

The Fifth Quarter

Sports with Mike Oths

It's time for the NFL to get down to the nitty-gritty, and true to form, the league is wobbling and hobbling toward the finish line. For all the ballyhoo about "parity" among the clubs, there is a very select group of "haves" and a whole lot of "have nots." To my way of seeing things, there are only a handful of teams who could realistically be called Super Bowl contenders—San Francisco, Miami, Seattle, Denver, and the Raiders. All of the teams in the NFC have their problems, from the Redskin injuries, to the Cardinals and Giants inexperience, to the Cowboys lack of talent. The Bears might have been a contender, but are decimated by injuries at quarterback. In the AFC, the Central Division winner may not finish above .500, while the other four teams are in the hunt. The best fun will be watching the dogfight for the AFC title.

The whole season is probably best summarized by the Bengals-Browns game of last Sunday. The Bengals moved into the driver's seat in the division, with a glittering 6-8 record, on the strength of a pass from a rookie, third-string quarterback to an offensive tackle. With all this excitement, one can hardly hold one's breath in anticipation of the USFL season, only several short months away.

It was nice to see Doug Flutie win the Heisman Trophy. The little guy from Boston College is quite a player, even though the media seems to emphasize the "little" more than the player. It is amusing to see sports journalists rewrite history to suit their needs. Everybody was writing that Flutie's last-second miracle touchdown pass against Miami had sealed the Heisman Trophy, when in reality the votes were already in. It makes good copy, though.

The Blazers have certainly been up and down so far this season. Sam Bowie looks terrific some nights, and asleep on others. It seems as if he tries to block every shot that goes up, which is getting him in early foul trouble. I'd still like to have his future, though. Did anybody catch the nasty spill that Clyde Drexler took in the Blazer-Knicks game? Although the foul wasn't as flagrant as it first appeared, it posed a question I've always had. Even if you could jump as high as Clyde Drexler, why would you want to? It reminded me of the NBA Slam-Dunk contest, where Julius Erving banged his head on the backboard. You'd need an oxygen mask at that altitude.

I think I'm going to organize a golf Skins Game, like the one on television. I wonder if anybody will pay me \$240,000 for making a ten-foot putt? How about \$240? Let me know when you line up the sponsors.

CRYSTAL(?)BALL

Hello again after a week's absence. In the last two weeks, we've seen Mike continue his miraculous rise from the ashes, to actually move out of last place. The ultra-conservative leaders have loosened up a bit, but are still valiantly clinging to their lofty positions. With only two weeks to go, Brent needs only to prevent a total collapse to capture the first CB championship. Last week, Mike led the pack with a mark of 11-14. Brent and Dale came in at 9-14 while Craig and Dave trailed the field at 8-14. This week's guest expert is well known to sports fans throughout the area. Although best known as a top-flight golfer, football predicting is also his forte. Therefore, Dave Gunderson has consented to our abuse for this week.

Standings: Brent 11-14, Craig 11-15, Dave 10-16, Mike 10-16, and Dale 10-16.

NAME	Mike	Brent	Craig	Dale	Dave	Guest
BUFFALO # NY JETS	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ
MINNESOTA # SAN FRANCISCO	SF	SF	SF	SF	SF	SF
ATLANTA # TAMPA BAY	ATL	TBay	TBay	TBay	TBay	ATL
CINCINNATI # NEW ORLEANS	CIN	NO	NO	CIN	CIN	CIN
CLEVELAND # PITTSBURGH	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
GREEN BAY # CHICAGO	CHI	GB	GB	CHI	CHI	CHI
HOUSTON # LA RAMS	LAR	LAR	LAR	LAR	LAR	LAR
MIAMI # INDIANAPOLIS	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA
NEW ENGLAND # PHILLY	PHI	NE	NE	PHI	PHI	PHI
NY GIANTS # ST. LOUIS	STL	STL	STL	STL	NYG	STL
SAN DIEGO # DENVER	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	SD
SEATTLE # KANSAS CITY	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	KC
WASHINGTON # DALLAS	WAS	WAS	DAL	WAS	WAS	WAS
LA RAIDERS # DETROIT	LAR	LAR	LAR	LAR	LAR	LAR

HHS returns 8 varsity girls

By DANA REID

Approximately 24 girls hit the courts Monday, Nov. 5 to start basketball practice. Returning from last year, are head coach Mike Royer and eight varsity team members: seniors Ellen Arbogast, Stephanie Payne and Jodi Padberg; juniors Penny Connor, Lana Reid, Missy Turner, Andrea Ball, and Dana Reid. Two new varsity members are Senior Shelley Stroeber and Sophomore Missy Eubanks.

On November 13, following a week of daily practice emphasizing conditioning and fundamental skills, the junior varsity team was separated from the varsity.

The 14 junior varsity players include Juniors: Susie Martin and Windi Mitchell; Sophomores Beth Forrar, Kim George, Tina Davidson, Theresa Lindsay, Tareena Nash, and Cindy Stroeber; and Freshmen Kim Sager, Beth Heatherly, Dawn Palmer, J.J. Osmin, Cathy Martin, and Val Hager.

The varsity is looking to better the season from last year's season record, 15-7, and league record 9-3.

The Varsity has a lot of strong points for them this year but also weak points. "With seven returning lettermen we have the experience and depth to become a strong team. We'll have capable players coming off the bench and contributing," commented coach Royer. "We're not going to over power other teams with our size so it will be important for us to get good position and block out tough. Rebounding will be the key for us this season," he added.

The varsity team has set goals for the season: One is to continue improving as a team both offensively and defensively. "There will be three or four strong teams in the eastern division this year, so we'll have to be at our best every game. We are setting our goals high and I feel we have the players who are willing to work hard to reach them," explained coach Royer.

The Varsity's first game of the season will be Friday, Dec. 7, the Morrow County Invitational Tournament, at Riverside High School. The teams included in the tournament are the Imbler Panthers, the Riverside Pirates, the Lone Cardinals and the Heppner Mustangs. The Heppner Varsity girls will open the tournament at 3 p.m. against the Imbler Panthers.

The Junior Varsity team played their first game Tuesday, Dec. 4 against Ukiah.

Practice is going great for the junior varsity team with "a lot of enthusiasm and hard work," commented coach Les. Payne.

More than half of the J.V. girls have one year of experience. Other

strong points are "desire, determination, good quickness," commented coach Payne. "We have a lack of depth this early in the season," he added.

The junior varsity hopes for a good season. "We can be as good as anyone we play this year," said coach Payne.

Varsity's first home game will be Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. against the Lone Cardinals. The junior varsity team plays again Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. against the Riverside Pirates.



In 1910 an obscure British music hall performer toured the U.S. in a vaudeville act billed as, "Karno's Wow Wows." His name: Charlie Chaplin.

Bowling News

Sparetimers November 27

	Won - Lost
Petersons	34 - 18
Coast to Coast	27 - 25
M.C.G.G.	27 - 25
Central Market	27 - 25
Sears	25 - 27
Lens Processing	24 - 28
Gardners	24 - 28
Les Schwab	20 - 32
Splits: Linda Schultz 2-7; Jo Jean Forquer 3-10; Janet Beamer 5-7 and 5-10; Millie Hanna 5-7; and Kerry Pettyjohn 5-10.	
High game: Yvonne Lovgren-202.	
High series: Millie Hanna-512.	
High team game: Petersons-1039.	

Thursday Night Ladies November 29

	Won - Lost
B.P.O.E. No. 358	37 - 11
Depot Nursery	31 - 17
J & J Ceramics	23 - 25
Bark N Chips	22 - 26
B & C Repair	22 - 26
Kinzua	21 - 27
Country Rose	20 - 28
Ray Boyce Ins.	16 - 32
Splits: Joan Tanory 4-5; Janet Beamer 2-7-10; and June Bellenbrock 6-7.	
High game: Alvina Padberg-206.	
High series: Floss Watkins-511.	
Koffee Kup Keglers	

November 29

	Won - Lost
The Dregs	35 - 17
M.C.G.G. No. 2	33 - 19
The Pytts	30 - 22
The Hi Ho's	26 - 26
The Hopefuls	22 1/2 - 29 1/2
No Pin Hitters	21 - 31
The 3-Holers	21 - 31
The Gutter Dusters	19 1/2 - 32 1/2
Splits: Maude Hughes 5-10 and 6-7-10; Millie Hanna 5-6, and Linda Schultz 5-7-9.	
High game: Maude Hughes-198.	
High series: Iris Campbell-513.	
High team series: M.C.G.G.	

No 2-1399.

30 Dime A Dozen December 2

	Won - Lost
No. Eight	36 - 16
No. Four	28 1/2 - 23 1/2
No. Two	27 1/2 - 24 1/2
No. Five	27 - 25
No. Six	25 - 27
No. Seven	24 - 28
No. One	22 - 30
No. Three	18 - 34

Splits: Bill SNow 5-8-10; Roy Taylor 4-10; Garry Van Arsdale 5-7-9; Katie McRoberts 3-10; and Ellis McRoberts 3-10.

High game: Garry VanArsdale 205 and Ellis McRoberts 205.

High series: Garry Van Arsdale and Ellis McRoberts-535.

High team game: No. Eight-782.

High team series: No. Two-2243.

Mustangs drop season opener

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs played their season opener last Saturday night on the road against the Mac-Hi Pioneers and in the process dropped the basketball game to a tenacious Pioneer defense, 67-25.

The Mustangs started out well in the first quarter and were down only 14-8. The disastrous Pioneer press proved too much for Heppner in the second quarter; however, as the Mustangs could only collect two free throws. The margin increased to 34-10 at the half.

"I think the press is what hurt us the most," said Coach Brent Eggers. "I don't think we did anything really well. Our inability to break the press hurt us in other areas of the game."

The Pioneers held off with the press in the third quarter but the Mustang offense couldn't get it going and hopes for a comeback founder.

ed as Mac-Hi upped its lead to 49-13 going into the final quarter. Heppner did manage 12 points in the fourth quarter, eight of them on free throws, but it wasn't enough.

Sophomore Wayne Wilgers led Heppner with six points and four rebounds and Jim Storm popped in four or eight free throws in the losing effort.

"We have to continue to practice the pressing situations, we just have to concentrate on it in a game and carry out our assignments," said Eggers.

The Mustangs committed 32 turnovers and hit on 7 of 35 from the field for 20 percent; Mac-Hi shot 53 percent. Heppner was 11-24 from the free throw line for 46 percent; Mac-Hi shot 67 percent sinking 11 of 16. Dan McDevitt led Mac-Hi with 16 points and Jacques Lefore added 14.

The Mustangs will travel to Boardman to play Imbler in the Morrow County Invitational Friday, at 4:30 p.m.

Mac-Hi-Trimble 4 pts., Lefore 12 pts., Olsen 13 pts., Carlton 7 pts., McDevitt 16 pts., Hall 3 pts., Henerson 3 pts., Cockburn 8 pts., Arnold 1 pt. Field Goals 28-53 53 percent. Free throws, 11-16 69 percent. Fouls 23, fouled out-Trimble.

Heppner: Doherty 1-2 0-1-2, Hyatt 0-20-2-0, Green 0-5 1-2-1, Wilgers 1-4 4-6-4, Lindsay 1-5 1-2-3, Currin 1-7 0-0-2, McConnell 0-3 0-0-0, Storm 0-2 4-8-4, Linamen 1-1 0-1 2, Graves, 1-3 0-0 2, Kenison 1-1 1-2 3.

Field goals 35-73 20 percent. Free throws 11-24 46 percent. Fouls 14, rebounds 21, turnovers, 32, Assists 4.

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