

Ron's No Place grabs first place in B League

Ron's No Place took over sole possession of first place in the "B" League this week and a pair of teams are tied for the lead in the "A" Division of the Sandy Recreation League.

Ron's moved into first with a 2-0 mark by knocking off the Drones, who were in the midst of a three-game winning streak. There is a four-team logjam for second place.

The Funny Farm and Clackamas County Bank are atop the "A" League standings with 1-0 records. The Farm dumped Schoppert's Loggers Tuesday, one of the top teams in the first round. The hard-luck Clackamas Bankers had lost several close first round games, but started off the second half by dumping Reliable Realty in a high-scoring affair.

Funny Farm 71, Loggers 60

Tim Veley pumped in 25 points to lead the Farm to a win in its first game in the second round. Funny Farm was the champion of the "A" Division's first half.

Schoppert's Loggers 68, Deli Barn 61

Ray Perkins scored 24 points to help the Loggers even their second half record at 1-1.

Clackamas County ank 98, Reliable 92

Randy Hattrick fired in a season-high 34 points to lead the Clackamas bankmen in an "A" Division shootout. Clackamas Bank is tied for the lead league with a 1-0 mark.

Ron's No Place 48, Drones 43

Ron's took over sole possession of first place as Terry (Buffalo) Blasko pumped in a game-high 15 points.

Swimmers 51, Sandy TV 42

Roy Clark scored 14 points to lead the Swimmers to the win and knotting their season mark at 1-1.

P&C Construction 49, Dairy Queen 43

Ken Pernell knocked in 14 points to lead P&C Construction to a win.

"A" Division		Barn 61		Clackamas County Bank 98		Reliable Realty 92	
Funny Farm	W 1 L 0						
Clackamas Cnty. Bank	1 0						
Schoppert's Loggers	2 1						
Deli Barn	1 1						
Reliable Realty	1 2						
Pleasant Home Mobil	0 1						
Wooden Hutch	0 1						
Tuesday's Results:							
Funny Farm 71, Schoppert's Loggers 60							
Reliable Realty by forfeit over Wooden Hutch							
Thursday's Results:							
Schoppert's Loggers 68, Deli Queen 43							

"B" Division		W 2 L 0		W 1 L 1		W 1 L 1		W 1 L 1		W 0 L 2	
		Ron's No Place		Dairy Queen		Drones		P/C Construction		Swimmers	



Photo by Mark Floyd

A tired Dan Martin gathers strength near the end of overtime in the Timber Valley League district wrestling match. Martin topped Oregon City's Mike McCarty 2-1 in the overtime and advanced to the 157-pound finals where he beat Molalla's Sean Kelly for the title. Martin is one of four Sandy High wrestlers to win TVL championships this year and one of seven to qualify for the state tournament.

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Jones 'seeded' third Seven Pioneers make state

The fourth-ranked Sandy High wrestling team, after a third place finish at the Timber Valley League district meet, will take seven wrestlers to state this weekend.

State will be held this Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26-28, at David Douglas High School.

Four of the Pioneers are district champs. Two others were runners-up and the other placed third.

Sophomore Larry Topliff, the TVL's 98-pound champ, will open against Frank Walter, a junior from Crescent Valley. Topliff is in the same bracket as Scott Luna of Barlow, the only wrestler from Oregon to have beaten him this year.

Mike Russell, Sandy's 141-pound champ, will open against Mike Pinard of Roseburg. Russell is in the same bracket as John Borich of Benson, the state's top-seeded wrestler at 141. Barring an upset, the two should meet in the semifinals.

Borich hasn't faced Russell, but he has beaten Sandy's Chris Jones twice this season. That fact may work against him, however, according to Pioneer coach Ron Calhoun.

"Russell has a different style than Jones and he's got the style that just might give

Borich some trouble," Calhoun said.

Jones, who won a tough district battle at 148 against Kris Pihl, is the only Pioneer in a seeded position. Although officially Jones is not seeded because he didn't place at state last year, he occupies the third seed position.

Pihl of Canby, despite the loss to Jones at district, is seeded first at 148 because he is the defending state champion at that weight.

The Pioneers' fourth district champ is Dan Martin at 157. Martin will open against Pat Spence of Crescent Valley and is in the same bracket as number two seed Steve Scott of Barlow. The two may meet in the semifinals.

Dean Fischer placed second at district, losing only to Russell in the 141-pound final. Fischer, the most improved of the Pioneers, will open against senior Kirk Schneider of Churchill.

Tim Sytsma, second in the TVL at 191, will open against Rich Law of Madison, champion of the Portland Interscholastic League.

The toughest draw went to Mike Rohweder, who was third in the TVL at 106. Rohweder paid the price for finishing third, drawing Rodney Hawthorne of La

Grande in the opening round. Hawthorne is the defending champ at 98 pounds and is seeded second. Uriel Santana of Sweet Home, the reigning 106-pound champ, is the top seed.

Picking a favorite in the team battle at state will be "incredibly difficult until after the first two rounds," Calhoun predicted.

"We've got a good chance to get five of our seven past the second round," Calhoun said. "Rohweder is going to have a tough time Hawthorne. I can't tell about Fischer—he keeps beating people that he shouldn't."

"If we can get five of our seven in, we could place pretty high," he added.

Calhoun said that Jones, Martin and Topliff all have a chance to get into the finals and that Russell could surprise Borich and also make it.

He said that the tournament structure favors Benson, with its strong individuals, although Barlow, North Bend, Crater and La Grande should also be factors.

Wrestling will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. Friday, and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Finals will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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