

Disaster

Hayward Field bleachers 'collapse' leaving plastic wounds, fake blood

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"They've killed my best friend!" the young woman giggled hysterically. All around her under the Hayward Field bleachers, cub scouts, members of the civil air patrol and volunteers off the street with plastic wounds lay in pools of dripping, manufactured blood. Some of them were hanging from the web of metal support poles which held up the stands.

Theoretically the Hayward Field Bleachers had just collapsed.

"Our purpose is to make sure all local agencies are able to implement a coordinated disaster effort in the event of a real emergency," explained Lee Zimmerman, director of the Wednesday mock disaster and manager of the local medical services.

Prior to the disaster, 70 volunteers laughed nervously and joked in the Hayward Field stands as registered nurses moved among them squirting blood. Richard Schmink, 12, was fitted with a rubber stomach from which protruded a small portion of red intestine. "This is a bowel protrusion," explained the nurse, as she gave Schmink a "blood reservoir and pump," a small pump and bag which Schmink could squeeze to make his wound bleed.

Robert Crisp received a realistic piece of glass in his arm and a broken neck. "You're not sup-

posed to move," the nurse instructed.

Others received amputations, and were fitted with bloody stumps, which covered their hands. Marge Sliwinsky, a nursing student at Lane Community College, was given a rubber face mask on which the skin over her right jaw was replaced by a red, gaping hole.

In the time between the official collapse of the stands and the make-up procedure, volunteers sipped orange drinks through their masks and speculated as to the cause of their injuries. "See, what happened was," said Schmink, "I was on the top of the stands; when I fell my stomach got caught on one of the bolts."

The injuries were meant to be varied. The disaster was theoretically caused after a service truck accidentally backed into the southern portion of the east side bleachers, causing them to collapse. This in turn upset a propane cooker, causing a small fire. Probable injuries from such an accident, according to Zimmerman, include skull fractures, concussions, neck injuries, multiple fractures, burns, chest and abdominal injuries, coronary and respiratory seizures and hysteria.

"Ohhhhhh! Ohhhhhh. Help me, ohhhhhh!" Seventy people, with the exclusion of those who were dead, rolled in the dirt and concrete clutching themselves.

"Ohhhhhh, ohhhh, ouch."

Although local agencies, including ambulance services, city and county governments, police departments, sheriffs offices and fire departments, were instructed to react to the mock disaster as the real thing, some were late in arriving.

"We've got a real one," radioed the fire department. The ambulances arrived 10 minutes after being called. Paramedics moved among the injured with stretchers, bandaging the plastic wounds.

As Schmink happily squeezed his blood pump, paramedics attempted to stop the bleeding with gauze. "Ohhhhhh, my stomach hurts," he wailed.

"Where's my purse," screamed one of the hysterics looking wildly about the stands.

A victim with a waxen face, and blood leaking down his forehead, was tagged "immediate" and loaded unconscious on a stretcher.

"We have two head injuries, one bowel injury and one undiagnosed," said the director of field operation radioing the first ambulance. "We have 35 critical injuries needing immediate attention." An emergency center of operation was set up in back of the first ambulance.

"You've got to help my friend, you've gotta," cried another hysterical coming up to a paramedic.

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Wide variety of styles, performances greet fans at weekend tennis events

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For tennis players and fans alike it was a big weekend in Eugene as two tournaments attracted a wide variety of styles and offered quality performances.

At the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club the annual Pacific Western event featured top players and prize money while the City of Eugene sponsored competition for local doubles players at Amazon Park.

The singles and doubles finals featured umpire Denby Mackie who officiated at Wimbledon earlier this year and will later work the Forest Hills tournament. In addition, Mackie is the president of the Northwest Tennis Association.

The western event had been sponsored by American Express the last three years but the sponsor switched to a resort club tour and the lack of local sponsorship meant less money and fewer players. The Pacific Northwest Tennis circuit features matches in Eugene, Portland, Tacoma-Seattle and Vancouver with the top two finishers receiving berths in the opening round at the U.S. Open at Forest Hills later in the summer. The prize money this year came out of the entry fees.

In the women's singles final, played before a large gallery under bright sun with occasional gusts

of wind, Sonoe Yonezawa of Japan easily handled Lindsey Berman in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. Their match featured long rallies from baseline to baseline with the unseeded Yonezawa keeping Berman moving throughout the contest.

It wasn't until the sixth game of the final set that Berman managed to hold her own serve while playing from the baseline, as she passed up chances to move into the net for volley shots. The consistent deep topspin shots of Yonezawa proved to be too much for her opponent while the fans watched some well-played rallies.

Roger McKee captured the men's singles championship with a straight set win, 6-3, 6-2, over Jon Hermanson.

McKee, seeded second, broke serve in the fourth game following two deuce points and was never threatened. He repeatedly hit strong volleys to pull his younger opponent wide before hitting clean winners.

The University undergraduate stayed with his game plan to play aggressive, and followed short shots into the net for his volley shots. The placements repeatedly had Hermanson lunging wide, with errors the result. In all, McKee broke service five times in the match, which saw Hermanson playing below form after defeating the number one seed Saturday.

City holds first of three summer tennis tourneys

It was 70 degrees at 8 a.m. July 16 and the heat was barely on. Who met whom, when and where, for how long and how hard — the questions ominous — the answers unknown. By 8:30 it was settled and the annual Eugene City Doubles Tennis Tournament was underway.

Each summer Eugene's Parks and Recreation Department sponsors three tournaments for area players to test their skills. Last weekend's competition at Amazon Park was strictly doubles, 18 years or older. The \$4 entry fee entitled the players to their choice of competition, the stiffest being the "open," followed by the recreational "A" and finally the recreational "B" group.

The men's "open," "A" and "B" began Saturday morning and went 14 rounds to set up the finals for Sunday. The women's doubles had only two rounds in the "A" and three in the "open" to match for the

finals. The "open" mixed doubles each went seven rounds to the final. All matches were best of three sets.

The gallery was small with a prevailing jovial atmosphere both on and off the court. "The matches were played well at all levels of competition with both winners and losers showing fine competitive spirit," said Jimmy Clarke, the tournament director. Trophies went to all finalists.

There are two more tournaments scheduled for the summer. The next is a singles tournament set for Aug. 18-21. The deadline for entry is Aug. 15. A singles and doubles tournament is scheduled for Sept. 14-18. Deadline for entry is the Sept. 9. Eugene Parks and Recreation can be reached at 687-5333 for more information. There will be entry blanks available in the Eugene Register-Guard.

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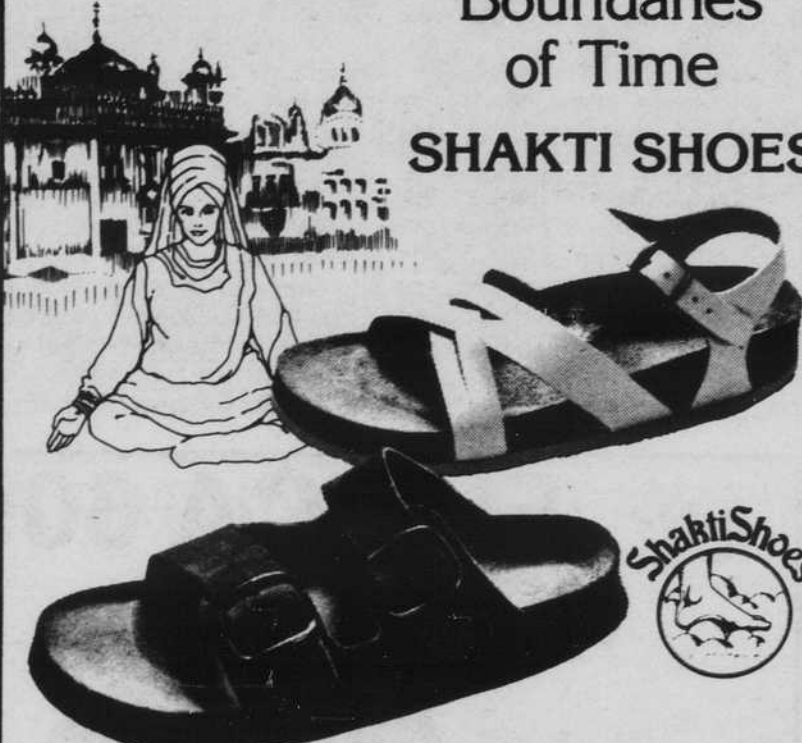
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