



Two skiers discuss tactics at Timberline during the summer skiing session at the lodge. Although three-quarters of the skiers during the summer are in training, the resort is open to the public.

Ski season hasn't ended yet

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The weather, as of late, has been sunny, warm and humid — not exactly skiing weather.

Not exactly, that is, except at Timberline. Timberline is the only summer ski resort in North America. During the summer months and into September, the Palmer Chairlift at Timberline will carry people to Mount Hood's 8,500-foot level.

The benefits of summertime skiing are dependent upon the skier. But the primary benefit, says Gary Hohnstein, Timberline's assistant manager, is the weather.

"The weather's been good lately, so the skiing has been good," Hohnstein said. "We've had a good spring and are going on into summer."

In addition to the warmer temperatures, Hohnstein said the summer session is helpful for ski racers from across the country who want to train in the summer.

"(The summer) also provides a good ski race training environment, this type of snow being the

very best," he said.

The summertime snow differs from winter snow since it is not fresh. But, unlike the other resorts in the continent, Timberline is blessed by a natural process that maintains the frozen state of snow.

"What we have here that others do not have are permanent snowfields," Hohnstein said. "They act almost as a refrigerator unit."

During the summer months, the runs are groomed with machinery at night to keep the snow as soft and light as possible.

Because the temperatures can reach into the 80s and 90s, Timberline is only open from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the summer. Timberline's summer session is open until Sept. 7.

Ski racers from across the country provide Timberline with much of its business during the summer. Hohnstein estimated that 75 percent of the skiers on the slopes this summer are in training.

The remaining 25 percent are recreational skiers. Summer skiing is not as popular as winter skiing, and parking spaces are plentiful at

Timberline Lodge. Sno-park permits are not needed during the summer.

Hohnstein urges that all summer skiers should wear protective clothing for two reasons: the texture of the snow and for protection against sunburn.

The snow's texture is more abrasive than in winter, since the air is warmer. If a skier were to fall down while wearing shorts or short-sleeved shirts, injuries could be plentiful.

Since the altitude reaches up to 8,500 feet, the sun's ultra-violet rays are greater on the mountain than at home. Plus, these rays are coming both from the sun and reflecting off the snow, giving twice the concentration.

Lift tickets cost skiers \$17 per day during the summer.

Other than the skiing, Timberline offers hiking and mountain climbing, activities that are not available during the winter months.

In the past, 93 ski groups have trained in the summer at Timberline Lodge, including the U.S. Olympic Ski Team.

Lancers hand loss to Paola's

12-5 defeat takes Pioneers to 1-13 so far this season

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Sandy's Junior State baseball team, the Paola's Pioneers, was defeated Monday night by the Reynolds Lancers in a game played at two separate paces.

The Lancers won, 12-5, in an offense-oriented contest.

The first four innings of the game were played in less than 60 minutes, while the final three took about an hour and a half.

The game slowed down in the final innings because of a late offense by both clubs.

Through the first three innings, the game was scoreless. Paola's was unable to connect for any hits, while Reynolds managed just two.

In the fourth inning, Reynolds drew first blood. The Lancers got aboard with a walk, followed by two singles and a sacrifice bunt, pushing them out to a 3-0 lead.

Then, with one out in the bottom of the fourth, Pioneer catcher Wes Kelley went to first on an error charged to the Reynolds second baseman.

Shortstop Pete Rusaw then singled to center field, sending Kelley to second. First baseman Mike Senn walked, loading the bases.

Starting pitcher Jason Nall then brought home Kelley and Rusaw on a center-field single. At the end of the inning, Reynolds maintained a 3-2 lead.

Then the game slowed down as the bats picked up. In the top of the fifth, the Lancers claimed four hits, one of which was a bunt single. They were walked once and got on with an error, en route to a four-run inning, bringing their lead to 7-2.

After holding Paola's scoreless in the bottom of the fifth, Reynolds tripled twice and doubled once in the top of the sixth, adding four more runs to its tally, leading 11-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, Rusaw led off with an infield single, then moved to second on the Reynolds shortstop's throwing error.

After an out, Nall dug deep into a pitch, clearly sending the ball over the 356-foot marker in center field for his second home run of the season. The shot was estimated to be about 380 feet, pulling the Pioneers to 11-4.

Doug Cassidy and Rod Schilperoord then got aboard with back-to-back walks. But Paola's could not find the crucial hits when it needed to and Cassidy and Schilperoord were

stranded, ending the inning.

The Lancers scored on a wild pitch in the seventh to up their lead to 12-4.

Then, in the bottom of the seventh, with no balls and two strikes the count, center fielder Robby Barrett pulled the ball to deep left field for a solo home run, his first of the year. It was about a 340-foot hit.

But the Pioneers could not muster up any more runs, as Reynolds claimed the 12-5 triumph, sending Paola's to 1-13 on the season.

"We waited too long to hit the ball when we needed to," said Bob D'Abo, the Pioneers' coach. "Jason and Ty (Beckley, who came on in relief of Nall in the sixth inning) pitched well, they just didn't get the mental support from the other guys on defense."

D'Abo was pleased with the home runs hit by Nall and Barrett, especially for Barrett, who has been struggling of late.

"The thing I like is that with that homer, it might help (Barrett) to get his confidence back," D'Abo said.

In other recent action, the Pioneers were snuffed by Prairie (Washington) last Thursday on the road, 16-0. Paola's was held to just one hit, a single by Senn in the top of the seventh.

The Pioneers walked Prairie 15 times. Prairie bats connected on eight hits, scoring 16 runs, 11 earned.

Prairie scored in each of its six innings played, while the Pioneers could not find the hits.

Last Wednesday, the Pioneers played host to Evergreen, which took Paola's for all it was worth, according to D'Abo. Evergreen won the shortened game, 19-2, through five innings.

"They kept their starters in the game and really ran it up," D'Abo said of the score.

Evergreen scored six runs in the first inning before Paola's had a chance to bat.

The Pioneers scored twice in the bottom of the first. With one out, Ken Ouderkerk got on with an error.

After Barrett struck out, Kelley drilled a double, scoring Ouderkerk. Then Robert Rising got on with an error. Kelley then scored on an error by the Evergreen second baseman. At the end of the first, Evergreen had a 6-2 lead.

Evergreen would go on to score one in the second, five in the third and seven in the fifth, holding Paola's scoreless in the meantime.

Member of Sandy track club claims meet hurdles record

Darnell Arthur of the Sandy River Hawks Track Club claimed a meet record in the 80-meter hurdles in the Oregon Junior Olympics meet Saturday in Hillsboro.

Arthur was one of 17 River Hawks who qualified for the Junior Olympics. He broke the old record of 14.48 seconds, finishing the race in 13.9 seconds.

He also anchored the midget boys 400-meter relay team, which took first place with a time of 56.1 seconds, the best time the team has ever earned. The members of the team are Ben Maddock, Lance Schamberger, Jake Simonis and Arthur.

In the long jump, Arthur again earned a medal, this time silver, with a second-place leap of 15 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

Stephanie Miljus of the youth division girls won gold medals in the shot

put (31-10 1/2) and discus (97-6). She also earned a silver medal in the javelin.

Keith Hutchinson of the bantam division and Simonis of the midget division each got personal bests in the 1,500 meters with times of 5:42 and 5:14, respectively.

Hutchinson also earned a bronze medal in the 800 with a 2:48.5 clocking.

John Dixon earned a personal best in the 80-meter hurdles and later claimed a bronze medal in the 3,000 with a 12:04.2 time.

Despite having trouble transferring the baton, the bantam boys 400 relay team of Marc Vollans, Scott Schamberger, Reid Novotny and Jon Mehl finished second to earn a silver medal.

Shawna Kruger raced in both the 1,500 and 800 races but was unable to come away with a medal.

In the midget division mile relay, the team of Simonis, Lance Schamberger, Dixon and Ryan Vollans finished fourth overall.

Mehl, Marc Vollans, Aaron O'Meara and Hutchinson had to settle with a fourth-place finish in the bantam division mile relay, after Hutchinson was involved with a collision with a Santiam track club competitor. Hutchinson inadvertently dropped the baton.

Field officials, however, did not see the incident, so the fourth-place finish stood, according to River Hawks coaching assistant Harry Simonis.

On July 10-12, 12 River Hawks and their families will be traveling to the Regional Junior Olympics, held in Spokane, Wash. The meet will include athletes from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

derby. Airfare and lodging is paid for by the Soap Box Derby Association.

While in Akron, the champions will lodge at a YMCA camp, where they can enjoy a variety of sports and nature activities including swimming, boating, horseback riding, canoeing, hiking, baseball and basketball.

The Akron race is the 50th Annual All-American Soap Box Derby.

Sunday's race begins at 10 a.m. and winners should be announced by 3 p.m.

Soap box derby to be held Sunday

The winner of the Sandy Soap Box Derby, to be held Sunday at Industrial Park on U.S. 26, will be one of more than 190 champions from throughout the United States and several foreign countries who will travel to Akron, Ohio, to compete in the 1987 All-American Soap Box Derby Aug. 15.

The Sandy Soap Box Derby is in its fifth year and is part of the Sandy Mountain Festival. The annual event has 20 competitors vying for trophies and a chance to compete in the Akron race.

The derby is organized by Barry and Lois Fretz, who have been the event's directors since its inception in 1982.

The derby includes boys and girls aged 9-16, who are split into junior (9-12) and senior (12-16) divisions.

Competitors in the Sandy Derby come from as far away as Montana and Seattle.

The winners of the divisions will be awarded trophies sponsored by Sandy Safeway. They will later be flown to Akron to compete in the national



Round tripper

Clackamas County Bank's Konnie Jones is about to cross the plate following a home run in Tuesday night's Mount Hood Girls Softball Association game in Sandy. CCB is coached by Rex Brittle.

Swimmers take part in 2 events

Eight members of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club participated in the Mt. Hood Time Trials Saturday at Mt. Hood Community College while five others were in Eugene, competing in the Eugene Long Course Meters A/B meet.

At the Eugene meet, Adam Hayball finished first place in the 50-meter 11- and 12-year-old boys breast stroke with a first-time swim of 43.19 seconds. That time qualified him in the regionals. In addition, Hayball qualified for regionals in five other events.

Nikki Hanson of the 11- and 12-year-old girls was the only other BMAC member who qualified for regionals. She qualified in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 1 minute, 28.04 seconds.

Additionally, Hanson competed in 14 events, the most among BMAC members.

There were 14 personal-best times in the Eugene meet, which was held Friday through Sunday. Nine new "A" times and six new "B" times were established. These are pre-designated times that the swimmers try to break.

Of the 22 events at MHCC, five personal-best times were established. Jason Smith, Sarah Drill and Blake Smith each earned personal-bests in the 50-meter freestyle, while Scott Drill earned two — one in the 50-meter freestyle, the other in the first lap of the 100-meter freestyle.