



SANDY RUNNER gets ready to "hit the dirt" during action at one of the baseball games held July 4. Sandy teams are now in

the middle of their summer baseball season. (Post photo)



COACH SMITH confers with several of his players during ball game held as part of the July 4 celebration in Sandy. The Sandy

team won beating a team from Grant. (Post photo)

Sandy Giants win

The past week was not a lucky one for the Sandy Giants.

Sandy was dumped twice but did clinch a victory July 4 against the Grant Optimists, 6-5.

Sandy was outlited, 6-5, but four errors hurt the Optimists. It was a tight 1-1 game until the bottom of the sixth inning when the Giants scored three times. The teams each scored two runs in the seventh inning and the Optimists came back with another pair in the ninth inning before Sandy stopped the rally.

Jay Dodson cracked two hits and chased in two runs. Gary Moody knocked in two more runs with another hit. Scott Hunter and Mike Pullen had the other hits for Sandy.

Pullen, Dubbie Hayes and

Mark Baughman combined to pitch the Giant victory. Baughman was touched for four hits and one walk. He gave up one run and had two strikeouts. Hayes was charged with four runs on three walks and one hit. He fanned three hitters. Pullen gave up one hit and had one strikeout in his stint.

One of the most unusual plays in the game was typical of Grant's tough luck. In one inning Randy Moody struck out but reached third base on Optimist throwing errors.

Centennial pounded Pullen for eight runs on ten hits July 1 enroute to an 8-4 triumph. Both teams tallied one run in the first inning and then Sandy picked up three more in the bottom of the third. But the visiting Centennial squad scored seven runs in the last

three innings for their win.

Sandy was held to only two hits. Pullen and Rick Markgraph each connected safely and Pullen drove in one run.

Against Reynolds June 29 Sandy lost, 9-3. Poor defense had much to do with the defeat. Mark Baughman of the Giants held Reynolds to three hits but his teammates committed five errors while Reynolds committed one error. Baughman struck out seven and walked three while giving up four earned runs.

Randy Moody tripled home two runs. Mike Pullen had Sandy's only other hit.

Matches start \$900 blaze

A children's playhouse and pickup truck suffered \$900 damage July 2 when fire struck at a Gresham area home.

Fire district officials said the playhouse and its contents, located at the home of Gerald W. La Velle, 17037 NE Glisan St. suffered \$700 damage. The truck, belonging to Floyd Colbert, 17045 NE Glisan, sustained \$200 damage.

Cause of the blaze was laid to children playing with matches.

FROM The RIVER'S EDGE

By George MacAlevy



This last weekend was a trying one for the angler. Strong South winds kicked up on the Deschutes and Metolius. The fish, except for brief periods and certain individuals, stayed down and were relatively uninterested in our offerings.

In spite of a mayfly hatch both afternoons, no general rise to the hatch was evident. On the Metolius, the response to the hatch was strictly aerial, as swallows and nighthawks were swooping and skimming over the water by the hundreds while the duns were hatching.

Saturday started off around noon with a shortlived bang. I had a 14 Orange Sedge on the leader from last time out, so I used it as a starter. After a short while, I got a splashing rise to it that missed. Then in quick succession, I hooked four fish on this fly. As suddenly as it had started, all activity ceased. I went large and small, from grey to olive and back to tan shades as I tried various patterns to no avail, until late in the afternoon, when again I ran into a short feeding spree. This time, it was a rather pale Adams that took four fish in rapid succession, and once

again, it was all over.

Sunday was colder and windier, and the fish even less interested in feeding. In the morning, I couldn't get a single rise to a dry, so I went wet. First fly was a No. 8 Antelope Caddis. Several fish hit it short without really taking it before one hit it solidly; so solidly he took it and part of my leader with him. I had evidently gotten a wind knot in it which wasn't hard to understand the way it was blowing.

Using another fly of the same size and pattern, I got another smashing strike soon after, and landed a fair Rainbow of about 11 inches. Not another strike was forthcoming on that fly. Next fly was a large Olive and grey Crane fly fished wet. One fish took it and then no more. Staying large, I then tried a Grasshopper pattern with a yellow body. The script remained the same. One fish took it, and then no more strikes. This was beginning to be frustrating. A Grizzly Dun in size 12 enticed one fish and no more. Then it really went dead. In the intervals when the sun peaked through the clouds, one could see trout next to the bottom with the aid of polaroids, so the fish were

there. They were playing hard to get.

The only thing to do now was to rest the stream for awhile and see if afternoon brought any change. I had high hopes. A hatch came on in one of my favorite places on the Metolius, and the air became alive with birds, the swallows and nighthawks I mentioned earlier. Not a single dimple marked a fishes rise. They were not taking the emerging nymphs below the surface either. I put the pale Adams on and started fishing dry again. As no fish were active I became rather lackadaisical about the whole thing, and waded down the center of the river casting to the brush and under it on both sides of the river.

I finally stopped a dimple of a feeding fish way back under a tangle of overhanging alder brush. To get a fly over this fish I had to cast to a clear area 12 feet above the fish and hope I could get a drag free float over him. As the cast was over fast water to slow, this called for considerable curve to the right in the cast. Luckily, I got it right the first time; I probably wouldn't have gotten a second chance, as a dragging fly over him would have put the fish down for some time.

He took that pale Adams with a healthy swirl, and immediately set off for the strong current in the middle of the stream. On that little six foot midge outfit he put up a much better battle than any of the earlier fish. I finally subdued him. It was a brilliantly colored Rainbow of 14 inches. No hatchery trout this, but one of the original Metolius race of Rainbows, much like the famed Deschutes Redsides.

As I had released most of my earlier fish, I kept this one as my time was about run out anyway and it was time to start the three hour drive home. When I cleaned him, I was again pleasantly surprised. He was one of those pink meaty fish that go so well on the table.

This was one of those weekends that make a well stocked fly box a must. I didn't mention earlier that one fish also took a Casual Dress nymph. So, in the course of what would be one full day's fishing, dries, wets, and nymphs came into play, and to catch an occasional fish, a constant search through the types and patterns was necessary. I have had occasions on this river when you could fish for a week and not need more than four or five patterns. Yet, this was just one day when there did not seem to be enough patterns to fit the whims of the fickle fish. Matching the hatch didn't mean a thing.

They were not taking the hatch. That pale Adams and the Orange Sedge, which were the only flies to take more than one fish didn't even resemble closely any insect I saw on the stream. The ways of trout are inscrutable at times. The challenge of catching them will never go stale.



THIS IS what people mean when they say fishing is a leisurely sport. These two fishermen might not catch any fish but they are staying cool and enjoying the weather anyway. This was taken at Roslyn Park. (Post photo)

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