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'You're out!'

Candi Rudisill covered home and made the play for the Sar'y Blues during state tournament action. In the bottom picture the umpire calls the Molalla (Metro West) runner out.



Sandy takes 3rd

Hoodland falls in bid for playoffs

Hoodland Construction finished second in the Tri-County Senior League district tournament this weekend, but fell in a bid for a berth at the state tournament.

Bruce Cook Insurance of Sandy took third, finishing the season with a 13-6 record overall.

Coach Mark Hamby's Hoodland Huskies ended up 16-7, having fallen 7-6 to Rockwood in the district finals.

"They're a great bunch of kids," Hamby said. "I hate losing them."

Hamby, a teacher for five years at Welches School, works with the 12-14 boys almost daily in the summer. "They're a dedicated bunch of kids," Hamby said. "In fact, they get upset if we don't practice."

The season ended for the Huskies Tuesday night. Sunshine Pizza of Beaverton beat them 12-4 in a game on the Salmon River Road field.

Apparently they weren't quite themselves. They didn't hit.

Wayne Reick, who was also credited for having done the job on the mound this summer, hit .522 for the season, and had 27 RBIs.

Mike Estes hit .545 with 26 RBIs, Kelly Rogstad hit .352 with 19 RBIs and Dave Lambert hit .468 with 22 RBIs.

Others on the team were "inspirational" first baseman Doug Manselle, and Rich Teplick, David Tenhonen, Judd Holt, Joe Thoreson, Mike Reed, Kyle Rogstad and Andy

Dieterich.

Sandy Coach Tom Novotny, who has a younger team than Hoodland or Rockwood, also considered the season a success. He was pleased with the spirited play the kids exhibited in a 7-5 extra innings loss to Welches for second place in the district tournament.

Sandy players with hefty batting averages included Darrin Pullen (.309), Randy Wheeler (.308), Matt Novotny (.278), Gerald Hale (.300), Carey Markwell (.312) and Robby Copher (.442 with 36 RBIs).

Others on the team were Tony Hale, Morgan Emrich, John Peterson, Bob McCall, Dave Quiet and Bob Dougherty.



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Doug Marselle of Hoodland Construction stretches to make the catch at first in a game against Bruce Cook Insurance of Sandy.

Angels get revenge at state tourney

Charlie's Angels finished 13th in the 24-team Oregon State Girls "B" Fastpitch Softball Tournament.

The Sandy Blues also competed, but were eliminated third round by the Angels.

OK Auto Parts of Cornelius took first place.

Coach Charlie Leathers, whose Angels lost 13-1 to First National Bank of Canby in the fourth round, said he doesn't know how the 13th place finish was figured, but that's where he was told they placed.

He felt the "girls did an excellent job," not only in the tournament, but for the season.

First round they dropped a 6-5 decision to McCollum Logging of Sweet Home. Second round they blasted the Meadow Park Pirates of Portland 24-4. Third round they beat the Blues for the first time this season, 12-6.

Leathers said he had a feeling going into the game with the Blues that they were going to win. This was the third time for the two teams to meet.

"The girls figured they were going to win it, and that's how they played it. They played it to win," Leathers said.

The Angels got a three-run lead "right off the bat," and kept the lead

throughout.

"They stayed out there in the heat and gave it their best shot," Leathers said. "We had to work for it. It was tough but they were determined."

In the fourth game the Angels were "just too tired," and they weren't able to hit Canby's "fast, really good" pitcher.

But that's okay. Said Leathers, "I was proud of them. I was real happy. All I expect out of a player is 100 percent and that's exactly what they gave me."

Playing for the Angels in the state tournament were Jeanette Wan-

towski, Staci Leathers, Michelle Waters, Melissa Waters, Sheila Smith, Michelle Hartman, Gina Vaeretti, Chris Muff, Jodi Dahlager and Tammy Jenkins.

The Angels were 6-4 in league play.

Playing for the Blues were Judi Duff, Rachel Larsen, Brenda Martin, Melissa O'Malley, Candi Rudisill, Cheri Schuller, Krissy Swan, Tami Tinjum, Brenda Waits, Laura Williamson, Jackie Kunkel, Molly McDade and Michelle Kraus.

The Blues ended up 10-0 in league play and finished second in the district tournament.

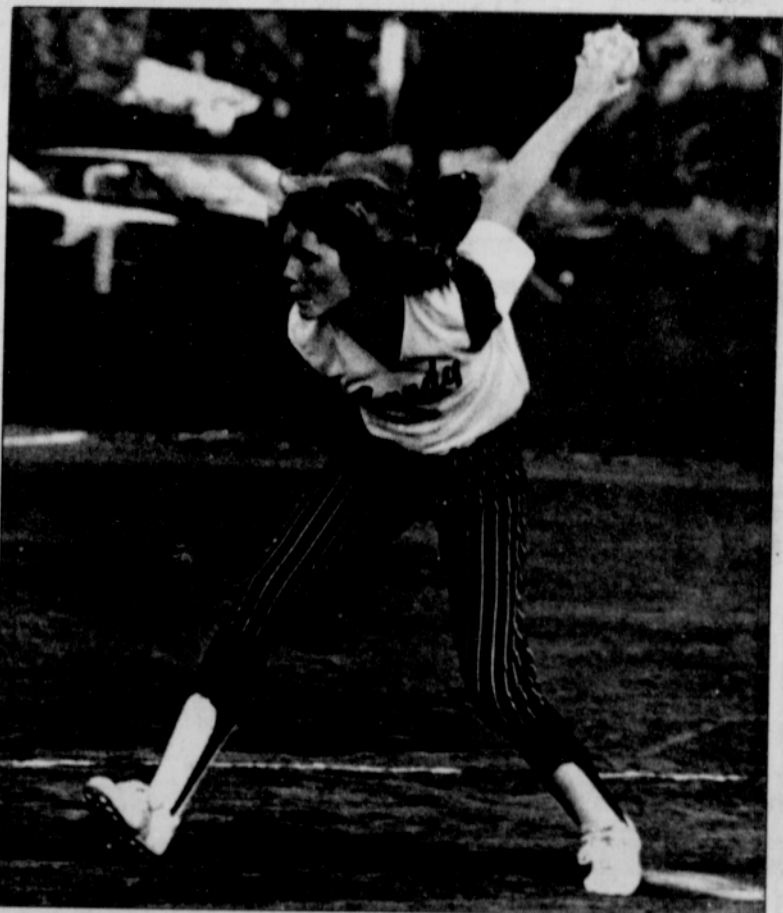


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Tammy Jenkins of Charlie's Angels gets ready to let loose in a game against McCollum Logging of Sweet Home in the state tournament. The Angels finished 13th, which included a win over a hometown rival, the Sandy Blues.

Wrestler hoping knee all right now

Larry Topliff, a two-time district champion wrestler for Sandy Union High School, thinks his knee problems are over for good.

His problems began at the North Bend Invitational last winter. He was working to keep control of an oppo-

nent when the wrestler grabbed his leg and pulled it away in an unnatural way.

Topliff won the tournament, but the following Tuesday his knee locked up in practice. He spent about a fourth of the season on crutches, finally

wrestling a little before the district meet.

He went on to finish sixth in the state meet, with Coach Ron Calhoun holding him out of the last two matches.

Three days later Topliff went under the knife. Using an orthoscope,

doctors took out a third of the cartilage in his knee.

Topliff laughs now at the thought that he was supposed to be able to wrestle perhaps 10 days after the surgery.

It took him a month to get over the more than four-hour surgery, and even then he still had suspicions that things weren't quite right.

Topliff, who had finished third in the state as a sophomore 98 pounder, had taken first in AAU state freestyle competition, first in (seven-state) zone competition, and second in the national meet in Lincoln, Neb.

This spring Topliff missed all the AAU competition, but at least felt well enough to participate in an Athletes in Action camp near Eugene last month.

Topliff was wrestling in practice, and stopped when his opponent hurt his thumb. At that time he discovered a lump on his knee about a quarter to a half an inch in diameter.

The trainer called it a "joint mouse." Topliff got back from camp the next day and set up an appointment with his doctor "real quick."

On July 14 he went in for surgery again, but this time it took only an hour. A bone chip was removed. It is thought that the bone was cracked when he originally injured his knee, but that it just took awhile for the chip to break loose.

"I don't think I'll have any more trouble with it," Topliff said last week. He'll be running and lifting weights to get the strength back, but added that he's not going to do any wrestling until the season gets underway.

He feels the doctors who treated him did a good job. It just took time for the injury to run its course.

Family health insurance paid for most of the expenses incurred because of the injury.

'Heartbreak' finishes all-stars

Sandy's entry in the Babe Ruth District 5 all-star tournament ended Sunday night after a close game with Parkrose "Black."

Duane Peterson of Sandy coached the Barlow Babe Ruth all-stars, while Mike Kern, also of Sandy, was manager.

The all-stars lost 16-5 to Parkrose "Green" in the tournament, held at David Douglas High School.

Second round the all-stars downed David Douglas Number Two 10-6.

Sunday Parkrose "Black" took a "heartbreaker." In the top of the seventh the Barlow all-stars risked a suicide squeeze to go ahead 3-2. Parkrose got a hard-earned walk, an out, a bunt, a "Texas-league" base hit, a strike out and a single, good for two runs and the win.

"It (the loss) wasn't for a lack of

effort," Kern said. "The kids played hard."

Rick Carpenter, Jason Kern, Bill Ricks, Parker Daughhete, Steve Peterson, Scott Russell and Donnie James represented Sandy on the team.

Jeff Abshere and Brett Sackett were also selected to tryout for the Barlow all-stars. Sackett was otherwise obligated. Abshere, a fielder, was a "shoe-in for a starting position," but injured his knee in the final game of the regular season.

Peterson hit as well as anyone on the team, Kern said. He was .333, having gone one-for-three in each game. He also pitched well in the losing effort to Parkrose "Black," Kern said.

He added that some of the people helping to run the tournament said the 4-3 Barlow-Parkrose "Black" game was one of the best they'd seen for youngsters that age (13-14-15).

Discus champ from Cottrell

Wendy Coleman, 13, who recently won the discus throw in the Regional Junior Olympics, will be an eighth grader at Cottrell Grade School, not (Brett), as was reported in The Post.

Baseball season ends for Sandy Truck Lines

Sandy Truck Lines finished up its season with a 21-9 loss in the district playoffs to Rockwood "B."

Sandy started slow, according to Coach Glenn Abbott, who added that that's been "one of our problems for the year."

They ended up 10-12 overall, 7-6 in league.

Sandy's offense was led by Travis Hilstad, who was two-for-two with one RBI, and Tony Kohut, who was one-for-two with two RBIs. Kent Taylor and Brian Cox also got hits.

"All in all it was a fairly good season. We learned a lot, coaches and players both," Abbott said. "There was much improvement by many in-

dividuals." Players with good batting averages included Kent Taylor (.367), Danny Copher (.395), Adam Cannon (.444 and 21 RBI), Mike Burns (.394), Bruce Evans (.292), Jacob Iverson (.368), Travis Hilstad (.421) and Justin Rusaw (.440).

Others on the team were Eric Abbott, Jeff Thompson, Mark Trost, Tony Kohut and Brian Cox.

Cannon ended the season with a 4-2 record on the mound. Copher was 2-1, Hilstad was 2-2 and Rusaw and Iverson were 1-2.

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