

Baseball team looks for change

The Sandy baseball team dropped two games last week, but despite their 0-4-1 record, Coach Curtis Heath is optimistic about the season.

Sandy's sophomore pitchers have been doing the job, Heath said. Mental concentration on defense is a goal.

Jerry Bennett takes the loss against St. Helens. The Pioneers fell 8-6 Wednesday with Bennett striking out five and walking one.

"He did the job on the mound," Heath said. Sandy had a hard time getting started, giving up four runs in the first inning. After that they rallied for a 6-5 lead.

With one out in the bottom of the sixth, an error allowed a St. Helens player to get on first, and another allowed him to get on second.

So, instead of Sandy having two outs on them and being in good shape, St. Helens had only one out and a runner on second. They took advantage of the situation, getting five consecutive hits and taking an 8-6 lead. The game was called for darkness before the third out occurred.

Junior Mo Contreras was the standout for Sandy offensively. He was four-for-four, scored once and had one RBI.

Sophomore Troy Wolf was two-for-three (both doubles) and scored twice. Senior Randy Martin got a "nice double," earning two RBIs.

Bennett was two-for-three, and junior Mike Lund hit a double.

Five errors, said Heath, is too many.

Friday Sandy traveled to Newberg to play last year's AAA runners-up.

Wolf went the distance, throwing a four-hitter (two of them earned). He struck out three and walked two.

Wolf gave up a "solo shot" home run and three singles.

He pitched well against a team with a 5-2 record, Heath said. "What more can you ask?"

The Pioneers hit the ball, but the hits were too spread out to do any good.

Contreras was two-for-three, with senior Mitch Paola, junior Stu Hoffman and senior Dave Kirkland also getting hits.

On Friday the Pioneers cut the errors down to

three, with that being the theme of last Thursday's practice, according to Heath.

Newberg plays a good, sound game, Heath said. "We just needed more offensive punch."

He's not happy about the team record, but added he would rather lose to tough teams than play a less competitive schedule.

The schedule has been toughened up the past couple of years he said. "When you start to beat some of those teams, then confidence will build."

Playing the teams in Klamath Falls "with a team just getting on its feet was a gamble," he said. "We played with them and I think that's a plus."

The pitching staff, which was a concern earlier, provides a source of optimism for Heath.

Bennett and Wolf have been throwing well, he said. Martin has thrown well at times, and senior Kraig Gifford should be throwing in a couple of weeks.

About the team overall, Heath said he's pleased but not satisfied. "I know they can do better."

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Alumni roster deadline Friday

The deadline for rosters, which are part of the third annual Alumni Basketball Tournament is Friday.

Persons interested in playing should contact Len Eaton, at 668-8011, by tomorrow.

The tournament is scheduled April 15-17.

Persons interested in playing in the alumni band the evening of the final game should contact Steve Christensen at the same number, extension 235.

Funds raised through the tournament benefits the boys basketball team.

Boeing of Portland gets its revenge

After losing twice to first-place Williams Thriftway, "C" division's Ron's No Place, now known as Boeing of Portland, came from behind in the fourth quarter to win, 37-32.

As he has done the entire season, Joe Kern led the scoring attack, coming away with 10 big points. Thriftways Mitch Young scored nine points.

P & C Construction also pulled off a surprise win, outlasting T-Talk Presbyterians, 41-33. Mike Boring scored 16 points for P & C Construction, which was without the services of Bruce Dausavage.

T-Talk's Steve Robinson connected for 15 points. The Sandy Adventists, scoring 31 of its 37 points in the second half, managed to nip Dr. Tim Ward's team, 37-36.

Doug Knoble scored 11 points, most of them from

outside. Tim Ward rifled in 10 points for his team.

The "C" division post-season tournament will begin Monday, April 5 and go through Thursday, April 8.

Final "C" division standings

Williams Thriftway	11	1
Boeing	10	2
T-Talk Presbyterians	6	6
Sandy Adventists	6	6
P & C Construction	3	9
Dr. Tim Ward	0	12

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Jennie Welch Antiques	19	14
Sheppard's Construction	19	14
Michael's Pre-cast	18	15
William's Thriftway	18	15
Pioneer Real Estate	16	17
Dirt Aggregate	14 1/2	18 1/2
Accent Hair	14 1/2	18 1/2
Town Country	13	20
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