



Greg Martin glides by in the fifth annual Sandy Soap Box Derby held Sunday at Industrial Park.

Photo by Dave Magnuson

Girls claim derby victories

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Sandy residents Heather Montano and Kelly Key can claim that, in a small but noteworthy way, they are a part of Sandy history.

For the first time in Sandy Soap Box Derby history, two females were crowned soap box derby champions during the derby's fifth annual running at Sandy's Industrial Park Sunday.

"They're both queen of the hill," said Barry Fretz, who, with his wife, Lois, are the Sandy Derby's founders and directors. "They were undefeated all day."

Montano said she felt "happy" and Key said she felt "terrific" upon winning their divisions in the derby. Montano, 14, won the senior division title. Key, 9, won the junior division title.

Because the girls won the Sandy Derby, they have earned the right to travel to Akron, Ohio, and compete in the 50th Annual All-American Soap Box Derby, a national event held in August that is composed of racers from around the United States.

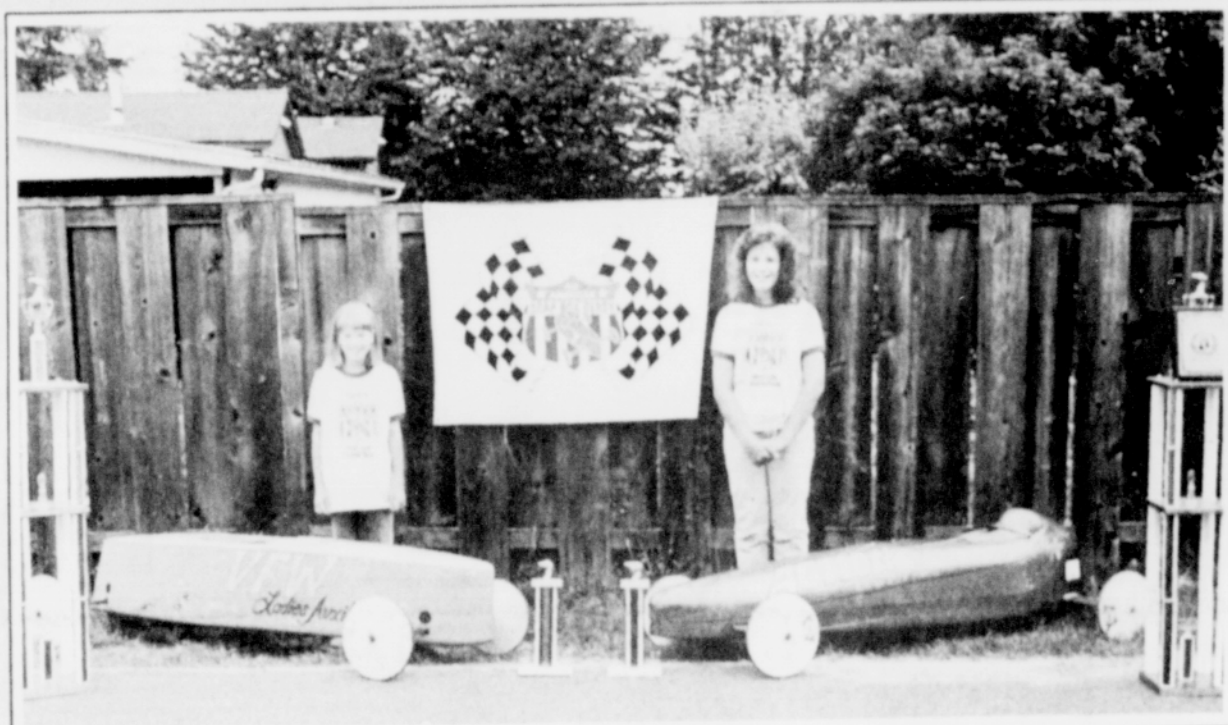
In addition to winning the senior and junior divisions, Montano and Key both won the "best construction" award for their cars.

Montano's car was sponsored by Action Auto and Truck Parts. Key's car was sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary.

With the assistance of Fretz and friend Byron Stamm, Montano built her car in three months. Key, however, took half that time to build hers.

This was the first year that Montano raced in a soap box derby and it is also her last, because she is at the age limit.

"It was a one-time shot and she got it," said Fretz, who had a major impact in both racers' successes.



The junior and senior divisions champions stand next to their trophies and cars. At left is junior champ Kelly Key and at right is senior champ Heather Montano.

"He kept telling me to eat hot dogs," Key said of Fretz's suggestion for getting energy in driving the soap box cars.

"I'd just like to thank everybody for their help, especially the Fretz family," Montano said. "They all helped me during the race."

Montano also was given the Outstanding Youth Award, a national award presented by the R.G. Canning Corp., a Los Angeles-based promotional company.

The R.G. Canning Corp. promotes more than 200 shows and events yearly.

Names of nominees for the award from the Sandy Derby were submitted to the award committee and a selection board reviewed the youths' applications, which included questions regarding their outlook on world problems, goals

they have set for themselves and any accomplishments they have achieved.

Montano and Gresham's Ray Alvarez were presented with a plaque. They also are eligible and will compete for special travel awards that will be announced at a later date.

Previous trip awards have taken young Americans on educational and adventurous treks across the country, including Alaska and Hawaii, and over 100 countries.

In preparing for the Sandy Derby, Montano said she had to lose weight to compete. She lost 20 pounds in about three to four months. The weight loss, she said, helped her to win the race.

She also made a bet with Fretz prior to the race, and that wager provided additional motivation,

she said.

"We made a bet that if I won, he had to stop smoking," Montano said. "Now he has to quit."

Fretz said he would do his best to hold up his part of the deal.

"I figure that, with the dedication she put into winning, it's worth it," he said. "Smoking is not easy to quit. But she held her end of the bargain. Now it's up to me to hold my end of the bargain."

In Akron, Montano and Key will take part in a parade, be shown the sites of the Ohio city and nearby areas and compete in the All-American Derby, which will be held Aug. 15.

Montano said her goal was to "have fun" in Akron and "to try to win, to try to get through the first round."

Pioneers drop 4 more games

Paola's batting improves, but team falters on defense

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The Paola's Pioneers were able to record some successes as they lost four games last week.

The Pioneers, Sandy's Junior State team, were successful in getting their offensive game going. But the team's defense was its primary weakness in its double-header losses to Battleground, Wash., and in its losses to David Douglas and Hazel Dell this past week, said Bob D'Aboy, Pioneers coach.

"They're doing something right at the plate," he said of his players. "The kids know they played well offensively and we've improved so much in the second half (of the season) than in the first half."

"But defensively, we need to make the routine plays and the pitchers need to cut down on their walks."

Walks have been a major source of trouble for Paola's, especially in the twin bill at Battleground Monday.

Battleground swept the Pioneers in the two games, 10-3 and 12-7. Bases on balls and fielding errors cost Paola's both contests.

In the first game, Battleground scored all of its 10 runs in the second inning. In that inning, the Pioneers walked six batters, committed an error and allowed just two hits.

Battleground kept the lead throughout the game. Paola's managed to score once in the third inning and twice in the sixth, but it was not enough as Battleground won, 10-3.

The second game was better for the Pioneers, but once again, Battleground jumped out to an early lead. After an inning and a half, Battleground led 6-0.

Through the third inning, however, Paola's counterattacked by scoring five runs in the second and third innings. Battleground still maintained the lead 6-5.

Battleground added three runs in

the fourth and three in the seventh, while the Pioneers managed just two in the seventh, as Battleground won, 12-7.

In the two games, Jason Nail went 4-for-8, while Robby Barrett and Doug Cassidy hit safely three times apiece. Mike Senn and Rod Schilperoort each claimed two hits.

"We hit real well as a team. It's just that the defense and on the hill, we didn't do real well," D'Aboy said.

At David Douglas last Thursday, Paola's gave up just two hits, one each in the final two innings.

But walks proved to be the killers for the Pioneers, as the Scots nailed Paola's, 11-3.

David Douglas scored seven runs in the first and four in the fifth. Of those 11 runs, only two were earned by the Pioneer pitching staff.

For Paola's, Barrett scored on a Ty Beckley single in the first. Ken Ouderkirk scored on a Barrett single in the sixth and Robert Rising scored on a passed ball in the seventh to claim three runs against the Scots.

But David Douglas prevailed, 11-3.

Last Wednesday, Paola's held visiting Hazel Dell to just one run through the first four innings, but then allowed five runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Paola's scored only two in the meantime, losing 6-2.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Rising led off with a walk. After he was forced out at second on a fielder's choice by Beckley, Beckley moved to second on a single by Ouderkirk.

After Senn walked, Cassidy also reached first on four balls, allowing Beckley to score on the bases-loaded walk.

Schilperoort then blooped the ball to the Hazel Dell pitcher, who fielded it to first base, while Ouderkirk scored on the fielder's choice. Paola's stranded the remaining two players on base and could not score in the seventh as Hazel Dell won, 6-2.

State Games events will be held in Sandy

The State Games of Oregon water polo championships will be held Saturday at the Sandy Aquatic Center, 38955 Pleasant St.

The center will be closed for public swimming until 7 p.m. Saturday because of the event.

The teams competing in the water polo event are, for the men, Gresham and Tualatin Hills teams and, for the women, Gresham and Newberg high schools.

The State Games of Oregon are a scaled-down statewide version of the Olympics.

Sandy was selected for the water polo venue and played host to the event last year. But Mark Smith, aquatic director, said the water polo games will not be held in Sandy after

this year.

"I feel that we've done it two years in a row, it should be transferred," Smith said. "I believe it's important that it transfers to other aquatic centers around the state."

The State Games' opening ceremonies are Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Portland's Civic Stadium. The ceremonies are free of charge.

The water polo championships are also free of charge. Games are played Saturday at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and, if necessary, 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.

The championships are in a best-of-three games format. The first team to win two games is the winner.

Regular aquatic center operations for the public resume Saturday at 7 p.m.

Fisher finishes 11th in race at Spokane

Sandy resident Terry Fisher finished in 11th place out of approximately 35 to 40 cars in the Spokane Grand Prix Saturday in Spokane, Wash.

The Spokane Grand Prix runs through the streets of the eastern Washington city and is a NASCAR grand national race.

Fisher, driving for the Fisher-Power Racing Team, lost his front brakes in the 14th lap and hit the wall.

After taking his car in for a pit stop, Fisher was in the 21st position. But he made it back to the eighth position before finishing 11th overall.

"I think we did really well, considering what we went through," Fisher said of the Fisher-Power Racing Team. "We had some problems, but other than that, we did really pretty good."

Fisher, who has been driving professionally for six years, is accompanied in the pits by John Day, crew chief; Pat Brown and Ray Vandenberg, tire crew; Kevin Way, jack operator; Brian Watson, fuel; and Larry Strickland and Tony Malar, mechanics.

Fisher's next race is Friday in the Coors 100 at Portland International Raceway.

The outdoors

Salmon season enters third phase

Waters open — Phase three of Oregon's ocean recreational salmon fishing season began June 28 with the opening of waters north of Cape Falcon, near Manzanita. This is the final component of the multi-stage start of the season along the coast.

The season began May 23 in ocean waters south of Cape Blanco on the south coast, and June 13 off the central coast between Cape Blanco and Cape Falcon.

Tight quotas on both coho and chinook catches will once again require Friday-Saturday ocean salmon fishing closures during the north-of-Falcon season.

Anglers fishing between Cape Falcon and Leadbetter Point, Wash., will be limited to taking 100,500 coho and 14,100 chinook. The daily bag limit will be two salmon per day, with minimum sizes of 16 inches for coho and 24 inches for chinook. Barbless hooks are required.

The season regulations also have a provision to change the bag limit later in the season to prolong fishing time. If necessary, the daily limit could be kept at two fish, but only one could be a chinook.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission

has also set Aug. 16 as the opening date for salmon angling in the lower Columbia River at Buoy 10. This inland fishery has provided almost as much angling opportunity and catch as the ocean fishery in recent years.

Hunting deadline — Hunters who plan to participate in controlled deer and elk hunts this fall have until July 1 to get their applications in to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

These hunts include "antler-less" and limited-entry buck seasons where hunters must enter a drawing to receive a permit.

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 1 to be eligible for the drawing. Only U.S. Postal Service postmarks will be accepted as proof of mailing by the deadline.

Forms and instructions for submitting applications are available at hunting license sales agents around the state.

Shark season — Oregon's first commercial fishing season targeting on sharks began at noon, July 1 in offshore waters. About 84 boats were expected to participate in the thresher shark harvest off Oregon and Washington.

The season is scheduled to close at

noon, July 8. Fishermen will have 48 hours to land their catches after the closure.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission decided earlier this year to require participation by permit only to prevent overharvest of these sharks. Oregon received 67 permit requests prior to the June 10 deadline. A combined Oregon/Washington thresher shark catch limit has been set at 820,000 pounds.

Fishing for threshers began off Oregon last year. Most of the boats seeking this fish had moved up the coast from California, where a fishery for this shark developed about 10 years ago. Most of the sharks caught off the west coast are shipped to restaurants in Southern California, according to department biologists.

Bay crabbing — Commercial harvest of crabs in Oregon's coastal bays was prohibited as of July 1. The season will reopen after Labor Day (Sept. 7) and continue through Dec. 31.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission took this action during a June 19 hearing to consider a public

petition calling for the commercial closure.

Beginning in 1988, commercial crabbing will be allowed beginning the day after Labor Day through the end of the year. Commercial crabbing will be prohibited between Jan. 1 and Sept. 6, 1988.

The commission took the action in an effort to reduce the conflict between recreational and commercial crabbers during peak periods of recreational use.

Most commercial crabbing occurs during the fall and early winter, while highest recreational effort comes during the spring and summer months.

Commercial crabbing will also remain closed on weekends and holidays during the September-December open season. Crabbers will be limited to using 15 rings per boat.

In other action, the commission closed Whale Cove on the central Oregon coast to the taking of fish and shellfish. That ruling has already taken effect, as of July 1.

The intent of the closure is to allow use of the cove as an underwater marine wildlife viewing area.

Water polo tourney slated

Water polo teams from the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Hawaii will compete in a one-day tournament Sunday at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center.

Several of the athletes who will participate in the Zone IV Championships have qualified for the U.S.

Olympic Festival later this month.

The tournament runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, ending with the championship match. The event is free.

MHCC's outdoor pool will be closed to public swimming for the tournament, but the indoor pool will be open.