

Bases loaded twice—but no runs scored

Some days you can't even buy a run



SANDY CATCHER Royal Proctor fires a throw to second as he attempts to catch a Molalla Indian stealing second. The Molalla hitter watches his teammate's progress. Proctor got two hits as Sandy lost to the Indians, 5-1.

Pity coach Glen Smith. His Sandy Pioneer baseball team had the bases loaded twice with no outs in both the fifth and sixth innings of their game against Molalla Tuesday.

And both times they failed to score a run. I'll repeat that: Bases loaded twice with no outs, but no runs were scored.

As a result, Molalla came away with a 5-1 win that could easily have been 7-5. The Pioneer's fatal inability to cash in on golden opportunities has left Smith mystified.

"We've been working on things we always do to improve our hitting," he said, shaking his head. "I don't know what to do about our clutch hitting."

Overall, the Pioneers had a respectable day at the plate, collecting nine hits, but after a third inning triple by Ted Copher drove in Rick Martin no hits came with runners in scoring position.

In the fifth inning Mark Peasley got on base when he was hit by a pitch and Jay Colt was sent in to pinch-run.

Then Mike Martin and Rick Martin got on with bunts, filling the bases.

It was virtually the same story in the next inning as Rick Fry singled and Royal Proctor and Bill Rodden bunted on.

Colt struck out, then the two Martins each grounded out to again leave three runners stranded.

In the meantime, the Indians were collecting their five runs on seven hits off starter Randy Skogan and reliever Jay Colt.

Skogan left in the third inning with a sore arm, trailing 2-1.

Three Pioneers got two hits apiece; Rick Martin with a double and a single, Ted Copher with a triple and a single and Royal Proctor with two singles.

The Molalla game was Proctor's first appearance back at the catcher's spot since he crushed three fingers in his left hand three weeks ago.

Friday, Sandy will host Estacada, who lost a close 4-3 game to league favorite Canby on Tuesday. The game is set to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Tim Freeman takes silver medal in AAU wrestling

Sandy High sophomore restler Tim Freeman has picked up a slew of awards this spring in Oregon Junior Development Freestyle Wrestling, culminating in a silver medal at the AAU Junior Olympic meet at Jackson High School in Portland April 8.

The second place finish qualified him for the Junior Olympic Nationals in Salt Lake City this June.

Freeman, wrestling in the 160.5 pound bracket, picked up a first place district finish and a second place state spot in Junior Development wrestling during March.

He then placed first in the AAU district tourney April 1 at Clackamas High, then went on to his second place effort in the state tournament last Saturday.

Netters fall to Estacada

Sandy High's boys tennis team got their first points in history Tuesday as the first year team managed to win one match against Estacada in a 4-1 loss.

Doubles Dan Brown and Dave Bonner beat Mike McKay and Nick Diede 6-1, 6-3 for the win.

"Now we've gotten one win, and we'll start building from there," commented Sandy coach Cheryl Proett.

Aside from that there wasn't much to cheer about. First singles player Ken Roberts was shut out by Mike Miler, 0-6, 0-6 and second singles Damien Bollerman fared little better as he lost to Wes Williams, 3-6, 2-6.

First doubles Lee Funke and B.J. Spraggel lost 0-6, 0-6 and second doubles Steve Frost and Jim Pierson were defeated 2-6, 2-6.

Coach Proett was critical of her team's performance in

the wake of the lopsided losses.

"There was a total lack of consistency and movement," she said. "Their heads just weren't in it."

Sandy will have a chance to get their heads back into it Thursday when they visit Forest Grove. The Vikings lost most of their team to graduation last year but are still expected to field a strong squad.

The match begins at 4 p.m.

Hook 'n' Sinker

Trout season opens April 22

by Dennis Luse

Salmon fishing hasn't improved over last week and should remain the same this week. A few have been taken around the Oregon City falls area but the run has failed to make a spectacular appearance.

Steelheading remains slow, although a few bright fish have been appearing throughout the Sandy. The Molalla and Clackamas have been slow.

With the opening of trout season just around the corner you should carefully check the 1978 Fish and Wildlife regulations as to the opening date of the water you will be fishing. There have been a few changes in the opening dates on local waters that have been otherwise open April 22. The Sandy and all tributaries are closed to trout angling until May 19.

The tributaries of the Sandy include the Salmon and Zig Zag rivers, Still Creek, Clear Creek, Camp Creek and Bear Creek. I understand the fine is \$55 for fishing closed waters. Game wardens may confiscate your gear also.

Whatever water you will be fishing on opening day don't forget baits such as salmon eggs and worms. When fished correctly they should put some scrappy rainbow trout in your creel.

Trout are one of the most food-craving scavengers and viciously attack most bait offerings. They lay next to rock and other submerged obstacles waiting for an insect or other likely looking morsel to venture by, then will dart out of their place of hiding, grab the food, and return to their resting place.

The object in bait fishing, especially in a stream, is to present the offering in such a way to fool the trout into thinking it is a piece of food drifting naturally among the rocks pebbles.

Casting across the stream and reeling it in without drifting to the bottom will not fill up a creel as fast as the bait drifting naturally. The fish may strike the fast moving bait on top of the water thinking it to be some large insect moving on the water.

The most popular way to fish with salmon eggs is to attach a No. 10 or No. 12 egg hook to a four pound test leader about 18 inches long. Tie leader to main line and place a weight no closer than 18 inches to the hook. The weight should be a split shot of sufficient weight to take the rig close to the bottom.

The depth and current speed will determine what size to use.

Put an egg on the hook in such a manner that the barb is hidden inside the egg. Cast the offering upstream of the place you intend to drift and let the rig bounce along the bottom. Many fishermen prefer to use a No. 10 snelled hook and put two or three eggs on as an added incentive to the fish. The most popular colors of eggs are red, yellow, or orange. A purple egg put out by Pautzke's called Balls 'o' Fire is productive.

Where the water is shallow, about one to two feet in depth, a small bobber

replaces the weight and the rig is cast directly upstream allowing the bobber to drift the eggs around and behind rocks. This procedure can be very productive since the rig seldom gets hung up on the bottom.

Another advantage is the rig can be allowed to drift downstream freely where the fish haven't noticed your presence.

An effective substitute for the popular salmon egg is the good ol' worm. A night crawler or small wriggling worm such as the red worm is synonymous with fishing. The night crawler can be fished many ways. He can be sectioned off into 3/4" lengths and threaded on a number eight or 10 hook like a piece of macaroni. In fishing for larger fish he can be used whole.

The small red worm can be used by inserting the hook in different locations along his length and let a portion trail freely.

The procedure for fishing the worm is like that of any bait. Drift it freely among the rocks and on the bottom allowing it to wiggle in hopes of attracting a fish.

Other baits such as grasshoppers, crickets, and salmon flies are good live baits fished the same way but the scarcity of these baits limits their use. They are more productive in the summer months when the natural hatches are present.

The baits can be fished the same way in lakes by trolling them along with a spinner or flashing lures. The bait is usually trolled behind the flasher about 12 inches. The trout will be attracted by the flasher, will see the bait and take it.

Bait fishing is the oldest and most productive means of catching fish. Experiment with your own ideas, like my wife skunking me with an egg and worm combination. Embarrassing.

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All-stars play Thursday

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Teams from each of the league's two divisions will

meet in the game. Ron Norquist will coach the Division I starts, while Ron Verdoorn heads up the Division II players.

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