



Laura Williamson of the Sandy Blues takes a cut at a fastball in a recent game. The Blues, after winning district, went on to take second place in the

state tournament, losing only to Steve's Market of Canby.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Sandy Blues take second at state softball tourney

The Sandy Blues girls softball team made it all the way to the finals of the state tournament before losing a pair of games to Steve's Market of Canby.

The Blues finished second in the tourney.

Sandy opened the tournament, held last weekend at Yoncalla, with a 31-1 blasting of Cornelius Tami Tinjum opened the game with a double and the Blues rolled after that. Jami Brittle slugged a home run for Sandy and pitcher Candi Rudisill struck out 10.

That put Sandy up against a second Canby team and the Blues went the first inning without scoring, but Donna Gray and Rudisill smacked triples in the second to lift Sandy. Jackie Kunkel and Brittle hit triples later to put Canby away.

Then came the first of three games against Steve's

Market. The undefeated Blues took on the Canby team, winner of its league and district, and scored a 6-5 win. Trailing 3-0, Sandy tied it up in the third when Tinjum and Kunkel singled, Julie Powell drove them in with a double, then stole home.

Brittle and Missy O'Malley singled in the sixth and scored to even the game at 5-5 after Canby had picked up two more runs. Sandy got the winner in the seventh, as Tinjum walked, stole second and scored on Powell's triple.

The win put the Blues into the semifinals against the Sandy Whites, who cruised through the other bracket. The Blues exploded for an 18-2 win in a game called after five innings because of the 10-run rule. Brittle and Kunkel hit home runs and Rudisill struck out eight.

The Blues needed just one win against Steve's Market to take the tourney, but it was not to be. A number of Sandy errors enable Canby to come up with eight runs in the second inning and it claimed the first game 12-4. Angie Rudisill singled twice and scored both times, but it wasn't enough and the tournament went down to one final game.

In the final, Steve's Market came on to win 7-6, getting the winning run in the seventh inning on a steal of home. Brittle pitched for the tired Rudisill and did well, striking out seven.

"I'm very proud of the team because we had a lot of young and inexperienced players," Sandy coach Marie Rudisill said. "They worked hard all season and just earning a berth at state meant a lot."

Sluggers claim second

The Sandy Sluggers finished first in the league and second in the Tri-County District Pigtail Softball Tournament.

The Sluggers opened the tourney with an 11-6 win over Welches. Winning pitcher Missy Schwartz helped her own cause by hitting a home run for Sandy. The Sluggers also got round-trippers from Lisa Wheeler, Heidi Zoellmer and Shannon Baker.

Welches led at one point by

a 5-3 score, but the Sluggers exploded for seven runs in the fourth inning to run away with the game.

Corbett shut down Sandy's title hopes, however, nipping the Sluggers 9-7 in the final. Corbett scored seven runs in the first two innings, then held on to edge Sandy despite two three-run innings for the Sluggers.

Wheeler and Tracey Brinser hit homes runs for Sandy.

City tourney set this weekend

The first Sandy Women's Softball Tournament will be held this weekend at Sandy High School.

The city's seven slow pitch softball teams will vie for the city title, beginning Satur-

day at 9 a.m. The finals will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Competing teams will be G.T.E., Carlson Chevrolet, Tri-County Electric, Brightwood, Tollgate, Wholesale Auto and The Store.

Benefit golf tournament set

The second annual Boy Scout Open Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 15 at the Gresham Golf Course.

The tournament will benefit the Columbia Pacific

Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which serves 34,000 youths in 15 counties in Oregon and Washington.

Tee times will begin between 7 and 9:15 a.m.

Prep of the Week:

Patricia Ann Ten Eyck, 17, of Sandy, has been named one of nine initial recipients of American Simmental Association Merit Awards, designed to recognize youth who have made significant contributions to community, home, school, family and the Simmental breed of cattle. Patricia has served as board member for Oregon Junior Simmental Association. She's an active member of 4-H, school athletics, drama, ski club and language club. Congratulations, Pattie!



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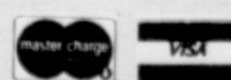
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