

'We're Capable of Beating Anybody' - Foerster

Ex-Falcon Wins Rose Bowl Game

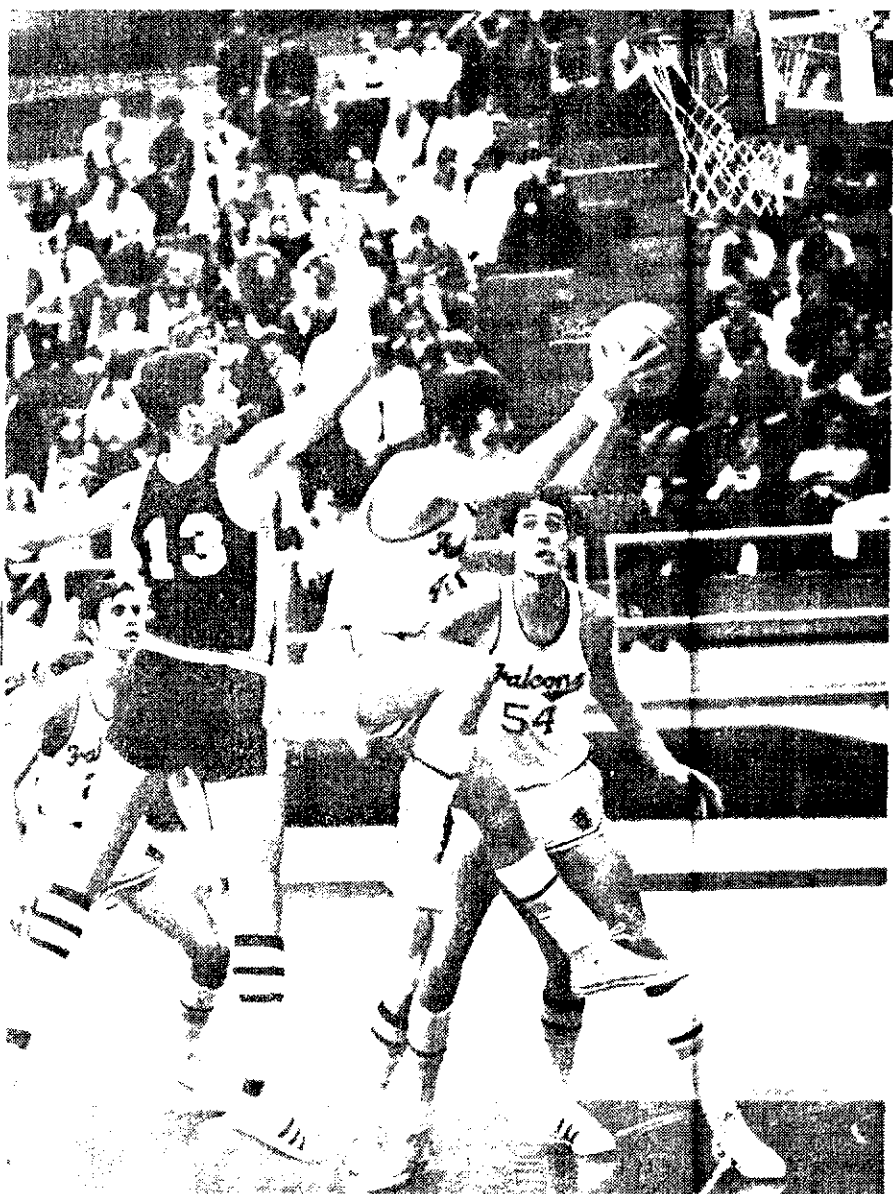
Former Cerritos College placekicker Rod Garcia of La Mirada proved himself quite a hero New Year's Day.

With just 12 seconds remaining in the 1972 Rose Bowl game the first year Stanford kicker booted a 31-yard field goal to upset Big Ten powerhouse Michigan 13-12 who was favored in the annual classic by 10 points.

Garcia, the 1970 Falcon placekicker, holds the Cerritos College record for the longest field goal at 49 yards.

Garcia also kicked a 42-yard field goal in the third quarter to knot the score at 3-3 and hit on one conversion try for a days total of seven Stanford points.

Earlier in the collegiate season Garcia missed on five different occasions against San Jose College who upset the Indians by an identical score, 13-12. Garcia kicked 14 field goals in 1971, 10 in collegiate football.



GALLERY GALLOPS - Falcon basketball forward Larry Gallery leaps through the lane for a rebound as Dave Feenstra (54) looks on. The Falcons open their 1972 South Coast Conference play tomorrow night at the Falcon Gym. Gallery has been named a regular starter for Cerritos in their defense of the 1971 conference title. (TM Photo By George Cormany)

Harris, Robinson In Sudden Death

After 13 weeks of predicting the winners, spanning 188 games, Assistant Football Coach Wayne "Tank" Harris and Dean of Men Richard Robinson have tied in the final Pigskin Predictions held over the holiday vacation.

Both finishing with a 67 per cent winning percentage, Harris and Robinson are forced to compete in a sudden death playoff scheduled for next weekend when the Miami Dolphins and Dallas Cowboys tangle in the Super Bowl.

Both Harris and Robinson will give their predicted score of the Super Bowl, the closest being tagged the 1971 Pigskin Prediction Champion.

Final results for 1971 went as follows:

1. Harris, Asst. Coach	173-61
2. Robinson, Dean of Men	173-61
3. McGinn, Asst. Dir.	172-62
4. Cerritos TM Advisor	171-72
5. Rubalcaba, Sports Editor	171-72
6. Barnes, Sports Editor	168-75
7. Johnson, Head Coach	167-76

Scoreboard CC Super Game; Wine Bowl

By PAUL RUBALCABA
TM Sports Editor

Who said junior college football no longer has a bowl game? Grab your wine bottles and let's head south to the border city of San Diego.

Yep! Blood and alcohol mix mighty fine at San Diego in the annual Cerritos College Wine Bowl Classic.

Rumor has it reservations will be taken in early September for the October 21 football game with San Diego City College.

The annual supporters, from Falcons to thunderbirds and cold ducks, take their football tradition on a wild weekend where a game crowd reaches a size greater than that at some insignificant contest at the Falcons home field.

It's pure blindness if any spectator, amidst a deluge of toxic liquid and booze breath, bypasses a stadium strewn with alcoholic containers following the game.

Blindness? Let's say "spot blindness." It's there but who cares? The sport's there too, but who cares?

The score, 72-0, possesses no significance. Who can see the scoreboard anyhow?

Hey! Look at the pretty red and yellow lights... one Falcon supporter yells as his team has just marched 99 yards in 15 plays, broke seven junior college records, 41 school marks, injured three opponents and leads 66-0 with time remaining in the first quarter.

So who put us in the South Coast Conference anyhow? And who'd attempt to take us out now?

The yearly weekend caravan drew more than 2,000 supporters at San Diego Mesa College this past football season.

Early protest to the Falcons placement in the SCC were well justified. Why play San Diego City and San Diego Mesa Colleges when several freeway tows are not over on the Cerritos pre-conference schedule? The Falcons' closest SCC competitor is Fullerton College.

All much closer are Rio Hondo, Cypress, Golden West, Long Beach and L.A. Harbor Colleges.

Bury a conference realignment however! The 1972 Wine Bowl may draw who knows how many fans next football season? And who's to say or deny that the San Diego Mesa game at the Falcon Stadium on November 4 could be billed down south as the annual northern Booze Bowl.

Basketball Blunder

Someone forgot to tell Wymot High School in Nebraska that the football season had ended.

The all-male school with an enrollment of 59 has lost basketball games of 103-21, 89-21 and 98-29.

Possibly forgetting football and looking ahead to the baseball season Wymot lost its latest game to Niobrara High in Nebraska, 118-4.

Lions - King of the Losers

The lion may be the king of the jungle but thousands of Los Angeles Ram fans would protest that as they watched the drowsy Detroit Lions hand the undeserving San Francisco 49ers a ticket to the NFC playoffs.

Why did Greg Landry, Lion quarterback, go for a first down on their own 40 yard line with a fourth down and one yard to go situation with a slim three point lead, 27-24?

Professionals? I doubt if a prep football team would attempt it during an insignificant pre-season scrimmage with the local junior high team. The Lions roar is now no louder than a newborn kitten at the bottom of a haystack.

The Rams deserved to lose the title, however. But why to San Francisco? Los Angeles beat them twice, 20-13 and 17-6 during the season (sound familiar Dodge fans?).

Why not Atlanta? At least the Falcons tied the Rams, 20-20 in 1971. Or how about New Orleans? The Saints beat the Rams 24-20.

Bruin Magic

"I think John Wooden could split his team, send one East and they'd still wind up playing each other in the NCAA finals," said new coach Dick "Dagger" Phelps of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame University prior to his loss to UCLA, 73-56 on December 22.

Notre Dame also had a struggle adapting to the new sport as the Irish dropped a game to Big Ten representative, Indiana, 94-29. Notre Dame's worst loss in history.

Ailing Feenstra Hopeful, SCC Defending Champs Meet SDC

By PAUL RUBALCABA
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"We're capable of beating anybody," stated Cerritos basketball coach Bob Foerster prior to his South Coast Conference debut tomorrow night against the Knights of San Diego City College.

The Falcons, defending conference champs and state title runner-ups last year, will make their bid for the title beginning at 8 p.m. at the Falcon Gymnasium.

"Fullerton is the conference favorite but we have a definite shot at the title," added Foerster whose Falcons are now on the verge of snapping a four game losing streak which started at the Modesto Tournament on December 17.

"We're playing really fine but we have to gain more board strength," said assistant coach Jack Bogdanovich after his Falcons have lost their last two games in overtime.

One major blow to the team was the loss of 6'10" center Dave Feenstra whose a hospital in tomorrow's contest recovering from a holiday ailment which benched him from Cerritos last two games.

Cerritos, toting a 7-8 record into the game, has lost seven of their battles in the final quarter. The only game we were completely out of was the Long Beach City game," said Foerster.

Long Beach City College, defending state champions, is currently tops in the state junior college basketball poll and defeated the Falcons earlier in the year 92-80.

Mateo Mauled, 108-62

Opening the Modesto Tournament, the Falcons continued their offensive barrage by jumping to a 59-37 lead at halftime over first round opponent San Mateo College.

Led by Ron Kruidhof's 19 points, the Falcons went on to dump San Mateo 108-62. Three other Falcons reached double figures as George Rodriguez (16), Norm Maggard (12), and Woody Tollefson (10) balanced out the Falcon onslaught. Twelve players saw action by the final period and the win upped the Falcon record to 6-4 on the year.

Dons Dumped, 99-74

Kruidhof once again sparked the Cerritos offense as he poured in 22 points to beat South Coast Conference foe, Santa Ana College 99-74 in the Modesto Tournaments quarter final bout.

Dave Feenstra (16), Larry Gallery (15), and George Rodriguez (11) once again displayed the Falcons well-balanced attack.

Laney Wins, 62-56

Considered by coach Bogdanovich as the best team in Northern California, Laney College had quite a battle with the Cerritos five.

Tied most of the way, Cerritos jumped to a six point lead in the final minutes of the game only to fall prey to Laney 62-56 which sent Cerritos into the consolation bracket and Laney to meet Long Beach City.

Kruidhof led all scorers once again with 16 and the only other Falcon to reach double figures was Maggard with 10.

Merritt Squeaks, 70-67

Merritt College, another northern power, entered the consolation game as losers to Long Beach. Once again the Falcons took a late lead and blew it as Merritt handed Cerritos their second straight loss, 70-67 and a fourth place finish in the tourney.

Showing consistency throughout the pre-season, Kruidhof led all scorers with 27 points as Rodriguez added 15 and Feenstra and Maggard had ten points each.

Long Beach City won the Modesto Tournament by defeating Laney College.

Compton Wins, 81-77

Following the Christmas holiday the Falcons travelled to the Santa Monica Tournament where a rugged Compton College team was paired with Cerritos in the first round.

Without the services of Feenstra and the flu bug staggering the Falcons leading scorer Ron Kruidhof (20.9 per game), Cerritos put together a superb attack which, at the end of regulation time, had the two teams knotted at 70 apiece.

Lacking height for board strength the Falcons were outscored 11-7 in the overtime period and Compton advanced in the tourney.

Despite Kruidhof's ailments he remained the Falcons leading scorer with 23 points as Gallery added 15 and Rodriguez 11.

Overtime Loss, 101-98

For the second time this season the Falcons met L.A. Harbor College in the tournaments consolation bracket. Previous winners, 81-73 Harbor had more trouble without the services of Feenstra and the ailing Kruidhof.

Shrugging off his sickness once again, Kruidhof poured in a season high of 32 points to take the game into overtime, locked at 83-83. Both the Falcons and Seahawks scored five points in the first overtime period sending it into a double overtime which the Seahawks won, 13-10.

Rodriguez tallied 19, Maggard 15 and Jeff Webb 12 for the Cerritos cause.

One change in starting positions will go into effect tomorrow night as 6'1" sophomore Larry Gallery replaces Woody Tollefson at the forward position.

Cerritos next home game will be on January 19 at 8 p.m. against Orange Coast College.

The Hot Hands

Player	Starter	Stats	Per Game Avg.
Ron Kruidhof (F)			21.7
Dave Feenstra (C)			14.4
Norm Maggard (G)			11.7
George Rodriguez (G)			11.2
Larry Gallery (F)			7.3
Off The Beach			
Woody Tollefson (F)			8.1
Jeff Webb (C)			5.6
Jack Blea (G)			4.7
Dave Hill (G)			3.9
Mike Moniz (G)			3.8
Dan Parks (F)			3.6
Richard Anderson (C)			3.4

Wrestlers Start Season's 'Second Half' at Fresno

After impressive showings in the Cerritos and Pierce 4-way competitions, the Cerritos wrestlers enter into what Coach Hal Simonek likes to call the second part of the season.

"The division of the season into two halves can be easily done by taking a quick glance at the schedule. After competing in two 4-way competitions, the Southwestern Tournament and a dual meet against El Camino in 18 days, the Falcons have a layoff of almost four weeks before they entered the Fresno Tournament yesterday.

The time off is put to good use, according to coach Simonek. "We go back to weight training, learning, skill sessions and conditioning, hard conditioning," he added.

"The Fresno Tournament will continue through tomorrow with at least 35-40 teams invited.

"This is one of the biggest and toughest matches of the year. It should be even better than the State match," said Coach Simonek.



FROM A NEW ANGLE - The Cerritos Wrestling squad opened the second half of the season yesterday at the Fresno Tournament which attracts nearly 40 teams. Results were unavailable at press time. (TM Photo by Jeff Ringsrud)

A Winning Formula Introduced at Banquet Adversity Prior to Motivation

December 15 in the Student Center.

"You can take a man out of Cerritos, but never Cerritos out of a man," said Don Striant, dean of student personnel, as he introduced Bob Horn, Cerritos' first water polo head coach, at the 1971 Water Polo and Cross Country Banquet.

Adversities Before Motivation

"I don't know why," said Horn who spoke of motivation in athletics, "but how come you have to have adversities before you become motivated?"

Horn was speaking of his experiences with competitive teams and how all of his winning seasons were triggered by several of his teammates having personal problems.

"No athlete has God given abilities, motivation is the key. I don't think any of us come close to our potentials and it's really puzzling how adversities plays such a vital role."



CHAMPIONSHIP COACH

Horn's 1971 Bruins won the NCAA water polo crown for its second time since he took the reins at UCLA. He recalled such an adversity this season when the Bruins met their "mortal enemy," USC, and lost.

Our guys practiced twice as hard after that," he said also recalling a later matchup with the Stanford Indians which went into "sudden death." "The practices picked up once again and we went on to win the title," said Horn.

So Many Problems

"I never had a team with so many problems. Yet we won. When I find out the formula I'll send it to you," said Horn singling out Cerritos coaches, Pat Tyne and Dave Kamanski.

The presentation of awards for the cross country team was done by head coach Dave Kamanski who led his runners to a ninth place finish in the Southern California finals in a 45 team circuit.