

The Sandy Post Sports and Recreation



Toby Jewell steals third base for the Sandy Truck Liners. The Midget American team won two games this week and moved into second place.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Sandy Truck Liners win two, pull into 2nd place

Sandy Truck Line picked up two impressive victories last week and moved into second place in the Midget American League standings.

The Liners held off Rockwood II 15-5 behind the pitching of Ricky Wheeler. Wheeler went the distance, allowing just three hits. He walked five and struck out seven.

Sandy had 10 hits in the game, led by Tony Stadsted who was three-for-four, and Toby Jewell, two-for-three.

The Liners also crunched Lynch, rolling to a 25-9 win. Lance Conger pitched the first two innings and staked Sandy to a 12-2 lead. Rodney Schilperoord then came in to pitch in his first game ever and had some control problems, but struck out five to keep Sandy comfortably ahead.

Stadsted and Jewell both went two-for-three at the plate and Alan Gedde and Mike Senn stood out defensively at second and third base.

The wins raised the Truck Line record to 8-2, second behind Rockwood I which has an undefeated record.

In a Midget National League game, Sandy II pummeled Reynolds East II 13-3 Tuesday night.

"It was one of our best games of the year," Sandy coach Glenn Abbott said. "Our pitching was superb, our fielding excellent and our overall play just great."

Aaron Knotts got the mound win for Sandy, running his record to 2-1. He went the distance and struck out nine in the five-inning game, allowing just

three hits and three bases on balls. It was Reynolds' first loss of the season.

Sandy scored five big runs in the first inning, courtesy of four walks and hits by Adam Cannon, Corey Grant and Knotts.

Sandy then scored seven runs in the third inning to put the game on ice. Singles by Ryan Jones, Knotts, Doug Hodge, Jacob Iverson and Eric Abbott,

combined with three Reynolds errors, paved the way.

Catcher Adam Cannon and first baseman Jason Witteman led the Sandy defensive effort.

Bruce Cook Ins., Sandy's Junior Federal team, found Sandy Palisades an easy mark, Wednesday, rolling to a 14-4 win. But that same Palisades team

came back to haunt them Thursday, scoring a 10-8 upset.

Sandy's Wednesday win was easy as Darren Pullen pitched four innings of no-hit ball before giving up four runs in the fifth. By that time, however, Sandy had 11 runs on the board and the game wasn't really in doubt.

Sandy had 14 hits on the night, including three home runs. The Hale brothers accounted for all of them, as Tony hit two round-trippers and brother Gerald hit one.

But things were different the next night against Palisades. Leading 8-2, Sandy yielded seven big runs to the visitors in the fifth inning on "poor defense and pitching wildness," according to coach Tom Novotny. Sandy, fighting for first place in the Federal

League, saw its record slip to 8-4.

In girls softball action, the Sandy Blues ran their record to 4-0 last week with a 29-8 win over Rockwood.

The Blues gave up eight quick runs, then blanked Rockwood over the last three innings. Double plays turned over by Angie Rudisill and Tami Tinjum keyed the defensive effort.

After a slow start, the Blues cranked up the bats as Laura Williamson tripled, Rudisill doubled, Stephanie Lofgren tripled and Candi Rudisill hit two triples.

Candi Rudisill also picked up the win on the mound, striking out nine Rockwood batters.

The Blues have four games this week before the district playoffs in Sandy July 18-19.

Injury, illness force Paola's into forfeit

The Sandy Paola's American Legion baseball team won the battle but lost the war Monday.

Injuries and illness struck down Sandy and the Paola's team could come up with just eight players for Monday's game against Columbia. The umpires ruled a forfeit.

The teams went ahead and played anyway, and Sandy was up 6-4 after four innings, before rain forced the game to be put away for good. Sandy played with just two outfielders, but "not a ball went through them," according to coach Curtis Heath.

The game, nevertheless, counts as a loss.

Sandy will host that same Columbia team this Thursday at 6 p.m.

10-kilometer festival run set Saturday

The third annual Sandy Mountain Festival Almost 10-Kilometer Run will be held this Saturday, July 11, beginning at 9 a.m.

The race will begin at the parking lot of Camera Connection on Pioneer Boulevard. The five mile course will cover the rolling hills of Langensand Road, a wide loop south of Sandy, then back to the lot of sponsoring Camera Connection for the finish.

Entry fee this year is just \$3. Persons may register before Saturday or during the day of the race at Camera Connection. For more registration information, call the store at 668-7472.

There will be men's, women's and under-14 divisions. Trophies will be awarded to the first two finishers of each category.

The race will take off from Camera Connection, then follow McCormick to Langensand Road. Runners will follow Langensand for more than a mile, then turn right onto Trubel. From Trubel, the course will go to Bornstedt, Highway 211, Dubarko, Meinig, Barker, Gary, back to Langensand, then McCormick and Wolf, right by the Camera Connection parking lot.

Water will be provided at the halfway point of the race.

Sandy outdoor program aimed at helping youths

by MARK FLOYD

A program geared to helping adolescents cope with problems in today's society has a unique method of dealing with those problems — the wilderness.

Outdoor Discovery was founded in May by Patsy Perkins, who has spent the past eight years working with similar programs throughout the Northwest.

"Our process is geared toward kids who have problems with relations — at home, or with friends," she said. "Some of our kids are new to the area and have no friends; others have problems with Mom or Dad, or have been runaways. They're kids who need structure."

"There are three things we em-

phasize," Perkins added. "Developing new skills, learning something new and having a good time."

The group plans a 13-day wilderness trip this summer to the Diamond Peak Wilderness Area, located some 50 miles east of Eugene. Perkins hopes the group will number about 12, but will take any number for this, the first trip.

There will also be pre-course workshops, a graduation ceremony after the trek, family meetings after graduation and a followup meeting for the students.

"The followup is a time for the kids to express the things they have been working on," Perkins explained. "We're very goal-oriented. We want the kids to say what they liked and what they didn't like and how they achieved their

goals. It can be a real tense experience when you live with a group of people for that long."

Perkins has a B.A. degree in psychology and interpersonal communications and recently worked for Marion County on a similar program. She came back to Sandy to be "closer to home" and to begin a program in the area.

"This particular course is more directed toward the interpersonal," she said. "We're going to set personal and physical goals and try to meet them. Anytime there is a conflict of any kind, we'll stop right there. If it's a conflict between two people, we'll stop and won't go anywhere until we resolve it if we have to hike all night or get stuck on the side of a mountain."

"Instead of dealing with it later at camp, we're going to deal with it now."

Outdoor Discovery is open to both boys and girls ages 11-18. Similar groups are usually male-dominated, but Perkins says many of her referrals have been females.

The Diamond Peak trip is one of many planned, but getting such a program off the ground isn't easy. Neither is meeting the budget for such a trip. Diamond Peak is budgeted for \$625 a person, and that tuition price isn't easy for a lot of people to meet.

"That is one of the drawbacks," Perkins admitted, "it's expensive. You're talking about the total maintenance of a person for 24 hours. We have just two paid staff, and we're

paid pretty low!

"This summer we're going to be real minimal in terms of cost," she added. "The money is mostly going toward insurance and the purchase of minor equipment; everything else we'll rent. Food, alone, is going to cost us \$600 or \$700."

Perkins has high hopes for the future of Outdoor Discovery. Some of those plans are more immediate, including a 10-day course on a schooner in Puget Sound this fall.

Outdoor Discovery is just now getting off the ground. The first trip will be a milestone and Perkins hopes there will be many more. For more information on the program, call her at 668-8826.



Coordinator Patsy Perkins

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Blazer brass facing summer of key decisions

by MARK FLOYD
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Basketball seems a long way off during the hot months of July, but without major league baseball, what else is there to talk about?

John McEnroe? No, thank you, I think we've heard enough.

Actually, basketball isn't foreign to summer. The Portland Trail Blazers recently concluded their summer rookie camp and sent a handful of players to the Los Angeles summer league.

As usual, general manager Stu Inman was in seventh heaven over the Blazer draftees and Portland's prospects for the future. Then again, Inman thought LaRue Martin and Barry Parkhill would be Blazer saviors.

You simply can't listen to that man and take anything he says without swallowing several large grains of salt. Every year, Portland will draft one or two names, then dig down to the bottom of the barrel and pick players from Canada, Israel or some place in the United States not listed on any map.

Nothing wrong with that really, because you never know when a Lloyd Neal will come along in the fifth or sixth round again. But there is no point in building up these unknowns to the point where the more naive fans expect the Second Coming of Bill Walton.

This year's Blazer draftees and free agents aren't going to scare the pants off the Boston Celtics. Jeff Lamp should have a good future in Portland as a small forward, who has the ability to move smoothly into the big guard spot in case of injury.

The value of Darnell Valentine, Portland's second first-round draft choice, remains to be seen. Valentine may put a scare into the Coliseum backboards when he shoots, but he can play some mean defense. The question is, at 6-foot-2, can his defense be effective against the George Gervins and Magic Johnsons of the world?

The Portland brass still has some decisions to make. There are a few too many players on the roster. Some, such as Mike Gale, may be seeing the end of a career. Others have

seen their star wane and can only hope for a trade to a good team.

The Blazers gave up half the state of Oregon for small forward Calvin Natt, who is a great physical talent, but a player who doesn't fit into the Portland mold and has never really lived up to expectations. Natt is likely to hit the road this summer and it's a sure bet that Portland will be lucky to get back one-third of what it invested in him.

If Natt doesn't go, then small forward Bob Gross will. One of the more popular players, Gross has gone downhill since the departure of Bill Walton. "Perpetual Motion," as he was called, is one of the better defensive players in the league and moves well without the ball. But Portland's offense isn't geared to that anymore and Gross isn't great trade bait.

What else is going on? Tom Owens finally got traded away and many Blazer fans are heaving sighs of relief. Owens was a very good backup center who became a very mediocre starter. You just can't win in the NBA with a center who shoots 20-footers and

does little else.

But Owens' departure has raised a question or two. Like, who is going to play center for Portland this year? Mychal Thompson could be the best thing to hit Portland for a long time, but he can't play 48 minutes a game. Kevin Kunnert, although not exactly a finesse player, is a good backup. But Kunnert has a history of injury problems longer than Bob Lanier's shoes and there is no way he will last a whole season.

Washington does a creditable job, but even he can't battle the big boys for long and, besides, he is needed at power forward to complement the post position.

After all the action of recent months, the draft, rookie camp and Owens trade, it all boils down to this. Portland is still looking for a center and trying to decide on which small forward to send packing. Some things never change.

But it sure is nice to talk about basketball for just a little while. Let the season begin tomorrow.