



THE GAME was baseball but the weather was more suited for ducks as cold, damp conditions prevailed at this game between Sandy and Barlow last Saturday.

The Pioneers lost the first half of a doubleheader by a 6-3 score before the rain forced cancellation of the second game.

Consistency needed

Sandy diamondmen suffer rain surplus, win drought

After enjoying balmy March weather for their season opening games, conditions during the first week of April have been closer to arctic for the Sandy High baseball team as they have played under chill, blustery skies and had one game called on account of rain.

The Pioneers have gone cold in the win column as well, losing three straight this past week to St. Helens, Barlow and Forest Grove.

In a rain-shortened game against the Vikings Tuesday Sandy matched up well in every category but the score as they bowed 8-2.

The Pioneers got seven hits, same as their opponents, committed one error and left six men on base.

Leading Sandy at the plate was catcher Mike Martin with a single and a double. Rick Martin cracked two singles and Bill Roden a double while Ted Copher and Rick Fry each rapped one base hit.

But the Pioneers couldn't get the hits they needed to drive in runs, and in the meantime pitcher Jay Colt was having control problems on the mound, walking hitters and getting behind the batter on several occasions.

As coach Glen Smith said "It was a case where they were getting people on base with walks and then getting hits to drive them in. We got people on base with hits, but then didn't get hits to drive them in."

Colt yielded the mound in the fourth inning to Randy Skogan, who finished up for Sandy.

The game ended in the sixth inning when a series of threatening clouds finally produced a downpour.

Another cloudburst cut short a scheduled double header last Saturday, allowing just one game between Sandy and the Barlow Bruins.

After a first-inning burst of runs by both teams that gave the visitors a 2-1 edge the game became a pitcher's

dual until the sixth inning, when the Barlow hitters finally got to Sandy starter Randy Skogan as he gave up two runs each in the sixth and seventh innings.

Going into the final frame then Sandy was behind by 6-1 and appeared doomed when pinch hitter Jay Colt walked to get on base.

Mike Martin then singled, sending Colt to third, setting the stage for a booming Rick Martin double to left that drove in both Colt and Mike Martin.

Second baseman Ted Copher then got another walk, and Mark Contreras came to the plate as the possible tying run.

Contreras brought the crowd to its feet with a powerful line drive deep into the seam between right and center field but the Bruin left fielder made the catch to end the game.

Sandy started their week last Friday with a 12-0 loss to third-ranked St. Helens. The Lions shelled Sandy pitchers for 18 hits, including two home runs.

Still with just one win thus far, the Pioneers are performing well in certain phases of the game but still need to bring the pieces together.

Smith said that on days the hitting is good the defense lapses, and vice versa.

The Sandy coach singled out Mike Martin, Ted Copher, Rick Fry and Rick Martin for their strong performances of late.

Mike Martin, filling in at catcher for the injured Royal Proctor, has been especially effective running the bases. Against Barlow he stole second twice, going on once to steal third then score on a pass ball.

Ted Copher has been hitting well and playing good defense at second base while sophomores Fry and Martin have displayed surprising power at the plate.

The Pioneers will get a rematch at home against St. Helens Thursday, then will travel to Molalla next Tuesday. Game time for both contests will be 4 p.m.

Fish and Wildlife news

Meetings planned for hunt schedule

by Ken Durbin

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will conduct a series of town hall meetings in April and May to hear public recommendations regarding 1978 big game regulations.

A similar series of meetings were conducted last year in Corvallis, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Medford, Bend, and Klamath Falls. This year's meetings will be held in Astoria, Salem, The Dalles, Pendleton, La Grande, Enterprise, Baker, Ontario and Burns.

In addition to these meetings, the Commission will meet with representatives of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in a session open to the public but at which public comment will not be solicited. That meeting will be held in

Pendleton at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, in the Indian Hills Motor Inn.

The town hall meetings are in addition to the Commission meetings and hearings normally held in the process of setting big game hunting regulations. On May 5 the Commission will hear the season recommendations of its big game management staff in a meeting at the Fish and Wildlife Department headquarters conference room, 506 SW Mill Street in Portland. That meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and is open to the public.

Then, later in the month, the Commission will meet again for two days. The first day, beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 26, will be devoted to hearing more public recommendations concerning big game seasons.

On the following day,

Saturday, the Commission will weigh information from the town hall meetings, recommendations from its staff, and comments from public hearings, and then set the 1978 regulations.

Both sessions will begin at 9 a.m. in the Department's Portland conference room.

In all, nine meetings to solicit public comment on big game hunting will have been held in many sections of the state. But from those who can't attend any of these meetings, the Commission would still like to hear preferences and feelings regarding any of the big game seasons. Written correspondence is encouraged and it can be sent to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 3503, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Field biologists throughout the state are now well into

the work of surveying big game herds to determine population trends and survival through the winter.

Preliminary indications are generally encouraging, especially in view of the bleak situation facing many herds going into the winter last year. The drought which hit eastern Oregon so hard last summer prevented growth of much of the forage deer depend upon and there was little fall greenup which can often be depended on to give deer a little boost just before the onset of cold weather.

Although there were exceptions, and some areas where freak storms did provide a better forage situation, most herds went into the fall with the animals in poor body condition and low fat reserves.

Paraski meet due on Mt. Hood

Colorful parachutes, will fill the skies of the Mt. Hood area during the First Invitational Gran Prix Paraski Meet on Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9.

Competitors from throughout the West and Northwest will compete for \$5500 in prize money in two days of skiing and skydiving competition.

On Saturday, entrants will compete against a stopwatch as they ski a giant slalom course on the Upper Bowl at Ski

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Bowl. Sunday will find them leaping out of a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter over the golf course at Bowman's, attempting to hit dead-center of a 9 centimeter disc after falling from 2800 feet. Winners will be chosen by a combined score from both events.

The event is the first of its type to be held at Mt. Hood and is designed to help pick a two person team to represent the United States in world paraski competition that will be held later this year in Austria.

Competition will begin about 10 a.m.

on both days, weather permitting.

Paraski meets are becoming increasingly popular even though the relationship between the two sports exists only in the desire for excellence and competition and the excitement of the speed involved.

The West Coast Regional Paraski Meet was held in Bend in January, 1978, and many of the same competitors are expected.

Details about the meet can be obtained by calling Ted Mayfield at the Pacific Parachute Center in Sheridan.

OVERTIME.

by Douglas Gantenbein sports editor

I've been stopped by a number of people these last two weeks who commented on the photo page I ran two weeks ago, "Reaching For the Top," regarding a climb of Mt. Hood I made the previous weekend.

"Well, here comes our Alpinist," went one. Or, "Say, I'm really impressed by your stamina."

All of which is fine and good. I like being thought of as a big-time mountain climber as much, or even more, than the next guy.

But if you think climbing Mt. Hood or even Mt. Rainier is an accomplishment, consider this tale:

Guest speaker for the Portland State University Outdoor Club several weeks ago was Doug Scott, an Englishman widely regarded as one of the premier climbers in the world. A fine photographer and an exceptional lecturer, with his rich Sheffield accent, he lists among his achievements a first ascent of the Southwest Face of Mt. Everest, one of the most spectacular and awe inspiring mountain faces in the world.

Adding even more luster to this feat was the fact that he and partner Dougal Haston remained above 28,000 feet for three days; pioneering a route, reaching the summit and being forced to bivouac without oxygen at 28,700, a feat never before and never since duplicated.

That he and Haston sur-

vived that night of bitter cold where the air is so thin one step requires 10 gulps of air is singular testament to their courage and endurance.

But like any great climber Scott lingered little on that feat, and before the year was up he and Haston had added a first ascent of the 9,000 foot South Face of Alaska's Mt. McKinley.

Then last summer he and five others mounted an assault on the Ogre, a then-unclimbed 24,000 peak deep in the rugged Karakoram range in northern India.

The Ogre is aptly named; an enormous, jagged peak not unlike a giant building block set at a tilted angle in rough concrete. Two peaks, a small false summit and an 800 foot summit pillar thrusting into the air, provide a final diabolical touch to this colossus.

Scott's plan was that he and one companion would attempt one corner of the block, while the four others made a go of it on a series of snow and rock gullies along the opposite side.

For a place to sleep while the two of them were ascending the 3000 foot vertical rock face, they designed a pyramidal frame "tent" with a large loop in the top, the whole contraption to be hung from a peg pounded into the rock, then slept in.

As Scott said, deadpan, "you would want to pound that peg in very well."

But Scott's attempt proved short lived and ill fated, for as he and his partner approached the draw they

planned to climb from a large rock sailed down, narrowly missing Scott but hitting the other climber and severely injuring his leg.

They were forced to return to base camp, and there found the other four members of the party, exhausted from their effort to achieve the summit from the rock gully route. They had come close, but had been forced to stop at the base of the final summit tower for lack of rock climbing gear.

But they were anxious to try again, and they talked Scott into trying yet another route—over the false summit and along an icy saddle to the true summit.

This they set out to do, forcing a route over the false summit after establishing a high camp, then digging a snow cave for a bivouac on the snow saddle.

The next day they reached the summit pinnacle—800 feet of near-vertical granite, much of it smooth-faced with little more than a narrow crack running up it for "finger-jamming." In places the cliff was so sheer the climbers suspended themselves on stirrups they had hung from irregularities in the rock face with pitons and chocks.

But finally, the summit is reached just before dark. Now, laden with rock gear at the expense of food and warm clothing, the climbers must descend at least as far as their snow cave in near-total darkness.

Scott is the third climber to rappel off the summit, sliding down the rope into the

black abyss beneath him.

About 100 feet below the summit, still high on the granite wall, there is a tiny rock ledge alongside a vertical fold in the rock that forms a wall.

As Scott describes it: "Not a very good place to break both legs."

"But that is exactly what I did."

Picking his way down the rock, Scott believes he stepped on slick, green ice thinking it was rock.

Whatever, he had little time for reflection upon just what he stepped on as he suddenly found himself sailing out into space like a yo-yo, swinging across the face of the mountain.

Suddenly, the darkness of the sky was cut off by the even darker blackness of a looming granite wall, and Scott just swung his legs around to break the impact when he slammed into the rock, snapping one tibia in two and suffering a spiral fracture in the other.

Gradually the swinging lessened and he hung motionless in space, a tiny spider on a web of infinite delicacy when compared to the massive bulk of the mountain.

His companion, rappelling down above him, poked his head over a ledge just above Scott, inquiring in a cheerful Scottish voice quite unaware of Scott's plight: "What, oh?" To which Scott replied, "I've broken my bloody legs. That," recalled Scott, "sobered him up quite a bit."

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