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People in Sports

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Owens Proud of Latest Medal

Jesse Owens, who always has maintained he was not disappointed at being "snubbed" by Adolf Hitler at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, was in town yesterday to

are invited," said Owens, a member of the United States Olympic Committee for the 1976 Games in Montreal, which helped raise over \$1 million for the United States

Yugoslav basketball officials in Belgrade said they hoped Drazen Dalipagic would think twice before leaving the national team for

President Ford's Night Out With the Boys

Star 7/14/76

David Israel

Gerald R. Ford, the President of the United States, was sitting behind the desk of his airplane, Air Force One. He had just finished a dinner of Coquilles St. Jacques and cole slaw. The plane had departed Andrews Air Force Base nearly a half hour earlier, and it was almost time to land at Philadelphia International Airport. Jerry Ford looked up at the attendant who was serving dinner.

"Do I have time for my favorite dessert?" the President of the United States asked the attendant.

The attendant assured the President that, yes, sir, there certainly was time. And then he brought out two scoops of chocolate chip ice cream.

ON THIS night, the attendant could

not have had a different answer. On this night, Jerry Ford was out with the boys. He was going to the All-Star baseball game in Philadelphia, and for a few hours he was going to forget that he is President and that he is involved in a difficult election campaign. Instead of political people, Ford surrounded himself with sports people. Riding in his compartment on Air Force One were his son, Jack; Joe Garagiola, the baseball announcer; Ernie Banks, the retired baseball player, and three sports writers, John Underwood of Sports Illustrated, Jim Murray of the Los Angeles Times and myself.

Not once was the name of Ronald Reagan mentioned. Not once did anyone talk about Uganda or Angola or Middle Eastern politics or eco-

nomie problems or busing. No one even suggested that the evening's expedition was a shrewd and apparently calculated political move because of all the national television exposure the President would get by throwing out the first ball while the Democrats were boring the nation on the other two networks.

INSTEAD, Garagiola, who was a journeyman catcher, told stories and jokes. He told Banks, who played for the Chicago Cubs and will most cer-

tainly be elected to the Hall of Fame next winter when he becomes eligible, that he never knew what a thrill it was to come to a ballpark and look at the line-up card to see if your name was on it. He told about the manager who put him in the line-up against the wild left-hander so Wes Westrum, the first string catcher, would not get hurt.

And the President responded with stories about his athletic career at the University of Michigan and about his memories of baseball. "I got a

scar under this eye," Ford said placing his index finger under his left eye, "or is it this eye, from tackling Jay Berwanger in a game in 1934. Chicago was great that year. They beat us 30-0, I think." It was the left eye, and the 42-year-old scar is still noticeable.

The President said that he saw Bob Feller pitch his first game in Yankee Stadium while he was a law student and an assistant football coach at Yale. Greasy Neale, who was on the Yale coaching staff, had played major league baseball, and he got tickets, the President said, and a group of Yalies went to watch Feller pitch. He also recalled that he was attending a doubleheader between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators in Griffith

Stadium with his sons Jack and Michael when his daughter, Susan, was born in 1957. He said that he thinks she was born during the seventh inning of the first game, but that he cannot remember the score of the game and that maybe he should take Casey Stengel's advice and look it up.

THE PRESIDENT talked, too, of the political turmoil surrounding the Olympic Games. He expressed, again, dismay with the decision of the Canadian government to refuse permission to allow the team from the Republic of China to participate in the games. He said that he would await the outcome of the Internation-

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President to Rival Democrats on TV by Visit to All-Star Game

The White House denies it's political, ABC officials are undoubtedly ecstatic, and Mark Fidrych could probably care less, but the President of the United States is attending baseball's All-Star game.

President Ford will attend the game in Philadelphia tomorrow at 8 p.m., as NBC and CBS are locked into their gavel-to-gavel coverage of

the Democratic party's national convention.

Meanwhile, Ford and a large proportion of the national television audience will be watching what promises to be one of baseball's most interesting All-Star games ever.

MARK FIDRYCH, the Detroit Tigers' rookie whose antics can fill a stadium at the drop of a hat, is slated

to start on the mound for the American League.

Just exactly who will be watching what tomorrow night has been a major topic of discussion among television ratings experts. ABC landed the All-Star contract two months before the Democrats selected a time and place for their convention, but with the other major networks involved with wall-to-wall Democrats,

ABC officials now believe they struck gold.

"We lucked out on that one" an ABC official told The Star recently.

As matters developed, Ford has apparently lucked out too, in his politically shrewd decision to be in the same place at the same time as Fidrych and the network cameras

The White House, though, is quick to deny political motivation.

ALTHOUGH A White House press aide couldn't recall Ford's ever attending a major league baseball game — in or out of the White House — a quick denial was issued that Ford was trying to upstage the Democrats by going along for a ride with Fidrych and company.

"No, he's just going," the press

aide said today. "I don't think it has anything at all to do with that (politics)."

Ford plans to leave the White House about two hours before the game, and will return to Washington immediately after it, a press spokesman said.

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2 Miles Up, Ford Relaxes With Golf

By JAMES M. NAUGHTON

Special to The New York Times

VAIL, Colo., Aug. 12—
"Ohhh!" exclaimed the President of the United States in mild exasperation as he three-putted the the third green of a golf course nestled nearly two miles up in the Rockies

and nightclubbing with friends on his first evening in Vail.

Decked out himself in a knit Tee shirt and striped jeans and eager to get to a tennis match, Mr. Nessen conceded at a news briefing that

among other standards.

Eventually they changed partners. Mrs. Ford danced with Pepi Gramshammer, a one-time Austrian ski champion who owns the night spot, while the President tripped fantastic lights with Mr. Gramshammer's wife,



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Siki's Back With the Team

By John Sherwood
Star-News Staff Writer

Yesterday the day was all for "Siki." Good and funny and lost Siki, the little end with the big words and ready wit.

They hadn't seen him for 44 years, but Silas (Siki) McGee 61, finally had made it to the annual reunion of the South High School football team of 1930.

Today, without question, belongs to "Junie." Brawny and solid and brave Junie, the tall center who has come a long way since he wore No. 13 for dear old South High.

When Siki last met Gerald (Junie) Ford, Jr., Junie was captain of the team. "Now he's captain of the country," Siki says.

Every Thanksgiving Day for 44 years, members of that championship squad have met loyally for breakfast before the big holiday game in Grand Rapids.

Mich. But yesterday's reunion was different from all the rest. The long lost Siki was there.

"MY HUSBAND probably wouldn't admit it," said Mrs. Peter Dood, "but he was more excited about meeting Siki than he was about going to the White House and meeting Junie.

The old jocks from Michigan suddenly found themselves bumping into one another yesterday in the hallway of the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel in Arlington.

It was like the old meetings in the old runways to the old locker rooms. The men exploded in displays of good fellowship. There was a sheer, contagious jubilation in the halls. They even wore "WIN" pins.

Friendly punches were thrown at chests that had long since collapsed into stomachs. Whatever

was left of hair that had turned gray was mussed, and backs were pounded as if they were still protected by shoulder pads.

To look at these old kids, one would think they were somehow still a team and still undefeated.

SIKI, of course, was the center of things. The retired San Francisco longshoreman was trembling with excitement. After 44 years, the familiar faces came flashing back in the huddles of oldtimers. "Boy, we used to get in there and get them, didn't we?" Siki said.

Nearly all of the living team members were drawn to Washington for a promised noon brunch at Junie's White House today, but yesterday they were back wearing the leather helmets and the royal blue jerseys of dear old South High. Do you remem-

ber this, they said. Do you remember that, they said.

Junie's best friend, high-scoring quarterback Allan Elliott (who wore No. 12) was diagramming his favorite play, sweep 78, from a short punt formation. In that 1930 season Elliott scored three touchdowns (quarterbacks ran all the time then) in the 18-6 opener.

"I don't know what it was about that team," Elliott recalled, "but we just knew we had something. The summer before that last season we all went up to Junie's place on the lake and worked out for about three weeks voluntarily. It was illegal, but we did it anyway. We were that serious, and we always had such a great time together."

JOSLIN (No. 17) was remembering those great, gone days of
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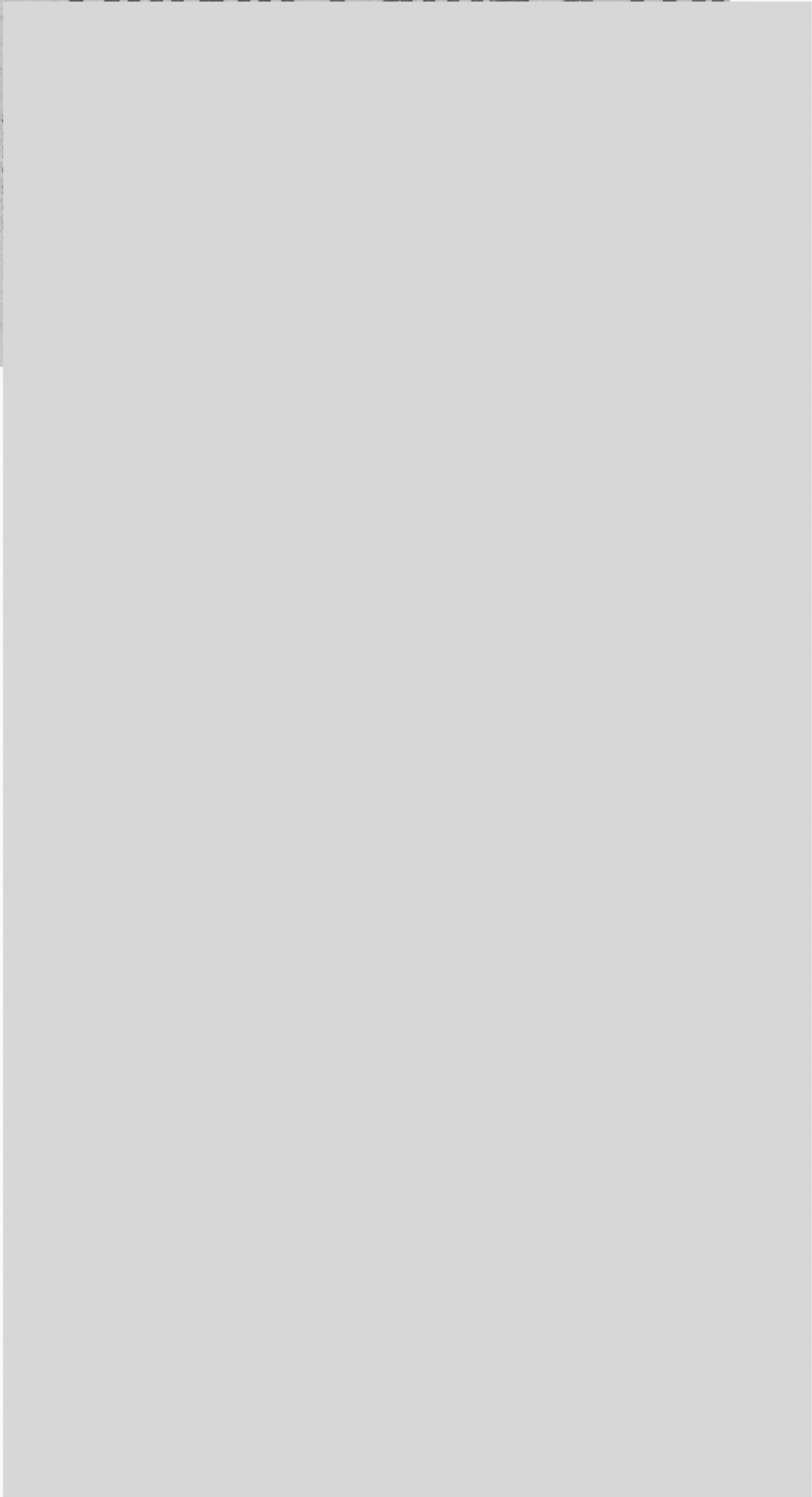
—Star-News Photographer Pete Schmick

Silas (Siki) McGee (left) with teammates Elliott and Trimpe.

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Retired San Francisco longshoreman Silas McGee, 61, said he'd "hop a freight" if he had to to attend Presi-

know, Junie, you really went places," said McGee, who hasn't seen Mr. Ford since 1930.

his home, and performed in Cleveland, Washington and Chicago.



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Gerald Ford — On or Off the Field, Well Liked

By Jerald F. terHorst

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The year 1929 stands out vividly in Jerry Ford's memory. His father and a business associate formed the Ford Paint & Varnish Company to produce and sell top-quality paints, varnishes and related products to the booming Grand Rapids woodworking industry.

The family moved to a fine big home in East Grand Rapids, the fashionable sector of town.

And Jerry became a star on the South High School football team.

This is the third of seven articles excerpted from a biography of President Ford which his press secretary, Jerald F. terHorst, then a Detroit News reporter, was writing when Ford became President.

The stock market crash of 1929 nearly wiped out the fledgling paint company and the family's savings. The new home in East Grand Rapids had to be forfeited because Dad Ford could not meet the mortgage payments. He man-

aged to find another on easier terms. For Jerry, then 16, life acquired a hectic pace.

The new home was several miles outside the South High district, but Jerry wanted to finish high school there and obtained school board permission to do so.

IT MEANT getting up very early to catch a bus downtown, transferring to another that took him out to the school, and repeating the 50-minute process after football practice was over late in the day.

Going down was not too bad, he recalls, because he could use the time to study.

But going home was harder. Dog-tired and sore, he had to struggle to stay awake so as not to miss the right bus stop. Some days only the exhilaration of the game kept him going. That and a healthy respect for Coach Clifford Gettings.

Gettings was a hulk of a man, a fine athlete in his youth, who possessed a knack for turning out winning teams in a region noted for powerhouse single-wing foot-

ball. Big colleges like the University of Michigan and Notre Dame regularly scouted the squads at South High and at Union High, the bitter rivals across the river in a heavily Polish neighborhood.

Gettings also had a reputation as a stern taskmaster. Fundamentals had to be mastered; shirkers were booted off the squad, inattentive players were booted in the rear.

GETTINGS would storm up and down the practice field,


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So Gerald Ford lost out to Ronald Reagan. This according to the Custom Tailor



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UPI Telephoto
Silas McGee, San Francisco longshoreman and teammate of President Ford in high school, reminisces with the chief executive before brunch at White House.

Mich. Champions Visit Ol' Buddy

Daily News By FRANK JACKMAN 11/29/74
Washington, Nov. 28 (News Bureau)—They were middle-aged and somewhat paunchy and what hair they had was gray, but for a few moments at least, on this crisp fall day, they were the South High "Trojans" of 1930 again, Class A state football cham-



Jerry Ford Host At 44th Reunion Of Football Team

By Bob Addie and Tom Shales

Washington Post Staff Writers

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The other centerpiece was Silas McGee, starting end for the South High Trojans of 1930 and, as described by coach Clifford Gettings, 72, "the only colored boy on the squad—but a fine one." McGee is 61. He hadn't attended any of the previous reunions.

Life has dealt variously with the high school champions of 1930, and McGee best exemplifies the span of fate.

The other first-string end on the South High team was Leon Joslin, now a real estate broker.

"We called McGee 'Sikey,'" Joslin recalled. "We had sort of lost track of him and he never attended our reunions. I live in Seattle, and I had heard that he was a longshoreman in San Francisco. I went up to find him last year and finally traced him through the union.

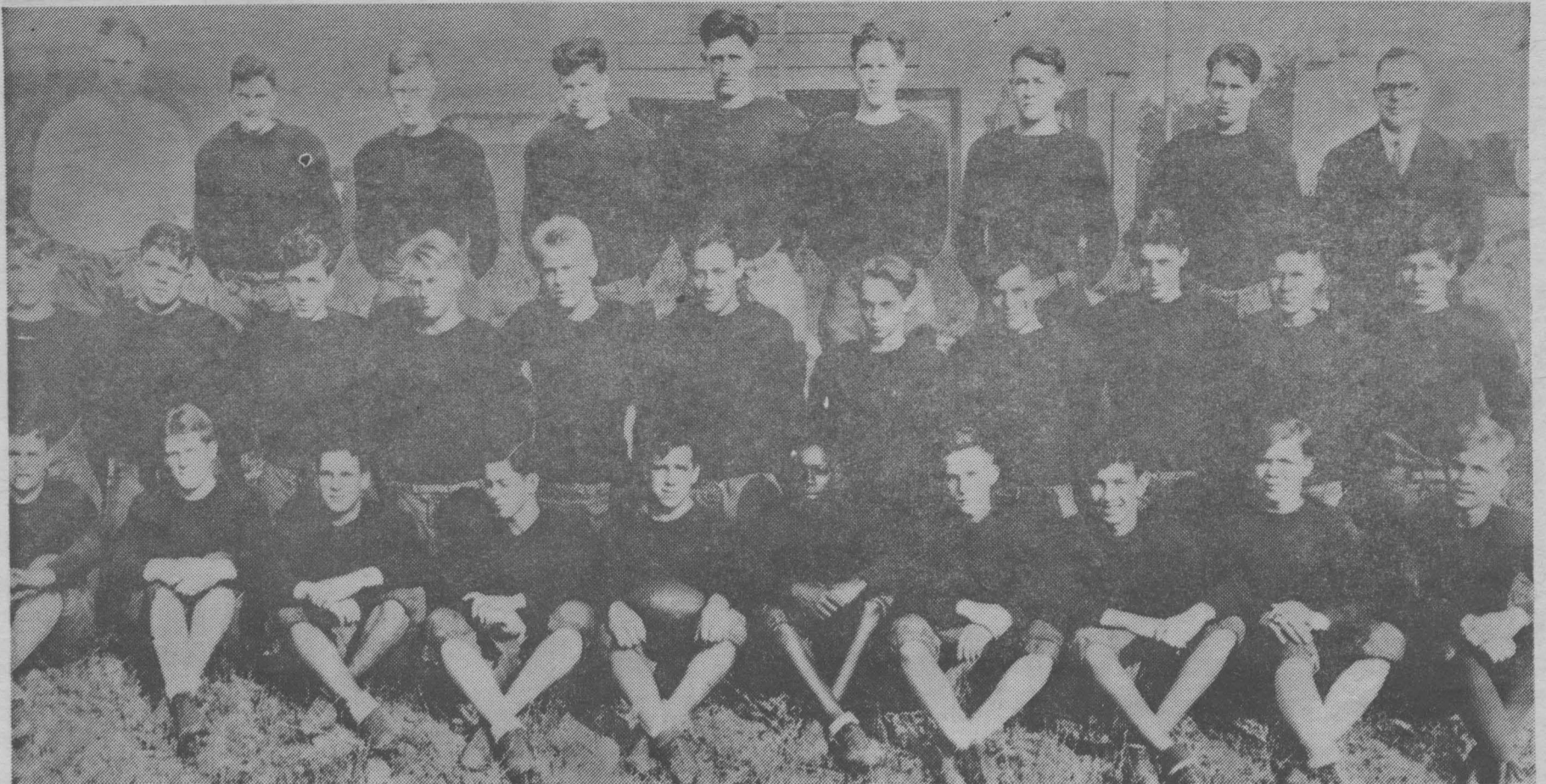
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Sikey McGee was embracing everybody in the Blue Room yesterday, including the President. "I don't care what he became," said McGee, "he was always a guy I loved. He was always down to earth like the rest of this group."

A collection was taken up for McGee—now retired—to

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South High's Ford (middle row, fifth from left) set special training rules and twice made All-State.

THE FORD FAMILY

Daily News, Aug. 20, 1974

'Junie' was an answer to a coach's dream

By ANN WOOD and PAUL HEALY Of The News Washington Bureau Third of a series

Gerald Rudolph Ford can be called the first "jock" to become President of the U.S., since he was the first bigtime athlete whose football career launched him on the

prescribed bedtime hours and banned smoking, drinking and eating pastries, among other things. Gittings said that 99% of the players lived up to them. Those were the rugged days when the first stringers played on both offense

Ford won the "Best Prospect" award after the 1932 season but hurt his knee the next fall and was out of the running for first string center early. It was no disgrace to be beaten out by Chuck Bernard, who became an All-

Ford saw a chance to realize two dreams at once—to stay in football and simultaneously study law. His stepfather, whom he greatly respected, wanted Jerry to become a lawyer.

Pond offered him \$2,400 a year to

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MEMORIES — President Ford catches football flipped by Silas McGee, one of Mr. Ford's high

school teammates in Grand Rapids, Mich., on lawn of the White House during reunion of team.

(AP Wirephoto)

PRESIDENT HOST TO TEAMMATES

Old South High Team Gathers in White House With Captain

From Times Wire Services

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The other first string end on the South team was Leon Joslin, now a real estate man. Joslin has the look and build of the athlete. His shoulders are gaunt but sturdy, like a tree in the wind.

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Pools and Books for Presidents

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By Isabelle Shelton
Washington Star Staff Writer

The new White House outdoor swimming pool that President Ford first swam in yesterday is the latest in a long line of gifts the American people have given their presidents for their entertainment, recreation and study.

The White House already had an inside pool (no longer in use), two bowling alleys, a library, a movie theater, a stereo set with a huge record collection, two book collections, a pool table and a tennis court, all of them gifts. There used to be a putting green too but the last administration removed it.

The earlier White House pool was converted by the Nixon administration into enlarged press quarters. It was given in 1933 to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who needed the daily swim to exercise his polio-shrunken legs.

Forty-four newspapers in New York state, where Roosevelt had been governor, conducted the fund drive, spearheaded by the New York Daily News (which later came to be one of FDR's harshest critics).

THE 15X50-FOOT indoor pool, located in former storage space in the portico that connects the West Wing with the executive mansion, cost \$22,316 in 1933.

Roosevelt and his large family and their children used the pool daily. The Eisenhower grandchildren used it a lot, as did President Truman and his daughter, Margaret. So did Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and their families. Johnson also shocked sensitive souls by conducting affairs of state there while swimming naked.

Ford's new 22x55-foot heated outdoor pool, constructed on the South Grounds behind the President's Oval Office, is costing an estimated \$63,314.

There has been no final decision on what will be done with the balance of the \$118,495 contributed by the general public, but part of it almost certainly will be used to build a poolside bath house of some sort. At present, the President has to change into his swimming trunks in his office, or go back to the family quarters in the mansion to change.

ALL OF THE FORDS loved their backyard swimming pool when they lived in Alexandria, and the new pool is expected to be used extensively by all of them — probably twice a day by the President.

There has been some discussion by White House staff members about whether they will ever be allowed to use the pool. The original announcement said it was for "the President and his guests," and there has been no further definition of the word "guests." The pool is unlikely



—United Press International

President Ford with some embarrassment swims his first official lap in the new 22-by-55-foot White House pool before an audience of some 70 reporters and photographers. Actually, he admitted it was his third time in the \$66,840 heated pool, which was built with private donations. The pool is located near his oval office.

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Stars Have Tee With the President

By PAUL HEALY

Of The News Washington Bureau

Inverrary Golf Club, Fla., Feb.

26—A relaxed President Ford won the delighted roar of the crowd but

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of fans, reporters, and cameramen pursuing him. Nicklaus shot a 32 for the same nine holes.

Ford began in fine form, whacking out a 190-yard drive off the first tee that landed a few feet beyond Nicklaus'

insignia. Gleason was flamboyant in bright blue slacks and red patent leather shoes. Gleason and Hope rode in a six-cart convoy—Gleason's car flaunting a Rolls-Royce grille. Ford walked all the way

NCAA championships in works for women

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By the Associated Press

Washington

The National Collegiate Athletic Association will begin a pilot program, possibly this spring, to develop national sports championships for

comparable to those now provided for men.

However, Swank said the NCAA's action was taken only partly as a result of the forthcoming implementation of Title IX, the controversial federal regulation which essentially calls for equal treatment for men and

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Vikings, Steelers Achieve Super Bowl



14-10 Loss Raiders Suffer
Shelves Rams Upset, 24-13

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because the Rams took the kickoff and went on the ground.



Dave Osborn leaps to the top of the heap and touchdown sets up a 14-3 lead over Rams. Fran was a fourth-down play climaxing a drive of the Minnesota Vikings to the top of the NFC as Tarkenton, who handed off, gives high sign. It 80 yards after Rams were thwarted at goal.

United Press International

Islanders Humiliate Capitals With 7-0 Thrashing

By Robert Facht
Washington Post Staff Writer
The New York Islanders seem to bring out the worst in the Washington Capitals.

somebody would have thrown in the towel. As it was, most of the 11,010 fans called an early halt, heading for the gates long before the finish.

trical malfunctions were trivial compared with the malfunctioning Capitals.

It took more than 12 minutes for the Capitals to man-

termission. As they headed for their dressing room, they could read the sign over their heads: "The Capitals: Last in the NHL, First

man Bill Mikkelson lost the puck to Ernie Hicke behind the Capitals' net. Hicke passed to Billy Harris, who cut a few figures before whipping his 16th goal past

to yards to score.
A 10-yard pass from Harris to tight end Bob Klein got the Rams moving and then

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Page, Vikings 'Outlucked' Bitter Rams

By Kenneth Denlinger
Washington Post Staff Writer
BLOOMINGTON, Minn., Dec. 29—First impressions often are the most accurate, and the Viking who yelped "Any way is good" almost immediately after his team won the National Conference championship today said it best.

The Vikings' 14-10 victory over the Rams generally defied belief, let alone analysis. There were two fumbles,

Analysis

two interceptions and assorted drops and holds—in the first quarter.

In all, the happening included moments of excellence and minutes of ineptness, a touchdown pass on a pattern called "post banana" and the Rams making at least 17 mistakes and nearly winning.

"Strange," said Alan Page. "I don't ever think I've seen

Oakland was ahead 10-3 going into the final period, but as Greene said, "I could see they were getting frustrated."

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This Morning

with
William Barry Furlong

'Miracles' of Steelers, Or Why They Were There

OAKLAND, Dec. 29—In the darkling hours, the abandoned called for miracles. So it was in Oakland this afternoon as the seconds ticked off to oblivion and to Pittsburgh's 24-13 triumph over the Oakland Raiders. There had been "miracles" before: Oakland's 28-26 last half-minute win over the Miami Dolphins a week ago, for example.

But the tragedy of losing is not akin to the tragedy of man.

The miracles that some people on the Raiders prayed for this season—and the tragedies they suffered—were of a higher order than that of winning or losing. Tom Dahms, the defensive line coach of the Raiders, lost twin sons to muscular dystrophy this year; Paul Roach, the offensive backfield coach, saw his wife suffer a stroke that left her partially paralyzed. We forget, until then, that tragedy is more than a football score.

If there were miracles happening on Sunday afternoon, they were happening to men, not games. They involved



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Jeff Siemon (50) of the Vikings wraps up Jim Bertelsen of the Rams to cut short a good second-quarter gain.

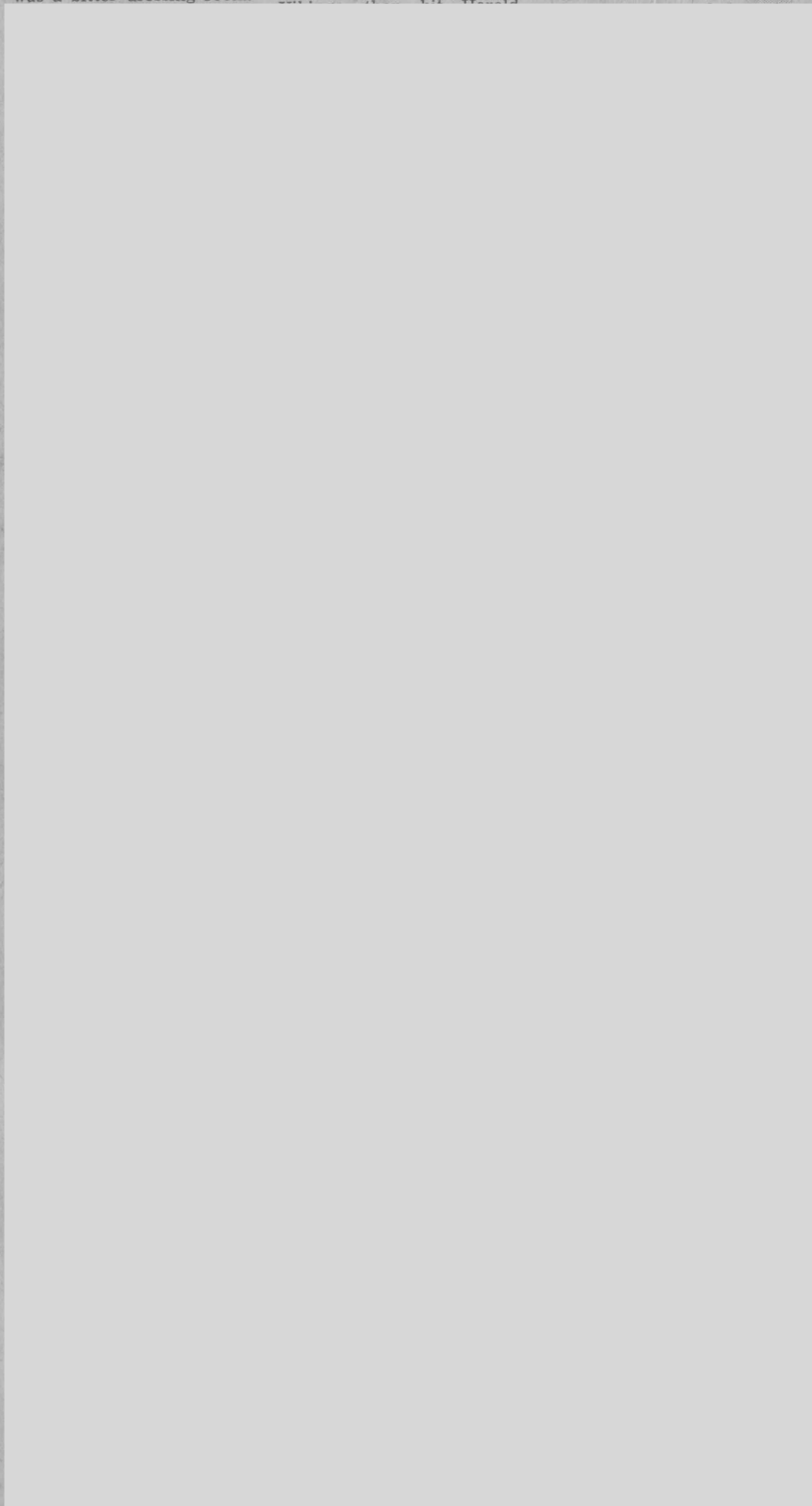
Rams Dispute Motion Call

ANALYSIS, From D1

The Rams agreed. Theirs was a bitter dressing room.

game involved each quarter-back. On one, Harris somehow escaped from three

successful, to produce a 31-yard touchdown to the fellow running the "post-banana" route, Jim Lash.



Vikings Defeat Rams in NFC Final

VIKINGS, From D1

the quarterback split the Minnesota defense wide open on a pass which Jackson caught on the Vikings' 25. He completed the 44-yard touchdown play by eluding diving tackles by defensive backs Nate Wright and Jeff Wright.

David Ray's conversion narrowed the Viking margin to 14-10 with plenty of time left,

Minnesota got a lucky break when a fumble by running back Chuck Foreman was recovered by tackle Charles Goodrum for a 21-yard gain, after Los Angeles defensive back Al Clark missed a shot at the loose ball.

Despite the tenacity of the Los Angeles defenders Tarkenton met two third-down and a fourth-down challenge

down success he showed his temper, shouting at Rams' left defensive end Jack Youngblood. Tight end Stu Voigt moved in and engaged in a shoving match with Youngblood before officials intervened.

"Youngblood was trying to strip the ball away from Fran," Voigt said. "That was their only hope. But I wanted to protect Fran."

shame, but they shouldn't. They had the best defense we played against this season, and last season.

"In a game as aggressive as this one, there was going to be all kinds of bounces. The defenses were fired-up, fighting, feisty, talking it up, they came out so hyped up."

Tarkenton said of his second shot at winning the

thought I could beat Wright to the corner."

Wright said, "I was just praying he wouldn't cut back. I had a slight angle on him and just took off for the corner of the end zone. He could beat me in a foot race all day long."

Tarkenton was under heavy pressure in the early going and was off target until he launched a 60-yard drive in the second quarter

But the Minnesota defense mounted savage pressure on Harris, using a five man line

while killing the last 3 minutes 37 seconds. There were 66 seconds remaining when Tarkenton

Tarkenton dismissed the incident, saying, "We did a lot of talking during the game, particularly with my

Super Bowl, we are a team of destiny. The other guys think they are too and are going to win. So do we."

with passes of 11 yards to wide receiver Lash and 18 to flanker John Gilliam.

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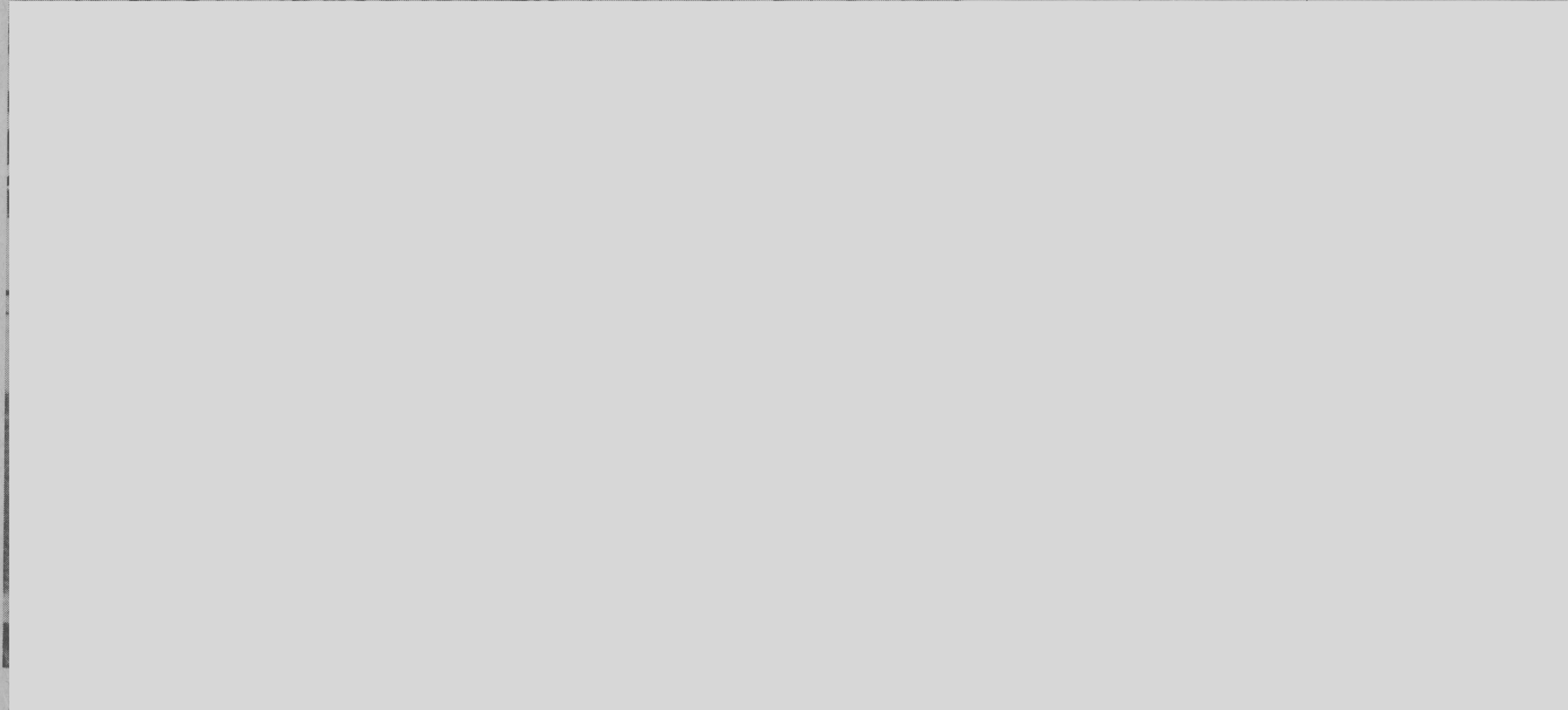
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eight-yard touchdown run as the Steelers catch ready to slap hands is Lynn Swann, who a few to put Pittsburgh ahead for rest of the game.

Steelers Barrel Through Raiders, 24-13

STEELERS, From D1
The Steelers culminated a 61-yard, nine-play drive on the first play of the fourth period when Franco Harris burst through the middle for an eight-yard touchdown

pass of the game, on the Oakland's first possession of the period, and returned it 26 yard to the Oakland nine. Three plays later Swann ran a deep slant from the six and Bradshaw laid the ball in for the 17-

run with 52 seconds left. The game ended with the Raiders on Pittsburgh's 46. Pittsburgh's defense is a known quantity, and although no one expected it to hold the Raiders to 29 yards

had center Ray Mansfield block down on a linebacker and then pulled one of their tackles, who put a trap block on the man the Raiders had over center, usually Otis Sistrunk.

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the fourth period, they surely were by midway through it. Linebacker Jack Ham intercepted his second Stabler's pass during the game. Stabler's desperation pass with 1:14 left was intercepted by the Steelers' J. T. Thomas to set up Harris' 21-yard TD downs was what they call a tackle trap. The Raiders like to put a defensive lineman over the center, so the Steelers

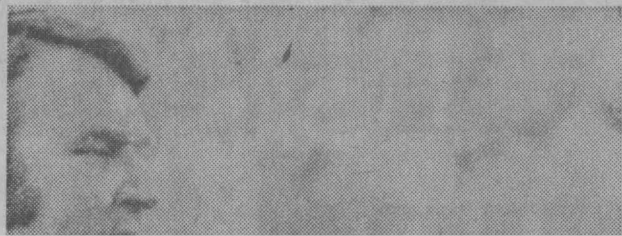
the field," Harris added.

PASSING—Pittsburgh, Bradshaw 8-17-1, 95 yards. Stabler 19-36-3, 271.

Everything Going Their Way Not Enough for Raiders

By David DuPree

Special to The Washington Post
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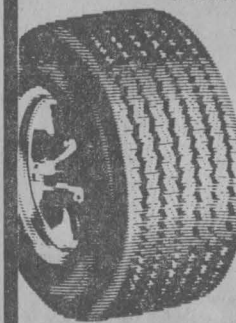
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"I just couldn't handle the problems," said Terry Bradshaw, the Pittsburgh quarterback. He was standing in the Steeler locker room, bare-chested, rubbing a scrubby little reddish-brown beard ("started growing it 17 days ago"). It was in the moments after beating Oakland and the prob-

It ranked 11th in the league in rushing defense and gave up a significant 4.6 yards per try all season long. Pittsburgh exploited that fact. It gained 229 yards rushing—4.5 yards per try—today while Oakland gained only 29 rushing yards in return.

One of the reasons was Rocky Bleier, now stark naked



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Ford's Instructor at Vail, Colo., Says the President Is 'All for Skiing' and 'Doesn't Fall Down Much'

By JAMES P. STERBA
Special to The New York Times

VAIL, Colo., Dec. 22— "He's a gutsy guy," says C. E. Kindel, an old Grand Rapids friend. "He's the kind of guy who likes to get up early, stay out late and just ski the hell out of that mountain."

Mr. Kindel was talking about Gerald R. Ford, who got up this morning, traveled to this mountain village, and within two hours pulled a stocking cap over his ears and became the nation's first active skiing President (Calvin Coolidge was reported to have strapped on a pair of skis once on the the White House lawn, but never took up the sport).

President Ford flew on Air Force One to Grand Junction, Colo., 150 miles west of Vail. From Grand Junction he flew by helicopter for about an hour to Avon, eight miles west of Vail, and then was driven into Vail. He and his family are planning to stay here for 10 days.

And, with more than 100 newsmen expected to be recording every Presidential schuss, gliding wedge, mogul traverse and stem christie, skiing may never be the same.

Already, Dennis C. Hoeger, the President's 23-year-old personal instructor, has been interviewed so many times that he has printed up his biography to save time.

'Goes and Goes'

"When he goes out there, let me tell you, he's all for skiing," Mr. Hoeger said. "He goes and goes and goes. He has excellent control. He doesn't fall down much. He doesn't let it all hang out skiing too fast. I classify him as a good recreational skier."

Skiing is a recreational exercise in which a person stands on two narrow boards fastened to boots and slides down a snow-covered mountain until he or she reaches bottom, falls down, runs into

juries, 139 bad bruises, 125 serious cuts, 115 sprains, 55 dislocations, eight concussions and two broken backs.

With emergency medical technician cards in their wallets, ski patrol members can strap on their backs a suitcase jammed with 50 pounds of medical gear, including intravenous solutions, atropine and even a cardiobeeper for heart patients, and ski off to the rescue.

They are also dapper.

"Moustaches may be worn if they are kept neatly trimmed, but beards will not be allowed," says their manual.

At the President's request, Vail Associates, the operating company, is not planning to close off any part of the mountain for the exclusive skiing of the Presidential party. Lift tickets to ride gondolas and chair lifts up the mountain will also be paid for. They cost \$10 a day if not part of a package deal.

But the Presidential party will be able to avoid waiting in line 15 or 20 minutes on crowded days in order to board the lifts. The party will be able to cut into lift lines, a benefit any skier who hires a full-time instructor also receives.

If anyone protests, lime-green suited mountain hostesses, including former Mayor John V. Lindsay's daughter, Margie, will be around to explain policy and, according to James R. Bartlett, vice

president in charge of skiing operations, "try to put a personal touch on the thing."

Once on the top of the mountain, the President can choose from among gentle meadow slopes to steep expert runs. Mr. Hoeger says the President is a wide-track parallel skier who prefers slopes marked "more difficult," or intermediate, and they cover half the mountain. He stays away from loose powder snow most of the time.

"The deeper the powder, the less well he does, as with anybody in his ability range," Mr. Hoeger said. "I ski very close behind him and I have a running commentary that's very much ad lib and it's suggestions on how he might do things better. We stop whenever he wants to take a little breather."

Mr. Hoeger said he would watch the President at first to see if he had retained or picked up any new bad habits, such as bad body posi-

tioning.

After skiing with other Ford family members, Mr. Hoeger, who is from Gallatin Gateway, Mont., joined Mr. Ford in skiing in 1972.

Both he and Mr. Lichtenfeld, a fellow Montanan, said that Susan Ford, the President's 17-year-old daughter, was always up the earliest and did the most skiing in the family. All three Ford sons are skiers. Although Mrs. Ford skied in Michigan with Mr. Ford during their

courting days, she is not expected to ski this year.

Last year as Vice President, Mr. Ford started out on his old Rossignol skis, which are French-made. Several American manufacturers reportedly telephoned him, expressing dismay that he was using foreign equipment. So he switched to K2 Winter Heat skis, which are not only American-made, but also red, white and blue.

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**Ali Hits It
Off With
President**

12/11/74 WJ
By Dave Brady

Washington Post Staff Writer

The United States government made symbolic peace with Muhammad Ali yesterday.

Gerald R. Ford, commander in chief, welcomed to the White House the former and present heavy-weight champion, who in 1967 refused induction into the armed forces on moral grounds as a member of the Black Muslim sect.

Ali then was stripped of his title by the World Boxing Association and the influential New York State Athletic Commission. He was sentenced to five years in prison, but the conviction was overturned on appeal. He won worldwide fame as a result of his political stance.

Ali made an allusion to his global posture after meeting with President Ford.

"My meetings with presidents of countries are completed now," he said, naming several other heads of state who had entertained him.

Ali said to President Ford in the Oval Office, "You made a big mistake letting

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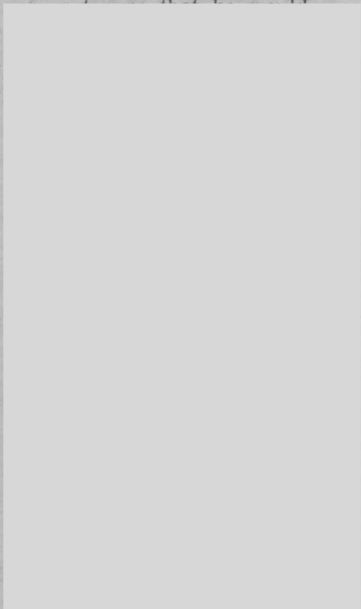
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President Ford and ^{UPI} Muhammad Ali enjoyed a chuckle during Ali's visit to the White House yesterday. Ali





This Morning

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Ali's White House Act Was Tough to Follow

with William Barry Furlong

It used to be said that when Vince Lombardi went to church, which he did almost daily, he didn't go to pray but to parley. When Muhammad went to the White House yesterday you got the feeling that he came to stay. Or at least to inquire about the rates.

"You made a big mistake in letting me come here because now that I see it, I'm going to have to run for your job," he told President Ford, chummily.

"Sometimes . . . I think you can have it," said President Ford, in the carefree spirit of a man who doesn't expect to be unemployed in the next couple of years.

The world heavyweight champion seemed agreeably impressed by what he saw. "It's 10 times bigger than what it looks," he said. "After you get in it and walk around, it looks like a mansion should look."

He commented favorably on the great art in the White House—"picture of Eisenhower, picture of Lyndon Johnson's wife"—and on its decor: "There's so much marble—strong, the place has such an effect of strength."

He pointed out that he'd met many world leaders in the past; his visit to the White House and Oval Office added one more scalp to his belt, to the extent that President Ford has one.

But the significance may have been greater for President Ford. He did not, in his congressional years, appear the most outspoken opponent of the Vietnam war. Now he was shaking hands with, and giving cuff links to, the man the U.S. government tried so hard for so long to send to jail because he did not step forward when called by the Selective Service system. There are dangers in this kind

of summitry; my guess is that the national commander of the American Legion has already let him know he has carried the amnesty bit a little too far.

Whatever reserve the President felt about the confrontation, Ali didn't notice. One reason: he didn't know that reporters who wanted to get his impression of the White House were directed out onto Pennsylvania Avenue, outside the White House grounds, to interview him. At least until the White House staff learned that the President had already agreed to meet him in the Oval Office. Another reason: Susan Ford, the President's teen-age daughter, fell into conversation with Ali. He asked if she could go out when she wanted—not without the Secret Service, ol' buddy—and agreed it was best to try to keep old friends rather than develop new ones.

The rest of the day was a grander success for Ali. He went to the Capitol and dropped in on the Rockefeller confirmation hearings—Rockefeller figures to get approval anyway. He went to the Senate restaurant—the rates there are better than at the White House—and then went to a reception in the Old Senate Office Building. This was the critical test: as my colleague Dave Brady—well-known scholar and urbanologist—suggested: the test of the reception's duration and popularity is whether the hors d'oeuvres are any good. If they are, the solons will pause en route to some other watering place—they've given up the Tidal Basin temporarily—to make sure they don't get caught drinking, and paying, on an empty stomach.

It turned out that the hors d'oeuvres were splendid and the crowd was large and well-lubricated—much more

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Navy Looking for Visit From President

By Merrell Whittlesey
Star-News Staff Writer

11/30/74 901

PHILADELPHIA — The Navy football team hopes to renew acquaintances with President Gerald Ford late this afternoon.

attend an Army-Navy game since John F. Kennedy in 1962.

Tame time is 1:20, (WMAL-7) with the pre-game march scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. Traditionally, about 60,000 are in the stands in advance of the appearances of the cadet corps and the brigade.

a stunning upset over Penn State, and then lost seven of their next eight, beating only The Citadel.

COACH George Welsh has said many times that his team has not learned how to win. First, it must learn how to score. Navy has been shut out three

THE TEAMS had three common opponents. Army barely lost to Penn State after leading 14-0. Although Army beat Air Force and the latter beat Navy, both games were decided in the last minute. And Notre Dame routed Army, while the Midshipmen led the Irish for 50 minutes before losing 14-6.

MANY COMPANIONS ON LINKS

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Ford's Golf Score Is No Top Secret

BY RUDY ABRAMSON
L.A. Times Staff Writer

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich.—President Ford's love of football has made him the butt of uncomplimentary jokes for years. His passion for swimming brought a flood of contributions to build him a pool at the White House.

Parma said he had never known a golfing partner to try to take advantage of the situation by bringing up business on the course.

In the 12 years he and the President have been playing, Parma said, Mr. Ford's game has continued to improve.

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President Ford likes to play golf. And South Florida in February is normally much warmer, sunnier, and generally pleasanter than Washington, D. C. Combine these factors and it is not surprising that Mr. Ford played golf

Ford Calls Sport Spirit Essential to Americans

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP) —President Ford said today the competitive spirit and enthusiasm found in sports must be transferred to all Americans.

"Amateur athletics has developed much of muscle that has built and defended and will continue to defend America," Ford told the honors luncheon at the 69th annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"No youngster grows up today in America without participating in competitive sport. Sports not only prepares them for life, but that spirit is part of America's competitive spirit."

Ford said young boys and girls could be seen skating in Michigan when winter freezes over the rivers and lakes. "If you ask them how they learned to skate, they

will tell you, 'I got up when I fell down,'" said Ford.

"We've got to get up in America," he said. "As a nation, we have to be physically and mentally fit because these difficult times demand that we not only compete but that we must excel."

Ford made his remarks after receiving the Theodore Roosevelt award, the organization's highest honor. The award is presented annually to a distinguished citizen who participated in varsity athletics in college. Ford played football for three years at the University of Michigan in the 1930's.

"I accept this award not for what I achieved in the past, but for what I will in the future with the help of all Americans," said Ford.

On another front, college sports business managers said proposed Federal rules

requiring equity of spending for men's and women's programs endangered the future of college sports.

In a series of interviews, they said they hoped Senator John Tower, Republican of Texas, would succeed in passing an amendment that would exempt revenue-generating sports such as football, basketball and baseball from the impact of Federal regulations banning bias in education programs. The amendment failed to get through Congress last year.

If the Tower amendment does not pass, the sports managers said they did not envision women's sports programs getting a sharply greater share of revenue unless new monies were found somewhere — and they

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Alan Chapman, president of the N.C.A.A., presenting the Theodore Roosevelt Award to President Ford yesterday in Washington.

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70.1 A Review of the Boys on the Schuss

By Tom Dowling

I am pleased to describe myself as an expert skier. The reason for this rating is as follows: Years ago at Stowe I launched myself down an intermediate trail, attaining breathtaking speeds before it became obvious that my self-tutoring in this glamorous sport had neglected the mastery of the stop and the turn. Before long one ski crossed the other and I collapsed in a heap, with a ski-pole quiveringly embedded in my thigh. That night around the roaring fireplace at the inn I found myself in deep and sincere conversation with a potentially impressionable female guest. She wanted to know what kind of a skier I was.

"Uh, intermediate," I responded modestly.

"Just intermediate?"

"Well, uh, advanced-intermediate," I allowed with becoming bashfulness. What the hell, I had ultimately gotten to the bottom of the intermediate trail, though at the cost of numerous further crack-ups. And by any just standard a skier who negotiates an intermediate trail with a wounded thigh is clearly deserving of an advanced-intermediate rating.

SINCE THAT TIME my skiing has improved dramatically. The stop and the turn are imposing ingredients in my repertoire, pushing me well beyond the advanced-intermediate stage all the way up into the expert class, or perhaps even the coveted advanced-expert category.

Now, this may strike some readers who know nothing about skiing as unconscionable vanity, but the cognescenti will

ard. Whereas every other skier in America is allowed, even encouraged, to promote himself to a standard far above the objective merits of his case, poor Jerry is forced to go out on the slopes every morning filled with the wormwood certainty that his perfectly adequate technique will be edited down to one snowbunny pratfall for the evening news and morning photo file.

FORD'S RATHER rueful remark that there are "more skiers that fall down than that stand up" may not do much for his reputation as an elegant phrasemaker, but it is a remarkably mild response for a man so sorely tried by a political press corps that seems to know nothing about skiing whatever. The fact is, of course, that falling down while skiing is not a sign of ineptness in any way comparable to conking your tennis partner on the head with your serve, or winging

place. Politicians are expected to speak of the "awesome burden of office," to preface every sentence with "in all humility" and "to be perfectly candid," to identify every solution as "new," every alternative as "viable," every problem as "pressing." Political writers are used to dealing with subjects who are passive, static, evasive, closeted from view, given to mealy-mouthed cant.

BUT SKIING HAS no relationship to politics at all. The skier is active, direct, in the open, given to a lexicon of exuberant vanity in which insincere professions of humility and candor have no place. To the political writer a man who falls down frequently is clumsy. This kind of connection is wholly specious to a ski writer. Here someone who regularly falls down is daring, courageous, a man willing to match his skill against the mountain. After all, the point of skiing is to test your limit by exceeding it. And if I were to

Fillmore, who installed the first White House bathtub and spent most of his term therein ensconced. If he often bites his tongue while masticating, it is because he has gotten into the habit of wolfing his meals in order to speedily negotiate a return to the slopes, the pool, the links and the tennis court.

FORD IS, AFTER all, the kind of man who in full knowledge of the imminence of the New Hampshire primary airily — and truthfully — announces that the skiing conditions in Colorado are superior to those in New Hampshire. It all marks him, I supposed, as a man who thinks, acts and talks like a non-politician — a quality he was universally praised for displaying and beseeched to retain at the outset of his administration, and, alas, a quality that political writers with their rigid notions of proper jargon and deportment secretly cannot abide.

In truth, Nessen's estimate of his lead-

'He is graceful and he is by far the most athletic president within memory,' novice skier Ron Nessen, right, says of his fallen leader, below.

