

Fifth Quarter

Sports with Mike Oths

It's that time of year—the college football season is finished with the regular season, but hasn't gotten to the bowl games. Pro football hasn't reached the playoffs yet, either. College basketball and pro basketball are going through the tedious process of weeding out a few teams in preparation for their playoffs. Golf and tennis (except for the Australian Open) have resorted to the team events and other holiday-season abnormalities. It's enough to hasten the start of City League Basketball. We may even have to call another meeting of the Manute Bol fan club.

The Portland Trailblazers continue to string together an astounding year. Quick now, of a 1-3 road trip, who did the Blazers beat: Atlanta, Washington, Boston, or New Jersey? You guessed it—Boston. I don't even try to figure Portland out. Call me in March. I stick by the statement that games right now mean less than nothing to a team like Portland, which will make the playoffs even if it falls asleep. If you don't believe me, call Cleveland fans from last year. From a 2-19 start, the Cavs were one of the better teams in the league at playoff time. If a team can win 10 percent of their first 20 games and still make the playoffs, the big question becomes: "Who cares?" And they wonder why the Blazers draw crowds of 3,000 on the road.

Some of the football bowl games have some interesting match-ups in the "lesser" bowls. Ohio State v. BYU could be an interesting contrast game. A pairing of big-name teams will occur in the Fiesta Bowl, where Nebraska and Michigan will square off. Reportedly, Bo Schembechler almost turned the bid down, however. Bo was heard to say: "Anybody who can beat the Ducks 63-0 may be too tough for my boys." Right.

Baseball has been pretty quiet during the hot stove league. Ah, for the days of blockbuster trades. Any more, the only "news" from baseball is the same as it is during the season—drug testing and players unhappy with \$1 million per year. And so it goes.

The mixed team championship golf tourney on TV was kind of fun to watch. I especially enjoyed the woman golfer whose knee problems were so bad that she had to walk backwards around the course. Her golf was pretty good, however, as her team was among the leaders. Maybe I'll try that approach next spring.

Crystal Ball

As we enter the next-to-the-last week of the season, the CB race is still wide open, with three players still in the running. Dale has refused to turn conservative (or his loyalty is too strong) as he boldly picks the Seahawks to beat the Raiders, in L.A. As usual, our boys went all-or-nothing on Atlanta. Very curious, as the Falcons are usually out of it by halftime. Of course most of our experts took Dallas last week also. America's Team, indeed! Our guest this week is Rick Johnston, who has been itching to try his hand all season. Good luck, Rick.

Standings: Overall (last week) Dale, 109-59 (8-6), Brent 108-60 (8-6), Mike 106-62 (8-6), George 103-65 (7-7), Dave 101-67 (8-6).

| GAME | MIKE | BRENT | GEORGE | DALE | DAVE | JOHNSTON |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------|------|------|----------|
| CHICAGO # NY JETS | CHI | NYJ | CHI | CHI | CHI | NYJ |
| KANSAS CITY # DENVER | DEN | DEN | DEN | DEN | DEN | DEN |
| BUFFALO # PITTSBURGH | PIT | PIT | PIT | PIT | PIT | PIT |
| CINCINNATI # WASHINGTON | CIN | WAS | CIN | WAS | CIN | CIN |
| GREEN BAY # DETROIT | DET | DET | DET | DET | GB | DET |
| HOUSTON # CLEVELAND | CLE | CLE | CLE | CLE | CLE | CLE |
| INDIANAPOLIS # TAMPA BAY | TBY | IND | IND | IND | TBY | IND |
| MINNESOTA # ATLANTA | ATL | ATL | ATL | ATL | MIN | MIN |
| NY GIANTS # DALLAS | DAL | DAL | DAL | DAL | GIA | DAL |
| PHILADELPHIA # SAN DIEGO | SD | SD | SD | SD | SD | SD |
| ST. LOUIS # LA RAMS | LAR | LAR | LAR | LAR | SL | LAR |
| SAN FRANCISCO # NEW ORLEANS | SF | SF | SF | SF | SF | SF |
| SEATTLE # LA RAIDERS | LAR | LAR | LAR | SEA | LAR | LAR |
| NEW ENGLAND # MIAMI | MIA | MIA | MIA | MIA | MIS | MIA |

R & W DRIVE-IN SPORTS QUIZ



Last chance for some participation, as no one entered again last week. The answer to the question: Who was the first NL designated hitter (in the World Series) was Dan Driessen, for Cincinnati in 1976. This week: During ULCA's run of basketball titles, they rarely had close games in the final game. An exception was against a team that eventually was stripped of its second place status due to its star having signed a pro contract before the NCAA tourney. Name the team and the player. Winner will receive a gift certificate from the R & W Drive-In. Entries should be sent to PO Box 509, Heppner, no later than December 20, 1985.

Residential lighting displays judged Dec. 18

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring an Indoor-Outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest in Heppner this year, a chamber spokesperson has announced. The judging committee will be circulating around town Wednesday evening, December 18, to select the winning displays.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each of the two categories in the form of gift certificates. The certificates, \$50,

\$25 and \$10, will be redeemable at chamber members' businesses. Winners of the contest are to be notified the week of December 23.

Front End Alignment

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The Heppner Nazarene Children Present
"Hark, the Herald Angel"
The scene is heaven, where the angel choir is preparing to announce the birth of Jesus.
 We welcome you.
Sunday, Dec. 15
11 a.m. Worship Service

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Umatilla County, Oregon. The FHWA and the City of Pendleton offer at no cost to interested persons, a National Register eligible 311' Warren truss, 3-span bridge for reuse. Some funding may be available for relocation or restoration. Structure will be available until contract is let for the replacement bridge. Contact Jerry Odman, City Manager, City of Pendleton, P.O. Box 190, Pendleton, Oregon 97801, (503) 276-1811.

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HHS honors student and staff



Staff Person of the Month
 Mr. Les Payne is in his ninth year as a teacher at Heppner High. He teaches health, and government-global studies. Payne has coached the football team nine years and is beginning his second year as junior varsity basketball coach.



Student of the Month
 Keith Kennison is a senior at Heppner High School where he leads the class as president. He is also the vice president of the National Honor Society. Kennison has been a member of the band for four years and is currently the student director. He is also a member of the basketball team.

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- **ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN UP TO \$10,000.** Send in 5 non-winning instant tickets to the Oregon Lottery in a Spin Pal envelope, available from retailers. And you could get a second chance to win up to \$10,000.

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 (Based on approximately 25 million tickets in the game.)

| Instant Prize | Number of Winners | Chances of Winning |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Free Ticket | 1,747,200 | 1:14.29 |
| 2 Free Tickets | 149,760 | 1:166.67 |
| \$ 2 | 1,248,000 | 1:20 |
| \$ 4 | 149,760 | 1:166.67 |
| \$ 10 | 49,920 | 1:500 |
| \$ 20 | 49,920 | 1:500 |
| ENTRY | 4,992 | 1:5,000 |
| Become eligible for jackpot drawing when you match: | | |
| \$ 500 | 624 | 1:40,000 |
| \$ 1,000 | 312 | 1:80,000 |
| \$25,000 | 52 | 1:480,000 |
| \$50,000 | 26 | 1:960,000 |
| OVERALL ODDS | 1:400,566 | Better than 1:8 |

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