

Art of 'curling' learned by students

by Cynthia Barrett

Curling a 43-pound stone is not like curling anything else, seven students have discovered. They do it every Tuesday afternoon at Silver Skate ice rink.

When the stone is thrown across the ice, it "curls" either to the left or right, and this is the reason for the odd name of the curling sport, one of the students' instruc-

tors reported.

Mel Abhier, Phillip Bruce, Mark Gerlack, Jim Lyle, John Mears, Steve Watkins, and Steve Wright, along with students from local high schools and colleges, take lessons and curl in bonspiels, or competitions.

"Anybody can do it," said Mel, but Steve Watkins interjected, "Not anyone! There's a 43-pound stone to move. The curler lifts the stone by a small handle and throws it bowling-style across the ice."

"The stone is sort of concave underneath, and slides on the rim," explained Steve. It is supposed to travel the length of the ice, entering the round goal circle, or "house."

While the stone slides, members of the curling rink, or team, whisk their brooms in its path, guiding it and causing it to move farther. Brooms are short, narrow, and stiff.

"They teach you the fundamentals," commented Steve of the instructors, members of the Portland Curling club. Now "we come down and play in a bonspiel."

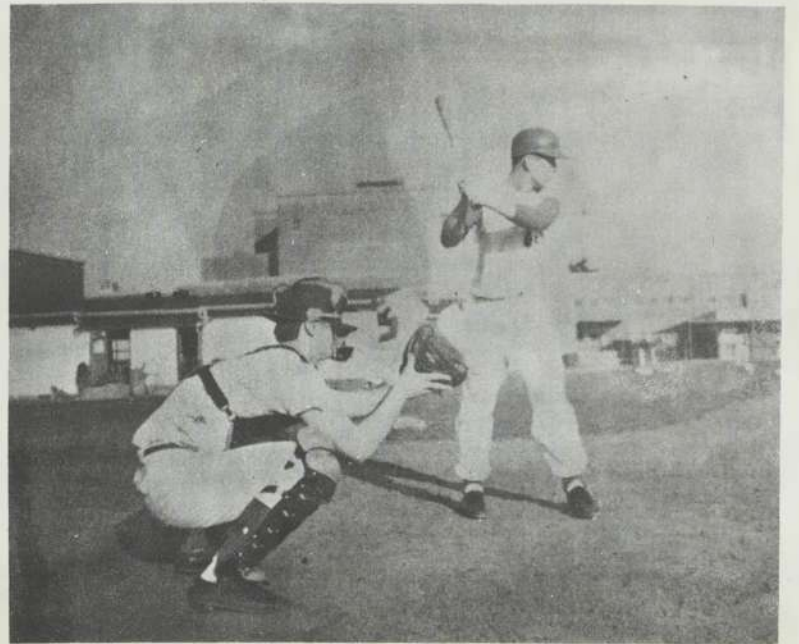
Lessons, use of the ice, and curling stones are free to the students. "They'll make good curlers," commented instructor Marvin Westover about some of the students. "We hope to get the schools competing. Besides promoting curling, the lessons teach kids a dog-gone good game," asserted Norman Harrison, the other instructor.

Girls' tennis team takes on matches

Practicing Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, the girls' tennis team consisting of 20-25 members will begin pre-season matches Tuesday when they meet Catlin Gabel.

Three pre-season matches are scheduled for the girls' team, Tuesday with Catlin Gabel, Thursday with Tigard and on the 21st with Lake Oswego. All three matches will be played here after school.

Joanne Kraft, Gretchen Fehrenbacher and Gwen Stone, all seniors, are the top three players on the team, according to Miss Joan Egbers, girls' tennis coach.



BATTING during a pre-season baseball practice is sophomore Mark Carpenter, catching is Steve Monroe. Pre-season games will begin during Spring vacation with a game against Centennial.

Experienced varsity baseball begins pre-league competition

With 17 returning lettermen from last year's city league runnerup, the varsity baseball team will open its pre-season baseball schedule Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Tuesday 1 p.m. game with

Centennial, here, will be followed by a double-header Wednesday at 12 p.m. at David Douglas.

Coach Roy Harrington described his probable starting line-up as Mark Carpenter, first base; Larry Voth, second base; John Pachot, shortstop; and Tim Prahl or Dave Dimitre at third.

In left field will be Mike Balkovich, in center Jim Fox, and Mike Hoffman or Krist Sauvola will start at right. Steve Monroe or Larry Leas will catch.

Top pitchers are Steve Pendergrass, Jamie Eoff, Bruce Von Wald, Harold Thomas and Steve Hendrix.

Recent turnouts from wrestling are Cliff Rose and Bert Leas, and basketball players who have just begun practice are Steve Weckert, Ron Young, Greg Walsh, Gary Johnson, Steve Turner and Glen Butherus.

If there is a weak spot in the line-up, Coach Harrington says it is pitching. Pendergrass is the only letterman and all the pitchers are juniors except Eoff.

Larry Voth and John Pachot represent second team selections in last year's all-city infield, while Mike Balkovich was a .363 hitter and second team outfielder.

While last season's record of 16-4 was Coach Harrington's best, he has never had a losing team.

Coach Harrington also revealed that the official scorer will be Miss Carolyn Fitzwater.

Citations

by Mike Hoffman

General wrestlers have once again captured the city wrestling title, but individual performers from other Portland schools led them to higher finishes at the state meet.

Southern schools so dominate the state championship that it makes one wonder why! The best finish ever by a Portland school has been fourth. Maybe the rest of the state takes wrestling more seriously.

Spring sports have been traditionally successful at Grant, and this year appears to be no exception.

A returning state championship track team led by one of the nation's top high school runners, Onia Bates, makes us the favorite for at least a city title this year. After Onia we appear to be somewhat weak, but Coach Mark Cotton invariably develops some hidden talent and gets the job done.

Seventy-five per cent of last year's baseball teams return and this makes the outlook very good for Coach Roy Harrington to gain his first league championship.

Attendance at track meets and baseball games is usually very limited but this should be corrected by these two exciting teams of championship caliber.

First home baseball game will be next Tuesday at 1 p.m., so come out and support the team during vacation.

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