

stuff shots

Timbers drop ticket prices

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The Portland Timbers soccer organization finally wised up and lowered prices.

Sagging attendance has plagued the team which is off to its best start ever. As of this week, Portland was alone in first place and in the same division as powerhouses Seattle and Vancouver.

But people were staying away in droves. The weather had something to do with it — every game this season has been played in the rain, or at least, under ominous clouds. And it has been a cold rain.

That, combined with the prices, kept fans away. Why pay \$5.50 general admission to sit and shiver when there's bound to be a game under better conditions in a few weeks?

So the Timbers lowered their prices; \$2 and \$3 for general admission. It will be interesting to see the effect the change will have. Surely, a couple of bucks is worth it to see the Timbers, who are one of the better sides in the North American Soccer League, and one of the more exciting teams.

It would be a shame if Portland didn't support the Timbers now.

Another Portland team, the baseball Beavers, are also off to a good start and challenging for the division title.

The Beavers have also had attendance problems, many of which can be attributed to the weather. But this is one of the best Portland teams in recent seasons and the attraction of Luis Tiant should be bringing the fans in by the thousands.

The Beavers are one of the oldest minor league teams around, but they have a number of former major league players who boost that statistic. Their young players are good, their veterans include major league names and the admission is cheap.

Attendance is bound to get better. Portland doubled bleacher seats this year, but the raise from 75 cents to \$1.50 is hardly catastrophic. The raise mainly covers the six-figure salary of Tiant, one of the highest paid players in minor league history.

Tiant, and a couple of other Beavers, are still awaiting calls from Portland's parent club, the Pittsburgh Pirates. But that call may be late in coming because of the proposed May 29 strike.

Strikes have threatened the majors before, but this time it appears that the owners and players are so far apart in their negotiations that a quick halt to the season is inevitable. Both players and owners will attest to it.

A strike now would be a shame. It might slow the momentum of the Cleveland Indians, who have been in first place in the American League East most of the season after several years of frustration. It might slow the rejuvenated St. Louis Cardinals under Whitey Herzog or toss a wrench into Oakland's Billy Ball.

But if a strike would slow the dreaded Dodgers of L.A. or Baltimore and Earl Weaver, let them call the season.

If it would infuriate Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, let them strike. If it would throw a kink into the plans of Tommy LaSorda or cause Joe Garagiola and Tony Kubek to retire, let them strike.

We can always go watch the Beavers and the Timbers.



Freshman Denise Proctor gets off a throw of 30-11 in the shot put to place third for Sandy. The Pioneers swept the event and easily defeated Molalla in a Timber Valley League dual meet. Proctor's throw was a lifetime best.

Sandy spikers trounce Molalla

by MARK FLOYD

Sandy High School closed out its home dual meet track season Thursday by trouncing the Molalla Indians.

Sandy's boys won 103-41 while the Pioneer girls came out an 87-39 winner.

"I was pleased with the way our times dropped and the number of PRs (personal records) attained by the kids," Sandy coach Randy Hutchinson said.

The Sandy boys swept four events, including both sprints. Scott Skipper, Ryan Coombs and Brian Prosser all logged 11.8 times in the 100 and Skipper took the 200 meters in 24.3. The big sophomore also won the shot put, 47-10½, and the discus, 126-3.

Russell Fork won the 400 meters for the Pioneers with a 54.0 time. Steve Swanson took the 800, 2:09.0, and Steve Metelak was an easy winner in the 1,500. His time was 4:20.7.

Don Bennett took the long jump with an 18-7½ leap. Bob Nippert won the triple jump at 39-2 and Chris Crabtree claimed the pole vault, 10-6.

Molalla's Carl Eberling was the lone Indian winner in the field events, taking the high jump with a good 6-3 effort.

Richard Doering came from behind to win the final field event, the javelin, with a personal best 156-2.

Sandy had some good second place efforts, including a 125-3 by Mike Marleau in the discus, a 17.0 in the high hurdles by Steve Brader, a 37-5½ triple jump by Dan Langlois, a 44.3 by Fork in the intermediate hurdles and a freshmen school record of 9:34.9 by Sam Romey in the 3,000 meters.

The Sandy girls swept five

events en route to an easy win over the Indians. The Pioneers swept all three throwing events as well as the high jump and 3,000 meters.

Sophomore Paige Daugherty led the way, winning the shot put, 35-7½, the discus, 105-6, and taking second in the javelin. The latter event was won by teammate Stephanie Hagstrom with a season best 137-4.

Sharon Jensen won the long jump with a personal best of 16-2. In the high jump, Sandy's Gayle Roth was an easy winner at 5-0. Freshman Shawny Thoreson won the junior varsity high jump with a fine 4-10 mark.

Molalla won all the sprints, but the Pioneers made up for it with seconds and thirds by Crystal Calkins, Sandra Peterson,

Jensen and Shelby Dries.

Roth took the 800 meters with a season best 2:26.9, then came back to win the intermediate hurdles in 47.7. Renee Hess won the 1,500 meters, 5:09.9, and doubled in the 3,000 with a 13:05 time.

Other good Sandy marks belonged to Hagstrom, 32-9½ in the shot; freshman Denise Proctor, 30-11½ in the shot; Lori Shelton, 15-6 in the long jump; and Daugherty, 116-8 in the javelin.

Sandy boys eighth in district net meet

The Sandy High boys tennis team failed to win a match and finished last in the Timber Valley League District meet.

A downpour caused the first round matches to be played in pro sets. The first player to win eight games in the first set wins the match.

Tom Herkamp of Oregon City defeated Damian Bollermann 8-4; Canby's Dale Anderson nipped Steve Frost 9-7; and Harvey Hazelett and Mark Gunderson lost by forfeit.

In doubles play, Brian Buhler and Randy Swanson lost their opening match 8-0; Pat Spriggle and Scott Bender suffered an 8-4 defeat; Alex Brewster and Peter Kallen lost 8-0; and Eric Jones and Eric Frost lost by an 8-2 score.

For Frost, Bollermann and Hazelett, it was their last matches in an SUHS uniform. The trio had played

on the Pioneer team for the past four years.

Frost was named Most Formidable Player for Sandy; Bollermann got the Most Consistent Player award; Swanson was Most Improved Player; Jones, Most Improved Beginning Player; Brewster, Most Determined Player; and Kallen, Most Natural Player.

"We were plagued this season by a lack of practice time due to the weather," Sandy coach Terry Chung said. Only 12 players turned out for the team, limiting the Pioneers and "handicapping the development of the younger or inexperienced players."

"We had a strong nucleus of four players return, but the lack of other supporters forced us to use several freshmen and sophomores in varsity competition," Chung said.

SUHS seeking coaches

Sandy High School currently has six coaching vacancies it needs to fill by next season.

SUHS needs two assistants for girls basketball, and assistants in football, boys basketball, track and girls tennis.

Other vacancies were recently filled. Dan Brisbin was named boys varsity basketball coach and Molly Knudsen was hired to teach and coach gymnastics.

The other positions may be filled by incoming teachers or SUHS may have to hire

from within the district, depending on the teaching vacancies.

"We really don't know at this point," Sandy athletic director Mike Kostrba said. "Everyone around here is dropping staff — Sandy, Gresham, Reynolds, David Douglas and all the Portland schools — people just aren't moving. It's hard to find teaching positions."

"Six vacancies isn't unusual," Kostrba added. "Two or three years ago, we had a dozen."

District track meet scheduled

Sandy High School will be the scene of the Timber Valley League District track meet next Friday and Saturday, May 22-23.

Sandy is the defending TVL champs in the girls

competition while Oregon City will return to defend its boys crown.

Check next week's issue of The Post for complete district preview.

Prep of the Week:



SAM ROMEY

Sandy High trackster Sam Romey set a new freshman school record recently in 3,000 meters with a 9:34.9 time. He already had set fresh records in 800 and 1,500 meters. He placed seventh in a district cross-country meet early this year, too. Congratulations, Sam!



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