

Flav-R-Pac Blue Marlins capture meet meet set

The fifth annual Flav-R-Pac women's Invitational golf tournament at Gresham Golf and Country Club starts 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club of Sandy drowned the Eastmont Aquanauts of Gresham 139 to 75 in a meet held in Sandy on Tuesday, July 25. It was a single "A" meet with only three age groups participating.

In the 8 and under girls division was Lori Russell who finished first in all four of her events which included the 25 yard backstroke, the 25 yard breaststroke, the 25 yard butterfly, and the 25 yard freestyle.

Leann Madison, who competed in the 10 and under girls division, touched first in three events. These were the 50 yard backstroke, the 50 yard breaststroke, and the 50 yard freestyle.

Jeff Bowman and Doug Miller, two 10 and under boys, did well by scoring first in two events each.

Competing in the 11 and 12 year old girls division was Barbie King who took first place in four events chalking up a total of 20 points for the Blue Marlins.

Jon Swails, a boy swimming in the 11 and 12 year old category, grabbed first place in both the 50 yard butterfly and the 50 yard butterfly and the 50

yard breaststroke.

The Blue Marlins will take on the team from Reynolds in a meet to be held here on Tuesday, August 1.

On August 5 and 6 Reynolds Swim Club will host a "Sex-tathlon" in which all swimmers must compete in all six individual events. At the close of the meet points are tallied and a winner from each age group is announced.

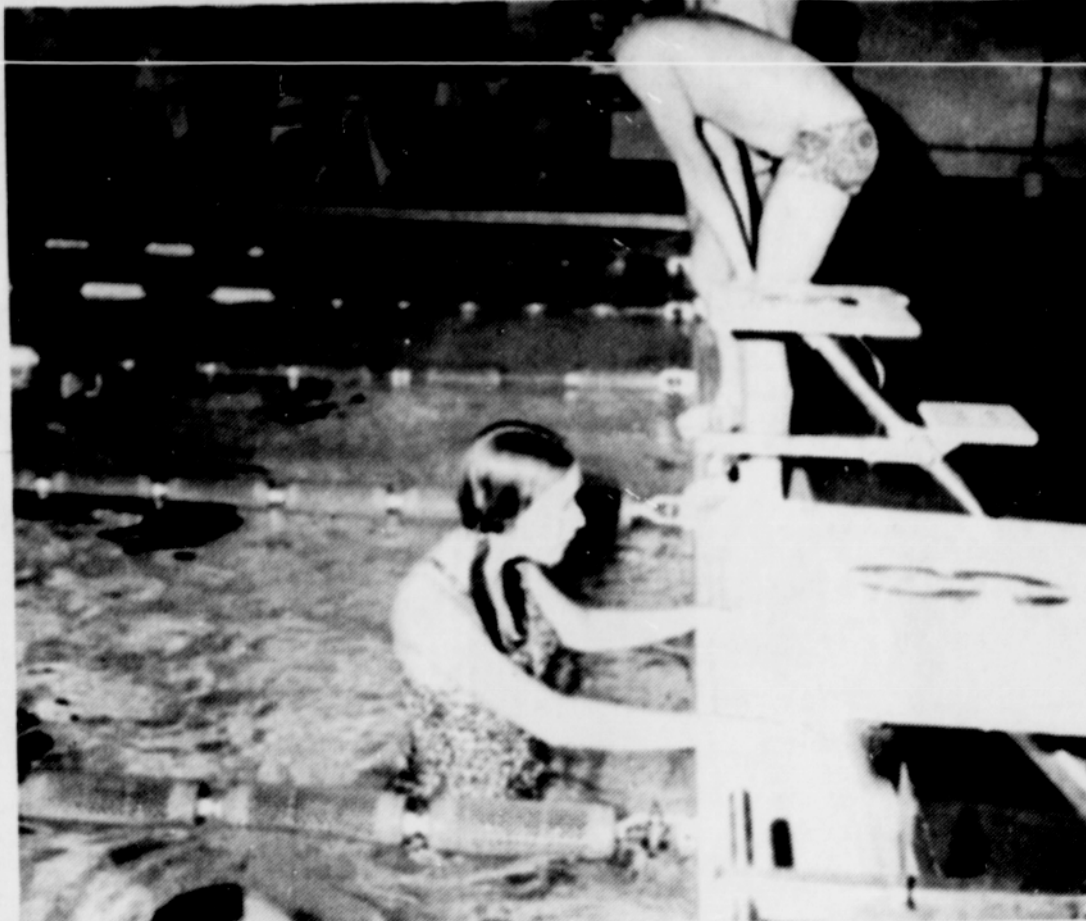
There are numerous items in the lost and found at the Sandy Pool. An assortment of watches, necklaces, rings, earrings, and clothes are left at the pool each day.

If you are missing anything please ask about it at the front desk at the pool.

Drills Set

Workouts begin Sunday in La Grande for players who will compete in the 20th East-West Shrine All-star football game. The contest in Pendleton.

Some 120,000 miners have been killed on the job in the past 100 years.



THE SANDY SWIM team faced Reynolds in a meet on Tuesday evening at the Sandy

Grade School pool. Reynolds won the meet. (Post photo)

All-Stars gather

Oregon high school grid all-stars gathered in Portland Sunday for opening drills for the 25th Annual Shrine football game at Civic Stadium Aug. 12. The game, which has netted over \$500,000 for the hospital since its inception, features Oregon's outstanding senior high school players from last year. South holds a 12 to 10 edge in the series, and there have been two ties.

Marv Heater of South Salem high will coach the South team, assisted by Gary Mires of Grants Pass and Dave Powell of South Eugene. The North squad will be under the direction of Head Coach Don Mabree of McMinnville, aided by Deno Edwards of The Dalles and John Allen of Jesuit.

Since the two squads were selected by the rival coaches last February, there has been only one change, according to Budd Burnie, the game's managing director. Bernard Bjork, a halfback from Astoria, has been replaced by his first alternate, Dave Scott of McMinnville.

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FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE

The river had broadened out, running flat and shallow through the rock obstructed riffles. Head sized rocks protruded above the purling water here and there. Near the shore, a branch broken from an alder had lodged, bridging the gap between two of these rocks. First leaves, grass and other bits of vegetation had become enmeshed in the branch and futher clogged the opening. Later, more twigs, branches and other detritus had further enlarged the barrier until now the water percolated through the mass in a slow even current.

The more minute forms of aquatic life had soon colonized the flotsam and their excess population gradually washed off. The decaying mass of leaves and other green stuff furnished food for this life, and the percolating water furnished the oxygen necessary to sustain life. A school of very young, very small Silver salmon had taken refuge from the main current behind this barrier. It didn't take them long to also discover that haven was also a well stocked larder for fish their size. They were lined up in a long row paralleling the barrier, each tiny fish occupying his own feeding zone. The school was not all of one exact size. There were three sizes. One fish was evidently a very precocious individual as he had attained a length of two inches. There were a few at an inch and a half, and the vast majority were mere inchlings.

Nature automatically provides a law of some sort to govern these creatures. At the head of the pecking order in this school were two of the inch and a half long salmon. These two did not keep any particular position, but fed wherever they wished. But let one of the others stray even a half inch outside his allotted zone unless one of the leader fish wanted that zone, and he was quickly spotted by the eagle-eyed duo and herded back into place. They made no exception in the case of the two inch giant. He too was under their rule. It was odd to see this fish run off by one, half of his bulk in size.

On a little tributary the beavers had built. Midsummer heat and low stream flow had lowered the level of this algae covered pond. Here and there the back and head of a bullfrog showed sprawled on the algae. In the little openings in the green mantle, one could see tadpoles as they occasionally came to the surface for air. They were well along in development and four legs were showing. A green striped water snake was lazily making his way down the pond. He came too close to a medium sized bullfrog. This frog made a violent jump for the snake and momentarily had him in his grasp, but the snake was too

large or the frog too small as the sudden flurry ended with the snake fleeing the scene. He didn't go too far before he found a comfortable spot on the mudflat shore at waters edge where he half coiled and appeared to be dozing.

Not so—a tadpole surfaced six feet from him and lingered there. A quick blur of green as the snake whipped out from his position, and the tadpole was clutched in his jaws. The snakes efforts to swallow the large tadpole caused him to go through a number of gyrations which took him into the algae. This further commotion attracted a larger bullfrog and another big splash took both the frog and the snake under water. At first only the frogs big webbed hind feet waved above the algae. Then slowly the rest of the frog emerged with two writhing strands of green, like spaghetti, hanging from his mouth.

At one end of this pond is a great lush alder with pendant branches. Next to it stands a gaunt fir snag. From the alders came a constant chattering. Not one bird, but several, had to be there to make that unceasing racket. There was movement in some of the outer branches and occasionally a rather rough feathered immature bird could be seen.

They weren't flying too well. It was apparent that some flying lessons were under way. While these young birds were taking their first flights, they were staying within the confines of the branches of the alder.

A streak of more brilliant color caught my eye. I moved to better see it and spooked the male into the open whereupon he flew to the top of the snag. I froze in my tracks and the bird surveyed the surroundings. Seeing no movement the bird was reassured. He flew into the alder and the flying lessons resumed. He was a male Western Tanager, brilliant in his orange red finery about his head with yellow cape and striking white barred black wings. His mate was also instructing. As I withdrew, I could hear the chattering for some time.

This was a busy Sunday. One bull hummingbird, a male Rufous, has laid his claim on the hummingbird feeder on the back deck. He perches on the branch of a closeby black cottonwood, which incidentally he also thinks is his alone, and defies any bird of any species to invade it. A little bushtit, a small bird also, but twice the size of a hummer, flew into the cottonwood and started gleaming some of the branches. The cocky little bull hummer

would have none of this. With a great display of aerial prowess, he attacked the intruder and after quite a few attacks drove him from the tree. He then resumed his perch from which he could launch an attack at any hummer which came to his feeder.

There is a woman's lib movement on among the humming birds. They are fed up with the old bull's domineering ways and piggyish attitude concerning the feeder. So now the females come to the feeder in pairs. "Hey Gertrude, I am going to the feeder. Come along and draw Old Bull off while I take a sip. Then I will do the same for you". So the two females approach the feeder. The male launches himself from his perch at the nearest one. She keeps just out of his

reach so he will keep pursuing until she has drawn him far away from the feeder where the other female is sipping at leisure. Then the two females exchange roles and the other one feeds.

When the young come to the feeder, the old bull loses his pugnacious attitude and they feed unmolested. He must like kids. These young are usually escorted by the mother bird. They all try to feed at once and it is not uncommon to see as many as three successfully feeding from one tube at the same time. While the adult bully will not tolerate lone females at his feeder any more than he will other males, the young and the female who comes with the young are not molested in any way, but are allowed to feed peacefully.

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