

## Dodson's Bargain Store wins title

by SCOTT NEWTON

When one talks about men's softball in Sandy, the family connections keep coming up. Joe Kern, who without a doubt a contributor to Ron's No Place, twice hit into double plays in the final game of the SASA city league tournament this weekend. Dodson's Bargain Store players, because Kern does contribute, took additional satisfaction in turning the double plays. Joe's brother, Mike, was on the mound. There are other family connections, but none so obvious as the

Dodson family itself. John Dodson coaches, and his sons, Dirk, Don and Dan, along with John's nephew, Jay, all play on the team. The feeling of a family unit goes beyond bloodlines. "I'd take any of them (the players) for my own," John Dodson said. Dodson's Bargain Store handily downed Ron's No Place in the finals, winning 11-2. The win puts their record at 19-0 against Sandy teams. They won the pre-season tournament, regular league play, and the city tournament title. They'll represent Sandy in the

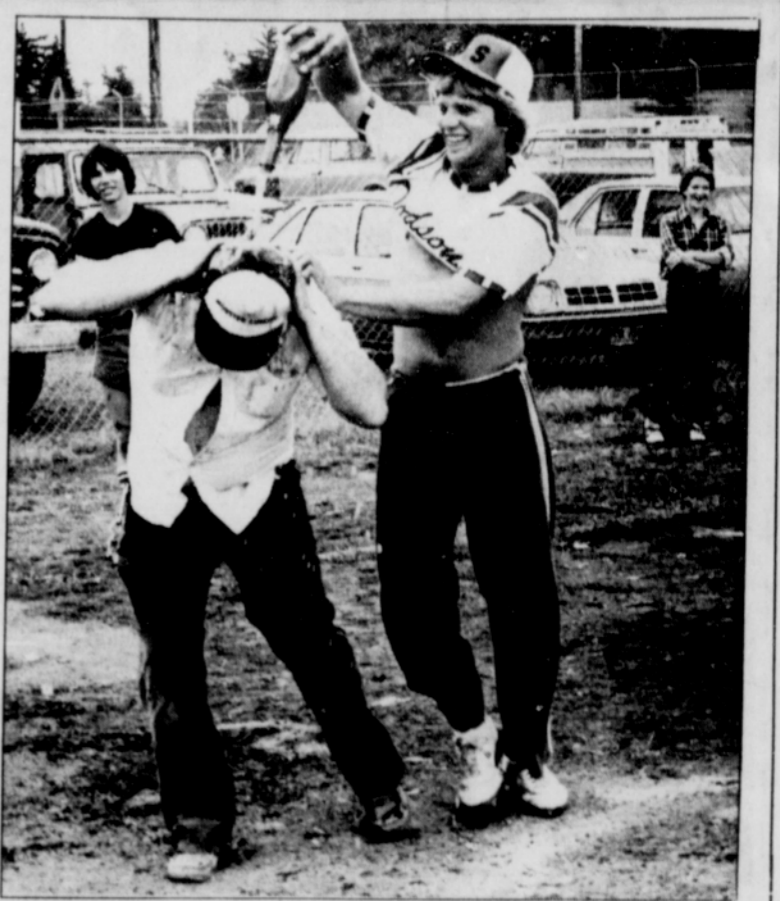
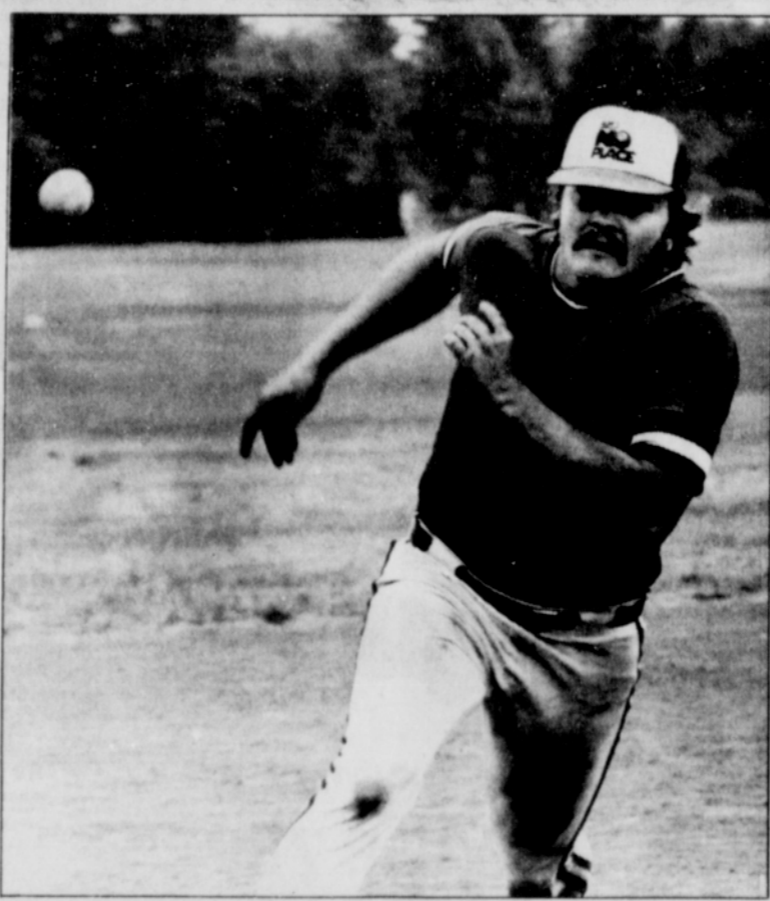
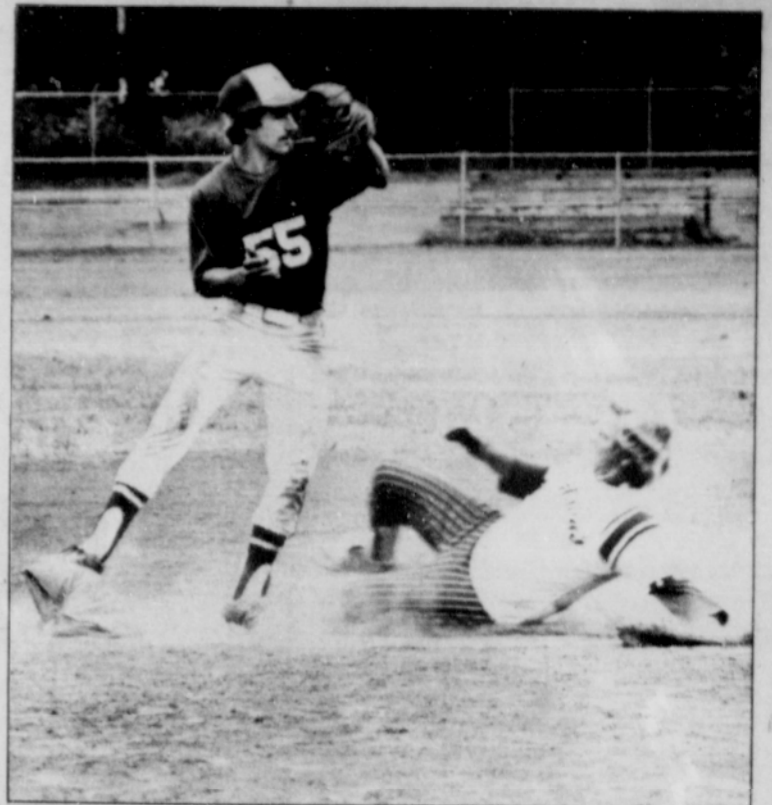
32-team ASA state tournament in Gresham Aug. 21 and 22. Overall, Dodson's Bargain Store is 38-13, having placed in five tournaments other than those in Sandy this season. "I'm just so tickled with 'em it's pathetic," John Dodson said. "They're just great." He admits this is a hand-picked team, and in the past two years everyone on the team has been selected to one all-star team or another. Having played 150 games together in two seasons, we know each others' moves, Dan Dodson

said. Though it sounds as though Dodson's wins easily in Sandy, Dan will disagree. Ron's, Buckboard Pizza, Brian's Sports or Brightwood Tavern could have won the tournament, Dan said. Though slowpitch is an offensive game, John credits defensive play as being a key factor in their success. Though defense may be a strength, they're batting .445 for the season as a team. Mark Naylor, coach of Ron's No Place, said that Kern, Royal Proctor and Mike Martin have led their batting attack. We have "no superstars," he said. "They just play well together. We're a team's team."

Team members for Ron's No Place include Don Schneider, Butch Woodard, Proctor, Kern, Martin, Bob Valitski, Terry Blaske, Kevin Kuzmesky, Troy Kuzmesky, Rick Snyder, Mike Yeager, Ron Long and Allen Fry.



Above: Don Dodson makes the play at first. Top right: Mike Martin of Ron's No Place puts Jack Layton out at second. At right: Dodson's Bargain Store, tournament champions. Back row, from left to right, is Dan Dodson, Jay Dodson, Larry Dahrens, Scott Hunter, John Dodson, Gary Moody and Dubby Hayes. From row, from left to right, is Dirk Dodson, Jack Layton, Don Dodson, Dave Jordan, Kevin Hunter, Mike Kern and Greg Jordan. Bottom left: Dan Dodson fields the ball. Bottom center: Terry Blaske of Ron's No Place heads for third. Bottom right: Larry Dahrens douses John Dodson with champagne.



## Shrine experience was 'fun' for 'the boy from Sandy'

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Dan Martin started on the kickoff return team for the North in the 35th annual Shrine All-Star game. He got in the game several times that way as the South took a 34-7 win Saturday night in Civic Stadium. Martin also got playing time in the second half as an offensive guard and as a linebacker. "When they let me in there we were blown away so bad it seemed like the other team wasn't even trying that hard," Martin said. "I didn't have any problems." At practice, he found the going was plenty tough. "All of 'em are a foot

taller than me, and a hundred pounds heavier," Martin said. "Every time we went through full-speed hitting it was like, 'How long is it going to take me to get up?' and 'Where's it going to hurt the worst?'" "They all called me 'the boy from Sandy,' because I'm so small. They always made fun of me," Martin joked. "I had a good time." He shared a room with Toby Volz of Sweet Home, David Harpe of Hood River and Robert Merwin of Tigard. They stayed on the Concordia College campus, and dressed up and ate steaks a lot when they weren't training. "It was pretty fun. We got to know each other," Martin said. They visited the Shrine Hospital, and got to see movies free at the Rose Moyer Theaters. "We got together as a team pretty fast," Martin said. He didn't feel they made too good of a showing Saturday night. "We just didn't get any breaks at all. Our passes," Martin said, pausing, "just were nowhere." A crowd of 12,400 attended the game.



Dan Martin

## Hunter's safety course offered

A hunter's safety course is being offered Aug. 23-26, from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening, at the Sandy Senior Center. There is a \$1 registration fee. Kelly Adovnik, Sandy police officer, will be teaching the class. Sign up at the Sandy police department.

## Steelheaders win opener

The Oregon City Steelheaders won their season opener against the Puget Sound Kings 26-0 Saturday night. "We looked fantastic. We have a fantastic team," said Joe Johns, general manager. The Steelheaders have a unique father-son combination in Cal McKinnis Sr., 39, and his son, Cal Jr.,

## Kearney 2nd at national tourney

Chuck Kearney, Sandy Union High School's triple crown wrestling champion, had saved a spot on his wall for a championship plaque from the U.S. Wrestling Federation's National High School Tournament. But, this has been one of the few titles to elude him. He finished second in the 165-pound division for the second year in a row. Ohio's Greg Elinsky beat him twice to take the national title. The U.S.W.F. tournament is considered one of the most prestigious for high school-aged competitors. Kearney, who wrestled 10 times for the second-place finish, felt hampered by the referees who officiated the last two matches against Elinsky.

Kearney had a 4-1 lead at one time in the first match. With seconds left to go it was 4-4, and the match was called because of stalling penalties against the Sandy wrestler. Kearney lost the second match 7-2, and again felt intimidated by the referees. "I wasn't wrestling well," he said, "but I wasn't stalling." One of the coaches in Kearney's corner got thrown out of the gym for protesting the stalling calls.

The tournament wasn't without highlights for Kearney. He beat last year's 154-pound champion, Ricco Chiapparelli, who reportedly will be attending the University of Iowa next year on a full-ride scholarship. Kearney's second-place finishes have made him the top Oregon finisher for the past two years. After a full summer of wrestling, Kearney said he is anxious for football to get underway.

## Ultimate proves popular for Sandy businessman Carlson

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When Scott Olson developed "The Ultimate," a versatile roller skate, he couldn't get retailers to carry it. So, he'd send his brother and his young friends in to stores to ask for the roller skates "with the wheels in a straight line." According to Leslie Riven, The Ultimate, with the top-of-the-line model selling for \$150, has caught on in the Midwest. The Super Street Skate Company's headquarters are

in Minneapolis, Minn. Riven is now trying to sell the skates in the Northwest, and the untapped ski market is supposedly ripe. Olson, who played hockey for the Winnipeg Jets "for a time," patterned The Ultimate on ice skates. Riven contends the skates are just the thing for the off-season skier. A motion similar to skiing can be employed. Besides developing balance and movement, the skates also provide a cardiovascular