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# Sports and Recreation



The third inning wasn't to kind to the Sandy Paola's American Legion baseball team. Larry's of Clackamas scores its eighth run here as Sandy catcher Mo Contreras goes after a late throw. Larry's went on to post an 11-4 win over Paola's, the fifth straight loss for the Sandy team. Paola's had taken a 3-0 lead after two innings.

## Bruce Cook explodes to claim victory

Trailing by five runs going into the last inning, Bruce Cook Insurance exploded for nine runs and claimed a 12-8 win over Troutdale in Junior Federal baseball action.

Even more amazing was the fact that the entire rally took place with two outs.

Randy Wheeler drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with a sharp single and Morgan Emrich capped the rally with a base-clearing triple. Randy Gifford and Matt Novotny turned in strong relief performances on the mound for Sandy.

Bruce Cook Ins. also blanked Corbett 11-0 Monday night to run its record to 4-2. Wheeler paced the Sandy hitters with a pair of doubles and three Sandy pitchers combined for a two-hitter.

In Junior National action, Sandy Dairy Queen gave up seven runs in the first inning and suffered an 11-5 loss to Welches.

Sandy committed six errors in that first inning, then settled down to play some good ball. Dairy Queen couldn't overcome the lead, however.

The loss dropped DQ's record to 1-3. Sandy Coast to Coast gave up a pair of runs in the top of the fifth and last inning and it proved to be the difference, as Rockwood claimed a 6-4 win in Midget Federal play.

Both teams played well in the game and Sandy's Doug Stevenson pitched well, hurling a two-hitter. But four base-on-balls and four Sandy errors enabled Rockwood to get on the board.

Sandy failed to get the key hits at the right time and left six runners stranded.

Coast to Coast also suffered an 11-5 loss to Lynch. Sandy played errorless ball, but gave up too many walks to Lynch batters. Sandy played well and Ty Beckley led the Coast to Coast hitting attack by swatting a two-run homer to left field in the third inning.

Sandy II scored a 19-13 win over Orient I in a Midget National slugfest Friday. Both teams started slow, then exploded in the middle innings.

Ryan Jones walked the first three Orient pitchers he faced, but fanned the next three. He got the win, raising his record to 2-0 and Sandy improved to 3-1 on the season. Adam Cannon blasted a three-run home run in the second inning and the fireworks kept going from there. Sandy scored seven in the inning, got six in the third and five more in the fourth.

Chris Jones and Aaron Knotts slugged doubles for Sandy in the third. Knotts also played well defensively, nailing two runners trying to steal home.

In softball action, the Sandy Sluggers raised their record to 6-0 with a 15-14 win over Rockwood I.

The game was tied going into the bottom of the fifth inning when Lisa Wheeler smacked a single to score Tiffany Griffin. Sandy remained atop the Pigtail League with the win.

Sheri Brittle smacked a home run for the Sluggers and Missy Schwartz got the win on the mound.

## Clackamas overcomes Paola's 11-4

by MARK FLOYD

The unscheduled vacation caused by rain had its effect on the Sandy Paola's Legion baseball team, which dropped three games this week.

Reynolds halted Sandy on two hits Thursday and claimed a 15-0 win.

"We just didn't get the hits," Sandy assistant coach John Rohr said. "The long layoff hurt. We hit the ball hard a few times, but always to someone. And Reynolds made some nice plays."

Mo Contreras and Jerry Bennett got Sandy's only hits, both singles. Bennett, a freshman last year at Sandy High, pitched for Paola's and "didn't do a bad job," Rohr said. "He threw strikes and

that's important at that age. Now he's got to learn location in the strike zone."

Bashor's of Parkrose took a quick five-run lead over Sandy and withstood a Paola's rally, winning 5-4.

Sandy chipped away with three in the fourth and one in the sixth, but a seventh-inning rally came up just short. Paola's got its runs in the fifth after Troy Wolf led off with a walk. Keith Powell sacrificed him to second and Contreras sent him home on a single. Gordon Brinser and Mike Lund were hit by pitches and Dan Paola singled in another run. Kraig Gifford then worked a base on balls to drive in the third run.

In the sixth, Lund walked, Paola hit into a fielder's choice and Wolf drew a

base on balls. Lund then scored on a wild pitch.

Sandy threatened in the seventh. Wolf drew a one-out walk, then Powell hit into a force play. Contreras then flew out to right field on a hit-and-run to end the game.

"Any time you've got Mo at bat with our first and second batters on base, you've got a chance to score," Rohr said. "Except for one bad inning, we played well. It was our best ball game since school as far as capitalizing on hits and opportunities. I thought we showed a lot of character, coming back after being down 5-0. With a young team, you've got to learn to keep batt-

ing."

Larry's of Clackamas scored an 11-4 win over Paola's Monday night. Sandy jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but an eight-run third inning quickly took the wind out of Paola's sails.

Sandy scored in the first when Wolf singled, Contreras sent him to third on a hit and run single and Mitch Paola slapped an RBI single. John Martin drew a walk, then Lund sent two runners home with a sharp single to center.

Sandy scored again in the third when Contreras singled, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch, then stole home.

"I didn't even give Mo an okay on that one," Rohr chuckled. "He got a good jump and just went. He's got a knack for doing that — reading the pit-

cher. It wasn't a great time to steal, down eight runs, but it's good practice. We may need that later when we're down by just a run."

Again, Rohr felt his team played good ball for three innings, but got hurt by one big inning defensively. In this case, it was the eight runs Clackamas scored in the third.

"We're young, though, with three freshmen and four sophomores," he said. "We're going to be alright. It's just a matter of time for Sandy."

The long layoff had its biggest effect on the Paola's bats. Sandy scored eight runs in the three games on just 11 hits. Paola's did take advantage of its opportunities with good baserunning.

### stuff shots

## SUHS coach out of a job

by MARK FLOYD  
Sports Editor

One of the most versatile and hard-working coaches at Sandy High School this year may be out of a job.

Mike Blair came to SUHS to replace Bert Key, who had a year's leave of absence. Key is returning for the 1981-82 year and Blair is spending his summer looking for a job.

Key is a good man and has every right to come back. But it appears that the school district hasn't really gone out of its way to find a job for Blair. This is a man who coached football, girls basketball and track this season in addition to his teaching duties.

Ask most any coach, and they will tell you that coaching two sports is almost too much. Blair kicked in with triple duty and sacrificed a lot of weekends for his teams.

He is also one of the most personable people at the school. He is young and gets along with the athletes perhaps better than any coach at SUHS. That can be a much more important factor than many people realize.

Blair is out of a job because, with the return of Key, there are no social studies teaching positions. At least, that is what Blair was told. However, there are ways to get around that problem. Perhaps a special temporary waiver by the school district would allow him to teach in another area; Blair would likely be more than happy to return to school for the different credits he would need.

It is ironic that Sandy is ridding itself of one of the coaches who likes the school the most. There are teachers and coaches at SUHS who are staying only because of the job security and the fact that they would have to take a pay cut to start fresh at another school.

Blair has said that he would give his eye

teeth to stay at Sandy. He likes the school, the area and most of all, the kids. That ought to be worth something these days.

Speaking of coaches, Sandy High is certainly in the spotlight these days.

Former SUHS basketball coach Dennis Warren has been busy with the State-Metro basketball series. As president of the Oregon High School Basketball Coaches, Warren had a lot of responsibility for the two games, played in Portland's Memorial Coliseum and Gill Coliseum in Corvallis.

Incidentally, the Metro teams swept the series in both the boys and girls competition.

SUHS wrestling coach Ron Calhoun is busy these days preparing for this week's State-Metro All-Star Wrestling meet. Calhoun is coach of the Metro team, after leading his Sandy Pioneers to fourth place in the state meet.

A qualifying tournament was scheduled Tuesday night and there were no Sandy wrestlers in the field. That is good news and bad news. The bad news is that Sandy won't be represented for the first time in a couple of years. The good news is that no SUHS wrestlers are in the field because they are all underclassmen. The series is for graduating seniors only.

Sandy's Ron Grantz is helping with the State-Metro Volleyball Series, which is always a good one. Pioneer senior Cherie Elliott was selected for the Metro team after helping Sandy to a fourth place finish at state. She was named to the all-tournament team.

Grantz has led Sandy to the state tournament for the past four years. The Pioneers were fourth (consolation trophy winners) in 1980 and second the year before.

It's nice to see the coaches, as well as the athletes, get some recognition for their accomplishments.



Her first try at the 1,500 meter race walk may have been embarrassing to Gayle Roth, but the results certainly weren't. Roth set a state record in the 17-18-year-old girls division with a time of 8:48.1 and qualified for regionals where she'll have a chance to try again.

## Pioneers shine at state Jr. Olympic meet

Sandy's versatile track athletes may have finally found their specialty.

Scott Skipper won the 15-16 boys state Junior Olympics decathlon (10 events) this week and teammates Sharon Jensen and Gayle Roth won the girls heptathlon (seven events) titles.

Skipper amassed 5,419 points in the meet, held at Madison High School. His marks were discus, 133-10; pole vault, 7-9; shot put, 49-0; javelin, 165-9; 110-hurdles, 18.2; 400 meters, 55.0; high jump, 5-31/2; 100 meters, 11.8; long jump, 18-6; 1,500 meters, 5:01.0.

His discus throw was a sophomore school record.

Roth, a junior, won the 17-18 girls event of the heptathlon with a total of 4,172 points. Her marks were 800 meters, 2:20.0; 200 meters, 27.5; long jump, 14-8 1/2; 100-hurdles, 16.4; shot put, 27-0; javelin, 65-0; and high jump, 5-0.

The freshman Jensen won the 15-16 girls heptathlon, amassing 3,956 points. Her marks were 800 meters, 2:37.6; 200 meters, 26.8; long jump, 15-5; 100-hurdles, 17.1; shot put, 26-1 1/2; javelin, 76-6; and high jump, 4-6.

Sandy freshman Crystal Calkins was third in the 15-16 girls heptathlon and sophomore Russell Fork was sixth in the boys 15-16 decathlon.

All qualified for regionals at the University of Washington July 17-19.

In the open meet, Stephanie Hagstrom was second in the javelin, 132-7; Roth was first in the 1,500 meter race walk, 8:48.1 (a state record) and second in the 800 meters, 2:21.1; Renee Hess was second in the 1,500 meters, 5:15.5; Sam Romey was fifth in the boys 1,500 meters, 4:08.6; Skipper was fourth in the discus, 130-6; and third in the shot put, 47-10; and Mike Marleau was fifth in the discus, 127-10.