

Softball team controls first place in league

by MARTY MORRISON

Despite the second place standing listed in The Oregonian's Scoreboard on Monday — Sandy softball coach Gary Curtis believes his team should at the top of the Mt. Hood Conference.

The May 13 Scoreboard has Reynolds in first place at 10-4 and Sandy in second place with a 9-2 record.

"According to me, we're still in first place," said Curtis as he calculated the percentages of each team's records. "Reynolds has a .714 percentage and we have a .818 percentage — that clearly puts us in first place," he explained.

Tuesday afternoon the Pioneers reinforced Curtis' belief with 5-4 win over Barlow and left no doubt that the Pioneers should be in first place.

"We gave a new definition to 'ugly win'," said Curtis after the Pioneers generated five runs off a Wendy Heckard single in the fourth.

All the scoring from both squads

came in the first four innings as both Jamie Brittle and Barlow's Laurie Crampton fell into their pitching grooves to throw shut-outs in the last three innings.

Crampton got the better of Sandy striking out five and walking five while Brittle struck out two and walked four.

Last week the Pioneers took revenge over Gresham slating a 3-2 win while losing to Reynolds 3-2 on Friday.

The Gophers, who have challenged Sandy for the league's drivers seat all season, lost two games last week to end the rivalry.

Sandy's nearest challenger now is Reynolds — who posts two losses more than the Pioneers.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play David Douglas today as they prepare for the showdown against Reynolds on Friday at the Lancer's diamond.

Saturday the Pioneers will host Columbia with the game starting at noon.

Young linksters eye district tee-off

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It's a quiet sport — aside from the intermittent barking of "left... sit... yes!" or an occasional "good shot" by its players — not much is said. It's also a sport that is played without the constant eye of a coach, and furthermore, is played — rain or shine.

There is one exception to cancelling a golf match said Sandy High School golf coach Richard Kennedy, "we won't play if its lightning or snowing."

While neither lightning or snow have canceled a golf match this year for the Sandy golf squad, the Pioneers have had to weather a mediocre season and a minor setback.

"We're probably tied for fifth," said Sandy coach Richard Kennedy speaking of his team's 7-7-1 league record going into Tuesday's final league match against Gresham at Mt. View Golf Course, "but with an extraordinary performance at district we could qualify for the state tournament," he added.

This is Kennedy's final season of coaching the Sandy golf team and the eight year veteran coach is hoping that one of his youthful players will give him a retirement present — one more trip to the state high school tournament.

The Sandy squad is lead this year by "the consistent play" of sophomores Scott Shields and Ron Seyler, playing as the number-one and number-two players on the team respectively — positions they didn't figure on having this year.

This year the Pioneers are playing without the talent of Kevin Beaudoin who has in past years led the team. Beaudoin is out on academic probation.

Rounding out the varsity team this year are: sophomore Tony Jensen, senior foreign exchange

student Jona Backlund, from Sweden, and junior Mike Reed.

Until Tuesday's match against Gresham, the Sandy linksters have been undefeated at home on the Mt. View course in Boring, but some uncharacteristically poor play by Shields and Seyler allowed Gresham to prevail 155-165.

"Shields and Seyler — our number one and two players have been consistent this year," said Kennedy "but, our three and four players have been up and down."

The coach added that his team has the potential to beat anybody — when his number three and four players are swinging the club well.

Kennedy's fourth player, Tony Jensen, did his part Tuesday as he led the team shooting a 40 on the Mt. View links. Meanwhile, Backlund shot a poor 45 strokes as Kennedy's third player.

Shields shot a 41 while Seyler settled for a 43.

"I got all the bad out," said Shields as he and his teammates will now prepare for the district tournament slated for Friday at Pleasant Valley Golf Club.

Team scoring in golf is calculated by totaling the top four scores, the fifth player's score is used as a tie-breaker in the event that the teams tie.

Kennedy has decided to call it quits after eight years of tutoring the successful program because he wants to spend more time with his family.

The coach has developed the Sandy program into a steady force in the conference.

Dan Brisbin will take the reigns next year, Brisbin also coaches the Sandy varsity basketball team.

One thing is for sure — Brisbin can rest easy with the young talent of Shields, Seyler, and Jensen around for two more seasons.

Day's last inning steal gives Sandy victory

The Pioneer varsity baseball squad, who has had their share of close losses this season, turned one around in the bottom of the seventh to post 6-5 victory over David Douglas on Tuesday.

It was appropriate for Jeff Day, who is leading the Pioneer team with a .395 stolen base average, to slate the winning run on a steal from third base.

According to Sandy coach John Rohr, his left fielder Jason Kern made the defensive play of the game — the senior, hurled a ball from deep in his territory to save a run at the plate.

"It was a great throw," said Rohr, "Jason stopped the runner dead in his tracks — the guy didn't even have a chance to slide."

Kern, who began the season at short-stop, was recently shifted to the outfield and "is doing a good job for

us," said Rohr.

"On the mound, Wayne Reick also competed really well for us," added Rohr.

With the win, the Pioneers record moves to 5-8.

"We're still in the hunt for a playoff berth," said Rohr. The Sandy coach believes his club could qualify for a piece of post season play if they win their last three games and slate a 8-8 league record.

The Pioneers have a rough road to travel this week with games against The Dalles, a state ranked team, Reynolds on Friday and Columbia on Saturday.

"We had a close game with The Dalles in our first game against them and they're ranked as one of the top teams in the state," said Rohr. "The season isn't over — anything can still happen."

Sandy harriers surpass Broncos in 'easy' meet

The Sandy boys and girls track teams strode to easy victories Tuesday on the Parkrose track as the girls recorded a 90-30 win while the boys took a 87-52 win.

For the girls "it was an easy meet," said Sandy's head track coach Randy Hutchinson.

The girls won all but two events and captured ten second place performances in all.

The meet was so easy for the girls — that Hutchinson allowed many of them to experiment and have fun in events that they don't usually compete in. As a result, only Patti Groombridge posted a personal record on the girls team with a 5:22.5 clocking in the 1500 meters.

The Sandy boys captured the top three places in the shot, discus and javelin to provide the telling factor in that dual.

Brad Schmautz had a good day

achieving personal records in the 800 meters and 3000 meters with 2:03.3 and 9:41.1 respective clockings.

Meanwhile, Bob Collins set a personal record in the intermediate hurdles posting a 42.6 as Ken Walker set a personal record in the 1500 on his way to finishing in second place with a 4:33.2 clocking.

"As a team, we're in about the right place at the right time as far as training is concerned," said Hutchinson as he and his team eye the district meet set for next week on Wed-Thurs at Mt. Hood Community College.

With one dual meet remaining against David Douglas today on the Sandy track, the Sandy girls stand at 5-2 in the league and the boys at 4-3.

"The David Douglas boys are going to be tough, but our boys are better than I anticipated," said Hutchinson.

Fish Hot Line offers anglers information

Fishermen may find it easier to land that big one this season, with Portland General Electric's — Fish Hot Line.

Information on reservoir levels, stream flows, and fish counts for portions of the Deschutes, Clackamas and Sandy Rivers is now available by calling the PGE Fish Hot Line. The toll-free number is 1-800-632-FISH (3474).

The Fish Hot Line will be updated at 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, to give fishermen information on stream flows on the Deschutes and Clackamas Rivers, elevation of Lake Billy Chinook, and the discharge below the Pelton reregulating dam. In addition, the latest count of salmon and steelhead at the North Fork Dam on the Clackamas River and Marmot Dam on the Sandy River will be reported during the fishing season.

At the same time, PGE is changing its policy regarding control of the elevation of the Deschutes River below the Pelton reregulating dam.

In the past, changes in the river level have caused concern among fishermen, said James Durham, PGE Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

"PGE recognizes that the Deschutes is a multiuse river and the competing interests of power produc-

tion, recreation, irrigation and fishing, along with the Indian rights, must be balanced," said Durham.

"During the prime fishing season, May 15 to Oct. 31, changes in the Deschutes flow will be limited to no more than 1.0 foot per hour and no more than 0.2 foot per 24 hours," said Durham. In addition, these changes will be scheduled during nighttime hours and will be spread as gradually as possible over these hours.

"Previously, our standards had been to restrict fluctuations from June 15 to Sept. 15 to no more than 0.3 foot per 24 hours," said Durham. "This was done in a three-hour period during daylight hours with fishermen on the river."

Triple Crown hosts Kearneys

The Triple Crown Wrestling Club will host SUHS wrestling coach Chuck Kearney and his son, also Chuck Kearney, a freshman wrestler at Oklahoma State University.

Philosophy and winning technique will be the focus of a May 16 clinic at Cedar Ridge gymnasium from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Area coaches and wrestlers of all ages are invited to attend. There will be no charged.



Jona Backlund concentrates on tee-off.



Ron Seyler recoils after drive at Gresham Golf Course.



Scott Shields makes contact with his driver.

Saint diamondmen nab second Region 4 title

The Mt. Hood Community College baseball team swept a non-league doubleheader from Blue Mountain Community College Tuesday, 2-0 and 11-6, but it was all gravy.

The Saints, in the biggest doubleheader of its season Saturday, clinched the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Region 4 championship for the second year in a row with another sweep of league rival Lane Community College, 5-2 and 11-5.

The Saints tallied a 15-7 Region 4 record with the dual-win Saturday, clinching the title with only a twinbill left to play in league at Umpqua Community College Saturday.

Lane is currently in second at 10-10, Linn-Benton Community College is in third at 11-13, Umpqua has a 9-11 mark, and Clackamas is at 9-13.

"At the beginning of the season, I

really didn't think we'd do it," said MHCC coach Dale Stebbins. "But the guys really came together. Good pitching and timely hitting... they learned what it's all about."

Mt. Hood will meet Umpqua Saturday for its final two league games, then play Clark College Monday in a non-league tilt. The two may meet again in the first-round of the playoffs. The Saints will travel to Yakima May 23 to meet the No. 2 team out of Region 2, which could be either Centralia, Lower Columbia, or Clark.

Saturday, the Saints used the five-hit pitching of Dave Veres to help mow down the Titans. Veres struck out none batters in collecting his sixth win against one loss. Veres won another Tuesday to up that mark to 7-1.

Mt. Hood took a 1-0 lead in the first

inning, then ran the score to 3-1 in the bottom of the third inning on the strength of back-to-back doubles by Tim Wittman and Marlin Nunnally and another double by Darel In-

gram.

Two more insurance runs came in fifth inning when Tod Ronson ripped an RBI single and Nunnally hit a sacrifice fly.

The Sandy Aquatic Center is offering classes in Diving, Basic Rescue and Water Safety, and Advanced Lifesaving. The classes are open to the public and scheduled to begin as soon as the limit of seven students have registered.

Classes last one hour and registration fees are \$15 for in-district students and \$17 for out-of-district students.

Prerequisites exist for each class.

Students interested in Advanced Lifesaving should be at least 15 years of age. They should also be able to swim 20 lengths of the pool continuously, surface and water dive with good form and tread water for 1 minute.

Anyone interested in the above classes should contact the Sandy Aquatic Center at 668-4400 for registration and information.

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