SLIPPING AROUND

With Norm Cardoza

Herald and News Staff Writer

The ski season is showing signs of old age, but it certainly still is spry.

For local skiers Mt. Shasta looks like the best, if not the only, bet. The big bowl is carpeted deeper than a Middle Eastern emir's palace. And the snow is in good shape despite the beating it has been taking from the sun.

Joe Futch, the friendly bowl manager, and his pretty secretary are busy as bird dogs lately, for ski crowds are heavy. They said last weekend the bowl seems to be heading for a record-breaking year, profit-wise.

That is not surprising, since reports indicate the corporation lost money last year. And that was the first year of operation.

Mainly, the trouble is Fortune fails to smile upon the bowl, weatherwise. Its debut was marred by the scantiest winter snowfall on record, or one of the scantiest, and the traditional spring snows that were expected to provide sport into or through July didn't fall.

The pack is right at last year's level at a comparative time of the year (about 120 inches). And the sky looks downright hostile to clouds.

Saturday, the sun was so dazzling it was nearly uncomfortable, and skiers and spectators wore light clothing.

Anyway, Futch is not counting on a season lasting much later than the middle or end of May.

Some important changes were made this year. The management added a halfway station on the big mile-plus-long double chairlift to get around the fog problem. Now, on dark days skiers can get off just under the clouds and still have a nice long run.

The rope tow was extended, too, to terminate just off the lodge yard, eliminating a tough climb for novices.

Limited living quarters — five or six units—have been added, and they are included in a very attractive package deal during weekdays.

A $12 per day package offers tow or lift passage, lodging, two meals and a ski lesson.

Parking facilities were expanded to include a spacious area right at the lodge. There are other new features within the lodge.

The corporation has a number of plans for improvement, but they will have to come in time. One plan is to build quarters with 30 rooms or more for overnighters and vacationers.

Without quarters, a vacationing skier planning to spend, say, a week at the bowl has to drive the 14 miles to the bowl and 14 miles back daily.

He has no guarantee one of those howling nor'westers that often hit the mountain like a shaped charge will not cut off his skiing.

It is my sincere opinion the corporation would have provided living facilities before now except for pressure from southern Siskiyou businessmen who would rather have the ski crowd lucratively down in the flatlands. Some are bowl stockholders.

I asked one such businessman last year why no lodgings were built at the bowl and nearly got a fat lip.

The corporation has not abandoned plans to build a tramway or gondola lift or something like that from the top of the chairlift to a site around 11,000 feet high near one of the mountain's five glaciers.

They ought to give free passage to anyone brave enough to ski down from there.

And as time goes by, the corporation plans to install one or two T-bar or similar lifts.

Plans for summer activities border on the spectacular. But that will provide material for a future column, perhaps.

Futch wonders whether the corporation will break even this year if ever. I think it will soon. Surely this long dry spell has to end sometime and the mountain will again bear skiable snow deep into summer.

New people are moving north all the time, some of them skiers, and the novice crop was huge this year.

As new facilities are added and the mountain and the whole area gain maturity and prestige, they are sure to attract bigger and bigger crowds.

I just don't think people have had a chance to learn about Mt. Shasta yet — the incomparable slopes, its beauty, the fine snow and its long ski season.

It seems to me the corporation ought to fatten up its advertising budget.

CRAZYLEGS HIRSCH
. . . to boss Rams

Ex-Pro Ace New Ram GM

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Old football players don't necessarily fade away. Sometimes they come back, as Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch did as the newly named general manager of the Los Angeles Rams.

Hirsch, whose fantastic catches of passes thrilled Ram fans for nine years until his retirement in 1957, signed a three-year contract Tuesday. He succeeds Pete Rozelle, who moved up to become commissioner of the National Football League.

Salary terms were not divulged but a good guess is that Crazylegs will earn $75,000 for the three years.

Hirsch, a hero in his native Wisconsin since his playing days at Wausau, the University of Wisconsin (1941-42) and Michigan (U.S.) Marine wartime program, 1943), has been active in radio and television since his playing career ended.

In 1951, when the Rams won the NFL championship, he set a league record of 1,495 yards gained on passes and caught 17 touchdown passes.

TWO ENTER "500"

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI) — Wayne Weiler, Phoenix, Ariz., and Jim Packard, Indianapolis, have been nominated as newcomers to the 500-mile speedway auto race. Approval of the two rookies, who qualified for auto racing's "big time" in special tests last summer, raised the list of entries to 30 for one Memorial Day race.

SF's Rigney Claims Two Improvements

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—"I think our front line club is as good as any," declares Manager Bill Rigney of the San Francisco Giants, a man on the baseball spot for 1960.

He points out two factors for improvement over 1959 when the club led the National League most of the way only to finish third.

First, the acquisition of second baseman Don Blasingame, a proven leadoff man, and two pitchers, Billy O'Dell and Billy Loes.

Second, the added year's experience for the younger Giants.

After the 1959 skid, Rigney was rehired but this time received only a one-year contract where he had a pair of two-year pacts previously.

Three Willies—Mays, McCovey and Kirkland—plus Orlando Cepeda provide batting power and with the addition of O'Dell and Loes, the iron-man pitching stmts of last season won't be needed.

Right now Rigney hopes he can use Johnny Antonelli, Sam Jones, Jack Sanford and Mike McCormick exclusively as starters. Stu Miller and Loes are counted on for relief shores.

Rigney figures to carry 10 pitchers and the above seven spots are clinched. There's a fight on for the other three with such candidates as the veterans Al Worthington and Bud Byerly, rookie Georges Maranda and Eddie Fisher who was promoted to the varsity during last season.

Right now you can write down the Giants' batting order and count on it to change very little. Blasingame leads off and plays second base. Following are Jimmy Davenport at third, Mays in center, McCovey at first, Cepeda in left field, Kirkland or Felipe Alou in right, Eddie Bressoud at shortstop and Hobie Landrith catching.

Today's Sport Parade

Buster Crabbe Crabs Over AAU Hypocrisy

By OSCAR FRALEY

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (UPI) — It's time, former Olympic champion Buster Crabbe asserted today, that the United States stopped expecting dollar performances on penny investments in international sports competition.

"We'll do fine in the glamor events in the coming Olympic games," said the 400-meter swimming king of the 1932 Olympics. "But we'll probably get clobbered again in the events which call for dedication and extra financial support."

What's needed, he insisted, is for U.S. athletic officials to shed their hypocrisy and adopt a realistic financial attitude.

"Let's look at it squarely," said the handsome Californian who was raised in Hawaii. "It's no secret that the Russians, and certain other European countries are out and out pros. The Russians are government-supported and many of the European countries, as shown in the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, permit their competitors to operate ski lodges and work as sporting goods salesmen."

Our athletes, on the other hand, are declared pros if they accept "too much" in the way of expense money.

"Wes Santee had the right idea and they barred him," Crabbe exploded gustily. "He figured that if he could save some of his expense money that was his business. I say they should expect the kids who devote their lives to sports to really live first class. Then, if they want to live on a shoestring and keep the balance, it should be up to them."

TIME OUT

"These basketball referees get more dramatic every season, don't they?"

Books Rate Clubs

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves are favored by Las Vegas oddsmakers to wind up in the World Series this year. The world champion Los Angeles Dodgers rate no better than third in the National League. And the Chicago White Sox, American League champions, are a second choice.

Baltimore Colt end Ray Berry caught 66 passes for 959 yards and 14 touchdowns during the 1959 National Football League season.

Cahoon Nets Moore Trophy

This Sunday members of the Klamath Gun Club will vie for a brand new trophy, a silver platter sponsored by Howard Pernell, in the competition at the Wocus Range.

Topping a list of shooters that scored well last Sunday, Curly Cahoon retired the Vern Moore Handicap Trophy. George Cunha and Earl Kent crowded Cahoon for the hardware.

A 25 by John Catalano capped the first 16-yard event in the Journal Telegraphic Shoot Sunday.

The results:

	16 Yd.	Hdcp
Earl Kent	49	47
Bill Davis	49	46
John Catalano	48	46
Dr. J. M. Adams	46	46
Howard Pernell	48	45
Bob Reeves	47	41
George Cunha	47	40
Nelson Reed	46	47
Bill Cooley	46	—
Paul Zahniser	46	46
Vern Moore	46	41
David Robinson	43	43
Newton Weaver	44	22x
Jake Steiger	44	38
Rod Smith	44	—
Jim Wissenbach	41	—
Al Carpenter	36	46
S. Grey	35	11x
Larry Klahn	34	—
John Lichtenstern	23x	46
Lyle Chase	25x	42
Curly Cahoon	22x	49

x—shot at only 25 targets

Indian Rookie Looks Impressive

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Carl Thomas, 6-foot-6 righthander, is the most impressive rookie pitcher in the Cleveland Indians' camp.

The former University of Arizona star has not been scored on in eight innings of exhibition play. Tuesday he allowed the Boston Red Sox only three singles in four innings. Previously he pitched three scoreless innings against the Chicago Cubs and one against the San Francisco Giants.

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CHARTER LEAGUE

	W	L
Bigs Sptg. Goods	66½	37½
Pepsi Cola	64	40
Dorrells Shell	62½	41½
McCloud Horsemen	50½	53½
Southern Pacific	46	58
Dunsmuir KC	44	60
Weed Elec.	41½	62½
McCloud Firemen	41	63

Tuesday results:
Bigs 3, McCloud Horsemen 1
Dorrells 3, Dunsmuir SP 1
Pepsi Cola 3, Weed Elec 1
Dunsmuir KC 2, Firemen 2

High team game—Dorrells Shell 1074
High team series—Dorrells Shell 3016
High ind. game—Leo Smith 213
High ind. series—Bob Witt 569

MAJOR LEAGUE

	W	L
Shasta Lounge	53	25
J & J Clothes	50	28
Coca Cola	45½	32½
Shasta Lanes Kids	41½	36½
Paddys Place	39	38
R. L. Smith	35½	42½
Mt. Shasta Lions	32	46
Mike-Tonys	25½	52½

Tuesday results:
Shasta Lounge 2, J&J Clothes 1
Coca Cola 2, Shasta Kids 1
R. L. Smith 2, Paddys Place 1
Lions 2, Mike-Tonys 1

High team game—Shasta Lounge 930
High team series—Shasta Lounge 2670
High ind. game—Larry Gardner 245
High ind. series—Larry Gardner 647

COFFEE CUP LEAGUE

	W	L
Charm Center	70½	33½
Eagle Equip.	66	38
Tower Furn.	59½	44½
Shirleys Beauty	57	47
Robertson Accordion	55½	48½
Altamont Groc.	55½	48½
Klamath Lockers	44½	59½
Liens Store	43	61
Bramwells Signal	36	68
Walker Bros.	32½	71½

Tuesday results:
Altamont Groc. 3, Walker Bros. 0
Tower Furn. 3, Liens Store 1
Charm Center 3, Klamath Lockers 1
Eagle Equip 3, Shirleys 1
Bramwells 2, Robertson 2

High team game—Tower Furn. 717
High team series—Altamont Groc. 2129
High ind. game—Darlene Perry 179
High ind. series—Ruth Harris 482

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

	W	L
KC No. 2	89½	30½
Roberts Hardware	84	36
Sears	74½	45½
George Crain Builder	68	52
KC No. 1	67	53
Cliff Yaden	66	54
Wright Real Estate	60	60
Harry's Tavern	54	66
KC No. 3	49	71
Shaffer Electric	49	71
Bald Eagles	44	76
Morning Fresh Bakery	15	105

Results:
Shaffer Elec. 4, Bald Eagles 0
KC No. 2 2, Geo. Crain Builder 2
Wright Real Estate 2 Cliff Yaden 2
Morning Fresh Bakery 3, KC No. 3 1
Sears 2, Harry's Tavern 2
Roberts Hardware 4, KC No. 1 0

High team game—Roberts 1015
High team series—Roberts 2806
High ind. game—Harold Campbell 240
High ind. series—Giro Carnini 596

Boosters To Meet

The Pelican Booster Club, after a brief layoff during the annual prep basketball tournament, resumes its regular weekly meetings tonight at 6:30 in the Chuck Wagon Restaurant, according to Harold Howard, club prexy.

Members are reminded that the election of officers is scheduled for this evening's session in addition to other pressing business. Plans for the annual basketball dinner honoring the Klamath Union Pelican Basketball team are also to be concluded.

All Klamath sports fans, members or not, are invited to attend the meeting.

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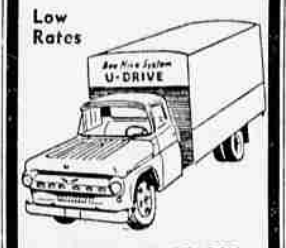

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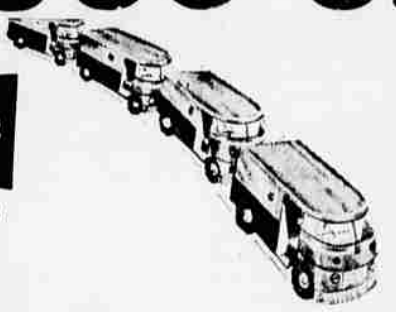

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