 4, and 5 and NBC will air Games 2, 3 and 6. ABC and NBC will also jointly cover the divisional playoffs and the League Championship series.

OREGON SCORES HUGE WIN AT UCLA

Tony Graziani's three-yard touchdown pass to Cristin McLemore with 1:02 left snapped a tie and 20th-ranked Oregon's defense made a last-second goal-line stand to preserve a 38-31 Pac-10 Conference victory Saturday over 12th-ranked UCLA.

Graziani's second touchdown pass capped an eight-play, 79-yard drive as the Ducks (3-0, 1-0 Pac-10) recovered after blowing a 21-3 second-quarter lead. Graziani, who missed last week's win over Illinois with a shoulder strain, finished 19-for-35 for 256 yards, two touchdowns with one interception.

"McLemore just made a great catch," Graziani said. "He was so wide open I just kind of lobbed it to him. I didn't make a real good throw but he made a real good catch for me. This was a really close game and we can't have too many more like this or it's going to kill me."

"We all want to come back here on the first of the New Year and we're going to," McLemore said. "They called me to run an out and I knew Graziani was going to put it there. All I had to do was catch it. It was right there and I caught it."

UCLA, taking over on its own 14 after the ensuing kickoff, used two long passes from freshman Cade McNown of West Linn to get to the Oregon 4 with 32 seconds left. McNown hit Derek Ayers with a 37-yard pass to the Oregon 49 and

split double coverage to find Kevin Jordan for 45 yards.

Figueras figured in a decisive play for the second consecutive game. Last week, he forced a fumble by Illinois quarterback Johnny Johnson and recovered it in the end zone as the Ducks rallied for a 34-31 victory.

Ayers had two touchdowns for UCLA (2-1, 0-1), which played without starting quarterback Ryan Fien. Fien suffered a concussion and shoulder separation in last week's victory over Brigham Young.

"We anticipated the game to be really tight and really close, but we expected to win it," said UCLA Coach Terry Donahue.

"The fact that we didn't get into the end zone is obviously disappointing but the fact is that they gave us a hard 60 minutes."

UCLA scored two third-quarter touchdowns eight minutes apart. McNown had a three-yard touchdown run and Skip Hicks raced 52 yards to give the Bruins a 24-24 tie with 1:28 left in the period.

McNown was 12-of-24 for 183 yards and an interception. Jordan finished with six catches for 109 yards. Abdul-Jabbar carried 32 times for 127 yards.

It was the first time the teams had played one another since the 1992 season, a 9-6 victory by the Bruins.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE					NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE				
Eastern Div.	W	L	T	PF PA	Eastern Div.	W	L	T	PF PA
Miami	2	0	0	72 17	Dallas	3	0	0	89 38
Buffalo	2	1	0	58 45	Arizona	1	2	0	46 75
Indianapolis	1	2	0	62 68	Philadelphia	1	2	0	58 67
New England	1	2	0	23 62	Washington	1	2	0	66 65
NY Jets	1	2	0	65 89	NY Giants	0	3	0	23 69
Central Div.	W	L	T	PF PA	Central Div.	W	L	T	PF PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	57 37	Chicago	2	1	0	80 47
Cincinnati	2	1	0	69 62	Green Bay	2	1	0	55 47
Cleveland	2	1	0	50 30	Minnesota	1	2	0	51 64
Houston	1	2	0	34 51	Tampa Bay	1	2	0	33 53
Jacksonville	0	3	0	30 61	Detroit	0	3	0	47 63
Western Div.	W	L	T	PF PA	Western Div.	W	L	T	PF PA
Kansas City	3	0	0	77 44	San Francisco	3	0	0	93 35
Denver	2	1	0	81 69	St. Louis	3	0	0	65 37
Oakland	2	1	0	54 38	Atlanta	2	1	0	60 85
San Diego	2	1	0	48 48	Carolina	0	3	0	39 85
Seattle	1	2	0	44 69	New Orleans	0	3	0	59 68

SUNDAY RESULTS	UPCOMING SCHEDULE
Buffalo 20, Indianapolis 14	Sunday, Sept. 24:
St. Louis 31, Carolina 10	New Orleans at NY Giants
Arizona 20, Detroit 17	Minnesota at Pittsburgh
Green Bay 14, NY Giants 6	Chicago at St. Louis
Cleveland 14, Houston 7	Washington at Tampa Bay
Kansas City 23, Oakland 17 (OT)	NY Jets at Atlanta
Atlanta 27, New Orleans 24 (OT)	Houston at Cincinnati
San Diego 27, Philadelphia 21	Kansas City at Cleveland
Denver 38, Washington 31	Arizona at Dallas
NY Jets 27, Jacksonville 10	Philadelphia at Oakland
Seattle 24, Cincinnati 21	Denver at San Diego
San Francisco 28, New England 3	Green Bay at Jacksonville
Chicago 25, Tampa Bay 6	Monday, Sept. 25:
Dallas 23, Minnesota 17 (OT)	San Francisco at Detroit