

The Sandy Post

Sports and Recreation

Record set as 79 finish Sandy Almost 10K

Randy Huskey of Portland set a course record in the Almost 10K Saturday, running the hilly five-mile course in a time of 26:37.

Chuck Coleman of Camera Connection, the race sponsor, said it was the best race yet. "There's always room for improvement," he said, "but it went well."

"The Sandy police department did an excellent job. I was really impressed with the way they handled the traffic."

Eighty-one registered to run, with 80 starting the race and 79 finishing.

Thaddeus McCamant of Sandy, last year's winner with a time of 27:12, was second in 28:03, with Pat Williams of Boring taking third in the men's open division. His time was 28:32.

Sharon Jensen of Boring was the first woman to cross the line. She ran the course in 36:44. Connie Case of Boring still owns the course record, a 27:12 run last year. Case did not compete this year.

Shelly White of Sandy was second in the women's open with a time of 37:13, and Nadine Rowland of Sandy was third, having run the course in 38:40.

There was one entry in the over 55 division. Bill Lauderback, 65, of Portland, finished the course in 35:54, finishing 32nd overall.

In the under 14 division Andy Crick of Portland was first with a time of 33:55. Jeff Cash of Gresham was second with a time of 37:03, and Derek Bachmann of Brightwood was third with a time of 40:50.

Ten runners in all ran the course in 30-plus minutes or less, or a pace of six minutes per mile or better.

Completing the top 10 were Kit Howell, Boring, 28:45; Terry Houston, Sandy, 28:58; Chris Roth, Sandy, 29:16; Jon Partlow, Portland, 29:33; Mike Oft, Gresham, 29:50; James Bailey, Sandy, 30:34; and Ron Norquist, Sandy, 30:41.

Steve Slaboda, race director, said he was pleased with how things went.

The race started on time, before it got too hot, and all comments received were favorable with one exception.

Some people would have liked to have received t-shirts as part of the entry fee. Slaboda said they haven't given t-shirts the last two years as a way to keep the entry fee low.

Next year he's hoping someone will donate t-shirts so they can keep the entry fee low and yet follow what seems to a standard in road racing.

In 1981 59 competed in the Almost 10K, with McCamant and Case winning.

In 1980 41 ran, with Sid Christie of Gresham winning in 29:06 and Case winning in 31:22 (for fifth overall).

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CCB stops Redhots for district ponytail title

Clackamas County Bank will take a 15-0 record and the district title into the ASA Junior Ponytail State Tournament at Cornelius.

Teamwork has been the key to their success, according to Coach Rex Brittle.

"They all get along really well. They're just tremendous girls," he said. A lot of work has gone into it too, he added. He encourages the girls to practice at home every day, and they practice once a week in addition to the two games they play over the same period.

Brittle also had good things to say about CCB's regular opponent, the Sandy Redhots, who ended up the season with a 12-4 record, having lost this season only to CCB.

I think Cheryl Schwartz and I agree that good team efforts took us both this far, Brittle said.

CCB defeated a determined Redhot team Sunday 9-6 to win the Tri-County Junior Ponytail District Tournament.

The Redhots made steady gains on CCB in the later innings, but were plagued by errors at the start of the game.

Schwartz said they do have a "mental block" when it comes to playing CCB. She said the game Sunday was "excellent."

"They have a good team and the girls really had to play ball," Schwartz said. She felt the Redhots

made CCB earn the victory.

She added that Jami Brittle is a fast pitcher. "We have some home run hitters—but not against CCB."

Schwartz said when the parents got fired up at the end of the game Sunday it seemed to give the Redhots players some spirit.

The Redhots and CCB were in the same Tri-County League division. Undefeated CCB (in the Red Division) took on the Lynch Animals in the first round of the double-elimination, four-team tournament this weekend.

CCB won 13-0, while the Redhots



At left: Second baseman Katie Clift of CCB makes the catch, but the field referee said Heidi Zoellmer of the Redhots was safe. Above: Clackamas County Bank, pictured above, are the district champions. Back row, from left to right: Coach Rex Brittle, Anna Knotts, Charlene Kasch, Kimi Hartung, Jami Brittle, Katie Clift and Coach Terry Clift. Front row, from left to right: Julie Powell, Kristy Sharpe, Misty Weitzel, Kris Rasmussen, Cathy Randolph and Jeri Willis.

got a win over the formerly-undefeated Rockwood Blackbirds, the number one Blue Division team. The Redhots won 15-9.

The Redhots then lost to CCB, 17-6. Rockwood had defeated Lynch 23-7, and so the Redhots met the Blackbirds a second time, winning 8-4 and setting up the championship game Sunday between the two Sandy teams.

About the state tournament, Coach Brittle said, "We're just going for the fun and enjoyment. If we win, that'll be great. We will work hard between now and then to

better our chances."

Because of the number of girls signed up to play in the Tri-County League, six teams in all will be eligible for state competition. The four teams in the district tournament have received a berth, as well as Orient and Sweetbrier.

Members of the Redhot team include Shannon Baker, Tracey Brinser, Holly Cabe, Tiffany Griffin, Christine Mancino, Paige Nichols, Kelli Portinga, Melissa Schwartz, Tanya Schwartz, Lisa Wheeler and Heidi Zoellmer.

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C. Squire takes first in bed race

Country Squire Airport unseated three-time bed racing champions New's Union 76 in the annual Mountain Days festivity.

Don Martin's team was first in the four-team race, but they were disqualified.

New's Union 76 was therefore second, and Archies Waterbeds third.

Gerry New said he felt bad about the disqualification. He said that since Union 76 sponsors the race, maybe people feel they have more of an advantage.

In that way, he said, it's good that someone else finally won. The competitive spirit is still there, though. "We'll win it next year," he said.



photos by Scott Newton

Sandy team takes first

Sandy's entry in the Barlow Babe Ruth Baseball League finished the season in first place with a 13-2 record.

The team, co-sponsored by Buckboard Pizza and Dodson's Bargain Store, was made up of boys 13-15 years old who live in the Sandy School District.

Turnout for shoot was best ever

The best turnout yet for the Barlow Trail Long Rifle club was reported by Mike Valdrow, club president and black powder shoot organizer.

Eighty-four shot on Saturday, and 86 on Sunday, for a total of 103 different competitors.

Chuck Clark of the Portland area took first-place honors with a score of 56 (out of a possible 72).

Lloyd Gray of Sandy was second with a 54, and David Kendell, also of Sandy, was third with a 52.

The top woman signed in, simply enough, as Two Moons, of Bend.

Martin Brelji of Sandy was the top Junior shooter, and Jerry Craig of Sandy was second.

Steve Christman of Sandy was the top PeeWee, and Jeff Musick of Clackamas was second.

Roland Powers of Sandy won the club cannon shoot, and Valdrow was second.

Ellen and Bill Doak of Portland won the husband and wife shoot, and Bill Christman of Sandy won the keg toss with a throw of 28-6.

Christman, a charter member of the club, said Valdrow once again did an "excellent" job of organizing and running the shoot.

Truck Lines bashes Reynolds

Sandy Truck Lines got its record to 8-7 overall with a 23-6 win over Reynolds "B."

Adam Cannon takes the win, and was credited with pitching a good game. He struck out 10, and gave up six runs on one hit, getting his record to 3-1.

Justin Rusan, playing his first game since recovering from a broken arm, went three-for-three. Kent Taylor was two-for-three and Travis Hiltad had one hit.

Team has 'character' if not a winning record

Paola Pizza's American Legion baseball team may not be setting the world on fire, but Coach John Rohr said his players are plenty competitive.

With one game remaining on the schedule, Mike Lund is batting close to .400.

"He's really doing a good job for us," Rohr said. Mo Contreras has been doing the job behind the plate,

and Chris Bennett has been hitting and pitching well, Rohr said.

The team is young, Rohr said, and experience and maturity are all they lack. "We've got some hard-nose competitors on this team," he said.

The team is 1-12 and that's hard for this group to take because they're winners, Rohr said. "They've got character."

Rohr thinks the program will turn

around when the underclassmen on the team gain another year of experience. All of his players have another year of high school ball ahead of them, and many of them have more.

Curtis Heath has been building the program for three years, and Rohr wants people to understand that when they start winning. "We won't have any excuses if we lose next

year," he said.

Others on the team include Mark Shelton, a catcher, third baseman, shortstop and outfielder. "He's a gutsy competitor," Rohr said.

Alan and Doug Jensen, both pitchers, have also been showing steady improvement, and Troy Wolf, a pitcher and shortstop, "does a good job." Wolf has been kept out of the pitching rotation by a sore shoulder.

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Coach is hoping Ladies put it all together

Lance's Ladies can play with the best of them, according to Coach Lance Staab.

"Our potential is better than we are showing," he said earlier in the week.

He's hoping between now and the ASA 16-18 Girls Fastpitch Tournament in Eugene the weekend of the 24th they'll have put it all together.

Sandy I faced the Milwaukie Kleats last week, falling 9-3. The Kleats remain undefeated in league play.

The Kleats scored four runs on four hits with three Sandy errors in the first inning.

They got two more in the third. Sandy scored two runs in the third with Tina Hunter walking and Debbie Rudisill getting on with an error. Hunter scored when Becky McGee

singled, and Rudisill crossed the plate on Shannon Demoret's single.

Sandy was shut down for four innings while the Kleats scored two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Cindy Benz pitched for Sandy.

Sandy is 7-3-1 in league and tied for second place.

In the Forest Grove tournament Sandy handily beat Marv's Chevron

of Portland, 10-4. Gina Brigantic got on base with a single in the first inning, stole second, took third on an error and stole home on a passed ball.

The second inning was also a big one for Sandy. Rudisill, who has a .337 average, singled, advanced and scored when Becky McGee got on with an error.

McGee scored on a double by Patty Gray, who was walked home when

and taking advantage of two errors.

The game remained tied until the sixth inning, when the Shamrocks scored two runs to beat Sandy 7-5. Cindy Benz took the loss.

The Shamrocks went on to fall to the Royal Aces of Eugene in the championship, with Kim Moe pitching for the Aces.

Sandy fell 14-2 in the loser's bracket to the Portland Police Blue Angels. Patty Gray takes the loss.

The Store, Ron's win 1-pitch titles

The first Sandy Mountain Days "One Pitch" Softball Tournament was held Saturday at Kelso Grade School.

Six men's teams and four women's teams participated in what is hoped will become an annual fund raising event. All proceeds from the one-day tournament, sponsored by Dodson's Bargain Store, will be used to establish a fund for developing additional playing fields in the Sandy area.

The game differs from traditional slo-pitch in that each batter gets only one pitch. If that pitch is a ball, the batter walks. If it is a strike and he doesn't swing, he's out.

Ron's No Place won the men's division handily. Getty Rock of Garibaldi finished second and Brightwood Tavern was third.

In women's competition, The Store was undefeated, taking first.

Brightwood Store was second and Wholesale Auto Wrecking was third.



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At left: Jason Roberti, son of Ron and Kathy Roberti of Sandy, won the bicycle race for 10 year olds Friday. Above: Barry Fretz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Fretz Sr. of Sandy, won the division for 11 year olds. The Sandy Recreation Department held the races as part of the Mountain Day festivities.