

Saint b-ballers seek league win



CATCHER JIM Baker rounds third base and at the instruction of coach Dale Stebbins, heads home for a run in Tuesday nightcap of Mt. Hood CC's doubleheader with Clark. Baker plated one of the necessary runs for the Saints' 2-1 win.

(Post photo)

Dale Stebbins is hoping that when opportunity knocks, his Mt. Hood Community College baseballers will listen.

The Saints will host Spokane Falls CC in the three-game series, another trial of the NWAACC Eastern Division. The opener will be Friday at 3 p.m., followed by a Saturday noon doubleheader.

Spokane Falls brings a 2-1 division record while defending NWAACC titlist Yakima, which will host 3-0 Big Bend this

weekend, owns a 1-2 mark. Mt. Hood meanwhile sits 0-3, (5-12 overall) with two losses last week resulting from the Saints' inability to cash in on a total of 27 runners left on the bases.

Big Bend hosted the Saints last weekend in division play, topping the Hooders 3-0 Friday. In the Saturday doubleheader, the BB's took 6-2 and 4-3 victories while Hood left its cache of baserunners stranded.

"It was back to the same old thing," said Stebbins. "We

outright them both games but we didn't take advantage of our opportunities."

In the 6-2 loss, Mt. Hood won the hit department 7-4 but pitcher Tim Fitz had control trouble in the second inning, allowing a single to mix up with four walks and a hit batsman for three Big Bend runs.

Dan Wolters drove home both Saint runs and Steve Gratton was 2-for-4 but Mt. Hood left 15 men on the basepaths.

Tim Pflaum also threw the

distance in his game, the 4-3 loss, but got in trouble in the first inning. All three Big Bend runs were unearned as two potential double play balls were thrown away, according to Stebbins, boosting BB to a 3-2 lead. Hood tied it up in the top of the ninth but BB took the win in a single run. This time the Saints stranded 12 runners.

Gratton went 3-for-5 with one RBI and Glen Baggerly was 2-for-3.

In non-divisional play, Hood

split a doubleheader with Clark, dropping the 10-7 opener in favor of a 2-1 nightcap win.

Clark turned around a 7-4 deficit with six runs in the top of the seventh. Of the 10 Clark runs, only one was charged as defense scattered out responsibility for 11 errors. Mike Fitz was 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

Doug Strahm and Jim Fischer threw a four-hitter in the nightcap, struck out nine and walked only three. Jim Baker and Al Moore hit back-to-back doubles in the second inning for one run and Greg Hopkins drove home Tim Fitz in the fourth for the second tally.

and helped strand eight Saints on the bases.

"When he got in trouble, Smith just threw better," explained Mt. Hood coach Dale Stebbins. "He had good fast balls and curves and he changed speeds well."

Mt. Hood pitcher Jeff Waite toiled the distance and let up only seven hits, struck out eight and walked six. Two out of the three runs he let up were unearned.

Mt. Hood CC .000 000 000 — 0 4 3
Big Bend CC .010 000 11x — 3 7 3
Waite and Wolters; Smith and Waddington.

Mt. Hood CC .000 100 1 — 2 7 2
Big Bend CC .000 021 2x — 4 4 3
T. Fitz and Wolters; Jacobsen and Waddington.

Mt. Hood CC .200 000 001 — 3 10 3
Big Bend CC .300 000 001 — 4 7 4
Pflaum and Baker; Wolters (1); Elkin and Waddington.

Clark CC .202 000 6 — 10 9 3
Mt. Hood CC .010 100 8x — 2 4 8
Stevens, Peterson (5) and Salwasser; Daley, Bigelow (5), Pflaum (7) and Wolters. W—Reed. L—Bigelow.

Clark CC .000 001 0 — 1 4 2
Mt. Hood CC .010 100 8x — 2 4 8
Stevens, Peterson (5) and Jones; Strahm, Fischer (5) and Baker. W—Strahm. L—Stevens.

Hood spikemen nip Lane, plot relays

Everett and Lane Community Colleges will prove to be favorites along with the host at the Mt. Hood CC Relays Friday at 5 p.m.

Saint coach Jim Puckett has planned a busy meet with both men and women's competition lined up and plenty of teams to make a race to the meet title hectic.

Mt. Hood just edged out host Lane in a Saturday meet in Eugene, 88½-85, giving the Saints the mythical state community college title. The win came in the final event, the mile relay.

"It was our first win over Lane in many moons and it was

a great team effort," said Puckett. "We'll get the kids zipped up for this meet (the relays). The Tiger is back at the track."

Saint firsts included Robin Woolhiser, long jump, 23-11;

Chris Jensen, 110 high hurdles, 15.21; Mark Porterfield, triple jump, tie for first at 6-6.

Seconds included Ron Bigness, long jump, 23-0 and 110 highs, 15.25; Brian Kuepper,

400 meters, 50.87; Jeff Koomsman, pole vault, 14-6; and 400 relay, 44.22.

Woolhiser, Mark Peterson and Don Ebert were named spikers of the week.

Wallace jump sparks Saint women's efforts

The seven-woman crew put together the big effort.

Though Clackamas Community College scored 139 points and George Fox was next at 72, it was Mt. Hood CC's team effort for third at 64 points which demonstrated the idea of team effort despite a spiker shortage because of hurts with gusto. The job was done at Mt. Hood's own invitational last Saturday.

The Saint women will host the Mt. Hood Relays Friday at

5 p.m. with much the same lineup of schools returning to vie for a new title.

"They really competed. They put out their best efforts as a team," proclaimed Saint coach Beth Kluth. "Cindy Wallace finished first in the long jump, the first event to finish, and that sparked the rest of the team."

Wallace took the long jump at 17-8 and also won the 100 dash in 11.47 to qualify for the Northwest regionals in both events.

Frosh have trouble finding win

The fourth and fifth losses of the season without a winning break paid a visit to the Sandy High freshman baseball team in unwelcome fashion.

Sweet Home uncorked a one-run deficit into a 11-6 victory last Thursday while Molalla whitewashed the frosh diamondmen 18-0 Monday.

The proposed road to recovery lies in the next game, a tilt Thursday at 4 p.m. down in Estacada, followed by Monday's home game with Silverton, set for 5 p.m.

The Sweet Home game had held a glimmer for a win. "Sweet Home probably was a team that we were fairly evenly matched up with and we ac-

tually hit the ball pretty well and had runners on in almost every inning," said frosh coach Ron Grantz.

At the end of five innings, Sandy actually led 6-5 but the frosh Hushies nailed down four runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh to ice the win.

"Cory Loehr threw well for five innings but it looked like he was getting tired," said Grantz. "He walked some guys and they started to hit the ball. There were also a couple of mental lapses of ours."

Against Molalla, the frosh Pioneers were effectively stymied by a one-hitter. Meanwhile three Sandy frosh hurlers were battered upon. Chris Roberts started in his first pitching appearance and "did a respectable job," according to Grantz. Tom Cootz threw until some back soreness recurred and he was pulled in favor of Loehr.

"I'm still trying to find someone else to throw for us," said the frosh coach. "Chris was doing a good job but then got into a little bit of trouble. A few walks and Molalla started drilling the ball. But then we weren't fielding well or thinking ahead about what we would do with the ball."

Grantz singled out Loehr,

Cootz, and Ray Snell as the bright spots of the latest games.

JV b-ballers plagued with no-hit syndrome

Could it be the Sandy High JV baseball team needs to take a want ad? A win is the objective but none have provided themselves so far this season.

In the CVL league opener, Silverton made the win column seem farther away with a 16-2 blitzing of the JV baseballers, pushing the junior Pioneers to a 0-9 record. In other games, the JV diamondmen took a pair of 9-0 losses from Newberg Saturday, a 13-0 defeat from St. Helens April 12 and a 21-1 drubbing from David Douglas April 6.

In the Silverton game, the JV club was limited to only four hits. Kevin Jackson singled home Joel Frost in the sixth inning after Frost had gained base with a single. Gary Martin singled in the seventh and then stole three bases to cross the plate with the other run of the day for Sandy.

Martin had earlier cracked a double in the fifth but failed to

score. Meanwhile Silverton used 10 hits and 16 Sandy errors to chalk up its 16 runs. The giant cascade of runs came in the third when the junior Foxes nailed down 12 runs with the aid of eight hits, muffed fly balls by Sandy, squeeze bunts and other errors.

"One bad inning, as it has been all season, has been our downfall," said JV baseball coach Curtis Heath. "We're still trying to work out our inexperience. It'll take some time."

Future games include home tilts with Sweet Home Friday at 4 p.m. and with Canby Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Saint golfers to lose comfort of home links

The comforts of home will be lost to the Mt. Hood Community College men's golfers as it will finish off the 1977 schedule with road trips.

The first of the away trips will be Friday when the Hooders face Lower Columbia CC in Longview for a 1:30 p.m. match.

The Saints took their seventh league match in as many tries, picking off Grays Harbor CC 321-387 Monday at Royal Oaks Golf Course in Vancouver.

"So far, so good," pointed out Hood golf coach Marv Hiebert of his team's latest victory. "The rest of our matches will

be away so it's going to be a little more difficult for us."

Bob Elliott finished the day as medalist with a score of 75 with John Rudolph next at 77 for the Saints. Rob Mullaney stroked a 82, Dave Bartholomaeus 87 and Vince Gandy 92.

Picking up its sixth league win in as many tries, Mt. Hood Community College proved tough in a 295-303 decision Friday over Lower Columbia CC at Gresham Golf Course.

John Rudolph circled the 18-hole course with a top medalist score of 70 while teammate Bob Elliott hit a round of 72. Dave Bartholomaeus stroked a 76 and Vince Gandy a 77 to complete the scoring foursome.

Run for Your Life to meet

Sandy Upper Grade Librarian Cal Conley is holding a first meeting for the Run for Your Life program Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Grade Library.

The run, jog, walk program for the over 40 crowd will be sponsored by the MHCC-Sandy Community School.

The program will be controlled and tailored to meet the needs of participating individuals.

Title defense tight for Saint net women

Defense of the 1976 NCWSA title becomes tougher when the Mt. Hood Community College women's tennis team hits the road this weekend.

The Saints move to Highline and set up base to face Columbia Basin at 10 a.m. and Highline at noon in tough Friday play. Come Saturday, Mt. Hood will battle Central Washington and either Seattle University or Pacific Lutheran.

Now 4-0 for the season with a Friday 7-2 win at Central Oregon CC and a Monday 6-3 win at Oregon College of Education, Saint coach Alice Gustafson said, "It's getting to the point where even I'm gaining confidence in them."

last two matches were Teresa Alexander, Tootie Rice, Kathy Ira, Gail Wetherbee and the doubles team of Alexander-Rice.

Volleyballers join all-stars

Two of Sandy High School's volleyballers from the 1976 season will be participating in the all-Oregon team in Can-Am volleyball this spring.

Jenny Johns and Rebecca Koepke were selected as two of 18 on the Oregon team, which will practice at Portland State University until taking on Canadian-American competition in late May.

Barlow to host wrestling meet

The first state-wide Junior Olympics Greco-Roman wrestling tournament in Oregon for youngsters 16 and under will be held at Barlow High School May 7.

Entries for this tournament, sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), will be accepted until April 23. Tourney winners will qualify for the Western Zone tournament at Hayward, Calif.

For more information, contact John Wight at 18761 SE El Camino Terrace, Boring 97009, or 658-5142.

Linksters drop match

The Sandy High boy's golf made a strong bid Tuesday for their first league win, but Estacada prevailed and squeezed out a narrow 174-176 victory over the Pioneers.

"I was disappointed," said coach Jim Kitchen of the loss. "This was the first time all year we've had to keep a score in the 50s."

Under rules, a team may throw out from the low score from its top five players.

Low score for the Pioneers and the meet was turned in by first golfer Fritz Engdall who fired a 40.

Number two linkster Mike Sandercock posted a 45, followed by Ed Lowe at 41.

Linksters drop match

Scott Peters at 50 and Dan Smith at 55.

Low score for Estacada was turned in by Dave Slusher at 42.

The Pioneers' season continues Friday against Silverton.

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