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Spring to bring new life to sports

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It's been a mild winter. It could be a wild spring and summer, though.

Spring is an exciting time in northwest Oregon, especially in the world of sports. And this promises to be a banner year.

First of all, the Portland Beavers will open their season in mid-April. The Beavers are the best entertainment bet in the state for the price. Bleacher tickets went for a mere 75 cents a game last season and the Portland management usually has some kind of promotion to add to the fun. Regular beer nights were scheduled last year as well as special appearances by the Pittsburgh Pirates, some Hall of Fame major leaguers and the Penthouse Pets.

Things are looking bright for this season, as well. The Beavers shocked the baseball world by signing former great Luis Tiant to a six-figure contract. Tiant has been around for a while and was a favorite for the Boston Red Sox and later the Yankees of New York. He got his start in Portland during the 1960s.

The bad thing about Tiant's signing with Portland is that ticket prices may go all the way up to \$1. The good thing is that he should draw a helluva lot of fans the nights he is scheduled to pitch.

Tiant always was a crowd-pleaser. His high leg kicks and fancy twists in his pitching motion should make him a favorite with Portland fans.

The Beavers also have signed Earl Williams, who had a brilliant rookie season with Atlanta in the early 1970s, hitting some 40 home runs. But Williams faded into obscurity and hasn't been heard from for years. Now he is trying to make a comeback and will probably be behind the plate for Portland.

When the Beavers aren't exciting the Civic Stadium crowds, the Portland Timbers usually are. The Timbers are coming off a so-so indoor season, but they should be playoff-bound in the outdoor season.

Portland was floundering last year and coach Don Megson was given the boot. In came Vic Crowe, who guided the Timbers to the Soccer Bowl when he was coach a few years back. Crowe immediately lit a fire under Portland and the Timbers became the hottest team in the North American Soccer League over the last month of the season.

Unfortunately, they had dug themselves too deep a hole and didn't quite make the playoffs. But this year, Crowe will have the team for the full year and he seems to know what it takes to win in the NASL.

One obstacle may be finding a goalie to replace Mick Poole, who has resigned from the club over a contract dispute. Poole, one of the better goalies in the league, will leave some rather large shoes to fill unless Crowe can convince him to stay.

Nevertheless, the 1981 outdoor soccer season should be a good one.

Not everyone is interested in baseball and soccer, but that's the nice thing about spring. The NCAA and NBA basketball playoffs will be in full swing and fishing season gets underway in mid-April.

The NCAA tournament is probably the best sporting event around, with the exception of the Olympics, especially since there has been no dominant team over the last few years. And the NBA playoffs will finally get some excitement going over the pros after a too-long and too-dull regular season.

If the prospect of being bound to the tube doesn't please you, there's always the chance to slip away for a quick nine holes or a trip to the nearest lake for a cast or two.

It might even be enough to get some of us off our lazy rear ends and out for a jog. One can always blame the poor winter weather on our laziness, but there are few excuses in the spring. And once you get out there, it feels pretty good.

Now watch it snow all spring.



Dawn New (left) and Oregon City's Tracy Klein gear up for the rebound. Oregon City, the Timber Valley League champs and state's second-ranked

team, overwhelmed Sandy 84-29 Wednesday on the Sandy High court. It was the final regular season game.

Oregon City rolls over Sandy girls

A fast, strong and very good Oregon City team put the crunch on Sandy Wednesday night in the final regular season basketball game for both teams.

The Oregon City girls defeated the Pioneers 84-29 in the SUHS gym.

"They were gearing up for state," Sandy coach John Smith said of the visitors. "We were in the way at the wrong time."

If Oregon City wanted to go out on a good note, it certainly should have been happy with Wednesday's performance. The "other" Pioneers pressed, moved the ball well and shot the eyes out of the basket. Then again, a high shot percentage isn't that difficult when

you get a lot of close shots and the Oregon City shooting chart looked like a jar of marbles. The longest shot wasn't even outside the key.

Oregon City rolled to a 28-10 lead after just one quarter. Many girls teams don't score that many points in a game.

It wasn't that Sandy played that poorly; Oregon City was just that good.

"I thought our girls responded well despite the fact that we were way down," Smith said. "Everyone was in there giving it their best."

Oregon City, rated second in the state and undefeated in the Timber Valley League, looked like a team ready for state. It scored 27

points in the third quarter to go along with the 28 first quarter points, and kept the pressure on Sandy all night.

Oregon City kept its starters in a little longer than the Sandy players probably had hoped, but with state competition just around the corner, the strategy is excusable.

Oregon City coach Brad Smith did empty his bench, though, and 12 different players scored in the game. The visitors were led by Margie Park, who had 19 points and a couple of college scouts in the stands. Teammate Cathy Gorton added 16 and neither one hurt their reputations any.

Sandy was led by Dawn New with 10 points and Char

McKinney with seven.

McKinney was also the leading rebounder with six.

Both McKinney and New made some good individual moves in the game and Smith got some good play out of his bench.

"It was our last game and we played a lot of seniors," he said. "I thought they all did a pretty good job out there. Sandy Yantes got into early foul trouble and Elaine Gedde had to play point guard, which she hadn't played since early in the year. She did a pretty fair job."

"We shot only 27 percent (10 of 37) from the field for the game and that's been our problem all year," he added. "In every game we've won

or been in, we've shot at least 40 percent. We're getting close shots, we're just not knocking them down. That's got to be our goal for next year—to improve our shooting."

The Pioneers also made just nine of 20 free throw attempts, a .450 mark.

Sandy ended the season with a 7-13 record, the best in the school's brief history.

Registration for baseball, softball set

Registration for Sandy Youth Baseball and Softball will begin this Saturday, Feb. 28, and continue for the next two Saturdays.

The sign-up will be held at the Sandy High baseball field.

The youth program will be for boys ages eight to 14 in baseball and for girls ages eight to 18 in softball.

Registration fee is \$15. Players must bring non-returnable copies of their birth certificates to the registration. Family fees are available.

The program is in need of assistant baseball coaches and umpires. Interested persons may inquire at the registration or contact Roger Moore at 668-4614.

Other registrations will be held March 7 and March 14. All will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Bob Gedde, 668-5309; Marie Rudisill, 668-5178; or Carol Powell, 668-5349.

U-Catch-Em fish pond to open March 1

The U-Catch-Em fish farm on Coalman Road will open for the season Sunday, March 1.

The two-acre pond will be open to fishermen from 8 a.m. to dark Wednesdays through Sundays.

A wide variety of fish are in the pond, but trout are the major inhabitants, especially during the cooler weather, according to owner Earl Hammett. The warm-water fish, such as bass, perch and crappie, will bite later in the year.

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Turkey hunting season draws near

Applicants who were successful in drawing permits for wild turkey hunting this spring should receive notification from the Department of Fish and Wildlife soon.

Hunters had double the opportunity for drawing a tag this year, since the number was increased from 400 to 800. Last year, more than 1,300 applications were received.

The impact of the spring hunt on turkey populations has been small, since hunter success for the wary bird usually doesn't surpass 10 percent. In fact, the turkey population could probably sustain heavier hunter pressure, but biologists have been reluctant to recommend more tags.

Past turkey hunts have been so low-key and unpressured, that game managers did not want to change it. A partial solution, tried for the first time this year, will be two separate hunts.

Wild turkeys were never native to Oregon but numerous attempts were made to introduce them near the turn of the century.

As with many new introductions, the birds flourished for a while and reached large numbers in some areas. For a time, unlimited fall hunting and controlled spring hunting for males was permitted. But like most introductions,

turkey numbers dropped and stabilized at a lower level.

No one knows exactly why this happens, but it is believed that a lag time occurs while natural diseases and predation catch up to a new species.

Hunting the gobbler in spring can be a unique pursuit. It is a waiting game of stealth and patience. Although a few hunters each

year succeed in bagging a gobbler by stumbling across one in the woods, most successful hunters lure the bird by imitating the call of a hen.

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