

## Paola's softballers tie for fifth in NW

RICHLAND, Wash. — The Paola's Pizza Barn girls' softball team split four games at their Northwest regional tournament Saturday and Sunday to tie for fifth place, but overcame an in-state nemesis in the process.

The 11- and 12-year-old girls headed for Richland as the second-place team from Oregon behind the Canby Panthers, which beat them twice in the state tournament.

In Sandy's first game against a Vancouver, Wash., team which took second in Washington, they came up short, losing 9-3.

Against the Sweethearts of Montesano, Wash., however, they came back, topping them 8-5 in a losers' bracket game.

Then it was up against Canby. The loser would be eliminated: Canby was eliminated.

In a turnabout from the state tournament which saw Canby take the teams' two games by scores of 3-2 and 6-3, Sandy slipped by the Panthers 7-5, closing out Canby's season.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver team had dropped into the consolation bracket courtesy of the Wenatchee team Sandy head coach Bill Riggs figures won the championship. They again faced Sandy and again came out on top 9-6.

Riggs said one of the bigger problems facing his team was pitching depth: Vancouver had it and Sandy was "not to deep in" it.

The final game, while Riggs was testing his luck by giving ace Sherri Brittle a rest, Vancouver was rotating three "real good" pitchers out of any problems they would encounter.

Vancouver "beat us in the Vancouver tournament," Riggs said, and with three good pitchers, they toppled Sandy in "a real good game."

"We should've beat them, but we didn't," Riggs said.

The most consistent player for Paola's was Meredith Larson, Riggs said, while Kammy Pratt and Karen Leas also had a good tournament.

"Everybody played real well," said Riggs. "They played real good defense (behind Brittle's pitching)."

Nearly all the players will be moving up to the 13- to 15-year-old league next year, and whether they move up as a team or not is up to the sponsor, according to Riggs.



LOSING GRASP — Paola's Pizza Barn second baseman Kim Riggs has the ball knocked out of her hand by a Canby second baserunner at the recent 11- and 12-year-old state girls softball tournament.

Photo by Pat O'Halloran

## Area contingent set for 170-mile relay

by PAT O'HALLORAN

When the Hood to Coast Relay Race comes through the Sandy area in the wee hours of Saturday, a contingent of area runners will be bringing the sunrise with them.

Matt Roth, a 1985 graduate of Sandy Union High School, has organized a team that stands at 10 members so far.

The Hood to Coast is a 170-mile relay run in its fourth year. The teams of up to 11 runners start at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood and finish at Pacific City on the Oregon Coast.

There are 34 five-mile legs, with most runners taking three legs.

Four other Sandy team members ran on the team last year. Phil and Dave Burks and Mike Nicholson competed last year. Roger Ford, at 38 the oldest member, also ran in 1984.

Except for Ford, all the runners are in the 17-21

age range.

According to Roth, the team will probably be leaving Timberline at 1:20 a.m. or 1:40 a.m. Saturday, getting them into the Sandy area around 6 a.m.

Roth said unless they get another team member, there will be four extra legs to run. As for who will run those legs, "we haven't decided."

Last year's team finished the run in 22 hours, as dropouts the night before the race depleted the ranks.

"We had five or 6 guys running (at the end)," Roth said.

The team goal is to finish in about 18-and-one-half hours, Roth said.

"These guys are pretty serious runners," said Roth, adding they hoped to finish in the top 20 in the Men's Open category.

Other team members include: Craig and Clark Watts, John Rogers, Brad Schmutz and Jeff

Simons. Shirley Roth and Linda Ford will be traveling with the team as race volunteers.

Although the majority of Sandy runners competing will be on Roth's team, others will be on various teams. One of these is 53-year-old Russ Denmark.

He heard about the team in a runners' newsletter, called a team captain who was looking for a runner and hooked up with them. His team ranges in age from 16 to 53.

When his team leaves Timberline Lodge at about 9 p.m. Friday, Denmark will be ready. He runs Leg Nine on Dodge Park Boulevard — at 1 a.m.

Denmark keeps in shape by running regularly. He participates in 10-kilometers, 12-k, 15-k and half-marathons. This is something new for him, though. He keeps a proper frame of mind about it. "I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's an adventure."



Photo by Pat O'Halloran

## Black Attack

DRILLS — The Black Attack Football Camp helped young gridders on the fundamentals of football this week. The camp ends Friday.

## Charge it!...if you need a top-of-the-line quarterback

by PAT O'HALLORAN

When most National Football League teams decide to turn their fortunes around, they go for glory quickly. Instead of building from the ground up, they immediately try to sign a world-beater quarterback. It may not win them any games in the near future, but it will lure fans into tomb-like stadiums.

If you were handed an NFL franchise tomorrow, with an empty roster and a full pocketbook and the right to sign any player, who would you choose? Here's a shopping list of NFL signal-callers ranked as to what form of payment would be needed to sign him. Quarterbacks listed are not based on talent or lack thereof. Strictly on form of payment. (The USFL quarterbacks and collegiate players are deemed off-limits for this shopping trip.) So grab your cart and let's go QB shopping.

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still bring a fair price.

4. Dave Krieg. . . He's had one tremendous year, but with Seahawks looking at Bobby Hebert, can be had below cost.
5. Lynn Dickey. . . Toiling in the Far North, has been hidden. . . third in NFC in TD passes.
6. Steve Kenney. . . With Blackledge in KC, Kenney is another expendable one who doesn't make many mistakes.

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

Who are these guys? If you have to ask, you probably could afford them.

7. Tony Eason. . . The third-rated QB in the league, but how many people outside the AFC East know? The Patriots don't make the playoffs.
8. Paul McDonald. . . Kosar's coming, so McDonald will be sitting longer than a car full of kids at a fast food joint.

## Heckard, Duff help squad to 3rd in state SB tourney

MEDFORD — When the Emmert Industrial Diamonds, a Milwaukie 18-and-under girls' softball team, took third place in the recent state tournament, there were a couple of Sandy girls helping carry the team.

With Sandy High School alumnae Wendy Heckard in center field and Judi Duff at first, the Diamonds won five and lost two at state July 12-14, qualifying for the regional tourney in Billings, Mont., which they left for Wednesday.

The first game they lost to the Royal Aces of Eugene 8-0. Marlys Handley, an all-stater from Churchill High School, threw a two-hitter at the Diamonds.

Canby was Emmert's first victim of the tournament, as timely hitting and heads-up base running made for a 4-2 victory. Duff scored the first run for the Diamonds, while Heckard picked up a sacrifice.

Heckard scored a run in the Diamonds' 6-4 win over Larry's Sport Center of Gresham, while Duff belted a double.

In the first of four games Sunday, July 14, Heckard slapped a key single in the first inning, helping send the Diamonds on their way to a 5-3 win over the Eugene Blue Jays. The game belonged to Heckard as she went 2-4 and ended the game with a superb defensive play.

With one out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, a Blue Jay batter lofted a fly ball to Heckard in center. Heckard grabbed it and threw a bullet to home plate to catch the advancing runner and complete the unusual double play.

Duff scored the second run as Emmert slid past the Eugene Shamrocks 3-1.

With a noon contest against the Medford Fillies their third game of the day, the last thing the Diamonds needed was a long game. But a long game is what they got, as the Fillies stretched the contest to 10 innings before falling 4-3.

Medford was ahead 3-1 as Emmert went to bat in the bottom of the seventh. Two batters walked, then Heckard reached first on an error to load the bases. Pitcher Pennie Neilson then rapped a two-run double to knot the score at three.

Neither team scored until Pam Bird, Duff and Melody Stanley put down three singles in the 10th to win the game.

In a semifinal game, the Aces were wild as the Diamonds got trounced again. After playing 24 innings in just the previous six hours, Emmert was ripe for the taking, and Eugene pummelled them 10-0 in five innings. Royal Aces pitcher Handley threw a no-hitter.

9. Phil Simms. . . If anyone can be highly under-rated, this is the man. Had a great year, but NYC spotlight didn't come shining.

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12. Richard Todd. . . Although he's No. 1 QB on Bourbon Street, a couple bad games and he'll be hitting the road.

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Now when the USFL finally folds, there will be a few good men able to fill the position behind center. Jim Kelly, Steve Young, Bobby Hebert, Doug Flutie, just to name a few. And coming out of the college ranks after next season will be Chuck Long, Robbie Bosco, Jack Trudeau, Jim Everett, Steve Bradley, Willie Totten and Mark Rypien. Bosco and Long are both Heisman Trophy candidates, though running backs Keith Byars and Bo Jackson will have some say in that.

It could be beneficial, then, to just sit back and let your team lose this year and pick up a Bosco or a Long in the 1986 draft. They wouldn't cost as much as a headliner, and you could use your Gold Card on something a little more economical — like buying a TV network (everybody else is).