

Sandy teams defeated in district tourneys

Sandy II got wrapped up in two tight ball games and was eliminated from the district Midget League playoffs.

Sandy opened with a 16-15 win over Lynch II, then suffered an 18-17 loss at the hands of Fairview.

After a shaky start against Lynch, the hosts took a 14-9 lead after three innings. Aaron Knotts came on to quench the fire and held Lynch to one run over the last two innings. He struck out five batters in that stretch.

Knotts started the game at catcher and threw out the first two runners who tried to steal.

Meanwhile, Mike Burns was leading a Sandy hitting attack with a three-for-three effort, including a triple. Kent Taylor and Jason Witteman had two hits apiece and Witteman scored the winning run in the fifth on Burns' triple.

The win put Sandy up against Fairview and "walks killed us," noted Sandy coach Glenn Abbott. Sandy pitchers walked 17 Fairview batters; both teams had 10 hits.

Sandy played well defensively, as Knotts put the tag on five runners trying to reach home plate and Jacob Iverson came up with a running catch to end a base-loaded rally in the fifth.

Sandy was led offensively by Kent Taylor, Knotts, Adam Cannon and Witteman, who all got two hits.

In Federal League play, Sandy Bruce Cook Ins. suffered a 7-3 loss to Lynch and was eliminated from the district playoffs.

Sandy got all of its runs in the final inning, but it wasn't enough to overhaul Lynch, which took advantage of several Sandy errors. Gerald Hale's triple was the big blow for Sandy in the final inning.

Darren Pullen "pitched well, but was the victim of costly errors," according to Sandy coach Tom Novotny.

The State Midget Tournament will be held at Sandy High School this weekend, July 31 to Aug. 2. Games will begin at 4 p.m. Friday and run all day Saturday and Sunday. A small admission fee will be charged.

Tennis tournament scheduled

The newly formed Red Lion Racquet Club in Welches will hold the first in a series of round robin mixed doubles tennis tournaments this Sunday, Aug. 2.

Persons wishing to participate in the tournament should call to register by noon, Sunday. The tourney will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Tennis players don't need a partner to sign up for the tourney.

Cost is \$5 per person, which includes court time and tennis balls. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runnerup.

The event may be held weekly, according to tennis pro Marji Palmer, because of "the fine athletes up on the mountain who keep coming out of the woodwork."

For more information, call Red Lion at Bowman's at 622-3101, or 224-7158, ext. 767.

Kiwanis golf tourney Saturday

The Kiwanis Club of Boring will sponsor its fourth annual Pacific Northwest Golf Tournament this Saturday, Aug. 1.

The tourney will be at the Mt. View Golf Course in Boring.

Proceeds from the tourney will go toward the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp for Handicapped Children and other Kiwanis projects.

Forms are available at the

Clackamas County Bank in Boring and the pro shop at Mt. View.

Hunter class set

A Hunters' Safety Course will begin Monday, Aug. 3, at the Sandy Community Center.

It will begin at 7 p.m. Interested persons should sign up at City Hall or at the community center.

stuff shots

Newfangled ways take fun out of fishing

by MARK FLOYD
Sports Editor

This seems to be a good summer for catching big fish.

Last week a 32-pound trout found its way to the dinner table and earlier this month, the Oregon record for bluegill was broken with a two-pounder.

A number of other anglers have reported large steelhead in local rivers and a few big chinooks mingling with the eight-pounders at the coast.

So why can't I catch anything?

Fishing has become a sport, or pastime, which is becoming increasingly complex. At one time, you could simply lean against a soft rock, crack open a six-pack and take a snooze while the fish fought over which of them would get to jump your bait.

That's kid stuff now. First of all, you've got to have a boat. A 10-foot rowboat won't do, not anymore. It's got to be something akin to a cabin cruiser to accommodate deck par-

ties. Of course, that's for lake fishing only. Steelheaders have their own toys called drift boats.

At one time, 90 percent of steelhead fishermen utilized the bank. Now it's the other way around. There are times when you can walk across the Sandy river on the boats without getting your feet wet. Drift boats don't always look like much, but if a few of the price tags were left on, the steelhead would be obligated to jump into the boats on their own.

Of course, lake fishing isn't a matter of dropping anchor and waiting for the fish to bite. That takes no talent. Instead, you've got to deep troll, putting on about six feet of flashing metal to make sure the fish can see the lure. It takes at least 10-pound test to keep your line from snapping just from the weight of the bait.

All the fancy flashing doesn't always work, though; perhaps the fish are near-sighted. That means it's time to break out the fish finder. The nouveau riche of the fishing

business must have electronic fish finders, little goodies which send sonar blips on the screen when the boat goes over an object between the surface and the bottom.

What that means is usually fish, and the bigger the blip, the bigger the prey. Finding the little buggers doesn't mean they'll bite, though, not even with all the fancy rigging and lures. Sometimes it takes an electronic instrument which sends vibrations through the water to attract the fish.

All these new inventions have made a farce out of fishing. It's like reading a computer to catch a fish anymore. So why can't I catch one?

Perhaps it's because I still prefer the old methods. To me, fishing is lying on the bank or in an old, creaky rowboat, and dropping a line in the water. A couple of sandwiches and a cooler full of beer. Maybe a nap.

Then when the fish don't bite, it's no big deal. It's still been an enjoyable time and you won't have to drive home cursing the thousands of dollars of wasted equipment.

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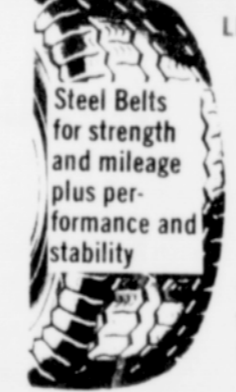


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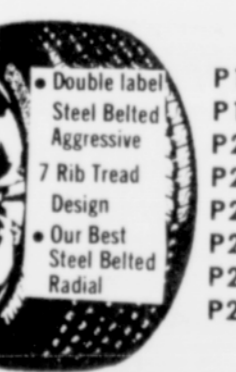
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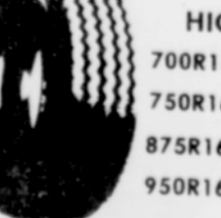


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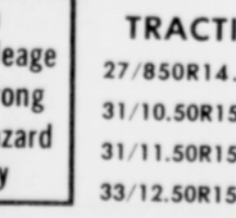


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Prep of the Week:

Pioneer wrestler Chris Jones defeated a Minnesota wrestler, 12-0, last weekend during an Oregon Cultural Exchange trip to Minnesota. Jones wrestled at 148 pounds last year at Sandy High where he will be a senior this September. Jones is a defending state champion in AAA high school competition. Congratulations, Chris!



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