



GERMAN GIRL WINS DOWNHILL — Heidi Biebl of Germany zooms down the ladies' downhill course on KT22 Saturday on her way to victory in the Winter Olympics event. She was timed in 1:37.6 for the mile and eighth course.



PENNY GETS THE BAD NEWS — An anguished expression crosses the face of Penny Pitou Saturday as she hears the announcer tell the crowd at the finish line that Heidi Biebl of Germany has just finished the downhill race one second faster than Penny's time. That gave Heidi the gold medal and left Penny with the silver one.

77-73 Margin

Fast Trojans Defeat Ducks

By DICK STRITE
Register-Guard Sports Editor

Southern California's hot-shooting Trojans, with tremendous team speed, burst Oregon's basketball bubble here Saturday night before the largest crowd in McArthur Court this season. USC handed the Webfoots a 77-73 defeat, the first loss on the home court this season after 10 straight wins.

A "Dad's Weekend" crowd of 6,248 shook the rafters of the Igloo dome as coach Steve Belko's Oregonians battled back repeatedly and with less than seven minutes remaining had a 58-57 lead.

Oregon, one of the top defensive teams in the land, was unable to defend against a 491 USC shooting percentage—and the outside scoring of Jerry Pimm, a 5-11 senior. He collected 23 points and hit 9 for 16. Most of his fielders were from behind the key, near the sidelines or the corners.

While Belko is still looking for his first win over his old Idaho coach, Forrest Twogood, the loss Saturday night does not eliminate Oregon from a possible first-round at-large berth in the Far West Regionals.

Oregon State's 65-52 loss to Washington at Corvallis Saturday night kept the books open and the final series between the two cross-valley foes will be for the blue chips.

The first OSC-Oregon game will be at Corvallis March 4, and a return meeting will be at McArthur Court the next night. In the meantime Oregon must meet and beat Idaho's Vandals here next Saturday night.

Saturday's game might not have produced the best basketball of the year, but it was in that classification—and by far and away the toughest test the Webfoots have faced.

It was no game for the weak-at-heart. It was a contest between matured collegiate basketball men—and no seniors allowed. USC, with four seniors in the starting lineup, had all the experienced Trojans could handle—and Oregon's sophomores played with the poise of veterans. There was no reason for any Webfoot to hang his head in shame. It was a terrific tilt.

Oregon could not afford to make many mistakes against a team that holds the only victory over California's NCAA champions this season—and the Webfoots were guilty of losing the ball on bad passes or violations only four times to 14 by USC.

The Trojans and Webfoots shifted two-point advantages frequently in the first five minutes. USC then went on a hot shooting streak and scored 12 points in less than three minutes while the Webfoots went scoreless. Oregon missed three good scoring chances while the Trojans moved from a two-point deficit to a 10-point lead; 24-14 with 9:22 showing on the first-half clock. Until that point USC had hit .455 from the field.

Chuck Rask and Denny Strickland rallied the Oregonians and closed the margin to three points on two occasions. USC bounced back for a seven-point margin, but then Glenn Moore connected for five points and Rask tied and shaved USC's lead to 35-34 with less than three minutes remaining in the half.

Jim White hit one of two free throws and Jerry Pimm was awarded a field goal on an Oregon game-tying violation to give the Trojans a 39-34 halftime advantage.

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U.S. Women Skiers Upset In Downhill

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—The Germans pulled off two upsets and the Americans took a surprising tumble in the Winter Olympics Saturday as Russia built up a substantial lead in overall scoring.

The combined team from East and West Germany scored unexpected successes in the women's downhill ski race and the women's 500-meter speed skating. The Germans upset Russia in the former and the United States in the latter.

But both the Soviets and the Americans found consolation in other events.

The Russians swept the first four places in the women's 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) cross-country ski race. Carol Heiss of Ozone, Park, N.Y., gave America a solid lead in women's figure skating.

East and West Germany divided their conquests. Heidi Biebl, an 18-year-old skier from the West, won the downhill race in 1:37.6, beating glamor girl Penny Pitou of Gilford, N.H., by a full second.

In women's speed skating—an event the Russians were expected to dominate—Mrs. Helga Haase of East Berlin took the gold medal with an astonishing time of 45.9. This was nine-tenths of a second faster than she had skated before and was only three-tenths off the world record. Natalija Donchenko of Russia was second in 46 flat and, in something of a surprise, Jeannie Ashworth of Wilmington, Mass., finished third in 46.1.

In the cross-country ski race, Marija Gusakova, a 29-year-old dressmaker from Leningrad, led the Russian sweep. Her time was 39:46. There were no U.S. entries in the event.

With five events completed, the Russians were leading in unofficial scoring with 38½ points, figuring 10 points for a first-place finish and 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for the next five. Germany was second with 28 points. Sweden had 19, Canada and the United States 13 each, Italy 5, Austria 4, Finland and Japan 2 each, and Poland 1.

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Causes 14 Spills

Skiers Come to Grief On 'Airplane Turn'

By JERRY UHRHAMMER
Of the Register-Guard

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—Penny said she caught an edge of her ski on this turn and almost fell. "But it was the Olympics and I decided I'd have to stand up," she added. The 5-5½, 135-pound blonde said she believed she lost at least one second during this momentary trouble.

Speaking was 21-year-old Penny Pitou, America's blonde rocket who won a second-place silver medal Saturday in the ladies' downhill race at the VIII Winter Olympic Games here.

Penny whizzed down the high-speed trail from the peak of KT-22 mountain in one minute, 38 and six-tenths seconds to win the silver medal—the first time an American woman alpine skier has won a medal since the 1952 Olympics.

But exactly one second faster was Heidi Biebl, a 5-foot, 3-inch brown-haired mite from Oberstdorf, Germany, who celebrated her 19th birthday Wednesday—and to her went the coveted gold medal.

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SECTION B EUGENE, OREGON, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1960

Axemen Keep Hopes Alive; 58-44 Victors

District 5-A-1	W	L	Pct.	PP	PA
Marshfield	11	1	.917	764	591
Springfield	8	4	.667	695	601
South Eugene	8	4	.667	619	531
Roseburg	8	4	.667	696	687
North Bend	6	6	.500	648	607
North Eugene	3	9	.250	591	634
Willamette	3	9	.250	582	740
Cottage Grove	1	11	.083	638	849

SATURDAY RESULTS
Marshfield 65, Willamette 48
South Eugene 56, North Bend 44
Springfield 78, Cottage Grove 46
Roseburg 63, North Eugene 47

By BOB MULLIN
Of the Register-Guard

Hank Kuchera's South Eugene basketballers broke up a tight-checking North Bend defense midway in the first quarter and ran their way to a 58-44 District 5-A-1 victory at SEHS Saturday night.

It was South's eighth victory in 12 loop starts and brightened its hopes for a state tournament berth at McArthur Court in March. The Axemen remain deadlocked with Springfield and Roseburg, both also winning Saturday night.

The loss for North Bend eliminated it from the tourney picture. Wayne Fox's Bulldogs are now 6-6 with two games left.

Sandy Nosler and Don DuShane shared South's scoring honors with 15 points but it was a fine team effort that paid off for victory. Only a 20-point fourth quarter by the Bulldogs, after they had made only six field goals and 24 points in the first three periods, kept the South margin from being greater.

It took 2:04 of the game for anyone to score. A hooker by North Bend's Mike Paine shoved the visitors momentarily in front. After two free throws by South's Nick Carter tied the score, the Bulldogs led at 4-2 and 5-4 before Bo Blair's jump shot with 2:37 left in the first period put the Axemen in front for good.

Before the period ended, Dave Tobey scored on a layin. Nosler hit a jump shot and DuShane scored on a free throw to give the home team and 11-7 first-period advantage.

Three points by Nosler at the outset of the second period pushed South ahead 14-7, before Paine tallied four points and Dave Dick added two to cut the margin to one, 14-13.

Nosler's jumper moments later gave South two clutch points, however, and by halftime it was 25-15.

South Eugene's fast break in the third quarter was too much for the North Benders to handle and the score grew to 41-24 at the end of the stanza.

North Bend had its best luck in the fourth quarter against the Axemen reserves but never threatened.

North Bend (44) SEHS (58)

Payne	3	9-11	13	Nosler	6	3-3	15
Dick	3	2-5	8	Blair	2	1-2	5
Johns	3	2-4	8	Tobey	2	0-0	4
Allen	1	5-5	7	DuShane	5	5-5	15
Leining	0	5-7	3	Carier	2	2-2	6
Graham	0	0-3	0	Guske	0	3-4	3
Gould	0	0-0	0				