

Jays jump Sandy, 17-7

Paola's players bat well, defense proves ineffective

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HAZEL DELL, Wash. — It wasn't a fun outing for the Paola's Pioneers baseball team Monday as the host Hazel Dell Jays annihilated the Pioneers, 17-7, in Junior State action.

With temperatures in the upper 80s, both teams clobbered the ball effectively. However, Paola's, the Junior State team from Sandy, committed eight errors in the game which lasted just 4½ innings.

The loss lowered the Pioneers' league record to 7-8-1 and 9-9-1 overall. They are tied with the Barlow Bruins for fifth in league standings.

"We hit the ball real well," said Clyde Rusaw, coach of the Pioneers. "That's what bothered me the most, is that we got the hits but couldn't get anything going offensively."

The final score, officially, was 17-7. However, Hazel Dell scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth and Paola's couldn't make the third out. But the game was technically over after 4½ innings.

Paola's held a 1-0 lead after the first half inning, when Pete Rusaw scored on a single by Wes Kelley, who played in his first game since June 15 due to a wrist injury.

But the Jays answered in the bottom half of the first with eight runs — all of which were unearned, taking an 8-1 lead.

The Pioneers had a big second inning, scoring five runs on as many hits.

Leading off the second was pitcher Mike Senn, who singled and later moved to second base on an overthrow during a pick-off attempt. After Paola's made its first out, Rod Schilperoot hit a stand-up triple, scoring Senn.

The second Pioneer out was made and, after Aaron Knotts walked, another stand-up triple was hit, this time by Pete Rusaw, who knocked in Schilperoot and Knotts in the process.

Then, Rob Barrett hit a sharp grounder through the legs of the Hazel Dell third baseman, giving Rusaw the easy score.

Kelley then earned his second single of his return to the Pioneer active squad, scoring Barrett, who had

earlier stolen second base.

The Jays went scoreless in the bottom of the second but still maintained an 8-6 lead.

In the third inning, the Jays had another big inning, scoring nine runs and upping their lead to 17-6.

The Pioneers could only muster one run in the fourth on a freak play in the outfield. With Knotts on third and Rusaw on first, Barrett hit a fly ball to right field. Rusaw, who was attempting to steal second on the run-and-hit play, saw that the ball was apparently going to be caught. However, the Jay right fielder dropped the ball and Rusaw was forced out at second.

Barrett, however, was safe at first and Knotts had time to cross the plate, cutting the Hazel Dell lead to 17-7.

But the hole was too deep for the Pioneers and Hazel Dell won the contest due to the 10-run rule.

"Defensively, we just took ourselves out of the game," said Clyde Rusaw, whose team hadn't played or practiced consistently for six days. Hazel Dell, meanwhile, had played in a four-game tournament during the weekend.

"The thing with these tournaments is that they may wear out your pitching, but they keep the rest of your team sharp," Rusaw said.

After a non-league game Wednesday, the results of which were not available at press time, Paola's has two remaining scheduled league contests Friday and Monday. However, the Pioneers might make up a game against Prairie (Wash.) either Saturday or Wednesday, depending upon whether the game would affect league standings.

Five players on the Pioneer team are batting .333 and above. Kelley unofficially leads the team at .429. However, his average is based on only 21 at-bats. Rusaw bats .370 and leads the team in on-base percentage at .582, drawing 23 walks. Barrett and Adam Cannon are each batting .353 and Knotts is at .333.

Barrett leads the team in home runs (five), runs batted in (27) and stolen bases (14). Doug Cassidy has 15 RBI, good for second on the club. Rusaw has scored a team-leading 24 times and has nine steals. Knotts is second in the runs-scored department with 20.



Ryan Olivier, left, of the Sandy I midget National team gets a lead off first base against Lynch in the district playoff tournament in Rockwood Monday.

Many kids' teams make playoffs

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As the temperatures reach the sizzling point this summer, so does the excitement for some of the teams in the Sandy Summer Baseball and Softball Association, which is a part of the Tri-County League.

Several of the association's 21 teams are playing or have played in their respective district playoff tournaments.

Thus far, three Sandy teams have qualified for state playoff competition.

The following is a listing of the teams that fared well in the season and district playoffs.

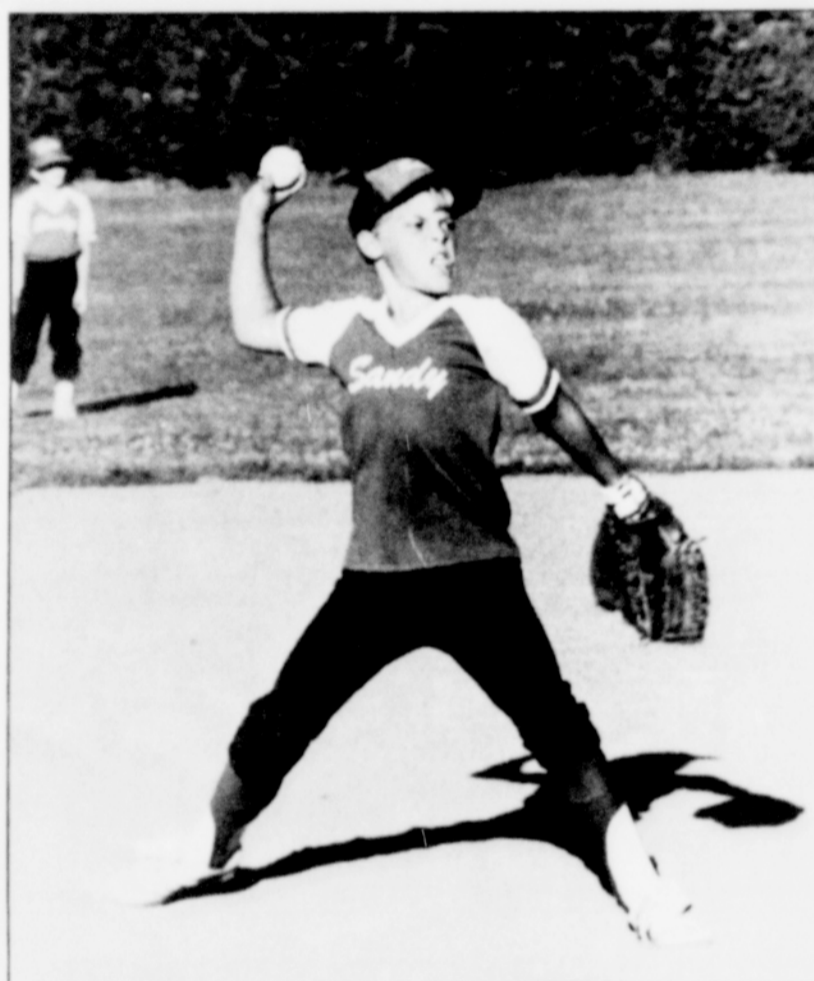
MIDGET FEDERALS BOYS: Coach Robert York guided the team to a state-tournament berth, finishing fourth in the district tournament July 9-10.

The team was only 3-9 in the regular season, but this Sandy team played in the Clackamas League, not the Tri-County League, thus having to play teams such as district champion Oregon City, Canby and Concord (Rex Putnam).

In the district playoffs, the Sandy midget Federals, sponsored by Jo Jo's New York Style Pizza, beat Concord in the consolation semifinals and later lost to Canby, 11-7, in the third-place final, thus finishing fourth overall and qualifying for the state tournament, held in Hillsboro July 29-31.

York said he was pleased that the Sandy team shifted into the Clackamas League, regardless of the 3-9 record.

"I'm glad we did (because) a lot of times a team learns more from losing and tries harder when they're losing than they do when they're winning," York said. "We've got a lot of kids who are



Pitcher Eric Ansen of the Sandy IV midget National team shows the agony of throwing a fastball against Welches in the district playoff tournament in Rockwood Tuesday.

smart and they know that there's a flip side to losing."

Some of those "smart" players, who helped the team reap the state berth were catcher David Mills, first baseman Nick York, second baseman Aaron Swiggert and pitcher Willie Olson, who, through four innings in the third-place final, gave up only one hit and one walk while striking out 12.

MIDGET NATIONALS BOYS I: The Sandy I baseball team, sponsored by Sandy Thriftway, took first in their league, finishing with a 12-2 record overall.

The Thriftway team lost to Lynch in the opening round of the district tournament at Rockwood Monday, 5-3.

Lynch took a 1-0 lead in the first inning before outfielder Tim Ben-

net hit a solo home run to right field in the top of the second, tying the score at 1-1.

Later in the inning, infielder Dustin Gruetter singled home Mike Schnekenburger from third base, giving Sandy Thriftway a 2-1 advantage.

However, Lynch scored three runs in the bottom of the second and regained the lead, 4-2.

Lynch again scored in the fourth inning, upping its lead to 5-2.

In the top of the fifth, Gruetter scored on a fielder's choice hit by outfielder K.C. Kraninger, helping pull Sandy to within two, 5-3. However, it wasn't enough as Lynch entered the upper bracket and sending Sandy to the lower bracket. With another loss, Sandy will be eliminated from the tournament.

"It was one of those close ones," said coach Dennis Hunter, "but we didn't make her."

Sandy utilized two pitchers, Nicholas Hunter and Mat O'Neil. Hunter allowed three runs while striking out five batters. O'Neil allowed two and also struck out five.

Just three hours prior to the contest, starting shortstop T.D. Malone reportedly fell off a roof and broke his right arm, thus placing a burden on his 11 teammates.

The Sandy Thriftway team played another tournament contest Wednesday but results were unavailable at press time.

MIDGET NATIONALS BOYS IV: The Sandy IV baseball team, co-coached by Dennis Turin and Kerry Law, was league runner-up to Sandy I and, prior to its Tuesday-evening district playoff game against Welches in Rockwood, was 10-4.

Results of Tuesday's game

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Football camp opens in August

Football season will be here soon and with it comes the Pioneer Drive Football Camp at Sandy Union High School.

It is for players who will be entering the sixth- through ninth-grades this fall. The camp runs from Aug. 1 to 5 at W.E. "Pop" Rannow Stadium.

The Pioneer Drive Camp is a non-contact, fundamental skill camp. The philosophy is to create an enthusiastic environment for the learning of good football fundamentals. Skills, technique and fun will be emphasized.

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The organizers of the camp, headed by Ric Ellsberry, head coach of the Sandy Pioneers football team, are primarily concerned with the teaching of fundamentals and techniques to pre-high school and high school players.

Cost for the week-long camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon each of the five days, is \$30 per student.

To register, call Ellsberry at Sandy Union High School, 668-8011, or at home, 668-9892.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Woodcup Race set for Saturday

The third annual Salmon River Woodcup Race takes place Saturday, July 23 at 1 p.m. at the Arrahwanna Bridge in Wemme.

The event is held annually to benefit the Hoodland Area Senior Citizens Center and usually raises more than \$3,000.

The race started in 1986 with 72 white oak engraved woodcups and has increased to 200 cups, which will be sold for \$25 apiece.

The race starts in the Salmon River at a point just above the Arrahwanna Bridge by releasing all 200 cups into the river. Competitors then try to acquire the cups in the 45 minutes to 1 hour it takes the cups to travel downstream to the Wildwood Park Footbridge in Wildwood.

The awards ceremony is held at the Whistle Stop Pub and Grub on Highway 26 in Wildwood.

Transportation is being donated by the Mount Hood Express, which will provide free shuttle service to and

from the Whistle Stop from designated parking areas along the highway.

For more information, contact Doug Kinne at 622-3787 or Dick Jansen at 622-9990.

Golf tourney to benefit team

A golf tournament for four-player teams will take place Monday, July 25, at 3 p.m. at Mountain View Golf Course in Boring. It is a fund-raiser for the Sandy Pioneers football team.

The first Pioneer Drive team scramble golf tournament is a nine-hole, best-ball tournament for all-comers who put together a team of four players. Teams will be divided into groups of age categories and prizes will be awarded.

Cost for the tournament is \$40 per team.

Registration before the Pioneer Drive event would be appreciated. To register, call Ric Ellsberry, event organizer, afternoons or evenings at

668-9892, or Sandy High School at 668-8011. Leave a list of the names of team members during the phone registration.

Reber earns second place

Sandy's Katie Reber earned second place in the 1988 State Games of Oregon tennis competition in the 10-and-younger division at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center Saturday, July 9.

Reber, 8, beat Jane Clark, 7-5, 6-2, and was defeated by Eeryn Weggenman, 6-0, 6-0.

She is the daughter of Nan and Tom Reber.

Fisher ranked 2nd in division

Sandy's Terry Fisher is second in the Northwest Sportsman division of the Winston Racing Series standings

with 143 points, behind Hillsboro's Jim Paulson with 201.

Fisher will compete Friday, July 22 in the Coors 100 NASCAR stock car race, which will pay \$1,000 cash to the winner and is expected to attract some of the region's best auto racers. Boring's T.L. Hoglan is eighth in Northwest Sportsman standings with 82 points.

In Jolopy division, Willard Allen of Boring is tied with Walt Williams of Portland for fourth place with 105 points. Portland's John Oyler is first with 325.

YMCA camp signups continue

Registration for the Summer Discovery Days camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 12 continues through the Mount Hood YMCA.

Weekly camps run through Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with early and late care available.



Champions

The Sandy II ponytail team went 12-1 and was league champion this year. The team includes (left to right): front row: Kelly Key, Nicky Johnson (lying down), Erin Dobin, Zoey Zimmerly. Middle row: Shawna Ayers, Aino Dubrawsky, Albertina Dubrawsky. Back row: assistant coach Bert Key, Kenda O'Neill, Leann Benting, Mindy Zimmerly, coach Rita Johnson.