



BUSY SKI WEEKEND—Friday, Saturday and Sunday should see lots of ski activity on both Bachelor Butte and the Hoodoo Ski Bowl. 90 PNSA alpine racers will flock to the rope tows when the group holds a three-day training camp in Bend and on the slopes of Fujiyama-like Bachelor. An overflow crowd is also expected at Hoodoo.

Oregon remains slight favorite over OSU despite loss of Renfro

EUGENE (UPI)—Oregon remained a slight favorite over Oregon State today despite the loss of Mel Renfro, its great halfback.

Renfro was declared out of the game after accidentally slashing his right wrist at his home last Friday night. The mishap severed a nerve.

The two teams collide at 1:30 p.m. Saturday for the 67th time on the football field. The game was postponed from last Saturday.

Sophomore Dennis Keller, who has seen considerable duty at the left halfback slot this season, will fill in for Renfro.

"We'll miss Renfro," said Coach Len Casanova, in probably the understatement of the season.

The senior halfback, who was an all-American as a junior closed his college career with 1,540 rushing yards, or a 5.7 average, completed 14 of 31 passes for 267 yards and 4 touchdowns, caught 41 passes for 644 yards and 5 touchdowns, scored 23 touchdowns and had 1,807 yards total offense. He did this despite missing four games as a junior and two as a senior.

However, the week's delay helped both clubs injurywise. Tackle Ray Johnson, and sophomore guards Mark Richards and Ancer Haggerty of Oregon have been improving.

Coach Tommy Prothro of Oregon State, who was bedridden himself much of last week with a bad back, has been reluctant to talk about his injury list. But speedy halfback Leroy Whittle is reported ready to go.

The game is expected to produce plenty of aerial fireworks, with Oregon's Bob Berry throwing to a flock of receivers and Oregon State's Gordon Queen zeroing in on the great Beaver end, Vern Burke. Berry has 14 touchdown passes and Queen 16 this season.

Oregon State has won three of the last four games with Oregon and the other ended in a tie. But Oregon has 39 wins to 27 for Oregon State over the years—with nine ties.

SCHEDULES SKI MEET
CLEVELAND (UPI)—The International Professional Ski Racers Association championships, including many former Olympic stars, will be held at the Brandywine Ski Center at Sagamore Hills, Ohio, Feb. 8.

Oakland retains flag visions after 26-10 win

By United Press International
The Oakland Raiders still had visions of an American Football League championship in their heads today following a 26-10 Thanksgiving Day win over Denver's victory-starved Broncos.

The Raiders, with a 7-4 record good for second place in the AFL's Western Division behind San Diego, will be pulling for Houston Sunday when the Eastern Division leaders play the Chargers at San Diego. If the Chargers lose Sunday and then fall to the Raiders the following week, the two teams will be tied for the Western Division lead.

Oakland strengthened its already strong hold on second place in the division with Thursday's win over Denver as the Raiders' star running back, Clem Daniels, tore up the Broncos' defense for 90 yards in 16 carries. The loss pushed Denver deeper into the league cellar.

Denver and Oakland both will be idle Sunday. In other games, Buffalo plays at Boston and New York is at Kansas City. If Houston loses to San Diego, the winner of the Boston-Buffalo game will tie the Oilers for first place in the Eastern Division.

Denver managed a 3-2 half-time lead over the Raiders Thursday on a 52-yard field goal by Gene Mingo. But Oakland came alive with two touchdowns in the third quarter and scored 10 more points in the final period to take the win.

The Raiders capitalized on a pass interception by Tom Morrow to score their first TD. Quarterback Cotton Davidson threw a 35-yard pass to Bo Roberson on the four and Roberson went over to put Oakland ahead 8-3 early in the third quarter.

Oakland's other touchdowns came on a Denver fumble picked up by Oakland's Jon Jelacic, who ran across from the 19, and on a plunge by Glenn Shaw which followed a long run by Alan Miller.

Negratti names Pilot lineup

PORTLAND (UPI)—Coach Al Negratti said today he would open up with a team of Cincy Powell and Tom Nichols at forward; Steve Anstett at center and Sam Coston and Jim Dortch at guard when the Portland Pilots open their basketball season against San Francisco State Saturday night.

The two teams play at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver.

Invaders make invasion of WHL 1st place

By United Press International
The Denver Invaders have invaded the No. 1 spot in the Western Hockey League standings—and if statistics are any indication, they might be awfully tough to shoulder out.

The scrappy Invaders, who are leading the league in both offense and defense, moved into a tie with Los Angeles for the top spot Thursday night by defeating Portland, 3-1, in the only contest played.

The Denver team has scored a total of 75 goals during the season to hold a healthy lead in that department. Ironically, the team with the next highest total is cellar-dwelling Vancouver with 68.

Returned ducats go on sale today

EUGENE (UPI)—About 1,700 reserved seat tickets for Saturday's Oregon-Oregon State football game went on sale at 9 a.m. today at McArthur Court here.

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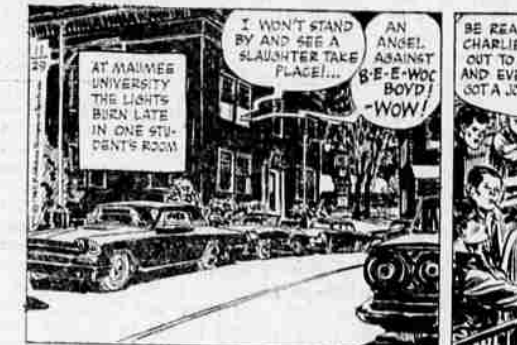
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