

# Sports & Recreation

## Paola's Pizza Barn takes city title



Mike Mills beats the throw to first base

It was billed as the World Series of Sandy. In reality it was the championship series of the Sandy Softball League between Adventist I and Paola's Pizza Barn. But you wouldn't find more enthusiasm or competitiveness if you went to Yankee Stadium.

Paola's got off to a big start in the best-of-three series winning the first game last week 11-1. Several attempts at completing the series were thwarted by baseball's oldest nemesis, the rain.

But finally the clouds lifted just enough so that the final game could be played Sunday.

Paola's scored first, but fell behind the Adventist I team 4-2 in the early innings. But Paola's came back, using a balanced hitting attack and aggression on the basepaths for a six-run inning to sweep the game and the series. The final score was 8-4.

Paola's won the women's division as well, going undefeated in the three-team league. The teams can celebrate together, but not for long.

Spring training is just around the corner.



Mike Sutton watches in the rain

## Interceptions thwart Sandy offense

# St. Helens "steals" football game from Pioneers, 15-6

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An old cliché adapted to sports reads: The team that lives by the sword, dies by the sword.

The Sandy High football team passed away Friday night — literally.

The passing attack that was to lead the Pioneers out of their offensive doldrums betrayed them Friday night, as St. Helens used four interceptions to record a 15-6 Coast-Valley League victory on the Lions' home turf.

The aerial thefts led directly to one St. Helens score and kept the Pioneers mired deep in their own territory for most of the second half.

Things weren't much better in the first half, but with a couple of breaks, Sandy went into the locker room tied 6-6 at the intermission.

St. Helens returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, but the play was called back on a clipping penalty. The Lions moved the ball to midfield before stalling and punting to the Sandy 5-yard line.

On the Pioneers' first play from scrimmage, halfback Kevin Peterson tore around left end for a 15 yard gain. However, the next two plays resulted in illegal procedure calls against Sandy and the Pioneers had their backs to the goal line once again.

On third down quarterback Royal Proctor faded back and dumped a screen pass in the left flat which was picked off and run in for a score by St. Helens defender Glen Anderson.

Sandy came right back after foiling the extra point attempt, returning the St. Helens kickoff past midfield. A 20 yard scamper by fullback Rayth Buswell put the

Pioneers in scoring position, and on second and goal from the 3-yard line, Buswell carried it in for the touchdown. The Lions blocked the extra point attempt and the score remained tied 6-6.

On the first play following the kickoff, St. Helens fumbled and Sandy recovered at the 30-yard line.

Then came what Sandy coach Lynn Harris felt was the turning point in the ball game; two plays that took away the momentum the Pioneers had established.

On first down, Peterson took a pitch from Proctor and rolled to his left, stopping to fire a bomb to a Sandy receiver who was open by nearly 10 yards on the goal line. Unfortunately for Sandy, the ball sailed over the receiver's head by a large margin.

Sandy kept the ball moving, however, and picked up 15 yards in two plays for a 1st and 10 at the 15 yard line. Then came the second big play.

Peterson carried up the middle and got popped by two Lion defenders, which sent the ball 15 feet straight up in the air. The fumble was recovered by St. Helens and Sandy never mounted another serious scoring threat in the game.

Things went from bad to worse in the second half for the Pioneers. The headphones to the pressbox quit working and Harris was given a walkie-talkie to communicate with his spotter.

"I couldn't get that walkie-talkie to work right," Harris said. "I kept cutting myself off in the middle of saying something to my spotters."

"Then all of a sudden this voice on the walkie-talkie starts screaming that we were on an emergency frequency and were breaking FCC regulations, so I got rid of the thing," he added.

By the time Harris got oriented again, St. Helens had the ball near midfield. The Pioneers' defense was using its goal line technique — down on all fours — to stop the successful attack of the bigger St. Helens squad.

On first down, Lion quarterback Shorty Ames pitched to halfback Brad Domenighini who in turn lofted a pass to split end Jerry Edwards for a 49 yard touchdown; the same play that Sandy had miscalculated in the first half.

That ended the scoring in the game, save for a 21-yard field goal by St. Helens in the waning minutes of the

contest.

Harris blamed poor field position, courtesy of offensive inconsistency, for the Pioneers' failure to score.

"In the second half it seemed like we were never where we could operate," Harris said. "We never crossed the 50-yard line until the game was decided."

"We just lacked consistency," he added. "Even when we did something right, we'd come back on the next play or the next series of downs and flub it up."

Sandy gained only 90 yards for the game; 52 rushing and 38 in the air. St. Helens picked up 215 yards.

The Pioneers' passing attack, which was supposed to be one of its strong points, netted only six completions in 18 attempts.

"Our passing game is just a touch away from having

it," Harris said. "We're so close, you can see it; the same with our running backs — I couldn't see much wrong with the way they played Friday."

"Our question mark all along has been our offensive line because of the inexperience," he added, "but they're all football players and it's just the mental mistakes that are hurting us. They can be corrected."

"We've poured a lot of football on these people in four weeks and a lot of these mental errors are because we haven't paid enough attention to some small details," Harris said. "Almost every position has one or two details that we need to fix up and we're going to work on those in practice this week."

"I expect by Friday we'll be one of the most improved teams you'll ever see in a week."

## Pioneer gymnasts break record, but lose to Barlow in season opener

The Sandy High girls' gymnastics team shattered a school record last Tuesday, but wound up on the short end of the score against Barlow, 110-15-76.03.

The team point total broke the record of 68.79 set by last year's team, but it was not enough to stop the Barlow squad, particularly Christie Olson.

Olson took the all-around competition over Sandy's Kelly Jackson 7.85-5.58, as well as winning three individual events. She recorded several high scores in the meet, including a 9.1 in the floor exercise, as the Barlow team won every individual event.

"Their tumbling was really good," said Sandy coach Laura Pihlaja-Muehleck. "They were doing back layouts at about head level — really up in the air."

"We had some falls in the beam (competition) that we shouldn't have had," she added. "It was mostly a lack of concentration."

"But we did really well in the vault," Muehleck said. "We beat them as a team."

The Pioneers were led by Jackson who had the top score for Sandy in each event as well as the all-around competition.

The Pioneer sophomore racked up 7.35 points in the vault, 5.40 in the uneven parallel bars, 5.15 on the beam and 4.40 in the floor exercise.

Jackson is .2 of a point from school records in all of the events.

Sandy's best effort came in the vault where it outscored Barlow 23.55-21.60. In addition to Jackson's score, Lori Lynch tallied a 6.45 and Marna Antis 5.20.

In the uneven parallel bars, Danise Buswell scored a 4.00 and Cindy Peers 3.50. Debbie Turin recorded a 4.50 and Suzi Sawtell 3.60 in the

balance beam event.

In the floor exercise, Lynch recorded a 3.75 and Gayle Roth 3.60.

"The girls were really nervous," Muehleck said. "They're going to have to get used to competition."

"We'll be working on getting more flowing routines and getting the girls to have more confidence in what they're doing," she added.

## pioneer calendar

### VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 21 Molalla at Sandy 6 p.m.  
Sept. 23 Sandy at Redmond Tourney 9 a.m.  
Sept. 25 Sandy at Silverton 6 p.m.  
Sept. 28 Sandy at Sweet Home 6 p.m.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 25 Sandy and Dallas at Silverton 5 p.m.

### SOCCER

Sept. 22 Estacada at Sandy 4 p.m.  
Sept. 26 Sandy at N. Clackamas Christian (Oregon City) 4 p.m.

### WATER POLO

Sept. 21 Centennial at Sandy 4 p.m.  
Sept. 26 Oregon City at Sandy 4 p.m.  
Sept. 28 Gresham at Sandy 4 p.m.

### GYMNASTICS

Sept. 26 Sandy at McMinnville 7 p.m.

### FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Sept. 21 Sandy at St. Helens 5 p.m.

### J.V. FOOTBALL

Sept. 21 St. Helens at Sandy 5 p.m.

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 22 McMinnville at Sandy 8 p.m.

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