



Michelle Fleischman makes the play at first against Reynolds.

Photo by Scott Newton

## Reynolds girls blast away

The SUHS girls softball team got a win last week against Parkrose, fell to Reynolds, and was defeated Monday by Gresham.

Reynolds, currently the top team in the Mt. Hood Conference, "hit the cover off the ball," Coach Gary Curtis said. The game ended after five innings because of the 10-run rule, with the Lancers winning 14-2 with three triples, five doubles and three singles.

Curtis was not displeased with the effort, saying that the Pioneers at least turned in a good effort in the field, having committed only two errors.

Offensively, Judi Duff and Wendy Heckard hit triples, and Julie Clark hit a single.

"The loss to Reynolds doesn't set bad with me," Curtis said. "I am disappointed with the Gresham loss because we didn't play well. We were not ready to play."

Gresham had 11 runs on eight hits, with the Pioneers committing six errors. "And those are the physical ones you can count."

Anne Sarich, Heckard and Clark each contributed singles in the 11-4 loss. Gresham had six singles, a triple and a home run.

Against Parkrose the Pioneers won 5-4 in eight innings. Parkrose tied it up in the sixth.

Sandy ended the seventh inning by turning a double play. Second baseman Anne Sarich nabbed a line

drive and caught the base runner off first with a throw to Michelle Fleischman.

In the eighth inning Heckard walked, and then stole second. Anne Sarich singled to score her.

The Pioneers then turned another double play, with Heckard, at shortstop, catching the line drive and making the throw to Fleischman at first.

Sandy had five runs on four hits, committed four errors and left 12 on base.

Parkrose had four runs on eight hits, committed three errors and left nine on.

Heckard, Anne Sarich, Fleischman and Brenda Martin all hit singles against Parkrose.

Tammy Snell walked three and threw three strikeouts. "She got the ball around the plate," Curtis said. He said there are no overpowering pitchers in the league, and so aggressive base running and good defense are necessary, as well as strikes from the pitchers.

Duff goes into a Wednesday game with Barlow batting .500, while Heckard is batting .353.

Sue Sarich is error-free in right field, and Martin was credited with doing a good job behind the plate.

As far as the league race, Curtis said they're tied for third with four other teams with a number of crucial games coming up.

## Golfers to be tested Friday

The battle in Mt. Hood Conference golf is for second place, according to Coach Rich Kennedy.

Sandy lost 159-167 to Barlow last week, with Sandy, Barlow and Gresham finishing up the first round with 8-1 records. However, Kennedy doesn't figure anyone to unseat the Bruins, who were upset early in the season by Gresham.

"It just doesn't look like any of the other teams are going to upset any of the three of us, unless one of us plays really badly," Kennedy said.

Gresham lost to Barlow to begin the second round Friday, so the Pioneers are currently tied for first. However, they have to play both Barlow and Gresham again. The key match will be Friday, then, when the

Pioneers take on the Gophers at Gresham.

Against Barlow at Mt. View Kevin Beaudoin shot a 37, Darrin Nash a 42 and Steve Shields a 43.

The Pioneers also downed David Douglas at Mt. View last week, 167-176.

Beaudoin shot a 39, Shields a 42, Nash and Lou Cheevers 43s.

Monday the Pioneers downed Parkrose at Glen-

doveer 169-173. Beaudoin shot a 41, Nash and Shields 42s and Cheevers a 44.

Kennedy is glad to be consistently under 170 now, but still would like to be in the low 160s. "I think that's a possibility, for the most part," Kennedy said. "I don't think Kevin's playing up to his capabilities. I think everyone on the team could drop a stroke or two."

## Mental sharpness

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for first team all-league honors as a catcher. He feels his game behind the plate has improved as he's blocking the ball better, having only let four pass so far this season.

Contreras's goal is to play semi-pro, and then major league, baseball.

A three-sport athlete, last winter Contreras would go to wrestling practice, and then in the evenings go to a baseball training camp held at

Clackamas High School.

Contreras has every excuse not to be having a good season. The middle finger of his right hand may be broken, he said. In the last football game of the season last fall he received a concussion that kept him from participating in wrestling. There was a time when he couldn't focus on things as far away as the other side of a basketball court, and he'd get nauseated reading. He still gets an occasional headache, but said, "Everything's going a lot better."

Asked about his nickname, Moe, Contreras said he believes it has a Three Stooges origin.

Coach John Rohr said that despite the score in their game against Gresham earlier this week, a 10-5 loss, they were in the entire game. And, he said they're not out of the playoff picture.

"Doug Jensen is starting to come around as a team leader, with his bat and on the field on defense," Rohr said.

He said what they need is seven "full" innings of

"mental sharpness" every game.

Rohr said they played four and two-thirds innings of good ball against Gresham, "one of the better teams in the league."

After getting the two outs, Gresham scored five runs. Sandy rallied in the bottom of the fifth with three runs, highlighted by a two-run double by Lund, which put the score at 7-4.

Gresham scored three runs in the sixth, and in the bottom of the seventh Kern scored on Contreras's double.

## Softball clinic set Saturday

A softball clinic is being held Saturday, April 23 at the Sandy Union High School field from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If it rains the clinic will be held in the SUHS gym, otherwise it will be a "participatory clinic," according to Gary Sandblast.

Among the topics covered will be fielding, throwing, defense and base running.

Girls age 7 through 18 are welcome to participate. No admission will be charged.

Coaches at all levels are encouraged to take their teams. Sandblast added that it would help if they could bring softballs.

Interested persons may also wish to take a sack lunch.

## Hunter's safety course offered

A hunter's safety course is being offered April 25, 26, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. at the Sandy Community Center.

Sign-up by April 25 at the Sandy Police Department. To take the class one must be at least 12 years old.

## Derby Committee moving ahead

More professional wrestling matches have been set up to help the Sandy Soap Box Derby Committee raise funds for its July 4 race.

Sheik Abdullah and Rip Oliver will take on Billy Jack and Curt Hennig in the featured tag team cage match. Action gets underway at 7 p.m. May 1 in the SUHS gym.

Those are "probably the biggest names in the Pacific Northwest right now," said Barry Fretz, Derby director. The Committee raised \$1,200 and filled the gym the last time it sponsored professional wrestling.

On April 30 Billy Jack will be at the Sandy Cycle Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for autographs and an interview on KRDR.

Tickets are available at the Cycle Center and Ferguson's Chain Saws.

Another fund raiser being held is an opportunity to win a Quasar video recorder and player, with the winner also receiving six months free movie ren-

tal from Prime Time Video.

The fund raising is "coming along pretty well," Fretz said.

Altogether \$5,000 is needed to send the winners to Akron, Ohio, for the international Derby race, as well as take care of other obligations.

"This is the ideal year to compete," Fretz said. "It'll be the best chance in a kid's lifetime to go to Akron and represent Sandy." Fretz explained that the competition will be opened up for competitors from other areas next year. Reportedly the interest is already there, but it's a "closed area race" this year so the committee members can get their "feet wet."

He said there's "ample" time, over two months, to get a Soap Box Derby racer put together. He said two businesses are willing to sponsor racers in the senior division. The senior division is comprised of youngsters from age 12 to 15. Boys and girls are

welcome to enter.

Fretz said some racers with completed cars tested out Industrial Way street as a track, and he thinks it'll work out pretty well.

Baert's Metal Production Co. has offered the use of a building for race inspec-

tions and impoundment.

After the final inspection the cars are locked up before the trials, and then again for the finals on July 4. Baert's is also loaning the Committee a 45-foot trailer for use in the Mountain Days Parade.

## Scots down netters

The Sandy girls lost 5-0 in a tennis dual with David Douglas Tuesday. They are 2-4 in MHC play.

"I felt the whole team played well," said Coach Jeannie Rossos. "It's just that David Douglas has so much more experience."

She said Christine Pettingill and Elizabeth Heckel, the first doubles team, again played well.

"They have improved tremendously since the first of the season," Rossos said. "It's primarily because of their own per-

sonal goals. At the end of each match they pick out some particular skill or strategy they're going to work on."

## Tennis team falls

The Pioneer tennis team fell 5-0 to David Douglas Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Terry Chung said David Bender, the second singles player, "played well."

David Douglas has one of the better teams in the league, he said. Reynolds,

Parkrose and Gresham are currently battling for the Mt. Hood Conference title.

"I'd say we're playing better tennis than last year, but we still haven't developed the skills to play against teams that were in the Metro League," Chung said.



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