

## The Fifth Quarter

Sports with Mike Oths

(Editors note: Last week's "Fifth Quarter" succumbed to a weekly problem for the G-T, not enough space for everything we'd like to print. Our apologies to Mike and his loyal (?) readers.)

Last week's column follows:  
Today, Monday, April 8, is the big day - major league baseball begins its yearly run. Saddened by the prospect of the major leagues extending their playoffs to seven games, but gladdened that the horsehides are flying again, we turn fearlessly to the new season. Don't run out to your bookie on these.

NL EAST	NL WEST	AL EAST	AL WEST
1 New York	1 Atlanta	1 Baltimore	1 Kansas City
2 Philadelphia	2 San Diego	2 Toronto	2 Chicago
3 Chicago	3 Los Angeles	3 Detroit	3 Texas
4 St. Louis	4 Cincinnati	4 Boston	4 Oakland
5 Pittsburgh	5 Houston	5 New York	5 Minnesota
6 Montreal	6 San Francisco	6 Cleveland	6 California
		7 Milwaukee	7 Seattle

Best bet longshots? Watch Texas in the AL West, Boston in AL East and the Dodgers in the NL West. If you don't think one player can make that big of a difference, watch the Braves and see what Bruce Sutter can do. As always, in every division, the key factor will be keeping players healthy. One needs only to look at the White Sox slide from a 20-game victory margin in 1983 to an also-ran in '84.

The Masters is coming up this weekend, from what has to be one of the most scenic vistas in all of sports - the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia. I would love to be able to see that tournament some day, but tickets are hard to come by, indeed.

I wonder if the reality of Villanova's stunning upset of Georgetown has sunk in yet with the Wildcats. Before the title game, everybody was saying that G-Town was one of the great collegiate teams of all time. I still believe that. Only Villanova played one of the great games of all time in beating them. Don't cry too much for the Hoyas, however - they'll be back next year with another thoroughbred line-up.

Don't look now, but the Blazers have quietly developed into one of the best teams in the NBA. The rash of injuries has left them with a very deep team, in which 9-10 players see action. Surprise, surprise, but old Mr. Ramsay seems to know his stuff after all. It really would be to the Blazers' advantage to finish sixth in the Western Conference though, rather than fifth. If they finish fifth, they have to play Dallas in the first round. The Mavericks always give the Blazers trouble. If they win that series, they'd then have to face the Lakers in the second round. If they finish sixth, however, they'd play the slumping Houston Rockets in the first round, and would probably play Denver in the conference semifinals (if they win). Granted, the Nuggets are no bargain, but better than the Lakers.

The big day for the NBA is May 12 - the Patrick Ewing Derby. It will probably be more exciting than the playoffs.

Break up the Mariners! The Northwest's only entry in the major league baseball wars is trying to make my last-place prediction look very bad. Undefeated so far, the Kingdome crew has been battering the ball in the early going. Very early going, I might add.

Now that the NBA has meticulously weeded out 7 of its 23 teams, the real season begins the playoffs. The Blazers will play Dallas in the first round. If they win, it will be the Lakers in Round 2. The Blazers finished the season on Sunday by besting Denver to end up the campaign with a record of 42-40. The last game was a real mixed-emotion affair. By winning, the Blazers probably draw a tougher slot in the playoffs. Had they lost to Denver, however, they would have met the Nuggets in the second round, assuming they had beaten Houston. They won the "confidence builder" against Denver, and in the process almost guaranteed that they won't meet them any more. Believe me, if Portland beats LA in the playoffs, that would be more than enough of a confidence builder.

The Masters golf tournament was everything it's supposed to be, and more. West Germany's Bernhard Langer walked away with the title with a strong back nine on Sunday. There were 25 players who could have sneaked in and won the crown with a strong showing on the last day. "If," however is a big word at Augusta National. That golf course really is the challenging course that Bobby Jones was shooting for when he created it. Difficult, but rewarding the good shot. A gambling player can put up some big numbers, but he often pays the price for his boldness.

Pete Rose is off to a fast start in Cincinnati, shooting for Ty Cobb's hit record. Pete is well over .300 for the first few games. The only problem is: nobody else on the Reds seems interested in hitting. In their three-game series with the Mets last weekend the boys from Cincy scored a total of one run, losing 1-0, 2-1, and 4-0. Maybe Johnny Bench is looking for a job.

The Stanley Cup playoffs are under way, with some surprisingly close first round match-ups. The Edmonton Oilers look very strong, though, and that's not a surprise at all.

We haven't heard much from USFL fans in Portland in recent weeks. The Breakers are getting pounded pretty thoroughly. Oh well, maybe they'll move the franchise to Albuquerque, or maybe to Pullman, Washington. This is only their third stop in as many years. How about the Tokyo Breakers? That's about it. Be sure to catch up on all the NBA action - there's only about two months left to this year's season. Like the WTBS promo says: "It only comes around once a year!" Yeah, but it lasts for nine months.

## Pennant bearers join Fair and Rodeo Court



Fair & Rodeo Court Pennant Bearers from left: Kristi O'Brien, Nancy Bailey, Angie Ashbeck, Sheila Coe and Lori Cecil.

Five pennant bearers will accompany the 1985 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court.  
Kristi O'Brien, 13, daughter of Burke and Ginger O'Brien, keeps busy riding horses and tote painting.  
Thirteen-year-old Nancy Bailey, daughter of Dwight and Janell Bailey lists her hobbies as riding horses, motorcycles and skiing.  
Angela Ashbeck is the daughter of Mitch and Tag Ashbeck of Pine City. She participated in 4-H for five years and enjoys riding and breaking horses.  
Sheila Coe, 17-year-old daughter of Tim and Jan Coe is a member of five 4-H clubs, Outdoor Club at Heppner High School and of Wranglers Riding Club.  
Lori Cecil, daughter of Ron and Linda Cecil, is a 14-year-old who is active in school sports and involved with the Wranglers riding and barrel clubs.

## Golf opener proves success

The annual Willow Creek Country Club opening of the golf season proved to be the most successful ever, said a club spokesperson. Forty golfers attended the breakfast and golf play.

The event began with a breakfast served by Ron Bowman, Rick Johnston, John McCabe, and Ed Heimstra. Ed Struthers registered the golfers and collected entrance fees.

The golfers were placed into nine groups and a shotgun start got the golf underway at 9 a.m.

The weather was ideal and some good scores were posted for this early in the season. David Green won the play, posting a fine 65. John Edmondson and Maury Groves tied for second low gross with a respectable score of 69. Low net was won by Earl Fishburn with a fine score of 53. Second low was won by Terry Springer, and third low net was won by Gary Bingham.

The following special awards and winners are as follows: Closest to the pin on No. 1 on the second shot was Terry Springer; KP on No. 2, John Edmondson; KP on No. 3, Archie Munkers; KP on No. 4 David Green; Long drive, Earl Fishburn; Longest putt, Earl Norris. Several tied for least putts: Rick Johnston, Dave Hanna, Ron Bowman, Bob Jepsen, and Jon Mitchell.

Following regular play, several golfers entered a team scramble and this event was won by Dave Mitchell and John McCabe.

## OSU releases winter honor roll

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 325 students earned straight A (4.0). Another 1,243 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local students on the Honor Roll included:

**Straight A Average**  
Patrick E. Clark of Heppner, a junior majoring in Agricultural Sciences; Paul J. Meade of Boardman, a sophomore majoring in Business; and Anne Van Schoiack of Heppner, a senior majoring in Education.

**3.5 or Better**  
Michelle M. Cooley of Irrigon, a freshman majoring in Business; Anne C. Murray of Heppner, a sophomore majoring in Health and Physical Education; and Paula J. Palmer of Heppner, a senior majoring in Business.

## ECOAC taking job applications

The East Central Oregon Association of Counties (ECOAC) has begun taking student applications for their summer employment program, a spokesperson announced this week. Applications are being accepted from persons 14 through 21 years of age.

The spokesperson stressed that a work permit is required for those under 18 and can be obtained through ECOAC, Box 306, Fossil, Oregon 97830 or by calling 763-4235.

## PMH Jr. Auxiliary organizes



Junior Auxiliary members at Pioneer Memorial Hospital attended an orientation and training meeting Monday, April 8 and have been coming in and helping with activities, crafts, visiting, reading, writing letters and doing hair and nails for nursing home patients since then. Sandy Hanna, director of nurses, Linda Dunaway, nursing home supervisor; Pat Thompson, junior auxiliary volunteer coordinator, and Connie Hammons, volunteer coordinator directed the orientation activities. Hammons says "the girls are doing really well and will be going into phase two of the orientation sooner than she had expected because they are showing a lot of initiative and responsibility and their rapport with the residents is exceptional."

Hammons says that after 2½ years of effort by the hospital volunteers, the junior auxiliary has finally become a reality and wishes to commend their efforts during National Volunteer Week April 22-28. Anyone

wishing to volunteer help to the nursing home may come to the conference on volunteers April 22, 1 p.m. at Kate's Pizza or contact Hammons Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays at the hospital. Anyone 19 and over may become a regular auxiliary member; volunteers 13-19 are invited to join junior auxiliary members: Yvette Cowett, Angela Lewiston, Sheri Coe, Marcie Stookey, Natalie Robinson, Val Hager, and Jenny Tanner.

Anyone who is unable to become a regular auxiliary member but would like to assist the hospital may do so by donating craft items, Hammons continues. The nursing home's activity budget does not include funds for buying craft materials which are always needed: small doll hats, elastic, thread, unused Mothers Day cards, blunt needles with large eyes, scrap books, all size pom poms, rick rack, glue, masking tape, combs, brushes, and barrettes.

## Heppner Happenings

By Mary Bryant, 676-9493

Justine Weatherford had as guests over the weekend Richard and Karla Weaver, daughter Abiah Lucille, 4, and son, Jacob Marion, 2. Karla is the former Karla Weatherford, stepdaughter of Justine Weatherford. Richard is a psychologist and Karla is an occupational therapist in Yakima. Also, Ray and Ann Haberlach Chenhall, their two children, Thomas Laurence Chenhall, 8 and Pearl McKenzie Chenhall, 5 were here from their home at Cheney, Washington. Mrs. Chenhall is the daughter of Mrs. Weatherford and a graduate student at this time. Ray is an architect at Spokane.

Betty Tanner has reported that the Genealogy Society will meet at the Museum on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Alice Soward called from Boise, Idaho, this past week. She is in a nursing home and slowly recovering from surgery among other things. Her address is 808 N. Curtis Road, Boise, Idaho, 83706, and she would love to hear from her friends. She will be remembered as the widow of the Rev. Earl Soward, pastor of the Christian Church in Heppner for some years, and as Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Soward was active in the Degree of Honor and the Soroptimist Club among others.

Mrs. Harlan Smith and two sons brought her mother, Hazel Mahoney, home from Seattle where she had been visiting the Smiths.

Larry and Mary Ann Cerullo and eight high school senior English students and one freshman advanced placement student, returned Sunday from a trip to the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland. They left Heppner on Thursday and while there saw King Lear by Shakespeare and two other plays. They had studied King Lear in class in order to fully understand the play. They were given a backstage tour and spent some time in the Museum where they were allowed to try on some of the costumes. They were able to do some sightseeing and on the way home, stopped at Crater

Lake Exchange student from New Zealand, Monique Alan, was among those making the trip.

Mrs. Tom Troxel, Kevin and Crystal, and Mrs. Mary Jo Brisbois and daughter, Nikki, were in Spray over the weekend to help the Ray Britts work their cattle.

Herman and Alma Green have had their daughter, Dr. Margaret Green, an intern at the Emanuel Hospital in Portland, as their guest for the last few days.

W. W. Weatherford III (Billy) of San Diego, has been on a tour of duty on the U.S.S. Duluth. This will be his

last tour overseas before leaving the Navy in two years. He will be stationed stateside for the rest of his time. He has told relatives here that his son will be flown to Honolulu where he will meet his father and return with him aboard ship. The Navy is allowing boys who have attained the age of eight years but are not yet 16 to make this trip with their fathers on their last tour of duty. On this particular trip 75 to 80 boys will make the trip, which will be 10 days long. Weatherford is married to the former Teresa Bailey, daughter of Adelle LaTrace. They have two children, Billy and Bonnie Ann. Mr. Weatherford is the stepson of Justine Weatherford.



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## Heppner man to graduate OHSU

Robert Jones, a 1976 graduate of Heppner High School, is among 116 medical students graduating from the Oregon Health Sciences University, and has been accepted for residency training at the Kaiser Foundation in Santa Clara, California. He is the son of Bob and Sue Jones of Heppner.

Jones, who will graduate June 14, competed with 14,849 graduating seniors and 13,665 other students for 18,535 residency position openings throughout the country reports a press release from O.H.S.U.

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