

Things Looking Up For Denver Broncos

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of dispatches sizing up the prospects of professional football teams for 1963.)

By GENE MEAKINS
 Denver - (UPI) - This could be the Denver Broncos' year to take it all in the American Football league.
 The combination of last season's impressive surge under the new leadership of coach Jack Faulkner, which boosted the Broncos from a two-year doormat to runner-up in the Western division, and an outstanding crop of rookies has sparked the hopes of the coaches and fans alike.
 Denver may be well on the way toward becoming a real pro football town, even if the Broncos fail to live up to everyone's wishful thinking this season.
 Faulkner himself is most enthusiastic.
 "When our ball club settles down they can really play football," he said. "Our only weakness is in the offensive line. We've made a few trades to strengthen our selves though."
 "Our strongest point, I think, is our kicking game. Gene Mingo, I think, is the best field goal kicker in professional football, and Jim Fraser is an excellent punter."
 "We hope to have a better record than last year's 7-7. If we get a few breaks and keep away from injuries, I think we'll be okay."
Ticket Sales Up
 Faulkner, who also is the Broncos' general manager, pointed out that season ticket sales are approaching the 8,000 mark, compared with about 5,000 a year ago.
 "Over all, everything is looking up," he said.
 Four newcomers are expected to break into the starting lineup: 250-pound fullback Billy Joe from Villanova, who has been drawing most of the pre-season raves; running back Clarence Walker, and rookie cornerbacks Tommy Janik from Texas A&I and Charlie Mitchell from Washington. But several other rookies will make the squad, including quarterback Mickey Slaughter of Louisiana Tech.
 Veteran Frank Tripucka, who has "retired" each year for the past two seasons, is looking better than ever at the quarterback spot as he starts his 15th season of pro football.

"Man, that Tripucka is surprising me," Faulkner said. "He keeps getting better all the time."
 Tripucka's favorite targets, ends Lionel Taylor and Gene Prebola, are back again. Taylor led the AFL in receiving in 1962, catching 77 passes for 908 yards.

In addition, the Broncos this week acquired Bill Groman from the Houston Oilers. Groman, who was unhappy at Houston, can be used as a flanker or a split end behind Taylor.
 Team captain Bud McFadin again leads a powerful veteran defensive line of Gordie Holz, Isaac Lassiter and Chuck Gavin.

Additional rookies who figure in Bronco plans are fullback Hewitt Dixon from Florida A&M; tackles Anton Peters, Florida and Tom Nominio, Miami, Ohio; linebackers Forrest Farmer (Purdue) and Leon Simmons (Grambling) and guard C. B. Simmons (Stanford). Dixon and Farmer presently are hobbled by injuries.

Bears Keep NWL Bulge

By United Press International
 Dave Eilers turned in his 21st save of the season and Bob Agular got four extra base hits as Yakima downed Tri-City 8-3 Thursday night to maintain its 1 1/2 game bulge over Salem in the Northwest league.
 Eilers came in in the seventh inning in relief of Hud Gelein with Yakima leading 4-3 and pitched shutout ball the rest of the way.
 Agular pounded out three doubles and a solo homer.
 In other games Thursday night, Salem defeated Lewiston 10-2 and Wenatchee split a doubleheader with Eugene.
 Salem pounded three Lewiston pitchers for 12 hits as Jim Lesebre, Denny Marquardt and Bob Reeves each drove in two runs.
 Wenatchee won the first games 7-1 as Bob Flynn tossed a seven-inning three-hitter. Eugent took the second 4-2.



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COMET DEFENDERS - Three Crater high defensive players pose with Coach Keith Johnson during evening football drill at Central Point. The two linemen are Don Gail, left tackle, and Ross Burd, guard. Behind them are Coach Johnson and Dave Tweedell, linebacker. More than 50 aspirants are out for football for Crater which opens on Sept. 13 at Central Point against Lebanon.

Crater High Tickets Go On Sale

Central Point - Season tickets for Crater High school football games are now on sale at the high school activities office. Don Miller, school activities director, has announced.
 The season tickets sell for \$5.50 for the four home games. Single game reserved seat tickets sell for \$1.50 each. Miller reported that some 1,200 reserves are on sale. Tickets may be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 Crater's first home game is on Friday, Sept. 13, against Lebanon.

Shaw Put On Waivers By Denver

United Press International
 Bobby Walston and George Shaw, two former stars who were attempting comebacks, today joined pro football's growing "army of the unemployed."
 Walston, 34, the second highest scorer in National league history, asked for and received his release from the Boston Patriots of the American league.
 Shaw, considered over the hill as a pro quarterback at the age of 30, was placed on the waiver list by the Denver Broncos of the AFL.
 Walston retired last year after a brilliant 12-year career with the Philadelphia Eagles during which he served as a standout pass-catcher, field goal kicker and point-after-specialist. He reconsidered in June and was signed as a free agent by the Patriots.
Wouldn't Figure
 This time, though, Walston is planning to retire for good. "If I thought I could help the Patriots, I would play the season," he said. "But the way the team shapes up now I wouldn't figure prominently in their plans."
 Shaw played with three NFL teams - the Baltimore Colts, the New York Giants and the Minnesota Vikings - before joining the Broncos last year. The former Oregon star enjoyed a great rookie year with the Colts in 1955 and later wound up playing second-fiddle behind Johnny Unitas.
 He was traded to the Giants in 1959 and again served as an understudy - this time to Charley Conerly. After two seasons at New York, Shaw moved on to Minnesota and thence to Denver, where he was the No. 2 man behind Frank Tripucka, another former NFL signal-caller.

Effect of Oil Leakage Studied

Olympia, Wash. - (UPI) - The report of four biologists on the effect of 4,000 gallons of diesel oil leaked into the Cowlitz river from the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. plant near Longview was under study by Washington State Pollution Control commission today.
 Alfred T. Neale, assistant director of the commission, said it would take some time to evaluate the effect of the oil on fish.
 The oil spread over 17 miles of the river last week when a tank line broke.
 Biologists said the number of fish killed was not immediately determined but the count is expected to be in the thousands.
 Neale said company officials have indicated they want to take steps to replace fish killed by the oil. He said the damaged line was repaired as soon as it was discovered.

New Uses Are Found For Radioisotopes

White Plains, N.Y. - (UPI) - Radioisotopes, a byproduct of research on the atom bomb, are finding new uses in the medical profession's constant war on sickness and injury.
 A new device called "hemolite" uses the principle of radioisotope dilution to measure the circulating blood volume of surgical and other patients. According to its developer, Picker X-Ray corporation, it can tell the surgeon at a glance if internal bleeding in a patient requires an immediate blood transfusion, and also can give important clues in treatment of cardiac and other ailments.

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Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
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"I thought it was great," said Eagle Pointer Charles Pomeroy of his opportunity to shine in the East-West Shrine all-star football game at Pendleton last Saturday night. "It was quite an experience. I surely enjoyed it," he remarked, adding, "I wish we could have won." Pomeroy was an end for the East team. West took the tilt 6 to 0.

"I met a lot of guys from all over, had a good time and played a lot of football," reported Pomeroy of the fracas in which graduates from A-2 and B high schools took part. Pomeroy went all the way on offense and was in the game on defense for five or six plays.

The game was to a large extent one of passes and pass interceptions. Said Pomeroy, who is bound for Southern Oregon college, "It seems that passing was the only way we could move the ball."
 The ex-Eagle Point star was impressed much by his trip through the Shrine hospital at Portland.

Agrees on Passing

Jim Calhoun, St. Mary's of Medford quarterback, agreed with Pomeroy that passes were the only way East could seem to advance but he pointed out that Dave Johnson, from Phoenix high, who played fullback, did real well. Like Pomeroy and Johnson, Calhoun felt that had the East had a few more seconds, it would have at least tied the game. Queried concerning the hour long halftime, Jim said, "We had to go through calisthenics all over again."
 Calhoun also was deeply impressed by the visit to the Shrine hospital, the happiness of the youngsters and their eagerness to see the gridders. He was impressed, too, by the way the players got along with each other. "I really liked that."
 Jim went all the way on defense and about one-third of the way on offense. He did the punting for the East. Calhoun is bound for Southern Oregon college.

GOOD EXPERIENCE

Johnson was impressed by the "whole deal." He said it was "a real good experience, one that will be a lasting one. He agreed with Calhoun that the game was a lot of fun. He liked the way the people backed and supported the game and noted the number of good players and the opportunity to meet a lot of people and "a lot of guys."
 Johnson reported that his

Dove, Bandtail Pigeon Hunting Season To Begin This Sunday

Portland - (UPI) - Hunting season for doves and bandtail pigeons and a limited chance for deer hunters to do some shooting are on the week end schedule in Oregon.
 The dove and pigeon begins Sunday with birds numerous in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, less plentiful in other Eastern Oregon areas, and scattered widely in other parts of the state, according to the state game commission.
 Bag limit is 10 doves and 8 pigeons per day, and 20 and 8, respectively, in possession. Deer hunters holding permits may begin shooting in the Waldport-Mapleton hunt Saturday. That hunt, for buck deer only, also is open Sunday and Monday and again the following week end. The Minam pack hunt in Wallowa County also opens Saturday.
 Several areas open to big game archers Saturday, including Mt. Emily, Canyon Creek, and some management units in other parts of the state.



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