

Fifth Quarter

Sports with Mike Oths

College football is winding up the regular season—heading for the bowl games, and some interesting developments have taken place.

Assuming that Oklahoma beats SMU this weekend, the Orange Bowl has its dream match-up between No. 1 Penn State (11-0) and Oklahoma (10-1 and ranked No. 2 or No. 3, depending on whom you believe.) Presumably, the winner of that game will be crowned national champion. Fine and dandy if Penn State wins, but what if Oklahoma wins? You see the only team to beat Oklahoma is—you guessed it, Miami. The Hurricanes would be justifiably upset if they end the season with 11 straight wins after an opening loss, and still finish No. 2. Especially considering that the beat OU, Oklahoma's response will surely go like this: a) you beat us because you broke the leg of starting QB, and now we're much better (they are); and (b) when you beat No. 1 on New Year's Day you become No. 1 (also generally true). It should be a shouting match equal to last year's furor over BYU's title.

All this brings up the recurring question of a college football playoff. A lot of people advocate for it, but I hope things stay they way they are, for three reasons. First, a playoff would destroy the bowl picture, relegating all but one game to second-class status. Second, a playoff would make football more like basketball, with all the media emphasis on winning the title. As it is now, all the rivalry games are the highlight of the college season. I'm afraid they'd lose some luster under a "road to the final four" mentality. Finally, I like to argue about who's number one. It's more fun.

Closer to home, both UO and OSU have some thinking to do about pigskin progress. The Ducks had a 5-6 year, but didn't live up to their potential at all. In an ironic twist, the UO boys placed three players on the all Pac-10 team at the so-called "skill" positions (Miller at QB, Barnes at receiver and Cherry at running back). The rap has always been that the Northwest couldn't compete for lack of skill players. Now what's the excuse?

The Beavers had a reasonable showing, given the predictions, but all their wins came early, and the injuries left the status of the improvement in doubt. It didn't help to get hammered by UO either. Both teams were left saying "if, if, if." But as my heroes on the Braves games love to say: "If your Aunt Minnie had a mustache she'd be your Uncle Fred."

Did you catch the final day of the Skins game, golf tourney, on TV? Of course you didn't—the electricity went off on the first hole. (Fuzzy Zoeller won).

Crystall Ball

The old CB race is coming down to the nitty-gritty, as only three weeks remain for the challengers to make up ground and for the leader to hang on. Dale retains a one-game lead over Brent heading into week 14. It may be time for the trailers to stop this "pick-the-favorites" nonsense and go for broke.

Last week's guest, Randall Peterson, stayed right in the middle of the pack. He certainly did better than this week's guest, because there isn't one. Oh well.

The standings were printed incorrectly last week, and this week's listing reflects the corrected version.

Standings: Dale 101-53 (7-7), Brent 100-54 (7-7), Mike 98-56 (9-5), George 96-58 (8-6), Dave 93-61 (8-6), Guest (7-7).

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	YDS	AVG	PTS	YDS	AVG
ATLANTA	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
CLEVELAND	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
DALLAS	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
DETROIT	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
INDIANAPOLIS	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
LA SAVANNAH	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
MIAMI	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
NEW ORLEANS	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
NY GIANTS	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
NY JETS	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
PANAMA	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
WASHINGTON	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
PITTSBURGH	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0
LA RAMS	1	0	0	10	100	10.0	10	100	10.0

R&W DRIVE-IN SPORTS QUIZ

We've had very little response lately to the quiz. If we don't get some answers we may have to abandon ship. Remember, the winners gets a gift certificate for a meal at the R&W Drive-in.

Two week's ago we asked: What was unusual about Cy young award winner Don Newcombe's career as a Japanese player? Answer: He was strictly a pinch-hitter.

This week: Who was the last Ivy Leaguer to make a strong showing in the Heisman Trophy balloting? Send answers to P.O. Box 509, Heppner 97836, by Friday, Dec. 13.

By Phoebe Block
The first meeting of the 4-H knitting club was held November 16 at Benji Pearson's house. Sandi Van Liew is the leader, and Benji Pearson is the Teen leader. Club members voted and decided to have "The Clicking Kneedles" as the club name.

The president is Sherry Bingham, vice-president is Laurel Webber-Gray, Randi Fowler is secretary and Phoebe Block is reporter and Aleida Goodyear is the caller. At the first meeting we learned to cast on and to knit the garter stitch.

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IN MEMORIAM

The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5 8 p.m. for the following Brothers who passed away this past year.

Fred Buschke	John McNamee
O.W. Cutsforth	William Archie Munkers
Laurence Doherty	Lester Nelson
Frank Holub	Paul Pettyjohn
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Family, friends and the general public are invited to attend the services.

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Around About

By Justine Weatherford

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By now I should have learned that bragging never pays—just a month ago when Portland was getting fall rain I was writing about our "wonderful sunshine." Then on Sunday morning, Nov. 10, when Ida Farra and I needed to drive to Portland, our snowy, cold, record-shattering weather began. Within nine days Heppner has experienced two power shortages which positively prove how dependent we are on electricity.

How hectic driving long distances became over Thanksgiving. I was thankful that 10 members of my family made it here, and then each branch reached home safely, and kindly called to tell me this.

Following last Friday's great tragedy, thoughtful persons have opened a savings account at Benjamin Franklin Savings and Loan for Sen Vinh. The young widow told me, "Our baby should be born about Christmas."

Several projects are pending in the south county—the matter of the conversion of the Heppner Hotel into retirement apartments, the hope for the formation of a park district above the Willow Creek Dam and the building of a Senior Citizen Building. It is exciting to hear that several county agencies will soon move into the new office building along the highway just north of town.

All these county developments are relatively very small endeavors compared to the possibility of the huge Superconducting Super Collider which might be located in the north county by the U.S. Department of Energy. We are all needing to learn more about this "most elaborate and ambitious physics project ever undertaken." Time Magazine states the proposed underground ring will be 60 miles around and that 28 state are eager to bring it within their boundaries. Statements say that "the project will have an annual operating budget of \$400 million and will enlarge any community chosen by at least 10,000 persons."

Many of us who have been eager for the building of a good, direct road between Ione and Boardman now know that the need for this road could become more urgent. Of course, Oregon must determine which of three proposed sites is the best one to really lobby for. The other two being considered are in the Willamette Valley: one is from south of Tangent to south of Junction City and from Corvallis to Brownsville and the other is further north from south of Portland to north of Salem's Keizer area.

Talking with a few friends about this tremendous possibility for our county, we all agree that it would bring enormous changes—some economically good and possibly some sociologically not so good. People feel that the big impact would be on Umatilla and Hermiston businesses. Everyone knows that a change from a population of around 5,000 to 15,000 in this county would surely mean a great need for more and larger schools.

This Saturday's Artificatory and Greens Workshop should really get everyone into the Christmas mood—which we need to really feel strongly in the Advent Season with the Day of Days only three weeks from today.

Rhea family has Thanksgiving reunion

A Thanksgiving family reunion was held Saturday, Nov. 30, for the Rhea family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ashbeck of the Buttercreek area. 62 family members and three guests were in attendance to enjoy the day's festivities. One particular branch of the family was represented by four generations. The pioneer Rhea family members were born and raised in the Rhea Creek area near Heppner.

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Local churches will be helping:

Monday Dec. 16 - St. Patrick's Catholic, Heppner Nazarene
Tuesday, Dec. 17 - All Sts. Episcopal Hope Lutheran
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