

WL 7-1 after OC win

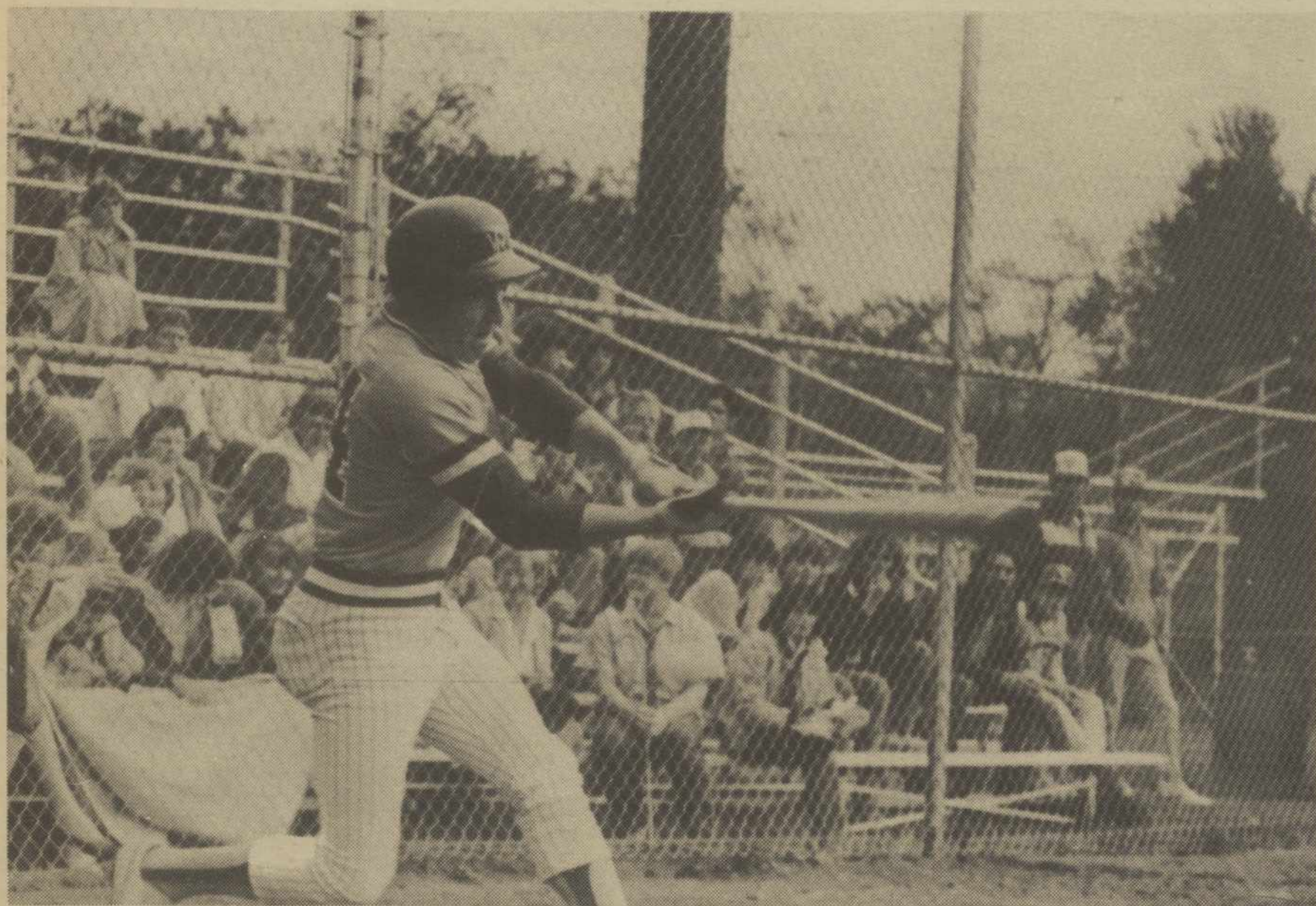


photo by Damon Jones

Bob Basset gives the bat a swing in a recent game. The baseball team is holding a 7-1 record losing to Rex Putnam, 4-1.

by Mike Martus

The West Linn varsity baseball team moved its overall record to 11-5 and its league record to 7-1, with a 3-2 victory over cross-river rival Oregon City.

WL golf team hoping for par

by Lisa Kendall

West Linn's golf team is off on the wrong foot so far with a league record of 1-5, but they hope to come back to par in the remainder of their season.

West Linn lost to Gladstone with a score of 176-159. The Lions also lost a close game to Putnam scoring 181 compared to the Kingsmen's 172 points.

The Lions then came back to win against the Milwaukie Mustangs with a score of 171-178 on April 7. Keith Kaiser shot an outstanding 34, the season low.

West Linn was defeated by rival Oregon City April 11 by only one stroke, 160-159. The Lions also lost to league champions, the Lakeridge Pacers, April 13.

Sophomore Larry Donahe moved his league pitching record to 2-1 with his second victory over OC this year. Bob Bassett, Mike Hastings, and Mark Ellis all scored runs for the Lions. "I'm elated," said Hastings after the OC victory. "I feel confident for the rest of the season." Darren McCarty and Ron Higgonbotham scored the two runs for OC.

The only league loss for the Lions was to Rex Putnam Wednesday, April 13, at West Linn. The Lions were shut out 4-0 by Putnam's Curt Martin. The team also lost a non-league encounter to Sunset April 16, 13-1

at Sunset. "Rex Putnam is our competition in the league," stated senior pitcher Rob Kloer, "but we'll beat them next time." In a game against Bend, Kloer set a new school record by pitching 65 pitches in a game. The old record of least amount of pitches in a game was held by Rod Rimby in 1978.

The Lions account their success to the philosophy they have. "If the pitcher throws strikes and the batters hit the ball in play and you play catch well, you will win." The Lions must be using their philosophy, because they are winning.

Boys tennis on right foot

by Staci Johnson

The boys' tennis season is off on the right foot early in the season, starting with a record of 5-3. They are now holding their own throughout the season.

Coach Berry Bergman states, "I know we are in a tough league. I am happy the way we are doing so far. It's better than expected."

The boys' team consists of Kyle Anderson, David Cota, Tom Gates, Mike Johnson, Mike Labat, Scott Lewis, Tim MacDonald, David Crist, Travis Eisele, Brian Tovar, John Thomas, Ted Sturdevant, Mark Stevenson, Mark Smith, Tim Roberts, Kemis Rath, Steve

Mills, Garret McLeod, Dave Larson, Brad Hershman, Derek Hille, George Grant, Scott Gaunt, and foreign exchange student Chris Scelles.

In the Rex Putnam match number one single's player senior Mark Stevenson played an outstanding game but fell victim to his opponent in the end. Along with Stevenson, Scott Lewis has also been playing good tennis this season, according to Bergman. "Kemis Rath has improved a lot since last year," comments Bergman.

The boys' next tennis match will be tomorrow against Lakeridge, then it will be on to OC for the team.

New league tough for girls tennis

by Steve Kelly

Girls' tennis is now in its second round, but West Linn has been having a hard time getting past Lake Oswego and Lakeridge.

"Lake Oswego beat us twice around," said Heidi Geldaker, head tennis coach.

Geldaker says the Three Rivers League is much tougher than the old league mainly because of Lakeridge and Lake Oswego. "We have a hard time competing when we don't have home tennis courts," she explained.

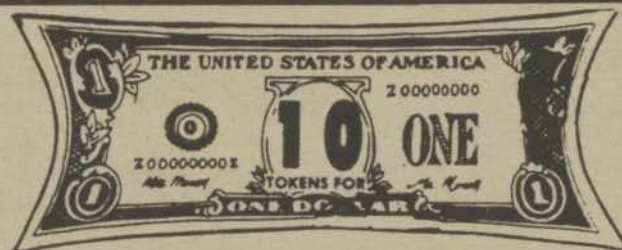
She went on to say that the school board is recommending new tennis courts where the lower parking lot is, but they haven't made a commitment. "If the tennis courts do go in, there would be room for six," Geldaker stated.

Right now the girls' and boys' tennis teams switch off between Marylhurst and Cedar Oak. "One day we get the good courts (Cedar Oak), then the next day we get the crummy courts (Marylhurst)."

Scheduling has also put a strain on the tennis team. The two days of the district meet are in the same week of May Day. "Kathy Stein, who is on the court, plays first doubles, and Jane Paulson, who's an MC, plays first singles," Geldaker explained. However, next year the tennis season will start later so there shouldn't be any problem.

Geldaker said Paulson is the top contender on the team for state. "She's worked hard. I think she's considered one of the better players in the state of Oregon."

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