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Baseball fans need a fix

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The major league baseball strike has hit the two week mark now and sports junkies are going through withdrawal symptoms.

Baseball may not be the most exciting sport in the world, but it is one you can follow through newspapers. Reading the boxscores every morning is a good way to find out just what went on the previous day, who is leading what categories and looking ahead to the day's matchups.

It's also a damn good way to kill a half-hour or so instead of working.

Without baseball stats, the morning paper just doesn't hold much excitement anymore. There have been a lot more feature stories on auto racing lately and those get mighty old in a hurry.

What is the strike all about? The players and owners are once again at each other's throats and it looks pretty serious this time. The players say the issue isn't money, but it really is in an indirect manner.

The big issue is the free agent situation. The owners want a team to receive compensation if one of its players signs with another team via the free agent route. The players disagree, feeling that it would hamper their marketability.

In a nutshell, the players like the way the free agent market has skyrocketed the past two years and want it to remain that way. That's why you see players like Rick Cerone, a .265 hitter, receiving a salary of some \$400,000 a year.

Salaries that high are getting to be the rule, rather than the exception. Ever since N.Y. Yankee owner George Steinbrenner inked Dave Winfield to a \$25 million multi-year contract, major league salaries have gone haywire. It isn't surprising that a strike has

ground baseball to a halt.

Maybe it's just as well. If the strike wouldn't have stopped the game and made both the players and owners look at their situation, the problem would have continued until the game priced itself out of existence. Remember, the fans are going to have to foot the bill for those salaries one way or another.

It still may happen. When the strike is settled, things may keep on going until, one by one, teams go bankrupt. It may not be that far in the future.

As it is, baseball (before the strike, anyway) has enjoyed a resurgence. Attendance has been at all-time highs, yet many teams haven't been making all that much money. Franchises in the major markets — Los Angeles, Chicago and New York — have no financial problems, but teams such as Seattle, Minnesota and others are getting hurt by inflation.

The cable television market may help for a brief time, but even that may be a limited benefit.

It's hard to go along with the owners, who are usually spending all their time pinching pennies and shafting the fans at the expense of the game. But it is equally hard to go on the side of the players, who wish only to sign short-term contracts, then prostitute themselves to the highest bidder.

Money isn't supposed to be the primary issue, but in the long run it is.

Whatever happened to the age when players came up with one team and retired from that same team? Most athletes today live out of suitcases.

The free agent issue is a tricky one and both sides seem adamant. Meanwhile, the strike is dragging on and an end to the problem may be a long time coming.

As usual, it is the fans who are doing all the suffering.

MHCC sets summer rec schedule

Mt. Hood Community College has announced its summer schedule for open recreation.

The schedule is split into two halves. From now until July 24, handball and racquetball courts will be open 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The courts will be open from 6:30 a.m. to noon, 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The college weight room will be open from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday. It will also open up Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

The facilities will close from 9 to 11 a.m. June 25 to July 2 and July 13-23 for youth recreation.

Tennis courts will be open from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and noon to 11 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. They will be open 9 to 10:30 a.m., noon to 6 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The courts will be closed Ju-

ly 20-24 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. for tennis camps.

Hours for the gymnasium will be 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays for volleyball and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays for basketball.

The hours will change from July 27 to Aug. 28. Handball and racquetball courts will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will also open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Friday hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tennis courts will be available from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Courts will also be open

from noon to 11 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be noon to 6 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m.

The courts will be open 24 hours on Fridays. They will close, however, from 12:30 to 6 p.m. Aug. 10-14 for tennis camps.

The weight room will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The gym will be open for volleyball from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and for basketball from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays.

Bowman's resort offers summer tennis camp

The Red Lion Inn at Bowman's will be hosting a tennis camp this summer for adults and children.

Tennis pro Marji Palmer of the resort's recreation department will head the program. She recently came to Bowman's after spending the past winter teaching tennis in Palm Springs, Calif.

The camp is a series of tennis programs which will start July 1 and run through September. October if the weather permits.

Included in the camp will be beginning, intermediate and advanced group lessons,

private and semi-private lessons, reduced court rental fees, use of the tennis ball serving machine, round robin tournaments and a junior program.

"We're trying to get locals interested in tennis," Palmer said. "Other than the camp, we also have reservations for court times at a nominal fee. There's going to be a lot going on here."

Exact times for the programs will be announced soon. For more information on registration, contact Palmer at 622-3101, ext. 1778.

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Sandy City League Men's League

W	L
Dodson's Store	6 1
Reliable Realty	5 1
Eastside Wallboard	4 2
Buckboard Pizza	3 2
Brian's Sporting	3 3
Brightwood Tavern	3 3
Hoodview Royals	3 4
Dea's In and Out	2 3
Ron's No Place	2 3
Zigzag Store	1 5
Circle D	0 5

Last Week's Games:

Reliable 2, Hoodview 1
Brightwood Tavern 5, Eastside 4

Buckboard 5, Brian's 4
Reliable 13, Buckboard 6
Reliable 2, Brian's 1
Hoodview 6, Buckboard 3
Buckboard 4, Circle D 1
Dodson's 6, Circle D 3
Brian's 14, Zigzag Store 4

Women's League

W	L
Carlson Chevrolet	3 0
G.T.E.	2 0
Brightwood Store	1 1
Tollgate	1 1
Tri-County Electric	0 1
Wholesale Auto	0 2
The Store	0 2

Last Week's Games:

Prep of the Week:

Sandy High Class of 1981 salutatorian Tami Shafer was Honor Society treasurer and co-activities director for her senior class. She served as Outdoor School counselor and on the prom committee. She also competed in volleyball and tennis. She plans to major in computer studies in college. Congratulations, Tami!



Tami Shafer



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