

## CCB wins state title; Red Hots take third

There are 64 "B" fastpitch teams in Oregon, 24 of which made the Oregon State Junior Olympic Fastpitch Tournament.

Sandy could safely be dubbed "Softball City" after this weekend, as the Clackamas County Bank team won the tournament for 9-12 girls and the Red Hots finished third.

CCB did the job at the plate, according to Coach Rex Brittle. "The girls were really hitting the whole tournament," he said.

Cheryl Schwartz, who coaches the Red Hots along with husband Lyle, said that they don't preach about the importance of winning. "The girls went out and did it on their own," she said.

Both coaches said that a lot of parents and grandparents attended.

Said Brittle, "The tournament director asked us if anyone was left in Sandy."

"We had a great time with the girls. It was just a fun year," Schwartz said.

Mitsy Weitzel got CCB off to a good start with a second-inning home run in an 11-7 win over FTL of Canby. Jami Brittle and Kimi Hartung hit homers in the second CCB game Friday, a 10-8 win over Drain.

Saturday CCB played Rockwood, a team that went into the district tournament in Sandy undefeated (Rockwood lost to the Red Hots at the district tournament). "Their pitcher was throwing just the right speed and our girls were nailing them," Coach Brittle said.

Jami Brittle hit a home run and Julie Powell contributed a triple as CCB won 16-3.

A cool breeze provided welcome relief Saturday evening when CCB took on Griswold Machine of Banks. "They were good," Brittle said.

Jeri Willis did the job at the plate for CCB, hitting triples in the first and second innings, and singles in the fourth and fifth.

They ended up winning 13-6 over previously-undefeated Griswold Machine. The Griswold Machine players were good sports, Brittle said, but they got down as CCB "just kept plugging away," getting two runs in the fourth, two in the fifth,

and four in the sixth, overcoming a 5-2 deficit.

Brittle said, "The neat thing about the whole tournament is that they (CCB's players) stayed up, they remained confident.

"They made their mistakes, but they stayed right on top of it. They didn't stop and worry about it, they just kept right on fighting."

Sunday morning they met the Red Hots, the team they beat 9-6 for the Tri-County Junior Ponytail District title.

Melissa Schwartz got the Red Hots started, hitting a double and then stealing third base and home.

CCB responded with a triple by Kathy Randolph. She was sent home by Brittle's home run.

CCB held the Red Hots scoreless the next two innings, while scoring five runs. Paige Nichols stole home for the Red Hots in the fourth, and Brittle responded for CCB with yet another home run.

When the dust had settled CCB had a 12-4 win.

Griswold Machine played the Red Hots, and won 11-3, despite "excellent defense" from third baseman Tracey Brinser and center fielder Angie Rdsill, both of whom made some nice plays, according to Schwartz.

Still, Griswold Machine had an "excellent, excellent defense," with no noticeable holes.

Coach Brittle's team got a break, of course, which they used to cheer for Sandy. When they played Griswold Machine a second time, handing them an 11-6 loss.

It was 5-4 in Griswold Machine's favor going into the seventh inning. Anna Knotts got a single, Hartung got a double and Powell got a single. Willis hit a double, Cathy Randolph a single, and Brittle got another double.

Kris Rasmussen walked, and was thrown out stealing second, and Katie Clift got thrown out at first for the second out.

Weitzel got a single, and Knotts got up a second time and hit another single to knock her in before the third out.

A strikeout, a play from shortstop

Randolph to first baseman Powell, and another strikeout ended the game, giving CCB the state title.

Randolph made two "terrific" plays, including "one super exceptional catch," where she had to run backward and then jump to make the catch.

Brittle, who pitched the final two games, contributed a home run in the final game.

The "giant" first-place trophy is on display at the Clackamas County Bank, but Coach Brittle said he is most proud of the "softball hog" the kids gave him. It's a ceramic pig with a hat and bat and a "number one smile."

The Red Hots began the tournament with a 26-9 blowout against Reser's of Aloha Friday. Christina Mancino and Rudisill hit home runs

and Nichols took the win.

Coach Schwartz was pleased with Holly Cable's slide into home.

Tanya Schwartz fanned five batters and hit a "nice double" as the Red Hots downed the West Lane Jets of Elmira 9-4.

Mancino stole home against East Side Rack:ball of Oregon City, and the Red Hots' defense got the outs "one-two-three" in the fifth and sixth

innings for a 9-8 win. Zoellmer hit a home run as Sandy jumped to a six-run lead in the first inning.

The Red Hots then fell to CCB and Griswold Machines, doing well enough to end up the third-best team in the state.

Kelly Pottinga did an "excellent" job at catcher, Schwartz said.

The Red Hots had one of the youngest teams at state.



The Sandy Red Hots, pictured above, finished third in the state tournament this weekend. They are, from left to right, Lyle Schwartz, Lisa Wheeler, Tanya Schwartz, Heidi Zoellmer, Cheryl Schwartz, Melissa Schwartz, Kelli

Portinga, Paige Nichols, Christina Mancino, Tiffany Griffin, Holly Cable, Tracey Brinser and Shannon Baker.

## Complete program is director's goal

by SCOTT NEWTON

This is the first year adult softball in Sandy has been run by the Sandy Area Softball Association, and it has been a competitive season.

Going into the last week of play second through sixth place in the men's division remained undetermined, and playoffs were necessary to decide the top three places in the women's league.

About 200 to 300 participate on one of the 12 men's teams or seven women's teams, and Will Abshere expects more growth, not only in the adult program but in the youth programs as well.

Abshere is a communications contractor, and owns W.A. Communications Inc.

He's also taken it upon himself to help guide the development of the Sandy Area Softball Association. The Association is sanctioned by the American Softball Association, which makes its teams eligible for ASA district, state, regional and national competition.

About four or five years ago Abshere was managing a fast-pitch team "up the mountain a way," and driving to Portland to play "got kind of old."

The Sandy Recreation Department first got adult softball off the ground, and Abshere said it was "quite a success."

He said, "People starting hearing, 'Hey, they're playing softball in Sandy now.' A lot of people weren't playing before because there was no place to play. They really got interested."

"The next thing you know things were going by leaps and bounds."

In fact, adult softball was so successful that it would have been a burden for the recreation department to keep up.

It was decided an organization should be set up, and after talking to an ASA commissioner it seemed like a good idea to join the organization.

A board of directors, comprised of Barb Johnson, Drenda Leathers, Mary Tholen, Mike Kern, John Dodson and Tim Madison was set up.

There was a lot to do. By-laws and a constitution were written and administrative chores attended to.

"They haven't had an easy job, just starting off," Abshere said. "So far, I can say that they've done a heck of a job."

Between jobs, kids in other sum-

mer programs and games, the work has gotten done. Perhaps not without a few complaints, but overall Abshere feels the first season has gone well.

"It takes a lot of time, but it's something we all enjoy doing. It's worth it. There are a lot of other things we could be doing that wouldn't be as good for us."

"I'd just as soon spend my spare time playing softball."

The SASA is faced with one major problem, and that is a lack of playing space. It is affecting all age groups in Sandy to a degree.

"It's something Sandy has not planned for over the years, traditional parks and available space for sports activities. They just haven't had the money, and that's understandable."

With that in mind, it becomes clear that the work of the SASA will not end with the coming of fall. Abshere is hoping to keep people active, donating labor and raising funds so the Association can develop its own fields.

Abshere pointed out the league is not trying to take over the fields in Sandy. Many of those involved in adult softball also have kids involved in programs. He likes the idea of a complete ball program, where the kids can start young, if they like, and can play through their adult years.

The possibility exists that an area owned by the Sandy Union High School district, north of the school, could be developed.

The SASA would like to build the facility, and the SUHS girls softball team would benefit by receiving a home base in the spring. The girls played home games at Kelso

School this spring. The adult leagues played on the Cedar Ridge field.

A 1-pitch tournament, sponsored for the first time by Dodson's Bargain Store in conjunction with the Mountain Festival, proved popular, and that will be one fund raiser the Association will pursue.

In 1-pitch the batter only gets one pitch, and he either walks, strikes out or gets a hit. Abshere is hoping even those who don't participate on a regular basis will get teams together for future 1-pitch tournaments.

Also, the Association is hoping to make arrangements to get a food booth at the Mountain Festival next year.

"Like I said, the most attractive thing about this is we're going to do this through the community, and not the school. So from a financial standpoint, it won't be any burden to the school."

For now, Abshere is pleased with the quality of play that's developed. Even teams that started out slow, he reports, were making their presence felt by the end of the season.

"We've made some awfully good showings in tournaments out of town," Abshere said. "There are a lot of people around the state who know where Sandy, Oregon, is."

Two city league tournaments have been set up for the near future, and a SASA picnic will be held Aug. 29 at the Hoodland Women's Club.

The Association and the goal of developing fields are not passing fads for Abshere. Softball's in his blood.

## Blue Marlin takes state's top honor

Damon Hodge of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club received the top honor this weekend at the Oregon Swimming Junior Olympic Championships in the division for 8 year olds and under.

Hodge has dominated his age group all season, and this weekend at Hermiston it was no different. He placed first in the 50-meter butterfly (40.15), the 50-meter back stroke (46.41), the 50-meter breast stroke (49.87) and the 100-meter free (1:23.74). The one race he lost could have gone either way, according to Coach Carl Neuenfeldt.

Hodge finished second in the 50-meter free with a time of 36.15. That second-place finish certainly didn't keep him from winning the high-point award for his age group.

Doug Crane, in the 13-14 boys division, placed second in the 100 free (59.64), third in the 100 fly (1:07.05) and third in the 50 free (27.27).

Richard Rolph, in the 15-18 boys division, didn't place, but did set three personal records. They included a 19:24.36 1500-meter free, a 4:47.8 400 free and a 1:12.75 back. He also swam the 200 IM, the 200 back and the 200 freestyle.

Swimmers must achieve qualifying times just to compete at the Junior Olympic Championships. About 400 competed in the 1982 Summer Long Course meet July 16-18.

Others competing for the Blue Marlin included Michelle Crane, 9-10 girls division, who was second



Damon Hodge

alternate for the finals in the 50 breast stroke with a time of 49.76.

Ian Hodge, 11-12 boys division, achieved a personal best in the 50 fly with his time of 39.37.

Gaylord Miller, 9-10 boys division, competed in the 50 and 100 breast, and Terri Hanson, 13-14 girls division, competed in the 200 butterfly.

On July 29 five Blue Marlins will be leaving for Wenatchee, Wash., to compete in the Region XII Championships. They are Damon Hodge, Michelle Crane, Doug Crane, Dean Haines and Richard Rolph. Coach Neuenfeldt will also be attending.

## Dodson's 3rd, 2 are MVPs

Dodson's Bargain Store finished third this weekend at the Cy Graphics-Pete's Pool Invitational at Wood Village this weekend, with two players selected as Most Valuable Players.

Jack Layton, at 42 the oldest player on the team and a third baseman, and Gary Moody, a center fielder, were the Sandy selections for the all-tournament team, which was not chosen necessarily for positions.

Moody batted in the .700 range, and was the team "spark plug," according to John Dodson, who is not one to single players out. "They're all great, so I can't pick out just one individual," he said.

Brian's Sports and Buckboard Pizza also competed in the tournament. Dodson's Bargain Store lost its first game and had to battle back through the loser's bracket, which they did, all the way to third place, playing six games in all.

Dodson said it was a good, competitive tournament, and added, "We had a lot of fun."

They play Woodburn, at Woodburn, July 26. If Dodson's wins, the 44-team Recreation State Championship at Albany Aug. 7 and 8 will be next.

### Dodson's no. 1

Final standings SASA men's slowpitch	
Dodson's Store	11 0
Ron's No Place	8 3
Carey Const.	7 3
Brightwood Tavern	7 4
Buckboard Pizza	6 5
Circle D	6 5
Brian's Sports	6 5
Timberline Lodge	6 5
Sandy Z's	3 8
Hoodview Royals	3 8
Paola's Pizza	1 10
Inn Between	1 10

## Attitudes, fundamentals make team a winner

Though Sandy's entry in the Barlow Babe Ruth League finished first, it was not due to an overabundance of talent.

Good attitudes and fundamental skills contributed the most to the team's success, according to Coach Mike Kern.

"We played basic baseball a little better," he said, "and we showed up knowing we were the team to beat, and knowing we were going to win."

Although a season-opening loss shook their confidence a little, Kern said they recovered well. They ended up 13-2, winning the league title and placing several players on the Babe Ruth all-star teams.

The defense was fairly steady throughout, Kern said, with enough players able to hit to provide the runs needed.

Pitching was a concern at the start. Jason Kern and Bill Ricks ended up doing the job. "They were not pitchers, so that was significant," Coach Kern said.

The younger Kern ended up 6-0, while Ricks was 4-1. Rick Carpenter and Parker Daughettee provided relief and the saves—"and there were quite a few of those."

In addition, Brett Sackett was converted from a shortstop to a first baseman, and did a good job, according to Kern.

Ricks, a Sandy Union High School sophomore-to-be, contributed at the plate as well as on the mound. He had a .550 batting average, which includ-

ed an out-of-the-park grand slam on the Barlow High School field.

Kern, Daughettee and Carpenter hit in the 450 range, with the team hitting a "respectable" .286. The younger players (boys 13 to 15 participated) who were not as good at the plate contributed bunts, advancing the players on base.

Other team members were Mike

Heckard, Todd Wolf, Brad Mathis, Jeff Baily, Stacey Pearson, Jeff Abshere and Chip Jones.

Heckard, Wolf and Mathis were selected to try out for the 13-year-old all-star team, with Wolf and Mathis making the cut. Heckard didn't play as he was otherwise obligated. The Barlow Babe Ruth team dropped two

close games July 16 at Parkrose High School.

Abshere, Carpenter, Daughettee, Kern, Ricks and Sackett were among 18 boys who were selected to try out for 15 spots on the 14- to 15-year-old Barlow Babe Ruth all-star team. Sackett is otherwise obligated, and Abshere injured his knee sliding into home in the last game of the season.

## Corbett girl wins regional title

Wendy Coleman had reason to be pleased following the Regional Junior Olympics in Grandview, Wash., this weekend.

She set a personal record in the discus, finishing first with a toss of 30.98 meters, or 102 feet.

But the occasion was sad, too, in a way. Her coach, Jeff Beauchamp, will be attending the University of

Georgia next fall. "He helped me get that far," Coleman said. "He's responsible for getting me there."

Coleman, 13, will be an eighth grader next year at Corbett Grade School. Beauchamp, a quarter-mile runner at Mt. Hood Community College, hopes to coach in the future, and worked with the track team at Corbett this spring.

He attended both the Oregon Junior Olympics and the Regional Junior Olympics to watch Coleman compete, and she doesn't mind admitting that she'll miss his presence. "He's really done a lot for me," she said.

Coleman, the daughter of Ron and Joyce Coleman, practices on the front lawn of their "kind of" country home near Corbett, or at the SUHS field, when she's not busy picking berries or doing other chores. She runs and exercises to get warmed up.

At the Oregon Junior Olympics she finished third in the discus. Nothing went right, and to top it off she had to compete in the rain.

At the three-state Regional Junior Olympics, however, it was a different story. "It really felt good," she said of her throw on a sunny July 16.

She's been practicing, and said that she's started to "get my spin down."

It was her third, and most successful, Junior Olympics. There is no national tournament to advance to in the 13-14 age group, but she can look forward to competing in the same age group again next year.

Meanwhile, local young discus throwers and shot putters beware. Coleman took first in the discus and shot in all four meets in which she competed for Corbett this spring, and she plans to keep practicing through the year.