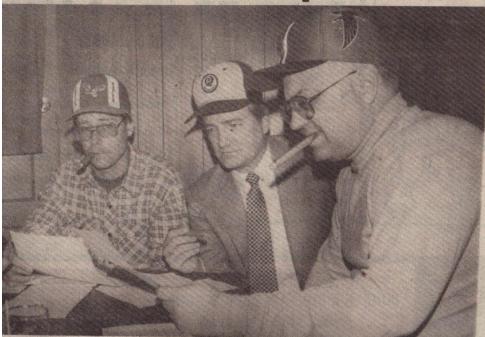


Sno-Bowl XXV planned as gala event



ree members of the Sno-Bowl Executive Plan-Committee got together recently for a strategy on in an effort to have the biggest and best game

yet, they said. They were, from left, Doug Schoenecker, Al Vanasek and Dick Jonckowski. (Photo by Doug Schultz)

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Little Brown Jug, better hide. Tournament of Roses, cover yourself. The New Prague Sno-Bowl is in its 25th year and getting stronger.

What started as a spur of the moment lark among half-a-dozen friends has turned into a rather serious affair (with humor and good fun the ultimate goal, however) involving close to 150 people, annual drafts with fierce competition, awards, publicity and complex record keeping.

Already Bowl officials are intensely planning this year's activities to accompany the annual pigskin contest between New Prague High School alumni. In fact, like most great bowl games, this year's event has been in the planning for many months

This year's matchup between the Polars and the Ptarmigans will be held in Memorial Park on December 29, with kick-off slated for about 1:15 p.m. It will be preceded by a parade at 12:30 p.m. down Main Street in which numerous dignitaries will appear. Among them will be Mayor Ray Schoenecker, former and present high school football coaches, Miss New Prague and others.

Following the game, which it is hoped will be played in several inches of soft white stuff, but will be played regardless of weather conditions, there will be a banquet at the K.C. Hall. At the banquet, Hall of Famers will be inducted, quarter century awards will be bestowed and Dick Jonckowski will emcee. There will also be much reminiscing. Social hour starts at 4:30 p.m. with the banquet starting around 5 p.m. A small fee will be charged. Caps and T-shirts will also be available to the public.

While this annual colloquial classic may not yet rival the great bowl games in age, nostalgia, pomp and circumstance or caliber of play, it is getting there. It is older than the Super Bowl and older than the Fiesta Bowl. Tommy Kramer was just a toddler when the first game was played.

Its annals of history include such significant facts as that at one time two families of four brothers played in the same game—four Kartak brothers and four Vanasek brothers. It has been played under seven different presidents. And only one man has played in all 25 games—Al Vanasek, who may be the oldest active football bowl participant. It was Sno-Bowl-turn to page 14