

SUN CITY HONOR SAINTS



BEV DRYER



### **Saints**

Team pictures admittedly are not especially interesting, but when uniforms are brightly colored and players this attractive, there has to be some justification. This squad of Sun City Saints will close out their season tomorrow and Sunday nights when they host the No. 1 team in the Pacific Coast Women's Softball League, the Orange Lionettes from California. Saints, No. 2 in the league this year, and Lionettes are arch rivals from way back and event consistently sees large turnout at Sun City Stadium. Story and more pictures on 10A.  
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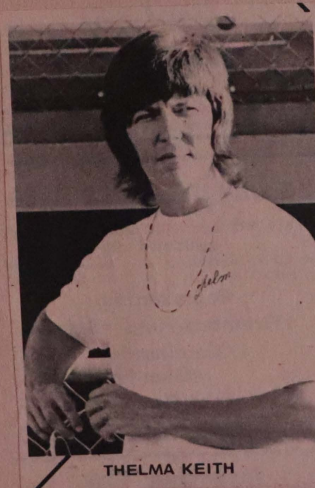
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BECKY RICE

**1973**  
*Squad*



THELMA KEITH



JUDY HOKE

**Softball season to slide into SC**





DENNY BUCHANAN



BARBARA THOMAS



GEORGIA BUELOW



CHERYL STICE



LYNN MOONEY



LEEANN EASLEY



MARILYN RAU

**...Saints style**







GERALD STAPLEY



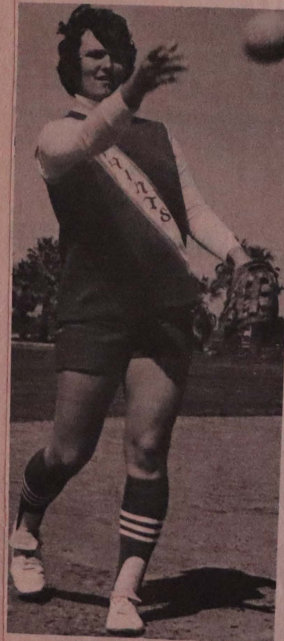
GINGER KURTZ



BEV DRYER



LINDA SPRADLEY



PAULA MILLER



BILLIE HARRIS



# Letters To The Editor

## Milwaukee gone, now action begins

EDITOR:  
I read, with a good deal of interest, your column regarding the Milwaukee Brewers and the impressions gathered by their hometown newspaper sports columnist.

I swear that all visiting columnists and feature writers must have in their possession something known as the "Sun City Jokebook" or "Snappy Sayings About Senile Citizens."

The most common remark that I overheard at those practice games was, "Oh, they're not bad but I can't wait until the Saints get started."

The second most common statement was, "They have some nerve charging two bucks for that."

Actually, there was a lot of excitement in the stands, but only when a foul ball cleared the screen. There was nothing happening on the field of play to rival the sight of some old duffer

## Softball fans find Saints 'beautiful'

EDITOR:

This is the only way we know to let the girls who comprise the Sun City Saints baseball team how very much pleasure they have given us since they started playing in April, until this past weekend, when they ended their season in such a blaze of glory.

Of course, Paula Noel is in a "super" class, and it does seem a shame more people do not avail themselves of the "lift" these girls always give when they show their enthusiasm, never-say-die spirit, and their all-around good sportsmanship. Our Saints are beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. John Naylon  
Sun City



trying to shag a fly in the 10th row. I saw one fellow get hit on the back with a foul fly and a few minutes later calmly catch another ball on the first bounce.

To the folks who were disappointed in seeing second stringers working out at \$2 a throw, I might suggest coming out to see our girls softball team risking broken arms and legs at half the price. You will have to yell loud in the stands to be heard over the racket that is made by the team on the field.

Roger Weatherbee  
15015 Agua Fria Dr.

## Strong support for Saints urged

EDITOR:

The Sun City Saints have battled through a very courageous season this year. We faithful fans, sometimes chilled by early spring nights, warm summer evenings, attacked by hopping grasshoppers, even dodging a few raindrops, have been thrilled by the performance of these fine young athletes.

We are now down to our final games of the year this coming Saturday and Sunday, and win or lose we need 4,500 Sun City and Youngtown citizens to help cheer this great team toward four victories over the Orange Lionettes.

Will you be there, Mr. Editor?

Frank E. Hayden  
Sun City  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Yep.)

## Fan appreciates major leaguers

EDITOR:

I am getting fed up with derogatory comments voiced by local residents concerning the recent spring training appearance of the Milwaukee Brewers in Sun City. Rather we should thank Milwaukee for giving us an opportunity to see major league baseball without driving miles to do so.

Milwaukee brought six teams here as opponents, drawn from both the American and National Leagues and including the world champion Oakland Athletics. Complaints were raised about "B teams" playing. That only occurred once; the remainder of the time the "first-stringers" performed.

While a "B team" is a disappointment to the fans, splitting a squad is common practice in order to provide the managerial staff with an opportunity to evaluate the potential of more players.

Nor is it fair to compare the Brewers with the Sun City Saints. An entirely different type of ball is played; both are interesting and my wife and I, who enjoyed the Brewer games, are now looking forward to watching the Saints this summer.

Remember, Milwaukee played at Sun City under the handicap of having no lockers here, of having to suit up and drive several miles to play and then make a similar trip in sweat-drenched uniforms before showering and donning street clothes. Ticket prices at \$2 were fair, certainly well below the \$3.50 the Chicago Cubs charged for similar games in Scottsdale.

Moreover, I was amazed at the silence in the stands during games (I saw six of nine played). Only cheering came at the Cub game—for the Cubs. That certainly doesn't make Milwaukee feel welcome.

Let's hope the Brewers come back, not only next year but for several years to come. As we get to know the players, they can become "our team" just as much as the Saints are.

L. Q. Yowell  
9407 Hidden Valley

## Thrilling Saints 'out of this world'

EDITOR:

I have just returned from the ASA softball tournament in Las Cruces, N.M., where our wonderful Sun City Saints again won the regional title.

These girls are absolutely out of this world. I will never forget Marilyn Rau's home run . . . Linda Spradley's slide on her stomach to catch a ground ball; her quick recovery to her knees to throw to Thelma at first base to put out the batter . . . Ginger Kurtz's spectacular work at shortstop . . . Barbara, Denny, and Becky's great work in the outfield . . . Lynn Mooney at third . . . and of course Paula Noel. What would we do without her?

I'll never forget the 37 innings Paula pitched on August 4th to beat the Lionettes. It was well worth staying 'til 2:45 a.m. just to see Barbara Thomas hit that ground ball that brought in Ginger for the winning run.

Sun Citians are missing the best entertainment offered around here if they miss these games. Our

beautiful stadium should be packed to standing room only at every game for the entire season. Del Webb should include tickets to the games for all the Vacation Specials so that they could know what a great team we have.

You have to see these girls week after week to really appreciate them. Until I moved to Sun City, I had never attended a sports event. I saw the Saints, fell in love with them, and haven't missed a game in two years.

So thank you, Saints, for adding such a bright spot to the spring and summer seasons in Sun City.

Rose L. Schwartz  
Sun City





Thelma Keith: 1st baseman — hails from Dayton, Ohio. "T. K.," an original Saint, will be in her eighth season with the youngest heart on the team. A Physical Education Teacher at Apollo High School, Thelma coaches the junior varsity and varsity girls' tennis teams along with volleyball. She will receive her Master's Degree in Physical Education from Arizona State University this summer. Thelma enjoys softball, basketball, painting, bicycle riding, and jogging. She is a firm believer in physical activity and is an admitted health foods enthusiast.



## Saints blank Tucsonans twice to open softball season

It won't be an untested Sun City Saints team that holds its 1973 home opener with a pair of 7:30 p.m. doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday.

The Saints got under way at Tucson Sunday with big guns blazing, leaving the Tucson Raindrops shellshocked victims of two shutouts, 10-0 and 4-0.

It was bad enough for the host team when Billie Harris hurled a four-hitter in the opener, but Paula Miller administered the coup de grace with a one-hitter in the nightcap. Paula in past years has reached top form very early in the season, and she showed that

this year apparently will not be different.

**HARRIS DIDN'T** give up a hit until two were out in the fourth when Belo Camacho singled, but she was thrown out trying to reach third on a followup single to end the inning. Billie also gave up leadoff singles in the fifth and sixth but walked none.

Meanwhile, the Saints scored early and often. Singles by Becky Rice and Judy Hoke in the first, an error and a ground out produced two runs. Barbara Thomas singled with two out in the second, Harris was safe on an error, and Rice doubled them both home.

The Saints added five big runs in the third with a barrage of extra-base hits. Lynn Mooney reached via an error with one out. Then came successive doubles by Marilyn Rau and Thelma Keith, LeeAnn Easley's triple, and another double by Thomas. The latter moved up on an error and scored on a ground out.

**THE 10TH** Sun City run came in the seventh. Rau led off with a single, advanced to third on a Keith single, and scored on a wild pitch.

The 13-hit attack was bettered in the nightcap as the Saints belted out 15 safeties.

While the Raindrops were

limited to a leadoff single in the third, the Saints opened the scoring in the second on Keith's rousing triple and a Thomas single.

Ginger Kurtz got the first of her three straight singles in the third, followed by a walk to Hoke, Lynn Mooney's double, a ground out which advanced two runners, and Keith's run-scoring single.

Singles by Rice and Kurtz produced a tally in the fourth, but it took successive singles by Miller, Rice, Kurtz, and Hoke to come up with only one more in the sixth. A relay throw from the outfield caught Becky at the plate to prevent the

### season

inning from becoming explosive.

Ex-Saint Juana Frederick went the route in both games for the Tucsonans.

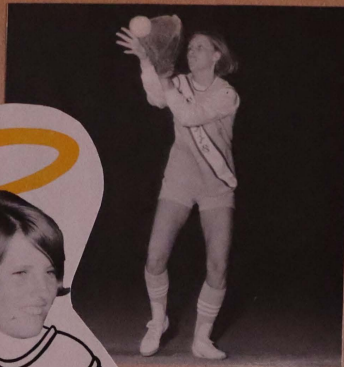
The victories were the first posted under new coach Gerald Slapley. He took advantage of his big leads to move players around.

While catcher Rau returned to action after missing most of last season

with an injury, her replacement, Linda Spradley, got a shot at second base in the first game's latter stages. Linda took over backstop duties in the nightcap, and Marilyn spelled Keith at first base late in the game.

Rice celebrated her selection for the leadoff role by rapping out four singles and a double in eight trips.





Lynn Mooney: 3rd baseman — is a native of Minneapolis, and recently graduated from Arizona State University with a major in Physical Education. Lynn is in her fifth season with the Saints at age 21. Along with softball, she likes water skiing, fishing, and bowling. She has been entrusted along with Ginger, with the business managing end of the Saints this year, as well as holding down the starting spot at the "hot corner".



Ginger Kurtz: Shortstop — is a native of Altoona, Pa. A recent graduate of Arizona State University, she plans on teaching Physical Education in the local area. Ginger is in her sixth season with the Saints at age 23. As well as softball, she enjoys basketball, volleyball, golf, and sun bathing. Along with Lynn, she manages the Saints business affairs and holds down the starting spot at shortstop.

## KELLEY'S SOCIAL LIFE BECKONS. . .



Sandy Kelley, mainstay 2nd baseman 8 seasons for the Saints, started her softball career at the tender age of 8. After a few years, she moved up to the higher skilled "Dudettes" of Arizona. As a youngster, she played hard and hoped that some day she would have the opportunity to play in "the big leagues". Her chance came in 1965. The Saints were just forming, and looking for some good ball players. They saw Sandy play, and that was the beginning of a long and successful 8 seasons of excellent 2nd base coverage.

The Chanute, Kansas, native has won many softball honors. She was hailed as the PCWSL All-Star 2nd baseman for the 1968, 69, and 70 seasons. Sandy also won the Saints "Spark Plug" award in 1970. Her greatest attribute, along with excellent defensive play execution, was her level headedness in pressure situations. She got the job done. When a big play was needed, Sandy came through.

Now 25, Sandy is teaching at an Elementary School in Phoenix. Along with teaching, she enjoys camping, swimming, volleyball, basketball, bowling, and floating down stream. Her subtle humor and wit has brought many a smile to coach and teammates alike.

Sandy, we thank you for all of your hard work and devotion. You have always given 100% and played to the last out. We Saints shall surely miss you, but will not forget all the good times you shared with us. In our hearts, you shall always be a "Saint".





## Saints frolic 4

By BURT FREIREICH

It was a batting practice weekend for the Sun City Saints, and this much can be said after the four landslide victories they posted over the young San Diego Royal Rebels:

1. The Saints, in their first season under coach Gerald Stapley, do appear to have gotten off to the fastest start in their eight-year history here.

2. The picnic will be over next weekend when California's Santa Clara Laurels arrive to provide the first real test of the campaign.

3. THE SAINTS have better over-all team speed and more batting punch than they did a year ago—but how much more is the question.

4. It's fun to romp and

play.

Romping and playing was what the classy softball aggregation did in racking up 8-0 and 19-0 wins over the Royal Rebels Saturday and 24-1 and 8-0 triumphs Sunday.

They now have posted a 6-0 record and the only run given up by the Saints' pitchers came off Georgia Buelow in a relief role—and Georgia was scheduled to be the Saints' public address system announcer until she made the squad as a reserve outfielder-first baseman. And, it might be noted, that run was unearned.

NOW THAT we have established that the competition to date has not been of the highest calibre, we must point out Stapley's most significant current concern. Left fielder Barbara Thomas was scheduled



Marilyn Rau: Catcher — born in Oak Park, Illinois, Marilyn works at Scottsdale Community College and Sorbitol Teams. As an original Saint, collegiate baseball season at age 22. Besides softball, she enjoys basketball, volleyball and needlepoint. Marilyn is coming off of knee surgery due to an injury she sustained at the College Softball Finals last year. Looking for Arizona State University's softball team and determination, Marilyn will work her knee back into shape and will, no doubt, be better than ever.

## times over young San Diegans

to undergo surgery for the removal of a cyst from near her right ankle, and this will knock her out of competition for about three weeks.

Stapley said he will not announce Barbara's replacement until just before Saturday's 7:30 p.m. game time with the Laurels. Sunday's doubleheader will start at the same time.

In the opener with San Diego, Becky Rice and Ginger Kurtz led off with successive singles and advanced on a series of

errors and Lynn Mooney's sacrifice fly for two runs. Two-out singles in the second by Billie Harris and Rice plus an outfield error produced two more.

SINGLES BY Rice, Kurtz, and Mooney plus Marilyn Rau's triple added three in the fifth to ice the game. Rice's 3-for-5 led the nine-hit attack.

Judy Hoke went 3-for-5, scored four times, and drove in two to pace the followup 19-0 triumph. Her double in the first keyed a two-run

outburst. Back-to-back triples by Mooney and Rau featured the 10-run, 10-hit merry-go-round in the second.

Thelma Keith banged out two doubles in the big inning and Linda Spradley one. Rau and Cheryl Stice blasted triples later in the festivities.

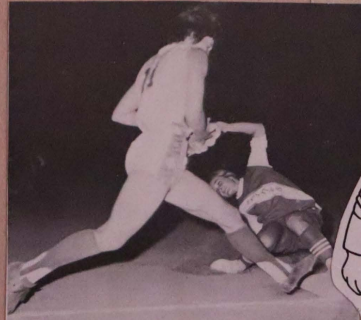
SUNDAY'S 24-1 opener also was highlighted by a big second inning. This time 11 runs came across on eight hits, including triples by Hoke and Thomas and

doubles by Rau and Spradley. Hoke later added another triple and LeeAnn Easley a double. Kurtz, Hoke, and Rau led the attack with three hits apiece.

In the 8-0 finale, Kurtz clouted a first-inning triple to left and scored on a Hoke single for what proved to be the winning run. Mighty mite Rice crashed a triple over the left fielder's head to launch a two-run rally in the third, and Hoke's smash bounced over the left field wall on one hop in the sixth for a ground-rule double during another two-run outburst.



Paula (Mittler) Noel: Pitcher — born and raised in our own Phoenix, Arizona, Paula is in her seventh season with the Saints, and a real old timer at 22. A recent graduate of Arizona State University, she plans on teaching Physical Education on the Elementary or Junior High School level in her native state. Besides playing softball, Paula enjoys fishing, camping, volleyball and painting. She has made an interesting deal with her husband, Wayne, an avid ski diver, must let her play softball until he gives up ski diving. Being a Jump Master, it is doubtful that he will ever stop falling out of planes.



BARBARA (QUIJADA) THOMAS: Barbara (Quijada) Thomas: Outfielder — increased Whittier, California's population by one. This is "Barbie's" fourth season with the Saints at age 20. She is employed by General Tires as a full fledged "Button Pusher". The resulting product from pushing a complex button system, is tennis balls. Barb is a near perfect Saint, with a great sense of humor and a fine athlete.



# Saints head for Anaheim for softball league opener

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

Stung from their first slap into the loss column, the Sun City Saints open Pacific Coast Women's Softball League play this weekend in California.

Tomorrow and Sunday nights they are scheduled to meet the Anaheim Royals in two twin bills.

Prior to last weekend's 1-0 loss in the opener of a four-game series here against Santa Clara, the Saints had waltzed through half a dozen easy contests, barely getting a good workout.

The seasoned timber of the Saints' veterans began to show immediately after that first loss and by the

time all four contests were concluded the Sun City gals were back in command of the situation and had taken the final three games.

This weekend's series should still see Denny Buchanan in left field, filling in the spot left vacant when regular starter Barbara Thomas was forced to take some time off to heal over following an operation for removal of a calcium deposit near her ankle.

Last weekend Buchanan made some difficult defensive plays and hit in all but one game, including a triple in Sunday's opener.

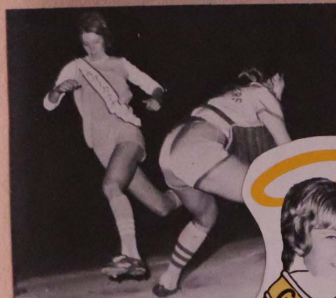
Going into this weekend's series with the Royals, the Saints carry a 9-1 season record, giving up only nine runs in the 10 games.

The series with Anaheim

precedes a weekend of play here against the league title holders, the Orange Lionettes, in a nonleague series.



Rightfielder Becky Rice sliding into second in series with the Santa Clara Laurels.



Georgia Buelow: Utility — originated from Alliance, Nebraska. Returning after a year's layoff, Georgia is in her third season with the Saints at age 23. She works at Motorola and is a recent graduate of Arizona State University majoring in Physical Education. Georgia participates in softball, basketball, volleyball, horseback riding, painting, and drawing cartoons. Welcome back, Georgia.



"MAN  
ON  
THE  
MIKE"



Art Preuss: Art attended Phoenix College for two years and graduated from Arizona State University with a major in Mass Communication. He taught and coached for four years at Phoenix Junior High, while covering sports for the Casa Grande newspaper. Art is both a softball player and an umpire. He has done an excellent job covering Saints home games for the News-Sun.





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FUN FUN!!



YES PAULA,  
ONE FOR EACH FOOT



THE SAINTS DO  
IT AGAIN



A LITTLE SONG



BARBARA --- ALWAYS  
EATING SOMETHING





GUESS WHO WON!



IT'S THOSE 25 INNING  
GAMES COACH!



WHAT A POSE



ALWAYS LOOKING  
SHARP.





# MEET YOUR SUN CITY SAINTS

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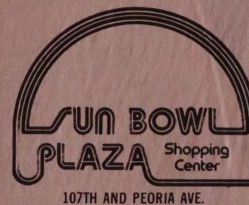
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Denise Buchanan: Outfielder — born in Indiana, Pa., but raised in Arizona. This is Denise's second season as a Saint at age 18. She presently attends Arizona State University majoring in Special Education. Being an outdoorwoman, she not only enjoys softball, but hiking, mountain climbing, back packing, hunting, and tennis. Denise, being of "young" nature, it is just a joy to room with on road trips. Last one to bed, first one to rise.

## A SAINT IS

A lady first, a ball player second . . . .  
Proud of her teammates . . . .  
Proud to be a "Saint" . . . .  
Respectful to her opposition . . . .  
Not afraid of hard work . . . .  
Thankful to have such wonderful fans! . . . .  
Eager to practice daily to improve . . . .  
Determined and dedicated . . . .



# Newcomer, veteran join Saints

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer  
In a town where the  
minimum age requirement

for residence is 50 years, one  
striking contrast continues  
to flourish.  
Making a home in the

midst of their retired elders,  
the Sun City Saints amateur  
women's softball team  
seeks out young talent on

which to build a national  
championship team.  
Average age for the girls is  
somewhere around 22 or 23  
years, depending on how  
much whittling each has  
done.

IN KEEPING with this  
thinking, the Saints have  
added two new faces to their  
roster this year, a 19-year-  
old speedster and a 23-year-  
old outfielder who has  
already put in three years  
with the Saints before  
"retiring" for a season last  
year.

Saints' veteran Georgia  
Buelow is a senior physical  
education major at Arizona  
State University. She played  
for the Saints 1969-71,  
starting as a combination  
pitcher and outfielder her  
first year and moving ex-  
clusively to the outfield in  
her last two years.

Several weeks prior to the  
start of last season, Georgia  
injured her knee playing  
basketball at ASU and  
decided there would not be  
enough time for recovery  
before getting into softball.

THIS YEAR she's back  
looking for a spot in the  
Saints' outfield, a threesome  
already regarded as one of  
the better defensive out-

fields in the Pacific Coast  
League.

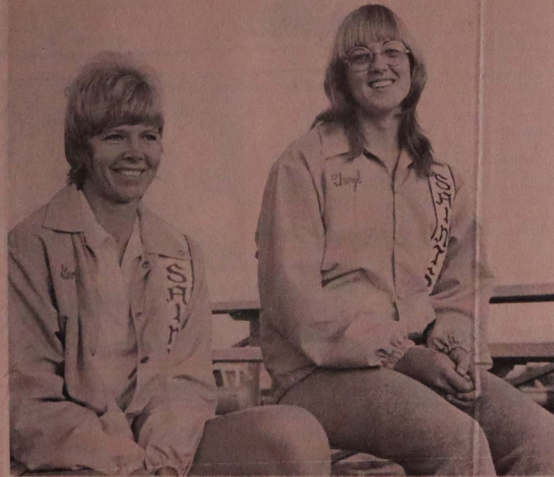
Georgia lives in Phoenix  
and works nights at  
Motorola. When her time is  
not taken up with softball  
and earning a living, she  
likes all kinds of sports,  
horseback riding, and ice  
skating. "And I like to eat,"  
she added.

Cheryl Stice is a 19-year-  
old ASU freshman, also  
majoring in physical  
education. Last season she  
played left field for the  
Mokan Drifters in Kansas.  
She was with Mokan for one  
year and spent two years  
prior to that with a team in  
Columbus, Kan.

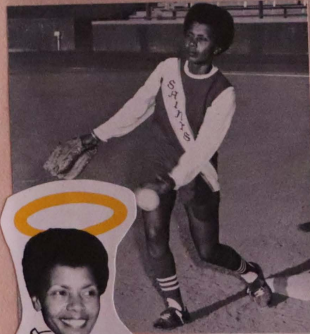
CURRENTLY residing in  
Tempe, Cheryl has a  
brother and two sisters who  
are scattered throughout  
several states. But she has  
plenty to keep her busy  
here. She likes all kinds of  
sports and enjoys motor-  
cycle riding.

"I like dating, too," she  
added in a giggly af-  
terthought.

The Saints open their 1973  
season this weekend in  
Tucson when they meet the  
Tucson Raindrops. They  
play at home the following  
weekend against the San  
Diego Royal Rebels.



Veteran Georgia Buelow and newcomer Cheryl Stice.



Billie Harris: Pitcher — is a local gal from Tucson, Arizona. She is employed at the State Mental Hospital as a Mental Health Assistant and also is a Recreation Leader for Phoenix City Parks. This is Billie's fourth season with the Saints, and she is ageless. On road trips, Billie assumes the role of Mom, and her word goes.



Becky Rice: Outfielder — Warsaw, Indiana proudly claims Becky as one of it's natives. This is Becky's third season with the Saints at age 20. She attends Arizona State University majoring in Physical Education. Along with playing softball, Becky enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, basketball, and shooting the rapids at nearby Arizona rivers. Becky has a great deal of drive and is famous for her "I hate to lose".





# Saints win 3 shutouts, lose 1 on

By BURT FREIREICH

FULLERTON, Calif.—Sun City's Saints won a battle of shutouts, three games to one, against the Fullerton Royals here over the weekend and thereby took an early lead in the Pacific Coast Women's Softball League standings.

While the Saints couldn't help but feel that they should have posted four straight shutout victories, they came away with the knowledge that the introduction of the Royals to the league has strengthened the circuit considerably.

The Royals, originally scheduled to represent Anaheim but now listing themselves out of Fullerton, have half their infield composed of ex-Saints, shortstop Chris Miner and first basemen Andie Ervin, both of whom toiled for the Fresno Rockets last year. They have a strong team which won't be embarrassed by anyone and are a creditable addition to the league.

SATURDAY and Sunday the Saints will host the loop's perennial champs, the Orange Lionettes, in a four-game non-league series. The Lionettes, who haven't played yet this year, scouted the Saints over the weekend.

Saturday's games at Anaheim looked as though they would be scoreless until the cows came home. Billie Harris and Mindy Allen were locked in a scoreless duel until the seventh, when Ginger Kurtz bounced a shot over the right-center fence for two RBIs and a 2-0 win.



Thelma Keith, Saints first baseman, had to go into acrobatic act to haul in low, wide throw from shortstop Ginger Kurtz in third inning of Sun City's 4-0 nightcap win at

Fullerton Sunday. Unbelieving Royal batsman, scurrying toward first base, is pitcher Donna Maga. (News-Sun Photo)

An error which put Linda Spradley on base, a walk to Harris, and a wild pitch set up the two-out situation which Ginger resolved with the Saints' fourth hit. In the second Thelma Keith and Lynn Mooney opened with singles, but they got stranded on a strikeout and two pops to the catcher. Harris' bunt in the fifth was the only other safety.

HARRIS, meanwhile, gave up a tarnished leadoff single to Miner in the first and held the Royals hitless thereafter.

Fullerton handed Paula Miller her first loss of the season in the nightcap, 1-0 in 10 innings. The Royals never got a runner past second base until the 10th, when Carol Lee opened with a double to left center and

advanced on a wild pitch. She held on during a groundout to second and then was erased on a strange play. A bad-hop grounder rolled up third baseman Mooney's arm, and Lee headed home—but shortstop Kurtz grabbed the loose ball and tagged out the runner.

ANOTHER bad hopper caromed away from Mooney for an error to put two runners on, and Allen singled sharply to center. Judy Hoke fired the ball home, but it popped out of catcher Marilyn Rau's glove to allow the lone run to score.

The Saints felt the game never should have gone into

overtime. Rau banged a home run over the fence in the fourth inning, but the plate umpire ruled it foul because it crossed the foul line plane after it left the park. The rulebook indicates it should have been a homer.

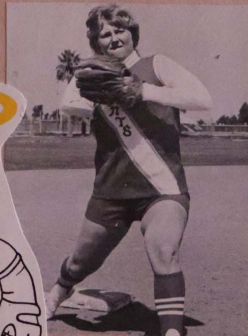
A great opportunity went down the drain in the sixth. The Saints filled the bases with none out via Becky Rice's single and two walks. Rau caromed a line drive off the third baseman, but she retrieved it in time for a force at the plate. A hard Keith shot to third met with the same fate. Then Mooney laced an apparent single to right, but she was thrown out at first on a good play to

end the frame.

SUNDAY THE scene shifted to Fullerton and daytime, which the Saints greeted with improved hitting and a pair of 4-0 wins behind Harris and Miller.

Hoke crashed a two-out homer in the first for the winner. Mooney's single to center, a sacrifice, and LeeAnn Easley's liner to left center produced another run in the fifth. And the Saints added a pair in the seventh on an error. Denny Buchanan's triple to right center, and a wild pitch.

In the finale, Sun City picked up a pair of first-inning runs without the benefit of a hit. Kurtz was hit with a pitched ball and



Lee Ann Easley, 2nd Baseman — born in Fort Worth, Texas, but moved to Las Vegas at an early age. This is Lee Ann's second season with the Saints at age 22. She is a student at Arizona State University majoring in Physical Education. Her favorite past-times, besides softball, are basketball, fossil hunting, and paleontology. She has been playing softball since the age of 14.



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moved up on a passed ball and wild pitch. Hoke walked and stole second. Then, with two outs, Keith's sinking liner to center was dropped for a two-run error.

Spradley walked in the fourth and romped in easily on Miller's triple to left center. Linda scored again in the sixth when she singled to left, moved up on a pair of sacrifices, and scored on a passed ball.

SHIRLEY Marshall, ex-Saints pitcher, viewed Sunday's games from the stands. . . Calamity Kurtz was injured twice Sunday, her left ankle swelling after being hit by a pitch and her shoulder receiving a severe jolt when she fell while chasing a fly ball into left field. The ball, incidentally, bounced off her fingertips into Buchanan's grasp for the out. . . Highlight of the weekend was homebaked Armenian bread baked by Spradley's California relatives and distributed to her teammates. . . Rau threw out four of the five Royals who attempted to steal second during the series.



Linda Spradley, Saints' second baseman, dashes into right field in attempt to catch up with looping fly ball off bat of Fullerton Royals' Chris Miner in second inning of series finale Sunday. Linda almost made it — ball squirted off her fingertips for single — but Saints won, 4-0. (News-Sun Photo)

Linda Spradley — Catcher-Infielder sprang up from the small town of Maywood, California. This will be "Spradley's" second season with the Saints at age 25. Linda is a health and physical education teacher, and hopes to experience teaching on all educational levels. She loves softball, basketball, volleyball, reading, snow skiing, and writing poems. And yes, her hair is naturally curly.



Cheryl Stice — Outfielder — is the pride and joy of Parsons, Kansas. This is "Stice's" first season with the Saints at age 19, which entitles her to the quaint name of "Rookie". She is a freshman at Arizona State University majoring in Physical Education. Cheryl enjoys basketball, fishing, swimming, and handball, along with softball. Oh, it will be so nice having a "Rookie" polishing all of those white cleats on road trips.



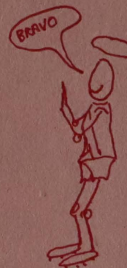
JUDY HOKE — Outfielder, born and raised in Mesa, Arizona. This is Judy's second season with the Saints at age 21. She is a recent graduate of Arizona State University majoring in physical education. Judy plans on teaching at the Junior High or High School level, locally. Her loves include softball, all team sports, and reading science fiction stories. One of her many ambitions is to coach a girls tennis team.







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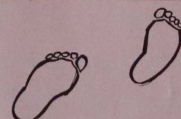
"Big Al" Kurtz: This award gives recognition and honor to persons who have contributed outstanding support to the Saints organization. The Sun City Saints are proud to present this years Angel Award to Mr. Al (Big Al) Kurtz for his never ending support. Along with arranging for good buys on our uniform shirts and practice shirts, he has spent many hours promoting the Saints to businessmen. When things got busy and a job had to be done, we took it to "Big Al" and it got done, with speed and efficiency. We can't thank you enough for all of your help. A "halo" and a "hug" to you Big Al.

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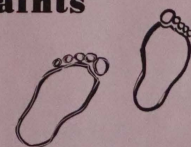


Chris and Sandy Burns have graciously accepted the job of bat girls for the Saints in '73.

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# Saints blank Lionettes 4 times—

By BURT FREIREICH  
Sun City's Saints just finished a weekend that was unbelievable—and therefore we suggest that no one believes it until the Saints do it again when the chips are down.

More than 2,000 fans—total—showed up for the four-game series in which the Saints won four straight from their traditional rivals, the Orange Lionettes, and won them all by shutouts. The climax was a no-hitter hurled by Paula Miller, with Lionette great Nancy Welborn absorbing her second loss of the set.

Unquestionably this was the high point of the Saints' eight years in Sun City. One thing was missing—it didn't count. Each season the Saints and Orange have a home-and-home series in Pacific Coast Softball League action, and those games for 1973 are yet to come. This was an extra series and the four wins go down as exhibition victories.

IT LEFT the Saints with a 16-2 record. The Lionettes, perennial PCL champs and perennial top contenders for the national crown, were opening their season, and they looked far from mid-season form.

In fact, they looked like rusting, creaking skeletons of their former selves. Carol Spanks, eight times an All-American shortstop, couldn't figure out any way to get the ball to her first baseman with a worn-out arm.

Nancy Ito, the classic catcher of the past decade, got relief from backstop chores late Saturday and Sunday, leaving the impression that age doesn't allow her any longer to squat behind home plate for two full games and still operate effectively.

AND PAT Whitman, the All-American pitcher from Telford, Pa., didn't provide the hoped-for back-up for Welborn on the mound—at least, not this trip.

The problem is, of course, that it will be quite a different Orange team that faces the Saints in the future when the chips are down.

Conceivably, first baseman-coach Shirley Topley will decide to put Spanks at second base, where the short throw could extend her playing career.

Is Spanks worth saving? Is he hitting that good? You can bet your best aluminum bat that she is and it is.

SATURDAY Billie Harris bested Orange, 1-0, on one hit and Miller won a two-hitter, 2-0. Spanks got all three of those hits. Carol went hitless in four trips Sunday—but she was the only Lionette to reach first (she walked) against Miller in the nightcap, and she almost burst Paula's bubble in the sixth with a sizzling liner into left-center which required a nifty running

catch by Judy Hoke.

Spanks opened the series with a single to right Saturday—and that was the only hit off Harris. A followup error gave Orange a threat, but a pair of forceouts and a popup ended the trouble. Nary a Lionette reached base thereafter.

MEANWHILE, Welborn held Sun City scoreless until the seventh. Even singles by Ginger Kurtz, Marilyn Rau, and Thelma Keith in the fourth failed to produce a run as a forceout at the plate and a popup got Welborn out of the inning.

In the seventh, however, Denny Buchanan singled to left with two out, then stole second, and Linda Spradley's clout to right-

center drove her in with the decider.

Denny decided Saturday's nightcap, too. Thelma Keith reached in the second via a Spanks error, and Buchanan unleashed a triple to right-center for the run. Denny scored moments later on a wild pitch.

WHILE HARRIS scattered three safeties Sunday and never allowed a runner past second, the Saints shelled Whitman for seven



Saints' rabbit, Denny Buchanan, scores winning run in bottom of seventh inning in 1-0 Saturday night victory, first of Saints' four-game sweep.

hits and four runs.

A Spanks error in the second on Lynn Mooney's grounder opened the flood gates. LeeAnn Easley tripled to the fence in left center after two outs for one run, and LeeAnn then tallied on a wild pitch.

With one out in the fifth Harris bunted her way to first, reached second on an error, and scored on Becky Rice's double to left. Kurtz singled to deep center, but Becky was out at the plate on a good throw by Marylou Adams. Hoke crashed a triple down the left field line to drive in Kurtz.

RAU TURNED IN the fielding gem of the series in Sunday's opener with a diving catch of Ito's pop foul in the seventh.

Miller's 3-0 no-hit victory was in no danger after the third, with Lionette errors providing a big assist. Rice drove a hard grounder off the third baseman's glove for an error to open the inning, and she scored on Hoke's well-tagged triple to left center. Judy also left center. Judy also blasted across the plate when the throw-in on her play was bobbled.

A single in the fourth set the stage for an insurance run, produced by Miller's most gratifying hit ever—a triple against the left field fence off Welborn. Rau doubled to the fence in left in the fifth to end the offensive parade.

ATTENDANCE was 974 Saturday and 1,174 Sunday. Barbara Thomas returned to left field for the Saints in Sunday's opener, her first appearance in three weeks after minor ankle surgery. Ricki Caito received a plaque representing her induction into the softball Hall of Fame during Sunday's

## Saints Boxscores

### Harris 1-hitter

ORANGE	ab	r	h	bi
Spanks, ss	3	0	1	0
Sims, 3b	3	0	0	0
Ito, c	3	0	0	0
Topley, 1b	3	0	0	0
Davis, lf	3	0	0	0
Weinmann, 2b	2	0	0	0
Welborn, p	2	0	0	0
Adams, cf	2	0	0	0
Haataja, rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	0	1	0

SAINTS	ab	r	h	bi
Rice, rf	3	0	0	0
Kurtz, ss	3	0	1	0
Hoke, cf	2	0	0	0
Rau, c	3	0	1	0
Keith, 1b	3	0	1	0
Mooney, 3b	3	0	0	0
Davis, lf	3	0	1	0
Ito, c	3	0	1	0
Topley, 1b	3	0	1	0
Weinmann, 2b	2	0	0	0
Adams, cf	2	0	0	0
Whitman, p	2	0	0	0
Ricketts, rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	0	3	0

### Easley's big hit

ORANGE	ab	r	h	bi
Spanks, ss	2	0	0	0
Snell, ss	1	0	0	0
Sims, 3b	3	0	0	0
Davis, lf	3	0	1	0
Ito, c	3	0	1	0
Topley, 1b	3	0	1	0
Weinmann, 2b	2	0	0	0
Adams, cf	2	0	0	0
Whitman, p	2	0	0	0
Ricketts, rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	1	6	1

SAINTS	ab	r	h	bi
Rice, rf	3	0	2	1
Kurtz, ss	2	1	1	0
Hoke, cf	3	0	1	1
Rau, c	3	0	0	0
Keith, 1b	3	0	1	0
Mooney, 3b	2	1	0	0
Thomas, lf	3	0	0	0
Easley, 2b	2	1	1	1
Harris, p	2	1	1	0
TOTALS	23	4	7	3

### Buchanan's triple

ORANGE	ab	r	h	bi
Spanks, ss	3	0	2	0
Weinmann, 2b	2	0	0	0
Davis, lf	3	0	0	0
Topley, 1b	3	0	0	0
Ito, c	2	0	0	0
Jones, c	1	0	0	0
Sims, 3b	2	0	0	0
Haataja, rf	2	0	0	0
Whitman, p	2	0	0	0
Adams, cf	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	21	0	2	0

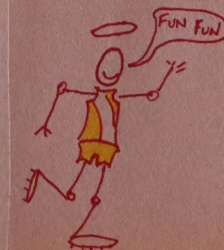
SAINTS	ab	r	h	bi
Rice, rf	1	0	1	0
Kurtz, ss	1	0	0	0
Hoke, cf	1	0	0	0
Rau, c	3	0	0	0
Keith, 1b	3	0	1	0
Mooney, 3b	2	0	0	0
Thomas, lf	3	0	0	0
Easley, 2b	2	1	1	1
Harris, p	2	1	1	0
TOTALS	23	4	7	3

### Paula's perfect

ORANGE	ab	r	h	bi
Spanks, ss	2	0	0	0
Sims, 3b	3	0	0	0
Ito, 1b	2	0	0	0
Topley, c	3	0	0	0
Davis, lf	2	0	0	0
Weinmann, 2b	2	0	0	0
Welborn, p	2	0	0	0
Adams, cf	2	0	0	0
Haataja, rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	20	0	0	0

SAINTS	ab	r	h	bi
Rice, rf	3	1	1	0
Kurtz, ss	3	0	0	0
Hoke, cf	3	1	1	1
Rau, c	3	0	2	0
Keith, 1b	3	0	0	0
Mooney, 3b	3	0	1	0
Buchanan, lf	3	0	0	0
Spradley, 2b	3	1	0	0
Miller, p	2	0	1	1

## for fun



intermission. She was a star second baseman for the P B S W Ramblers, forerunner to the Saints, and before that for the Lionettes. Several all-time women's softball greats participated in the ceremony.



## SPECIAL THANKS

To the Del E. Webb Corporation . . .  
 For bringing softball to Sun City  
 For building and maintaining such a beautiful Stadium.  
 For your faith in the Saints and Softball!  
 For all your helpful advice.

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 For your strong support.  
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 For your personal interest in our team.  
 For being such wonderful people!

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## DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT . . . .

When Becky and Ginger decided that two heads are better than one, so they commenced to knock their heads together attempting to catch a Texas Leaguer off the powerful toothpick bat of a fellow Saint.

When Billie called time out while on the mound in the middle of a home game and everyone ran out frantically, wondering what had happened, only to discover that her tooth fell out. Billie, I've heard of pitchers losing their teeth, but this is ridiculous.

When Barb, before going from "cream puff" to "slugger", would enter the batter's box with these encouraging, kind, and loving words from her teammates, "Hey Barb, take three and run to the bench".

When Thelma, the team's official dietician and health foods nut, turned down a root beer float for a rhubarb sandwich and an extra large beaker of carrot juice.

When Lynn became the steak dinner winner of the season by pulling out of a hitting slump, when challenged by Linda to match hits. Lynn proceeded to hit her way into the steak house, and Linda into Der Wienerschnitzel.

When Becky, receiving a sign from Coach Bev, got ready to steal and the batter stepped out of the box. Time out was called, and the pitcher threw a warm-up pitch. Becky, not aware that time was out, led off with the pitch, and made a gallant steal, only to notice all of the staring faces. The bench had it's share of sympathy by commenting, "Hey, where are you going, Becky"? Coach Bev, not really too surprised at the latest Saint maneuver, verbalized strongly across the infield, "Becky, the steal is off".

When Paula earned the name of "Twinkle Toes" by tripping over her feet rounding third base and landing flat on her face. Paula's tripping tricks are unique, not only did she fall face first with hands in the air, she did it twice, at the same base, in the same game. Or the time she hyperventilated in India after consuming twelve hot dogs.

When Marilyn thought it might be fun to hang around the backstop, literally. Fading back for a pop fly, she leaped high into the air and snagged the ball, only to discover that she had not returned to the ground. Ever heard of a catcher being hung to the old oak fence by a glove?

When Lee Ann, during league games, demonstrates her ability to make five different and highly technical ways to make a double play. She assures us that this season she is going to try it with the ball.

When Denny was a victim of a smashing blow to right field. This astute young speedster, realizing that the ball would surely travel well over her head, told herself that she must run down the ball to save the game. She turned to her left and immediately proceeded to fall flat on her chin.

When Judy's reputation for covering a lot of miles in the outfield in a hurry, spread to the local Chevy dealers. When she bought her new car, the warranty read, "The maintenance warrantee on this Malibu is good for 20,000 miles or 20 hours, whichever comes first".

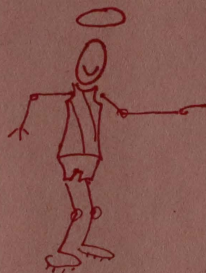
When Ginger committed the infielders Cardinal Sin #1 by taking her eye off of the ball. Seems that the ball disappeared and after a few minutes of chaotic searching, Ginger discovered that the ball had weaved it's way up her blouse. "Don't look now Ginger, but the gal that hit the ball just crossed home plate."

When Linda, while receiving a ticket for a wide right hand turn, did what any driver of her ability would do: ran over the policeman's motorcycle while he was writing the ticket. Perhaps I should say tickets.

When Cheryl was too scared to attend the Saints tryouts. So, a few of the Saints did a fine and decent thing. They stole her glove and cleats, and immediately commenced to kidnap her and carry her off to practice.

When Georgia laid a beautiful bunt down the first base line and dashed to first. Approaching the bag in a sprint, she reached out with her foot, and with absolutely no hesitation, she promptly tripped and fell flat. After hopping up and brushing herself off, Bev looked at her with head shaking, saying, "Georgia, I hate to say it, but the ball rolled foul". Need I say more!





## WHAT IS THE PCWSL?

The Pacific Coast Women's Softball League is one of the few strong major softball leagues in the United States. It now consists of five teams.

Each team in the league has a 32-game schedule; playing each other member team 8 times — 4 home and 4 away. The present member teams are the Orange Lionettes; the Fresno Rockets; the Salt Lake City Shamrocks; the Anaheim Royals; and the Sun City Saints.

## 1972 PCWSL ALL-STARS

### Infielders:

Shirley Topley — Orange Lionettes  
 Carol Spanks — Orange Lionettes  
 Ginger Kurtz — Sun City Saints  
 Terry Murphy — Fresno Rockets  
 Thelma Keith — Sun City Saints  
 Denise Haas — Fresno Rockets  
 Nancy Ito — Orange Lionettes

### Outfielders:

Diane Haastaja — Orange Lionettes  
 Judy Hoke — Sun City Saints  
 Barbara Thomas — Sun City Saints

### Utility:

Leslie Ball — Salt Lake City Shamrocks

### Top Pitcher:

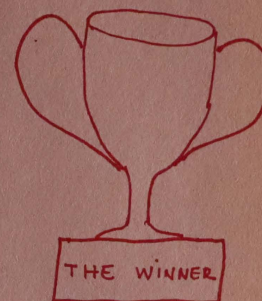
Nancy Welborn — Orange Lionettes

### Top Hitter:

Carol Spanks — Orange Lionettes

### Youth Award:

Debbie Ricketts — Orange Lionettes



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 Ginger Kurtz

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## 1972 SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS



Ginger Kurtz - Most Valuable Player Award  
 Paula Miller - Most Improved Player Award  
 Judy Hoke - "Spark Plug" Award

## 1972 SAINT P.C.L. ALL-STARS



Barbara Thomas, All Star Outfielder; Thelma Keith, All  
 Star Infielder; Ginger Kurtz, All Star Infielder; Judy  
 Hoke, All Star Outfielder.



## Sun City hosts Fullerton team sporting couple of ex-Saints

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

A reunion is scheduled for Sun City Stadium this weekend, but there is likely to be more fire than mist in everyone's eyes.

The Sun City Saints will host the Fullerton, Calif., Royals in twin doubleheaders at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday.

Formerly the Anaheim Royals, the Fullerton squad has an infield that includes at least two ex-Saints.

First baseman Andie Ervin and shortstop Chris Miner, both of whom were with the Fresno Rockets last year, and the Saints before that, are now playing for the Royals. The Royals are a new addition to the Pacific Coast Women's Softball League, throwing together a squad this year for the first time.

Although new, the Royals are a strong team, from indications thus far. In fact, the Royals handed the Saints one of only two losses in their 16 outings.

Last weekend the Saints swept a four-game series from the Orange, Calif., Lionettes who have been the national titleholders nine

times. The Saints could manage only three out of four against the Royals when they met April 28 and 29 in California.

Out of the Saints' 16 contests thus far, only the four games with Fullerton have been league games. Tomorrow and Sunday nights' series again will be league play.

The Royals are composed primarily of league veterans and are not afraid to run the bases. In the last series, the Royals made five attempts to steal second. Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau cut down four of the five Royals' runners, however.

Saints' coach Gerald Stapley should have a full roster for this series, since left fielder Barbara Thomas is back in uniform and ready to play. She played in last weekend's series, the first time since an operation a month ago.

Saints' pitching figures to be a key to their chances for sweeping the series. It appears to be in mid-season form already. Last weekend, against one of the nation's foremost teams, Billie Harris tossed a one-hitter in the opener and

allowed only four hits for the 14 innings she was on the mound. Paula Miller gave up two hits the first night, and then came back in the

series finale to post a no-hitter.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.



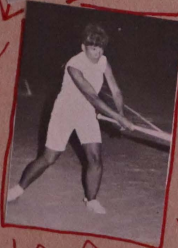
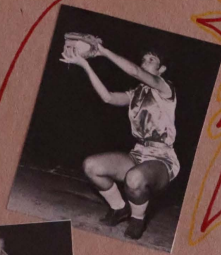
### IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'UM - JOIN 'UM

The Sun City Saints are proud to welcome "Staps" as their new coach. Born in Snowflake, Arizona, in 1931, he moved to Mesa in 1944. Gerald comes from a large family, boasting two brothers and five sisters. Enjoying a large family, he has ten children; 7 girls and 3 boys. He began his softball career at the age of 13, playing for the city of Mesa. He has played a total of 28 seasons, 26 of these catching. Gerald participated in the Men's Fast Pitch Tournament in 1962. His Latter Day Saints church ward, with his help, won the All-Church Softball Tournament three times. Gerald has umpired for a number of years for both men's and women's softball leagues. He umpired many Saints games and has umpired in the Women's National Fast Pitch Tournament three times. When "Staps" was asked how he felt about coaching women, he commented, "It's different than what I thought it would be. They say I'm not tough enough on them". With an extensive softball background, the Saints feel that they are fortunate in having such a fine gentleman to lead their way in "73".





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## Those Wonderful Years With Bev . . .

You are probably all wondering just what this will be,  
But the Saints want to dedicate this to Beverly.  
Dear Bev we've got something especially for you,  
Something we're afraid has been long overdue.  
Every season you've given us "your all",  
Just trying to get us to play some good ball!  
While the fans give us the credit when we win the game —  
It seems, when we lose, on you falls the blame.  
And to our great fans we'll say it out loud;  
To have you as our coach we're more than just proud.  
Even on days when you ran us to death,  
The days we thought, "We'll never catch our breath".  
These hard practices were all worth our while —  
Because after we'd win, we'd see that old smile.  
And when we just needed a friend that did care,  
With our troubles we came, and you were always there!  
We just want to say thanks for bringing us this far —  
For Bev, in our eyes, you are the star.  
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## Saints host 'softball town's' Nuggets

By ART PREUSS  
staff writer

Prescott is a softball town. And its fans and its Nuggets long have awaited a meeting with the Sun City Saints.

That almost came about last summer when both were entered in the regional tournament in Prescott.

As tournaments often go, the two teams passed through the brackets without meeting, as the Saints captured their seventh straight title.

THERE'S NO tournament

this weekend to shortstop things—and the teams will have that first meeting—weather permitting—in twin exhibition doubleheaders at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, the Nuggets will not get a chance to see the Saints at full strength. One-half of the Saints pitching staff, Paula Miller, has other commitments. She is to be married tomorrow afternoon.

The trip to the altar comes at a very opportune time for the Saints, since a loss to the Nuggets cannot affect their league standings. But next weekend the Sun City squad travels to California for a meeting with the Pacific Coast League titleholders, the Orange Lionettes. Miss Miller is expected to be back on the mound in time for that series.

THE PROBABLE replacement for Miller will be outfielder-pitcher Georgia Buelow, the only other Saints' player to see any service on the mound thus far in the season. She pitched several innings against the San Diego Royal Rebels early in the season.

And there is a good chance that second-year player Denny Buchanan will be in the Saints' outfield some time in the series. Denny

came in to sub for the regular Saints' left fielder Barbara Thomas some five weeks ago when Thomas underwent surgery on her ankle. Although Barbara is back to take over her position, Denny has been hitting the ball well and her speed on the bases has been a form of security for coach Gerald Stapley.

Buchanan came back



## Saints help ASU to softball title

As if a 74-game schedule were not enough, six members of the Sun City Saints last week donned Arizona State University uniforms and flew to Omaha, Neb., to assist the college in capturing its second straight title in the College World Series of women's fast-pitch softball.

Saints' contributors included pitcher Paula Miller, third baseman Lynn Mooney, second baseman LeeAnn Easley, and outfielders Judy Hoke, Becky Rice, Denny Buchanan, and Cheryl Sice.

The world series schedule began Wednesday night with two exhibition games against JFK College of Wahoo, Neb. ASU won the first game 3-0 behind the pitching of Paula Miller and dropped the second contest 5-3, with ex-Saint Betty Barr on the mound for ASU.

ASU DEFEATED Western Illinois 4-2 Thursday in the series opener. The game was in doubt late in the game when Illinois began scoring in the 6th and 7th innings, but could not muster more than the two runs. Western Illinois finished fourth in the tourney.

For the ASU squad, Friday afternoon's game was little more than a warm-up for the evening contest, with the Devil gals combining for 15 hits in a 9-1 rout of Northern Colorado. The one run for Colorado came from a home-run in the sixth inning, and that play was close as outfielder Rice made the throw to home, but the tag by the catcher Mooney came just a little late.

It was a different story that evening in the quarter-final contest with Kansas. "The game was unreal," said Mooney. "We just kept smashing the ball and they kept making the plays."



IT WASN'T until the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs that Buchanan lined a hard shot through the second baseman's legs that rolled to the fence. Buchanan, possessed with better-than-average speed, rounded all the bases and slid under the tag at home plate for the game's winning run.

Saturday night in the semifinals against Illinois State it was another night for Devil hitters. Buchanan hit two triples and Hoke added another in the 9-2 ASU win. "Both of the teams were hitting well in that game," said Mooney. In fact, in the sixth and seventh inning Illinois State replaced its No. 1 pitcher, Margie Wright, to bring in someone else in the hopes of stopping us."

After the Saturday loss, Illinois State was dropped to the loser's bracket and had to defeat Southwestern Missouri State in a Sunday morning contest to earn the right to take on the ASU squad again. The Illinoisans took ASU 4-0 in a Sunday

## ASU Girls Win Crown

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Judy Hoke hit a long single in the 16th inning to bring in the winning run as Arizona State University defeated Illinois State 4-3 to retain its Women's College World Series Softball championship.

Miss Hoke's hit with two outs drove in Jean Killingsworth to end the marathon contest late last night. Miss Killingsworth had walked and advanced on an error.

Illinois State had forced the playoff game by blanking Arizona State 4-0 in an earlier game.



afternoon contest. "We just couldn't seem to do anything right," said Mooney. "We had six hits, but they were too spread out, like one each inning."

AFTER a 15-minute break, the final game between Illinois State and ASU for the title got underway. The same two pitchers met again, with one full game already pitched that day by Miller and two full games by Wright.

The final tested their endurance—all 16 innings of it: for the day that meant 23 innings for Miller and 30 for Wright.

Illinois State scored one run in each of the first two innings to take the early lead. Rice scored in the fourth for the Devils and then Mooney and Miller added two more in the fifth inning to make it 3-2 going into the sixth inning.

"We definitely had a few problems in the sixth," recalled Mooney. The first Illinois batter singled and stole second and soon the bases were loaded via walks and errors. With the eighth batter in the Illinois order at the plate with bases loaded, Miller issued a walk, and it tied the game.

FROM THE sixth to the 16th inning the Devils continually put runners on base, but just couldn't push them across the plate.

In the bottom of the 16th, Jean Killingsworth, who plays during the regular season for the Chargers of the Copperstate League and is the Saints' home game scoreboard official, drew a base on balls. Rice bunted her to second and Buchanan beat out an infield hit.

With two runners on base, Hoke came to the plate and unleashed a long double to the outfield to score Killingsworth and secure the title.



## this weekend

from the College World Series for women's softball in Omaha, Neb., this week after joining five of her Saints' teammates in helping the ASU squad to the national title. During the series she was a mainstay for the ASU team both at the plate and on the bases.

SUNDAY night will also be Shriners' Night at Sun City Stadium, with Shriners

in the area attending the doubleheader attired in their fezzes and taking with them a bag of food.

The event is planned as a finale to three weeks of foodgathering for the Crippled Children's Hospital at Salt Lake City, Utah. Next month, the Shriners will form a caravan of some 100 vehicles to take the food to Utah.

### Saints win twin bill

In women's softball exhibition games last night, Billie Harris pitched 14 innings of shutout softball, including 10 perfect innings, as the Sun City Saints took a doubleheader from the Prescott Nuggets 13-0 and 6-0.

Harris struck out nine in the first game while her team hammered out 16 hits, including home runs by Ginger Kurtz and Marilyn Rau; the pair also combined for six RBIs. Sherry Ralston was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, Harris had a perfect game going until the fourth inning when the Nuggets got one of their two hits. Harris struck out six in the second game while her teammates had nine hits. Lynn Mooney, Denise Buchanan and Mrs. Kurtz each had two hits. Moe Dominguez was tagged with the loss.

The Saints are now 20-4 on the season while the Nuggets dropped to 7-13. Tonight the Saints play a benefit doubleheader at Sun City Stadium for the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital at 7:30.



What now, coach? Sun City Saints' pitcher Billie Harris seems to be asking this question of coach Gerald Stapley as he ponders what to do without his other mound veteran Paula Miller. Saints face four-game series tomorrow and Sunday against Prescott Nuggets without services of Miss Miller, who will take weekend off to get married. (News-Sun Photo)



**Saints**



SAINTS  
YOU'RE #1





# Saints battle Lionettes

Special to the News-Sun  
ANAHEIM, Calif.—Sun City's Saints trudged up Heartbreak Hill here Saturday, then failed again Sunday to score against perennial nemesis Nancy Welborn, but still wound up with an even break in their four-game series with the Orange Lionettes.

And, as they say in the trade, that ain't bad.

The series was billed as the acid test to determine whether this was the year the Saints would topple Orange from the top rung of the Pacific Coast Women's League ladder. The answer wasn't conclusive, but the nail-biting action was great for the audience.

**BILLIE HARRIS**, who was outstanding in the clutch, finally forced in a run with a hit batsman in the 10th to drop the opener, 1-0, but the Saints came back for a 1-0 eight-inning win in the nightcap to square matters.

Coach Gerald Stapley's gals took the series lead as Marilyn Rau and Ginger Kurtz unleashed homers off Pat Whitman for a 4-0 triumph before Welborn captured the finale, again by a 1-0 score.

Billie's doom in the inaugural was spelled by

10th inning singles by Nancy Ito and Shirley Topley, a forceout of Ito at third, an infield error which loaded the sacks, and then the errant pitch which hit Welborn to bring in the game's lone run.



**ONLY IN** the sixth did the Saints get a runner past first base. Harris reached second on a two-base error and went to third on Becky Rice's bunt single. But Becky was doubled off first on Kurtz's pop to first, and Judy Hoke's fly to center ended the threat.

Marilyn Rau cut down Orange runners trying to steal second in the second and third innings.

Orange loaded the bases in the fourth on a Carol Spanks single, a fielder's choice which got no one out,

and a walk, but Harris fanned Mickey Davis to end the inning.

**TOPELY TRIPLED** to center to open the seventh and held on as Mary Lou Adams was safe on a fielder's choice. Then Harris retired the side on a strikeout, infield popup, and another strikeout.

Paula Miller, who became Mrs. Wayne Noel a week earlier, cut short her honeymoon in Utah to hurl a three-hit shutout in Saturday's nightcap and score the only run in the eighth.

The Saints went hitless until the sixth, when Judy Hoke singled with two outs

to drive Becky Rice to third. Becky had walked for the second time. Except for Barbara Thomas' two-out single in the seventh, that was all the action in regulation time.

**ITO HAD** singled in the first but was nipped by Rau's throw on a theft attempt, and Haataja singled in the sixth to become the only other Orange baserunner.

In the eighth, Paula singled up the middle, moved up on a sacrifice and ground out, then raced home on Hoke's trickler to third which went for an infield single. Davis singled off Paula in the eighth but

## to 2-2 split

never got beyond first base.

Harris gained a measure of revenge with a three-hit shutout Sunday. And she scored the first and only needed run. Billie singled in the first and waltzed home on Rau's home run clout to left field. Kurtz blasted a homer to left-center in the third, and the Saints got an insurance run in the sixth when Rau singled, advanced on a bunt, and scored on Lynn Mooney's single to right-center.

**ORANGE** scored the only run of the series finale in the fourth off Noel. Topley led off with a single, went to second on a sacrifice, and scored on a Davis single to

right. Paula gave up only two other singles.

The Saints had two threats—both with two out. Rice singled in the third and moved up when Kurtz walked. Rau and Noel rapped back-to-back singles in the sixth. The first threat ended with an infield tapper and the second with a strikeout.

The Sun Citians had racked up four straight shutout wins over Orange earlier this season in Sun City—but that was the Lionettes' first action of the season while the Saints had played several games by then, and those were exhibition games.



Angel Award went to Al Kurtz, Glendale clothing store owner, voted by team as best supporter. Kurtz accepts award from his daughter, Ginger, Saints co-business manager.



# Saints to get 'breather' with non-league games

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

'Tis the day before the weekend and visions of sugar-coated RBIs are no doubt floating through at least three minds.

The Sun City Saints will host two teams for a pair of exhibition doubleheaders tomorrow and Sunday nights as the Phoenix Sandettes are scheduled at Sun City Stadium tomorrow night and the Phoenix Westerners for Sunday night.

Both teams are members of the Copperstate League and as such the contests will be exhibition ball. The Saints are members of the Pacific Coast Women's

Softball League.

The Sandettes and Westerners are in a three-way tie with the Phoenix Sun-Stars for first place in the Copperstate League. The Las Vegas Belles from Nevada had previously been scheduled to play Saturday's doubleheader, but Vegas pitcher Bev McDermott was injured recently by a line drive and will not be able to play, so the Belles decided to cancel the games.

Sunday night will see the Copperstate league's top-ranked pitcher Darlene Spiva, playing with the Westerners, going against the Saints' mound staff.

While the Sandettes are

new to Sun City Stadium, the Westerners showed up for four contests last year.

And several Saints assuredly have vivid memories of the occasion.

IN THE FIRST series against the Westerners in May of 1972 season, centerfielder Judy Hoke put together two hits in the first game including a triple and came back with another safety in the nightcap—then went into the July series and put together four more hits.

Saints' shortstop Ginger Kurtz chipped in five more hits during the four-game encounter.

The Saints swept all four of last year's games from the Westerners, with Saints'

veteran Billie Harris tossing a no-hitter and Paula (Miller) Noel adding a one-hit shutout.

FOR SECOND baseman LeeAnn Easley, this weekend's series should hold a special attraction. Last year saw her debut with the Saints when she stepped into the second base spot when illness forced regular starter Sandy Kelley to leave after the first game.

LeeAnn responded by going 2-for-3 at the plate, scored a run, and accounted for two RBIs.

For first baseman Thelma Keith, this will be a weekend of forced rest. Thelma strained her back while making a stretch at first base Sunday during the Orange Lionettes series in California and will not be able to play for this series. She expects to be ready to go again in time for a four-game series with the Salt Lake City Shamrocks next weekend.

Probable replacements for Keith would include Georgia Buelow or Lynn Mooney. Buelow would be the likely choice since moving Mooney from her regular third base spot would mean bringing in another third sacker. But that has not proven a problem in the past for coach Gerald Stapley since he has enough depth to do it, probably moving outfielder Judy Hoke into that spot.

This year's series will be a reversal of last year's situation. The Saints were busy looking ahead to the next week when they were scheduled to meet the league-leading Lionettes. But this season finds the Lionettes' series behind them, providing a chance to sit back and enjoy the game.

Game time tomorrow and Sunday night is 7:30. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.



IS THE FOOD  
READY??!



Obviously unhappy during recent game, Saints' first baseman Thelma Keith is worse off this weekend. She will sit out series with strained back. (News-Sun Photo)



# Saints rip Copperstate's best

By BURT FREIREICH

If ever there was a question about the relative strengths of the Pacific Coast Women's League's Sun City Saints and the Copperstate Softball League, it was answered convincingly over the weekend.

The Saints, although shorthanded, destroyed two of the Copperstate's first-place teams in a pair of doubleheaders here.

A rare three-way tie existed in the Copperstate, and one of this threesome, the Phoenix Sandettes, absorbed 4-0 and 12-3 defeats at the hands of the Saints Saturday.

PAULA NOEL blanked

another Copperstate leader, the Phoenix Westerners, twice on Sunday, 10-0 and 5-0.

Paula hurled the weekend opener against the Sandettes, and reserve hurler Georgia Buelow handled Saturday's nightcap in the absence of ace Billie Harris, who faces major surgery Tuesday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix.

Thelma Keith, recovering from a strained back, missed Saturday's action but returned to duty unexpectedly Sunday. Catcher Marilyn Rau and then Mrs. Noel filled in for her Saturday.

THE SAINTS didn't exactly run wild over the Sandettes' Vera Bracamonte in the opener. While Mrs. Noel checked her mates on two hits, she was pretty stingy herself,

allowing only one earned run.

Linda Spradley walked in the third, was sacrificed to second, and scored on Ginger Kurtz's double to right. When the ball got past the right fielder, Ginger raced home, too.

Spradley's single in the fifth touched off another two-run outburst. Linda scooted to second on an outfield bobbie, then to third as LeeAnn Easley's grounder was mishandled for an error, and scored on an infield out. Kurtz rapped out another two-out single to drive in Easley.

BUELOW GAVE up a run to the Sandettes on three hits in the first and later gave up a pair on three singles in the sixth. But she and Denny Buchanan more than made up for it with

offensive activities of their own.

Georgia blasted a single and two-run homer, drove in two runs, and scored three. Denny singled as the Saints leadoff batter and scored the first run, then uncorked a bases-loaded homer to wind up Sun City scoring in the fifth.

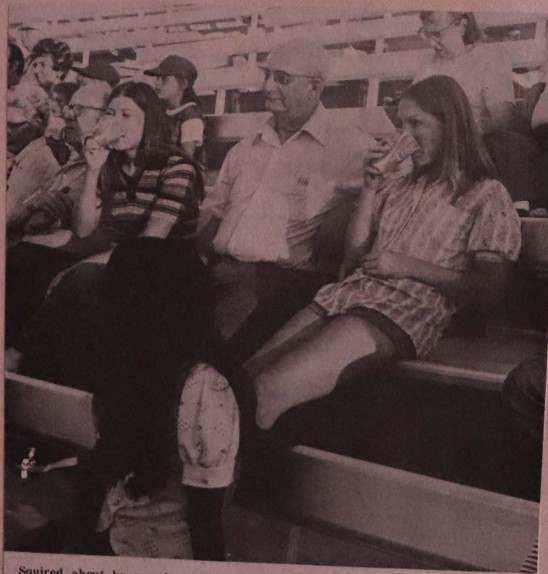
After Denny's single and an error, Noel crashed a triple to give the Saints a 2-1 lead. A four-run outburst in the second included successive doubles by Kurtz, Judy Hoke, and Rau.

THE WESTERNERS committed six errors in Sunday's opener to pave the way for an easy 10-0 Saints win. Becky Rice opened with a double, and enough

walks and errors followed to produce four runs. Keith singled and Rau's double featured a two-run outburst in the second.

When the dust cleared, Hoke and Barbara Thomas each had a pair of hits for Sun City, Kurtz and Hoke scored three times apiece, and the Westerners had a meager three safeties off Noel.

They managed four hits off Paula in the finale but never came close after Lynn Mooney's single and a pair of errors gave Sun City a 2-0 lead in the second. A couple of errors, a walk, and Lynn's double produced the final three runs in the fifth as Darlene Spiva hurled well for the Westerners.



Squired about by proud grandpa, two Saints-watchers catch early game action at Saturday doubleheader. Grandpa

popped for couple of cokes to help beat the heat.



## Saints statistics (sob) suffer sorry fortune

The News-Sun is publishing only Sunday's Saints boxscores in this issue. Saturday's boxscores are not available—and that is a story in itself.

The News-Sun had planned to use the boxscores from the Saints' scorebook. First baseman Thelma Keith had the book Saturday but forgot to take it to Sun City Stadium Sunday. So she phoned Saints franchise owner Bev Dryer to request that she take them along to the game.

Bev latched onto two scorebooks. But when she arrived at the stadium only one was in her possession. The other—which was the one containing the needed information—flew out of her car en route.

If anyone finds a beaten, battered, and tremarked scorebook on the Black Canyon Freeway, please handle it carefully. We need it.



TRAFFIC GETS TOUGH!



RENT A WHAT??

## A team too tough to...

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

Rumor has it that the Sun City Saints may soon have to publish a "Who's Who" hospital listing.

The word is that Harris is in, Keith is back, and Kurtz isn't sure where she's at.

Veteran pitcher Billie Harris is scheduled to undergo an operation this

morning at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix. According to coach Gerald Stapley, the operation is serious enough to keep the ageless All-Star out of action for at least five weeks, perhaps more.

**FIRST BASEMAN** Thelma Keith surprised herself and Stapley when she reported ready to play Sunday night for a doubleheader with the Phoenix Westerners. She had strained the muscles in her back the weekend before when the Saints traveled to California to play the Orange Lionettes.

Thelma had figured to miss the full weekend of play and did sit out the Saturday twin bill against the Phoenix Sandettes. Sitting still that long evidently proved to be too much for her and just prior to game time Sunday night she told Stapley she felt fit

enough to be back on the field.

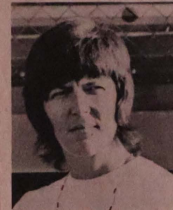
Shortstop Ginger Kurtz is probably still trying to clear the visions of baseball cleats and shin bones from her mind long enough to decide which way to the ball field.

**ABOUT MIDWAY** through Sunday night's finale, Ginger went into one of her head-first slides at third base but was stopped several yards short of her goal by a firm stand on the part of the Westerner's third baseman.

Lee Ann Easley came in to take over the duties at short while Ginger was given a bag of ice to calm a fast-swelling lump on her head.

When the dust finally clears, however, Stapley hopes to have a full roster, with the exception of Harris, on hand for this weekend's series with the Salt Lake City Shamrocks.

There is one question outstanding for Stapley: Anybody know where to find a good pitcher?



THELMA KEITH

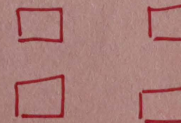


BILLIE HARRIS



GINGER KURTZ

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## BILLIE HARRIS OUT FOR SEASON

# Saints face 4 league games on strength of lone pitcher

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

As the saying goes: You never know whatcha got 'til you don't have it.

The absence of veteran pitcher Billie Harris may never be felt as greatly as this weekend when the Sun City Saints host the Salt Lake City Shamrocks for a four-game series at Sun City Stadium. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Billie underwent an operation Tuesday to repair damage in her intestines. She reports that she is feeling fine, but will have a recuperation period of at

least six weeks and does not plan to be back in uniform for the rest of the season.

THAT LEAVES the task of pitching the Saints to the league title in the hands of veteran Paula Miller and Georgia Buelow, who has been handling some of the pitching on and off-and-on basis.

But Georgia has never claimed to be the answer to the Saints' pitching problems. She is new to the caliber of mound competition in the Pacific Coast League.

That old truism of not appreciating what you have is particularly applicable at this point in the season. And for several reasons.

TOMORROW AND Sunday nights' contests are especially important since they will be league games. Thus far, the Saints have done very well in the overall standings, but have only managed to split the eight league contests thus far.

Now, normally the Shamrock series is a chance to pick up a few stepping stones toward the league lead. Last year the Saints took seven of the eight games with the Utahans.

This year they desperately need more than an even split. They need 'em all.

BUT BACK to Billie. It was the seasoned All-Star Harris who tossed two shutouts in the first four-game series with the Shamrocks, posting a one-hitter in the opener to establish the Saints' intentions.

As if that was not enough, she helped her cause in the opener by going 2-for-3 at the plate. And then scored the winning run to top it off.

It was exactly at this time last year that the Saints and Shamrocks met in their first series and those four wins made it eight straight after

dropping four to the league-leading Orange Lionettes.

THIS YEAR, they are also coming off of four straight wins—but that is a deceiving statistic. The past four wins

have been against Copperstate League teams and have not really provided a test of strength.

However, the weekend prior to those games, the

Saints split a four-game series with the Pacific Coast League's No. 1 team, the Lionettes—and those were road games. That should provide an indication that the Saints are stronger earlier this year.

But that was with Billie.



Little packages do sometimes hold big surprises. Right fielder Becky Rice, smallest Saints' member, was moved from lead-off to clean-up spot in batting order for last Sunday's game with Phoenix Westerners.

(News-Sun Photo)



## RAU POWER HELPS

# Paula pitches Saints to second in league

**By BURT FREIREICH**  
Four yeoman pitching performances by Paula Noel and possibly the No. 1 power display of Marilyn Rau's nine-year career have vaulted the Sun City Saints to within striking distance of the Pacific Coast Women's League lead.

Although only sketchy statistics are available, it appears that the Orange Lionettes top the league with a 7-3 record for a .700 average while the Saints now are 11-5 for a .687 average.

WITH BILLIE Harris recuperating from surgery, the newlywed Mrs. Noel assumed the entire Sun City pitching burden over the weekend and notched three shutouts over the free-swinging Salt Lake City Shamrocks. Her victories were 11-0 and 10-3 Saturday and 3-0 and 7-0 Sunday.

Losing pitcher in the last three contests was Joy Wood, veteran Salt Lake ace who was familiar to Sun City fans as Joy Peterson. A December marriage changed her name.

Miss Rau started slowly with a single in three trips in the series' first game, then built to a crescendo.

**SHE BLASTED** two triples in three at-bats and drove in three runs in Saturday's nightcap.

She figured in all of the scoring in Sunday's opener with a triple and double in three trips. Then, in the finale, she came within 18 inches of becoming the first woman softball to clear the fence 240 feet away. That drive went for a double and drove in Judy Hoke, who had tripled moments earlier.

Judy had a hitting spree of her own. She went 7-for-13 in the series, including two triples.

**THE SHAMROCKS** committed six errors in paving the way for their 11-0 inaugural loss. A walk, a passed ball, a sacrifice, and an error allowed Ginger Kurtz to score in the first, and Ginger's bases-loaded single drove in a pair in the second. Mrs. Noel doubled in two runs in the third and in the fifth scored on Thelma Keith's single after tripling.

Salt Lake City went to work early in the second game. They managed only one run in the first although Jody Schwich tripled and Les Ball and Mrs. Wood followed with singles. They

added two in the second on a single, the first of Lots Elkington's three successive doubles, and Janet Keim's triple.

**BUT THE** Saints got all they needed with five runs in the first. An error, a Hoke single, and a Rau triple produced two quick runs. A walk, Barbara Thomas' double, and an error finished out the inning. Mrs. Noel's single drove in two runs in the fourth, and back-to-back Hoke and Rau triples featured the three-run fifth.

The Shamrocks got tougher Sunday. Hoke's two-out single in the first was followed by a Rau triple, and Marilyn scored on an error. An error and Rau's run-scoring double to right-center produced the 3-0 win. Elkington's pinch single broke up a Noel no-hitter with one out in the sixth.

**THE FINALE** was tight for a while. Kurtz beat out an infield tapper for a first-inning single, then scored on a two-base throwing error. An error and Lynn Mooney's single produced another tally in the fourth.

Then the Saints erupted for five runs in the fifth. The rally included singles by Keith, Mooney, and Becky Rice plus extra-base blows by Kurtz, Hoke, and Rau.

The Saints will host the Redwood City Jets in a pair of 7:30 p.m. doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday. These are not league games.

## Noel starts blitz

SALT LAKE	ab r h bi
Keim, 3b	3 0 1 0
Schwich, ss	3 0 1 0
Ball, rf, 2b	2 0 1 0
Wood, 1b	3 0 0 0
Aardema, c	3 0 1 0
Haviland, cf	2 0 0 0
Hann, lf	3 0 0 0
Elkington, p	2 0 0 0
Parrish, 2b	0 0 0 0
Baker, rf	2 0 0 0
TOTALS	23 0 4 0

SAINTS	ab r h bi
Kurtz, ss	3 1 2 2
Hoke, cf	3 2 1 0
Rau, c	3 2 1 0
Rice, rf	4 0 2 1
Mooney, 2b	4 1 2 2
Thomas, lf	3 1 0 0
Buchanan, rf	1 0 0 0
Noel, p	4 2 2 2
Keith, 1b	3 1 2 1
Spradley, 2b	1 1 0 0
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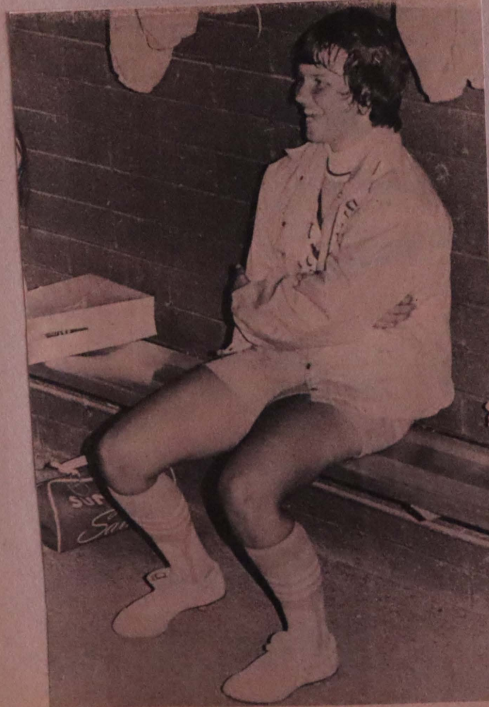
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SAINTS	132 212 x-11 12 1

## 13-hit barrage

SALT LAKE	ab r h bi
Keim, 3b	4 0 1 2
Schwich, ss	3 1 1 0
Ball, 2b-1b	3 0 1 1
Wood, p	3 0 2 0
Aardema, c	3 0 0 0
Haviland, cf	3 0 1 0
Hann, lf	3 1 0 0
Elkington, 1b-rf	3 1 3 0
Baker, rf-2b	3 0 0 0
TOTALS	28 3 9 3

SAINTS	ab r h bi
Kurtz, ss	3 3 2 0
Hoke, cf	4 3 3 1
Rau, c	3 2 2 3
Noel, p	2 1 2 3
Mooney, 3b	3 0 1 0
Thomas, lf	4 1 2 1
Rice, rf	3 0 1 1
Buchanan, rf	1 0 0 0
Keith, 1b	4 0 0 0
Spradley, 2b	3 0 0 0
TOTALS	30 10 13 9

SALT LAKE	120 000 0-3 9 3
SAINTS	500 230 x-10 13 1



## Kurtz sets pace

SALT LAKE	ab r h bi
Schwich, ss	3 0 0 0
Aardema, c	3 0 0 0
Ball, 1b	3 0 0 0
Wood, p	3 0 0 0
Keim, 3b	2 0 0 0
Haviland, cf	2 0 0 0
Hann, cf	2 0 0 0
Elkington, rf	2 0 1 0
Baker, 2b	2 0 0 0
TOTALS	22 0 2 0

SAINTS	ab r h bi
Kurtz, ss	4 2 3 1
Buchanan, lf-cf	4 0 0 0
Hoke, cf	3 1 1 1
Thomas, lf	0 0 0 0
Rau, c	4 2 1 1
Keith, 1b	2 0 1 0
Mooney, 3b	3 1 2 2
Noel, p	3 0 0 0
Rice, rf	2 0 1 1
Spradley, 2b	2 1 0 0
TOTALS	28 7 9 6

SALT LAKE	000 000 0-0 2 3
SAINTS	100 150 x-7 9 0

## Rau takes charge

SALT LAKE	ab r h bi
Schwich, ss	3 0 0 0
Aardema, c	3 0 0 0
Ball, 1b	3 0 1 0
Wood, p	3 0 0 0
Keim, 3b	3 0 0 0
Haviland, cf	2 0 0 0
Hann, lf	2 0 0 0
Flory, rf	1 0 0 0
Elkington, rf	1 0 1 0
Baker, 2b	2 0 0 0
TOTALS	23 0 2 0

SAINTS	ab r h bi
Kurtz, ss	3 0 1 0
Buchanan, lf	3 0 0 0
Hoke, cf	3 2 2 0
Rau, c	3 1 2 2
Keith, 1b	3 0 0 0
Mooney, 3b	3 0 1 0
Noel, p	2 0 0 0
Rice, rf	3 0 1 0
Spradley, 2b	3 0 0 0
TOTALS	26 3 7 2

SALT LAKE	000 000 0-0 2 3
SAINTS	200 010 x-3 7 1





### Run set up

Saints catcher Marilyn Rau heads into first base Sunday in second game's fourth inning. Reaching base on Shamrock's error, Rau was brought home for inning's second run on single by third baseman Lynn Mooney. (News-Sun Photo)



SHOVE IT IN!





# 10-GAME ROAD TRIP AHEAD

## Saints give record crowds 4-game sweep of

## Jets

By BURT FREIREICH  
Sun City's Saints will head for a 10-game road trip over the long Fourth of July weekend (starting Saturday) so they left their local fans with something to remember—a four-game sweep of the Redwood City Jets.

The fans left the Saints with something to remember, too—a season record turnout. The two doubleheaders drew a 2,744 paid attendance, Sunday's 1,406 turnout was a 1973 record Sunday.

The Californians found Paula Miller Noel almost untouchable as she pulled the Sun Citizens into a 36-6 overall season record and 25-1 in exhibition play.

**PAULA OPENED** Saturday with a 6-0 four-hitter. The Saints scored early and often in the nightcap so Coach Gerald Stapley yanked Paula after three shutout innings, and Georgia Buelow mopped up for a 13-2 triumph.

The Jets, who two weeks earlier split a four-game series with the Pacific Coast Women's League champion Orange Lions, got tough Sunday. Linda Wheelan, who was shelled Saturday, lost a tough 2-0 contest in which Mrs. Noel accounted for the only earned run.

Even that one was tainted as her long line drive was misjudged by the centerfielder into a triple. Paula won the finale, 4-1, her own throwing error

ending a long string of scoreless innings.

**THELMA KEITH** came out of a batting slump with six hits in 13 trips for the weekend. Becky Rice went 6 for 11, including three straight singles in the finale.

Barbara Thomas celebrated the return of her sailor-husband from Vietnam with a topflight hitting performance—triple, double, and two singles in six at-bats.

Sunday's first-game cliffhanger was settled in the third although the Sun Citizens had a golden op-



portunity in the first. Ginger Kurtz opened with a walk, raced to third on a Thomas single, and then Barbara stole second. The next three batters failed to get the ball out of the infield, however, and the opportunity went down the drain.

MRS. NOEL tripled to open the third and dashed home on Kurtz's followup

ground out. Ginger also was involved in all of the nightcap's scoring.

The Saints got an insurance run in Sunday's opener in the fourth, when Rice singled to right with one out. Linda Spradley drove a sharp grounder to the shortstop, and the throw for an attempted forceout at second went into right center. Becky raced in to score, and Linda also would have tallied but for a fantastic catch and tag by catcher Wanda Aitch.

Saints catcher Marilyn Rau put on her own sensational defensive performance in Sunday's opener. The Jets loaded the bases with three successive singles after two outs in the second, but Marilyn's rifle arm picked off the runner at first to end the threat.

**SHE PICKED OFF** another runner at first base in the sixth, and after a followup single it appeared that she had done it for the third time but the umpire ruled that the first baseman had missed the tag.

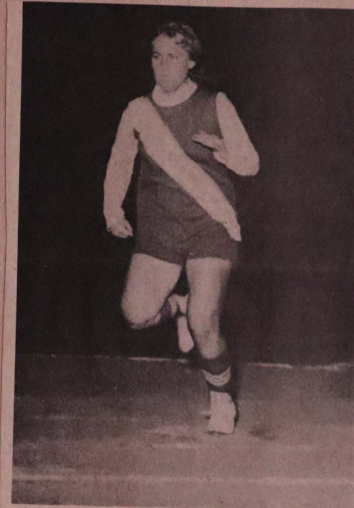
Undaunted, Marilyn wound up the game with a double play. As Linda Benberg struck out, Marilyn pegged the ball to shortstop Kurtz, who launched a

rundown on a baserunner attempting to advance from first.

In the nightcap Kurtz was safe on an error to open the first inning, advanced on a sacrifice and Judy Hoke's single to left, then scored on

an errant throw by the second baseman attempting to foil a double steal.

**RICE SINGLED** in the second and advanced on a sacrifice, then scored on Kurtz's two-out single up the middle.



Judy Hoke, Saints' centerfielder, adds still another tally to Saints' total in 13-2 rout over Redwood City, Calif., Jets Saturday night.



## Saints Boxscores

### Paula's whitewash

### Ginger drives in 3

#### REDWOOD CITY

	ab	r	h	bi
Schaffer, 3b	3	0	1	0
N. Justino, cf	2	0	1	0
Larson, ss	3	0	0	0
Bayliss, 1b	3	0	0	0
Aitch, c	3	0	0	0
Wheelan, p	3	0	2	0
Benberg, 2b	0	0	1	0
Alves, lf	2	0	1	0
J. Justino, rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	0	6	0

#### SAINTS

	ab	r	h	bi
Kurtz, ss	2	0	0	1
Thomas, lf	2	0	2	0
Hoke, cf	3	0	0	0
Rau, c	2	0	0	0
Keith, 1b	3	0	1	0
Mooney, 3b	2	0	0	0
Rice, rf	3	1	1	0
Spradley, 2b	3	0	0	0
Noel, p	2	1	1	0
TOTALS	22	2	5	1

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#### REDWOOD CITY

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Schaffer, 3b	4	0	2	1
N. Justino, cf	4	0	0	0
Larson, ss	2	0	0	0
Bayliss, 1b	3	0	0	0
Aitch, c	3	0	2	0
Coffa, p	3	0	0	0
Benberg, 2b	3	1	1	0
Alves, lf	1	0	0	0
Borchard, rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	1	5	1

#### SAINTS

	ab	r	h	bi
Kurtz, ss	4	1	2	3
Buchanan, lf	3	0	1	0
Hoke, cf	4	0	1	0
Rau, c	2	0	0	0
Keith, 1b	3	0	1	0
Mooney, 3b	3	0	1	0
Rice, rf	3	2	3	0
Spradley, 2b	2	1	1	0
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Noel, p	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	26	4	11	3

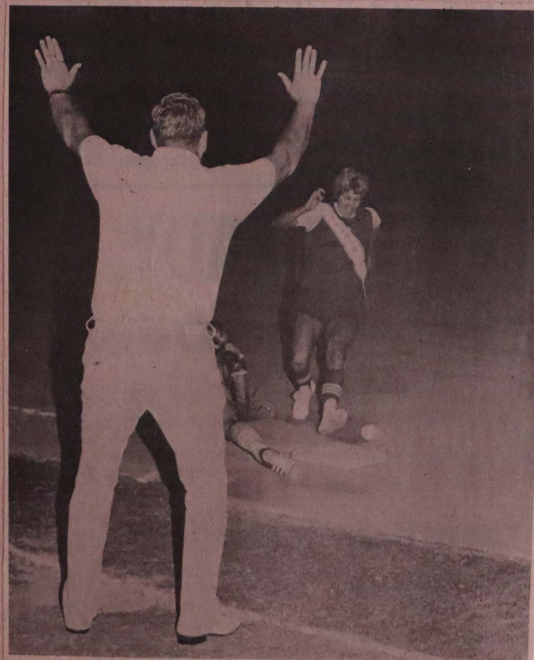
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**It was run,  
after run,  
after run  
for Saints**



Judging by determined look on her face, Saints' first baseman Thelma Keith is not to be denied three-base hit. Saints' coach Gerald Stapley signals for Thelma to hold

at third after lining a triple to deep center in Saturday nightcap. Error on throw allowed her to continue on, however, scoring one of Saints' 13 runs that game.



## 0-GAME ROAD TRIP ON TAP

# Saints to play with partial crew

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

Tomorrow the Sun City Saints kick off a 10-game California road schedule, but will be at full strength for only four of those contests.

The Saints are scheduled to take on the Fresno Rockets tomorrow and Sunday, then travel to Sacramento Monday for a doubleheader with the Sonics, and then to Santa Clara Tuesday and Wednesday for four more games with the Laurels.

Shortstop Ginger Kurtz

and centerfielder Judy Hoke will be in attendance for the four games with the Rockets in Fresno, but will return to the Valley after that series to prepare for summer school class finals next week.

THE CLASSES are particularly important since both have signed contracts to teach and need the credits from the summer course to graduate this summer.

To add to the problems, Saints' coach Gerald Stapley has 70 innings of ball over the five-day schedule and only one seasoned

pitcher. With Billie Harris out, Paula Noel has been going it alone, which is plausible for four games over a weekend.

But 10 games in five days is unrealistic.

FORTUNATELY, the Fresno series will conclude the league contests during the road trip. The games with the Sacramento Sonics and Santa Clara Laurels are exhibition play.

However, even exhibition play for the Sun City girls constitutes a matter of pride since they have built up a prestigious overall record of

36 wins and six losses on the year.

In fact, while the defending Pacific Coast Women's Softball League champs, the Orange Lionettes, hold the No. 1 spot by a few games this year, the Saints have compiled a better overall record.

THIS WILL be the first meeting with the Rockets this year, but it will not be the last. The Fresno squad is scheduled at Sun City Stadium July 20, 21 for a four-game series.

At this point, it would provide a psychological

advantage for the Saints to sweep the Fresno series so that when the Rockets arrive here for the concluding series, the Saints would have the upper hand.

And for that matter, by the time the next series with Fresno arrives, it could well have a significant effect on the league standings since the race between the second place Saints and the Lionettes is no more than a few games apart at this point.

THIS WILL also be the first encounter with the Sonics this year. Earlier in the season the Saints hosted the Santa Clara Laurels, taking three of the four games from them. However, that was when veteran pitcher Billie Harris was still on the mound for the Saints and Ginger and Judy were both on hand.

For the Sun City lasses, obviously, the Fresno series is most important.

But there is sure to be a lot of scrambling for those last six games as well.



Likely replacements for Saints' shortstop Ginger Kurtz and centerfielder Judy Hoke during five-day road trip starting tomorrow, will be LeeAnn Easley (left) and Denny Buchanan. Easley is expected to go to short and Buchanan to center. Kurtz and Hoke will miss all but four games to return to college summer classes in Valley.

(News-Sun Photos)



## Standings

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE		
	W	L
Orange	13	3
SUN CITY	11	5
Fullerton	11	9
Salt Lake	6	18
Fresno	3	9

HELP



# Decimated Saints split 6 on Coast

Special to News-Sun

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—In case you had any doubts, the proof now is in—the Sun City Saints aren't quite as competitive with a third of the starting lineup out of action.

After winning three out of four league games at Fresno over the weekend, the Saints managed only an even break in six non-league encounters as they continued their madcap Pacific Coast swing which included 10 games over a five-day span.

Following the Fresno set, shortstop Ginger Kurtz and centerfielder Judy Hoke flew back to Phoenix for ASU summer school final exams, and an injury incurred while scoring the winning run in the last Fresno game put first baseman Thelma Keith onto crutches.

PAULA NOEL hurled all 10 games, the last eight with a bruised ankle.

So it was a makeshift Sun

City squad which lost two games Monday to the Sacramento Sonics, 3-2 and 1-0. The Saints moved up to Santa Clara to score 1-0 and 9-8 triumphs Tuesday, then lost a 1-0 verdict to the Laurels Wednesday before closing out the series with a 5-0 win.

During these last six games of the tour Georgia Buelow filled in at first base, Denny Buchanan in center, and LeeAnn Easley at shortstop.

IN THE opener at Sacramento all the scoring was concentrated in the first innings. The Sonics got four of their seven hits in the first inning, showing across three runs. The Saints got four of their hits in the first for two runs.

The Saints outthit the Sonics, 5-4, in the second game but committed both of their errors in the fifth inning to give Sacramento the game's only run. The double loss left Sun City's season exhibition mark at 25-3.

It was a different story at Santa Clara Tuesday, when Mrs. Noel set the Laurels down on one hit in the opener. The Saints got only three hits, two of them by Marilyn Rau. Buchanan was hit by a pitch in the first inning, stole second, moved to third on a bunt, and scored as Rau unleashed a

triple to end the scoring early.

THE NIGHTCAP was a slugfest, with the Saints

outhitting the Laurels, 10-8. Sun City gained a 9-0 lead with two runs in the second and seven in the third, then

held on like grim death to outlast the late charging Santa Clarans.

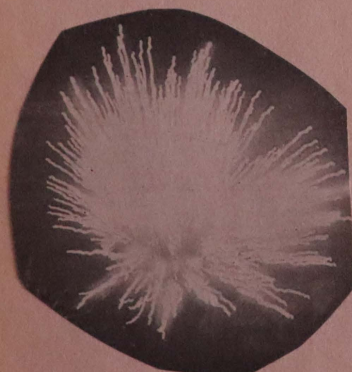
The Laurels got a



Proving to be thorn in side of Santa Clara Laurels, Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau picked up two of team's three hits during

opening game Tuesday and came back later in series with Laurels to post two of team's four hits that game.

(News-Sun Photo)





# gird for JFK

measure of revenge in Wednesday's opener, with an unearned run giving them a 1-0 victory. A single with one out in the sixth, a sacrifice, and a two-base throwing error on an infield grounder produced the lone tally. Rau collected two of Sun City's four hits. Santa Clara also was limited to four safeties.

Mrs. Noel scattered three hits in posting a 5-0 shutout to conclude the road trip. The Saints bunched three hits in the fourth in picking up three runs, and Linda Spradley tripled home a pair in the sixth.

**THIS WEEKEND** the Saints will be back at Sun City Stadium, hosting the John F. Kennedy College Patriettes in 7:30 p.m. doubleheaders tomorrow and Sunday.

The bulk of the Saints' squad has been involved in a

keen rivalry with the Wahoo, Neb., team through participation in collegiate women's softball on the Arizona State squad.

Two years ago Mrs. Noel won the national collegiate tourney's most valuable player award although JFK bested ASU for the title. Last year ASU won, and the Sun Devils repeated this year although JFK was ineligible because of its athletic scholarship program.

**NONETHELESS**, the Sun Devil squad left for the Omaha tourney early in order to play an exhibition doubleheader at Wahoo. The Devils and JFK split, Mrs. Noel winning 3-0 and ex-Saint Betty Barr absorbing a 5-3 defeat.

Keith will miss the Patriette series but is expected to return to action against the Shamrocks at Salt Lake City July 14-15.



MOONEY! STAY AWAY FROM THAT FOOD!!

## In praise of Saints — angelic and otherwise



In ceremonial weekend, Saints women softball team honored its founder, owner, and former coach—Bev Dryer—by dedicating 1973 program to her. Co-business manager Lynn Mooney is at right.



Retired Saint, Sandy Kelley, is honored for her six years with team.

YEA!





Georgia Buelow (top) may see more duty for remainder of year as Saints' pitcher, depending on condition of regular hurler Paula Miller Noel, who injured ankle during last weekend's series with Fresno. Same could hold true for outfielder Cheryl Stice during this week's play encompassing yesterday through tomorrow, since return of Judy Hoke and Ginger Kurtz to Phoenix and injury to Noel leaves team with skimpy roster. (News-Sun Photos)



## 1ST BASEMAN OUT TOO

# Saints in trouble-

Special to News-Sun  
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Although the Sun City Saints played in the thick of the Pacific Coast Women's League pennant race via three victories in a four-game series at Fresno over the weekend, it just might be that running into Diane Jones will prove to be the end of a happy season.

The Saints had a non-league twin bill scheduled here last night against the Sacramento Sonics—plus non-league doubleheaders today and tomorrow against the Laurels at Santa Clara—facing a very real parallel to the old Abbott and Costello routine of "Who's on first?"

Coach Gerald Stapley's Saints have been down to one pitcher, Paula Miller Noel, since surgery sidelined Billie Harris for the season. Well, Paula ran into Miss Jones at home plate Saturday at Fresno and Sunday had to pitch two games with a tightly taped left ankle.

FIRST baseman Thelma Keith had an encounter with catcher Jones in the eighth inning of Sunday's finale, scoring the winning run. But Thelma wound up with a knee so badly bruised that she couldn't straighten her left leg Monday and reported she would be unable to play in last night's twin bill.

Both Paula and Thelma

were due for visits to a physician yesterday.

With shortstop Ginger Kurtz and center fielder Judy Hoke flying back to Phoenix after the Fresno series in order to take final exams at Arizona State University summer school, the Saints were down to nine available players if Mrs. Noel were ordered to the sidelines.

GEORGIA Buelow has had some experience at first base and was expected to fill in there provided she wasn't needed to pitch. Besides Paula, Georgia is the only Saint with any hurling experience.

With Georgia on the mound, that would leave rookie reserve Cheryl Stice to fill in the remaining spot—either first base or third base should Lynn Mooney be moved to first.

The Saints dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker in the Fresno opener, then came back for a pair of 4-0 triumphs plus a 2-1 chilling overtime victory.

THE SAINTS took a 1-0 lead in the opener's third inning on a Barbara Thomas single and Hoke's rousing triple. The Rockets scored a pair in the sixth via a single, walk, and bunt. On the bunt an attempted forceout at third failed, loading the bases. A bloop single to right scored one run, and a

grounder to short produced another when the throw to the plate was late. A double play ended the inning.

The Sun Citians tied it in the seventh after two outs. Linda Spradley and Kurtz both singled. Thomas grounded to short, but the throw to first was wide, and Linda scored on the error.

Fresno won it with a disputed run in the seventh. Denise Haas singled and moved up on a sacrifice. After catching a fly to left, Thomas threw wildly to third for an error, with catcher Marilyn Rau retrieving the ball and another errant throw sailing past the third baseman.

BY THIS time first baseman Keith was covering home and took a



NICE VIEW



## —only hurler hurt

Thomas throw as the runner slid into her. The umpire ruled the runner safe, ending the game amid futile Saint protests.

The Saints evened things up in Saturday's nightcap behind Noel's four-hit shutout. Her mates gave her a 3-0 lead in the first. Denny Buchanan singled up the middle with one out, stole second, and raced home on a Hoke single.

Rau singled Hoke to third and then stole second. Both Hoke and Rau scored on Keith's long single.

THE LAST—and most troublesome—run came in the second when Noel doubled, moved to third on Spradley's sacrifice, and scored on Kurtz's single to shallow left. Paula slid into

home to beat the throw but injured her left ankle in the collision.

Paula blanked the Rockets on two hits in Sunday's opener despite the taped ankle. The Saints got only two hits but were aided by seven Fresno errors. They picked up two in the first as Kurtz and Thomas each reached via errors and scored as Rau's bounder got past the third baseman for a two-base miscue.

Thomas gained first via another error in the fifth, and Hoke followed up with a home run smash to left center.

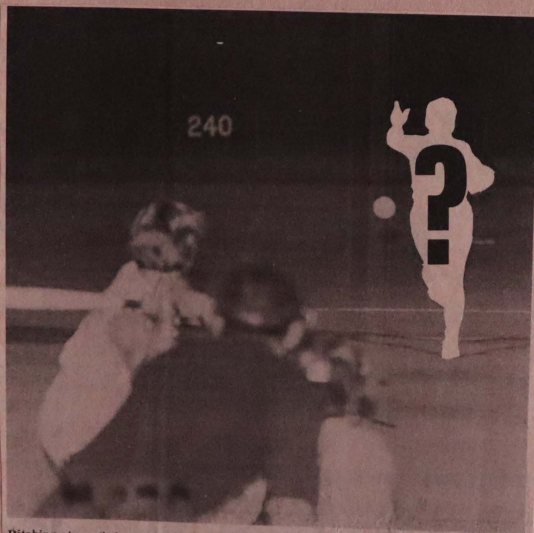
THE ROCKETS almost wrapped up the finale with a lone run. In the fourth Sheila Patterson reached on an error and moved up on a

sacrifice. Mary Stevens singled her to third, and she scored when Kurtz threw wildly to second on an attempted forceout after fielding a hopper.

The Saints tied it in the seventh when Noel lined a single to left and moved to second when the ball got past the leftfielder on her attempted shoestring catch. A sacrifice moved Paula to third, and she scored when Kurtz's hard bouncer got past the third baseman for an error.

In the eighth Keith singled to center with one out and advanced on a sacrifice. Buchanan singled to center and Thelma raced home.

The catcher dropped the ball in a collision at home, but Thelma didn't get the best of it. She flipped into the air and landed on the plate.



Pitching strength for Sun City Saints during remainder of season continues to become more of question mark. Billie Harris is out for an indefinite period of time following surgery and the remaining strong arm, Paula Miller Noel, was injured in past weekend's skirmish with Fresno Rockets and extent of injury has not been determined. That leaves Georgia Buelow who signed on at start of season as outfielder and as such has seen only limited duty in but two of season's contests.

(News-Sun Photo)



LAST STOP BEFORE  
UTAH!



TO LITTLE, 9 LITTLE . . .

## Injury sidelines Hoke for '73

By BURT FREIREICH  
Sun City's chances for a Pacific Coast Women's League title this year aren't hopeless, but they sure are Hokeless—and that's not a bit funny to the Saints.

Already hampered by injuries from a 10-game Fourth of July holiday jaunt on the Coast, Coach Gerald Stapley's crew suffered a major setback while sweeping three games out of four last weekend from the JFK Patriettes when Judy Hoke cracked her left ankle in two places. She'll be sidelined for the rest of the season.

JUDY HAS been the steadiest performer among the Saints' offensive big guns for the past two seasons. Although a relative newcomer to the Saints, she has become one of the most feared batsmen in the league and, as such, will be sorely missed in the stretch drive as well as on the tournament trail.

Except for pitcher Paula Noel, Judy is the only Saint

batting over .300 in league play. Her .318 average, built on 21 hits in 66 at-bats, includes two homers and three triples.

In the series opener against John F. Kennedy College Saturday, Judy went 3-for-3 and stole second base twice. She tried for a third stolen base in the fifth inning and during her head-first slide she hit her ankle against the ground and snapped it. That had to be the costliest slide of the season for the Sun Citians.

MRS. NOEL, still favoring her left ankle which is tightly taped from an injury on the Coast tour, garnered a 3-0 win in the opener and posted a 2-1 decision in the nightcap.

In Sunday's opener JFK downed Georgia Buelow, 6-0, behind Kathy Bull's nifty two-hitter. But then the floodgates opened as the Saints unleashed 27 hits in a 25-3 victory in the finale.

Marilyn Rau, who has been on a long-ball hitting spree, settled the series inaugural in the first inning. Barbara Thomas and Hoke singled after one out, and Marilyn drove them in with a triple to the fence in left center. The Saints' other run came in the second when Buelow doubled with two out, moved up on Ginger Kurtz's single, and romped home on the tail end of a double steal.

The lout second game saw the Saints grab a 1-0 lead in the third when Kurtz doubled, advanced on a passed ball, and scored on a Thomas single. But the Patriettes tied it in the fourth on two infield errors and Julie Terrones' two-out single.

SUN CITY pushed across the winner in the seventh. After Mrs. Thomas and Rau opened with singles, Mrs. Noel laid down a bunt to move them along—but the first baseman fielded it and threw the ball into right field, allowing the fleet Barbara to score.

With Hoke out and first baseman Thelma Keith on

crutches from a torn knee ligament and with Becky Rice and Cheryl Stice vacationing in Kansas, coach Stapley added Arizona State University utility player Patty McKee to the Sun City lineup. She served as first base coach and, as the team's lone reserve Sunday, saw action in the series' final inning. EVEN THE hobbling Noel had to go into right field for Sunday's opener in which



Judy Hoke suffered broken left ankle Saturday night in game with Patriettes and is lost for indefinite period.

(News-Sun Photo)

Buelow got some horrendous backing in the field. Some of it was her own fault in the Patriettes' four-run second inning. It went this way:

Linda Burmeister walked with one out and dashed to third on Terrones' single to right. Georgia fielded Bull's tapper and threw to the plate—too late to get Burmeister. Robbie Franchini singled up the middle, but while the fielder was making a cautious decision on what to do with the ball, Terrones dashed home with another run.

Then came a popup and a grounder which would have

ended the inning except for a wild toss for a force play; this produced another run and led to a run-scoring single by Teri Williams.

A WALK. Williams' double, and two singles produced JFK's final two runs in the seventh.

As lethargic as the Saints looked in the field during Sunday's opener, things weren't as bad as they were to get.

They committed four errors in the first inning of the nightcap—sandwiched around singles by Williams and Glenda Vermeys—to hand JFK a 3-0 lead, and it looked like a double disaster was at hand.

But the Saints came back for two in the first on singles by Thomas and Buchanan and Lynn Mooney's two-out triple. Before the game was over Buchanan and Mooney were to produce 11 hits—6 for-6 for Denny and 5-for-6 for Lynn.

THE SAINTS tied it in the second when LeeAnn Easley singled, was sacrificed to second, and scored on Noel's single to left. Paula wound up with two doubles, two singles, and a walk in six trips.

Rau's double in the third (she later picked up a pair of triples) and Buelow's bases-loaded single which drove in two runs were the big blows in the four-run third.

The Saints had enough runs, but they didn't let up. A parade of five pitchers attempted to stem the tide, but the Sun Citians poured across 10 runs in the fourth, four in the fifth, and four in the sixth in an almost endless parade of power.

THE SAINTS will spend the upcoming weekend in Salt Lake City for a four-game league series with the Shamrocks . . . Sun City still holds down second place in the league . . .

Mooney apparently will continue at first base because Keith doesn't plan to make the trip; Thelma's cast won't come off until Friday. That means Spradley probably will stay at Mooney's regular third base spot . . . Attendance Saturday was 1,111; Sunday it was 1,042.







## Out at plate

Throw from Saints pitcher Georgia Buelow nips JFK Patriotettes' Betty Allig at plate in seventh inning of Sunday's first contest. JFK posted 6-0 win for only victory in four-game weekend series.

(News-Sun Photo)



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# Saints on final trip

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

Remember the Agatha Christie novel entitled "Ten Little Indians?"

When the story began, there were 10 people. But as time passed away, so did the 10, one by one. Sun City Saints coach Gerald Stapley has found himself in the midst of a similar count-down.

The Saints leave today for their final road trip, a four-game series tomorrow and Sunday with the Salt Lake City Shamrocks at Utah. They will take 11 players on the trip. Not because that's all they figure to need, but because that's all they've got at this point.

BILLIE Harris, one of only two Saints' pitchers, is still recuperating from an operation last month; first baseman Thelma Keith is still nursing a tear in a knee ligament; centerfielder Judy Hoke last weekend fractured her ankle in two places sliding into second base.

The series with the Shamrocks will be league games. It will be the second clash between the teams, with the Saints sweeping a four-game series last month at Sun City Stadium. Paula Noel was the lone hurler even at that time, but she still managed to post three shutouts in the sweep.

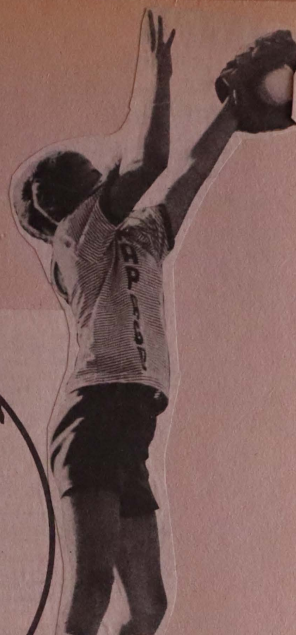
With Hoke, the second most productive hitter on the team with a .318 batting

average, out of the lineup, the offensive burden will be even heavier on Noel and catcher Marilyn Rau. Paula is the team leader in averages, but it was Marilyn who did most of the damage during the last outing with the Shamrocks.

RAU HIT two triples in the second game of the series, came back to add another triple and a double in the next contest, and hit the centerfield fence with an explosive double in the finale.

The next home series will be a three-day stand July 20-22 when the Saints meet the Fresno Rockets Friday and Saturday and the Tucson Raindrops Sunday for a total of six games.





A mixture of pretty girls and cute youngsters is just too big a temptation.

It was such a blending Sunday afternoon that turned into a full-page picture layout. Members of the Papago E1 team of 8-10 year old girls were invited to be guests of the Sun City Saints for Sunday's doubleheader with the JFK Patriettes from Nebraska.

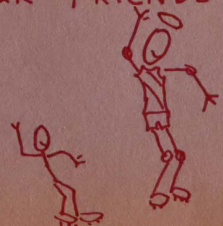
Saints' business managers Lynn Mooney and Ginger Kurtz arranged for the evening with the Papago coach, Mrs. Katie Keith. Mrs. Keith and the girls showed up in uniform and ready to

go to work.

Prior to the start of the first game, the Saints took time to take the youngsters down on the field and show them the game of softball, Saints' style. Each girl was given some individual instruction at the position she plays regularly.

When the session was over, the girls lined up for a group picture with some of the Saints and then the Papago players were given autographed programs and free cokes while they stayed to watch the Saints clash with the Patriettes.

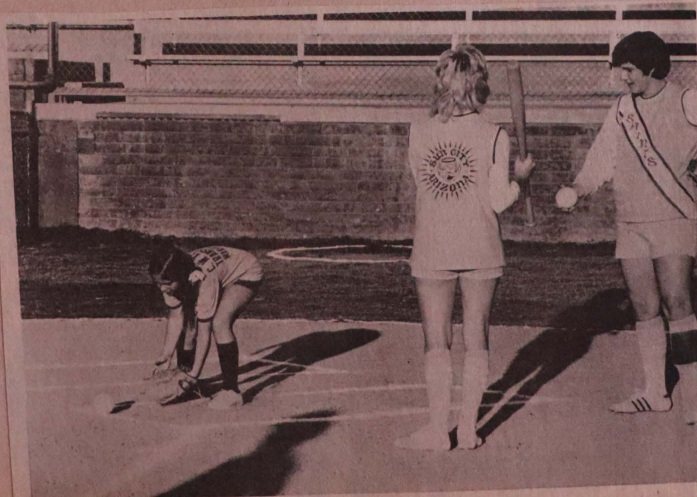
A LITTLE HELP FOR OUR FRIENDS !







Sun City Saints' Georgia Buelow gives Debbie Chapman pointers on putting best foot forward when playing first base. Debbie was one of 11 youngsters from Papago El Girl's team that showed up last week for clinic on softball given by Saints prior to series with JFK Patriettes at Sun City Stadium.



Kim Preswheat serves as catcher for Saints' shortstop Ginger Kurtz (with bat) and catcher Marilyn Rau as Miss Kurtz gives Papago girls some infield practice.





Several Saints join with Papago El girls' team for final picture at end of softball clinic at Sun City Stadium. Front row includes (from left) Terry Gaston, Loretta Ryan, Donna Crane, Jackie Thomas, Kim Preswheat, and Beverly Porter. In back row are Saints' Ginger Kurtz, Debbie Chapman, Sue Abel, Papago coach Mrs. Katie Keith, Dottie Miller, Susan Keith, Saints' Denny Buchanan, Susan Kellar, and Saints' Barbara Thomas.



Leftfielder Barbara Thomas shows Donna Crane proper way to position arms when fielding fly balls in outfield.



Pitcher Paula Noel passes along few pitching tips to Sue Abel, who is Papago team's pitcher.



## Utah series brings lead closer

# Saints sweep 4 games on

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

As the song doth proclaim, the Saints did go marching in—not with a flourish of trumpets, but rather a disarming stealth.

Following a slow start that saw the first run of the series tallied in the final inning of the first game, the Sun City Saints continued to build steam as they went on to sweep a four-game series from the Shamrocks at Salt Lake City over the weekend.

A 1-0 squeaker opened the series Saturday evening, followed by another one-run decision, 2-1. Sunday's games found the Saints putting more daylight between the scores as the Sun City lasses expressed their intent in the 5-3 opener and closed the door in the nightcap by posting a 6-1 win.

THE SALT Lake City trip concluded the eight-game home-and-home series between the two teams for the season and brought an end to the Saints' road trips for this year's regular season play. The regional tournament Aug. 10-12, after the season's demise, will be the next venture away from home.

It was the Saints' outfielders Barbara Thomas and Becky Rice who teamed up for the winning tally in Saturday's opening game.

There was no score in the game until the seventh inning when Thomas, the leadoff batter that inning, gave the Shamrocks' second baseman something she couldn't handle and landed safely at first. Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau advanced her to second when the Shamrock first baseman went to the bag for the fielders' choice. Prolonging the suspense, Saints' third baseman Lynn Mooney struck out, bringing Rice to bat.

BECKY, the littlest Saint on the squad, unleashed a triple to left and scored what turned out to be the winning run. Two infield grounders set up the first of two outs in the bottom of the seventh and then Saints' pitcher Paula Noel added the final touch by striking out the final batter.

The Shamrocks spoke up in the fifth frame when the second batter was walked and then scored on a sacrifice play and a single. And all that despite the fact that Mrs. Noel pocketed two of the outs that inning on strikeouts.

IT WAS the following

inning that the Saints added the deciding factor, with Thomas again doing the scoring. And again it was a bobbie by the second sacker that put her on base. Centerfielder Denny Buchanan drew a base on balls to kick off the inning, then moved to second to make room for Thomas who came aboard on the second baseman's error. Rau grounded out for the first out and then it was Mooney who stepped in and singled, loading the bases.

The Shamrock shortstop put the skids to Buchanan's scoring attempt when she made her play to home off Rice's bat. With bases loaded again, it was the Saints' ace-in-the-hole again, the Shamrock second baseman, who booted one off of Spradley's bat, allowing Thomas to score. Mrs. Noel ran up a string

of 10 strikeouts in the second game, allowing four hits in the process.

SUNDAY'S opener ran smoother for the Saints as they elected to play almost the whole contest in the first inning. With one out in the first, Buchanan and Thomas singled before Rau made the second out on a fly to left. Mooney drew a walk and Rice followed with another single. Spradley then tossed in a double before a strikeout ended the spree. Mooney scored the fifth and final tally for the Saints in the third inning.

The Shamrocks made an attempt at retaliation in the fourth inning when they scored two runs on a pair of singles and a home run. But that proved to be the last the Saints heard from the Shamrocks.

Spradley and Buchanan

shared most of the offensive load for the Saints that game, as Buchanan collected a double and a single and Spradley picked up a double and two safeties.

SUNDAY'S finale resembled a carbon copy of that evening's opener, as the Saints scored four times again in the first inning as Kurtz singled, Spradley doubled, and the Shamrocks threw in a pair of errors. It was Kurtz, Buchanan, Thomas, and Rau who accounted for the runs.

The final Saints' runs came in the second when Noel and Buchanan rode home on a three-base blast by Rau. Noel doubled to lead off the inning, Kurtz grounded out, and Buchanan singled to put runners on first and third. Thomas flew out to the center fielder and then Rau

tripled before Mooney grounded out to end the inning.

The Shamrocks made a last-minute effort in the bottom of the seventh, scoring one run, but falling five runs short of victory.

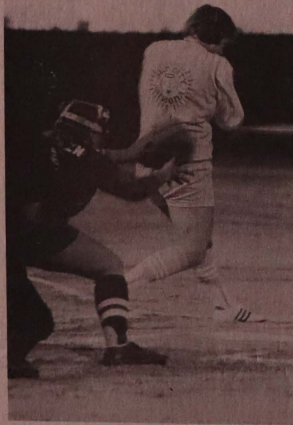
BUCHANAN and Rau were two-for-four for the game and Noel enjoyed a two-for-three effort at the plate.

The Shamrock series carried with it a lot of importance for the Sun City squad. From here on out it will be play on the home field and stands full of partisan fans.

But more importantly, it was a critical point in the league pennant race.

ALL FOUR games with the Utah team were league contests, giving the Saints an even firmer hold on the second place spot and intensifying the pressure on the league-leading Orange Lionettes.

This season may well end



Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau (left) hit in every game but one during four-game series at Salt Lake City over weekend. Rau picked up four hits during series, including triple in series finale Sunday night. Linda Spradley, Saints' second



baseman, enjoyed one of best series of season, going three-for-four at plate in Sunday's opener and adding double in nightcap. Saints swept four league games from Shamrocks and will be back home for six-game series starting Friday night.

In Saturday's nightcap, the scoring began in the third inning when the Saints capitalized on another Shamrock error. With one out, Saints' first baseman Georgia Buelow singled and was advanced to second on a fielders' choice. An error at second allowed the next batter, shortstop Ginger Kurtz, to garner two bases and score Buelow.

## trip

on a show-down series Aug. 4 and 5 when the Saints and Lionettes clash. The Saints have no more league games except for those four with the Lionettes at season's end.

And those contests will take place at Sun City Stadium.



# Saints win 4 games after double loss

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

The game was over. The baseball stadium bleachers were empty save for a few stragglers, most of them players.

But down in one corner of the stands two lone figures sat, obviously not awaiting the start of another game, but rather deep in retrospect for the two that had just passed.

Sun City Saints' third baseman Linda Spradley sat with teammate Cheryl Stice, obviously longing to be able to make an earlier throw just a little more accurate, or to be able to step into that now empty batter's box and be given three more strikes and a chance to score that one run so desperately needed in the bottom of the final inning.

THE EVENING'S double loss Friday night to the Fresno Rockets, felt by all of those involved, was most plainly evidenced in those two bowed heads. Both games had slipped from the Saints' grasp by marginal 1-0 decisions.

It was Spradley's throwing error in the top of the sixth inning of the nightcap that set up the only Fresno score that game. And it was Linda who made the final out of the game, grounding out in the bottom of the seventh with two outs and a runner at third.

There have been hard losses to take during the year, but none more important than Friday night's defeats. The Saints, in second place in the Pacific Coast league and pressing hard on the league-leading Lionettes, needed as many wins as possible against Fresno, a league team.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S display showed all the signs of a team going through the motions of the game, but not really making the effort that had put it into second place in the league.

But if Friday's performance left a taste like flat beer, it was Saturday that Spradley and her associates again looked like the brew of old.

Spradley hit in Saturday's opener to help the Saints to a 3-2 win and then added another safety in the nightcap, this time with bases loaded, as the Saints shut out the Rockets 4-0.

IT WAS two more games for the Saints Sunday night as they hosted the Tucson Raindrops in an exhibition doubleheader, sweeping both games 6-0 and 8-0.

Several factors pointed the way toward Friday night's double loss. In addition to the Saints' dream-like waltz through the innings, the first game saw only four Fresno plays go to first base

which meant that there were too many fly balls and one too many double plays.

Add to that the fact that Saints' pitcher Paula Noel, who normally pockets several strikeouts per game, found the cupboard bare the first game and picked up but one the second game.

AND THEN, as if the Saints were not making things hard enough on their own, the Fresno shortstop Denise Haas rubbed salt in the gaping wounds by poking out four hits in as many at-bats.

In the Friday opener, Fresno picked up a lone run in the fourth inning on a trio of singles by rightfielder Dorothy McGee, third baseman Chris Howell, and shortstop Haas. But that was not the only inning that saw Fresno hitting the ball, as the team picked up a total of nine hits on the game.

The Saints came back to pose a threat in the bottom of that same frame, when Thomas, who led off with a single, moved to third base via a sacrifice and ground out. But Becky Rice's fly to center left Thomas stranded.

IN THE fifth, the Saints had runners on first and second when a Denny Buchanan grounder to the Fresno shortstop ended hopes. With a runner on board in the bottom of the sixth, it looked for a minute as though Rice would tie the game when she lofted a fly to left that appeared destined to soar beyond the Fresno leftfielder. But the ball hung in the air for what seemed like 5 minutes, giving the leftfielder just enough time to pull it in.

Fresno waited until the sixth inning in the Saturday nightcap before getting the opportunity to score.

With one out, Fresno second baseman Gerry Murphy found her way to first on shortstop Kurtz's error and was followed by a single off the bat of centerfielder Sheila Patterson. Murphy headed for third on the play, beat the throw, and then third baseman Spradley made a hurried peg to second to try for that runner.

THE THROW was off the mark and Murphy trotted home on the bobble. Second baseman LeeAnn Easley put down the next two batters to close out the inning, but the damage had been done.

By the bottom of the seventh, a rhythmic clapping from the stands had begun in hopes the home town gals could get something going. And it looked like they might get their wish.

Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau slammed a long fly to left field that was misjudged and gave her a triple to lead off the inning.

But her teammates couldn't get the ball out of the infield and three straight grounders to the Fresno infield found Rau still at third at the end of the game.

SATURDAY night the uniforms still had "Sun City Saints" emblazoned across the front, but it was a different team that filled them out. Saturday's child was not to be denied.

The Saints jumped to an early lead, scoring in the bottom of the second when leftfielder Barbara Thomas led off with a single and Spradley got on board on a fielder's choice that cut down Thomas at second. Spradley moved to second on Rice's attempted bunt, and scored off of third baseman Lynn Mooney's double.

Fresno answered in the top of the third when, with two outs already deposited in the Saints' account, Noel gave the third batter a free ride to first. A wild pitch moved her to second and a single brought her home to make it a 1-1 ball game.

THE SAINTS came right back in the third to grab back the lead, scoring one run as Kurtz tripled with one out and came home as the throw came in wild from the outfield. Insurance was added for the Saints in the fifth when Buchanan singled with one out and Kurtz added her second triple of the game to score Denny.

Fresno made a strong drive for the finish line in the top of the seventh inning, assisted by a pair of Saints' errors.

The Fresno pitcher Connie Kennedy drew a walk to start the bottom inning, moved to second on an error by second sacker Easley, and scored on a single and throwing error later in the inning. But the Rockets fell short of the mark, Saints winning 3-2.

SATURDAY night's series finale spread the margin of victory as the Saints piled up all of their four runs in the 4-0 shutout in the first two innings.

With two outs in the bottom of the first, Rau went to first on a base on balls, and eventually scored as Noel was put on via a Fresno error at third, another walk for Thomas, and a single by Spradley.

In the second inning the Saints had already chalked up one out when Easley, Buchanan, and Kurtz put together three safeties. Rau grounded out for the second out and Noel chipped in a double to give the Saints three more tallies.





FRESNO never provided a serious threat in the finale, picking up only two hits over the seven innings.

The Fresno series brought the Saints' league record to 20-8, leaving them in second place behind the Orange Lionettes from California. The only league games left for the Saints will be against the Lionettes (17-3) Aug. 4, 5. Orange has six league games to play before the Sun City contests.

With the pressure off, the Saints entertained the Tucson Raindrops in a Sunday doubleheader and added two more wins to their exhibition record of 35-6.

IN THE Sunday opener, a 6-0 Saints' shutout, the Sun City gals picked up a lone run in the second inning as Thomas scored on Noel's single, and then added one more in the third as centerfielder Cheryl Stice walked, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Rice, and rode home on a Rau single.

Most of the Saints' scoring, however, came in the fifth inning when Stice led off with a triple, followed by a Rice single, a fielder's choice on Kurtz's infield grounder, a single by Mooney, and a double by Noel.

The game was pretty well under Saints' control by the end of the second inning in the nightcap as Buchanan, Thomas, Rau, and Mooney accounted for four Saints' tallies in the first frame and Buchanan and Kurtz added two more in the second. In the fourth inning, it was Buchanan and Kurtz accounting for two



Saints' shortstop Ginger Kurtz put together back-to-back triples in Saturday opener to lead Saints past Fresno Rockets 3-2.



## More: Saints win four

more runs to give the Saints the 8-0 lead that they continued to hold throughout the remainder of the game.

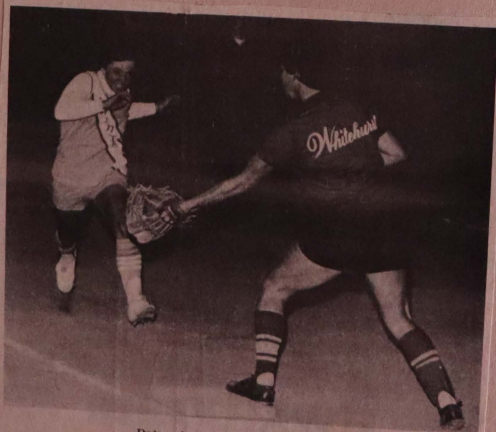
IN THE Raindrops' opener, Noel led the offensive parade with two hits for her three trips to the plate, including a double. It was, Ginger Kurtz who took over in the nightcap, going 2-for-3 including a triple and two RBIs. Mooney, 1-for-3 at the plate, also added two RBIs to the night's efforts.

Saturday night saw two former PBSW Rambler All-Stars in the crowd. Dot Wilkinson and Ricki Caito, both members of the Women's Softball Hall of Fame, were in attendance for the Saturday doubleheader.

Next weekend, the Saints are scheduled to host the Pasadena Blues from California for a four-game series Saturday and Sunday. Those will be exhibition games.

Evidently, the Saints' big girls, Sandra and Christi Burns have found the way to their team's hearts. Friday night they baked up a batch of peanut butter cookies, while on Saturday it was brownies, and Sunday the gals brought a load of chocolate chip cake.

The conclusion, obviously: Saints function better on cake and brownies than on peanut butter cookies.

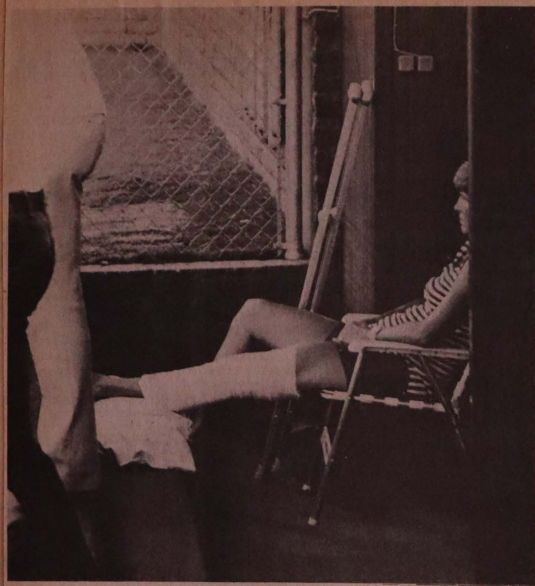


Determination was not quite enough as Saints' rightfielder Becky Rice makes grimacing effort to reach first safely in Saturday night's opener with Fresno Rockets. Throw from Fresno shortstop was in time to nip Rice's efforts.



Two more players on Saints' injured list are pitcher-outfielder Georgia Buelow (left) and first baseman Thelma Keith. Both have leg injuries. Keith expects to be able to begin playing again this weekend, but Buelow will be out several weeks more.





First baseman Thelma Keith, injured in Fresno series three weeks ago, has resigned herself to sideline participation for time being. She will miss this weekend's series with Salt Lake City Shamrocks, but expects to be ready following week for six-game home stand. (News-Sun Photo)



SHE'S OUT !!



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A DAY AT THE PARK.



# Saints to host Pasadena; close out exhibition play

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

The Sun City Saints, injury laden since early in the season, may edge a little closer toward three-quarter strength during a four-game home stand this weekend.

And to attain even those heights will have to be considered an accomplishment of high order.

In fact, if they manage to navigate all four games and finish with as many able bodies as start the series, someone should declare a legal holiday to commemorate the event.

FULL STRENGTH is no longer a reality for this year. Veteran pitcher Billie Harris is still recovering from an operation and the Saints' No. 2 hitter, center fielder Judy Hoke, is still in a cast with a fractured ankle.

Tomorrow and Sunday nights the Saints host the Pasadena Blues from California at Sun City Stadium, with 7:30 doubleheaders each night. The four-game series will be the final exhibition contests of the season, which ends with next week's series against the league-leading Orange, Calif., Lionettes.

Saints' regular first baseman Thelma Keith, who sustained torn knee ligaments a month ago in a game against the Fresno Rockets at California, expects to be able to play at least part of the series.

"I feel that I've got to get some play before the range series next week,"

said Miss Keith. "I've been working pretty hard with ASU trainer Ray Robinson and on my own at home and I feel like the leg may be ready in time to play at least a part of the Pasadena series."

WITH THELMA back in the line-up, the juggled Saints' infield could once again return to some normality. Third baseman Lynn Mooney has been handling the first base chores of late, which throws second baseman Linda Spradley into the third base slot and puts LeeAnn Easley at second.

When Mooney gets the chance to move back to her old stomping grounds, it will pose a strategy problem for coach Gerald Stapley. He will have a pair of second basemen to shuffle around at one spot, with qualities in each that have been enjoyed together lately.

Spradley, while a good defensive ball player, has also been hitting the ball pretty well recently. But, more importantly, perhaps, she is what is known as a hustling ballplayer—the type that encourages the same in others.

BUT EASLEY has been making the play at second base look routine of late. She has had a lot of business thrown her way during the last few outings and has handled the job with the ease of a veteran.

But even with things brightening slightly and this weekend's games only exhibition matches, Stapley has not been slowing down the pace. The girls were out as usual Wednesday night practicing under the stadium lights.

The picture is much the reverse for the Lionettes who must struggle through six league games before the four with the Saints next week. The Lionettes, with a 17-3 league mark, face Fresno for four contests this weekend and then have to play the Fullerton Royals Wednesday.

FOR THE Saints, who stand 20-8 in league play, and in second place, they have only the Lionettes to contend with for league stature.

With the pennant race as close as it is, the Fresno and Fullerton games could be crucial for the Lionettes. Fresno has been playing

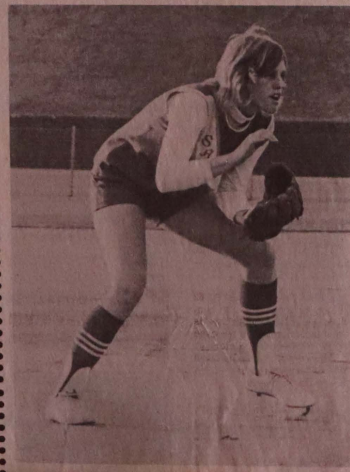
ball lately, taking a doubleheader from the Saints last week, and Fullerton has had flashes of brilliance all season long.

Georgia Buelow, who has taken a turn at alternating between spelling Saints' sole pitcher Paula Noel and filling in for Keith when she was injured, has also been on the inactive list with a leg injury. Her recovery could still come at a very convenient time for the Saints.

AS THE reigning regional title holders the Saints will travel to Las Cruces, N.M., later this month to defend their regional crown. If Buelow is ready to play by that time it could give Noel a chance to rest her arm part of the time. While Buelow may not yet be suited for Pacific Coast league competition, she might fare well in regional play against primarily Copper State league teams from around the state.

Should the Saints win at the regionals, as they have the past seven years running, they would move on to the national tournament at Stratford, Conn. It would be at that point that the absence of Hoke, the team's hustling long-ball hitter, and Harris, the seasoned All-Star, would be felt.

But that lies in the future. Pasadena and Orange are at hand.



Third baseman Lynn Mooney may be back at regular spot for part of four-game series this weekend. She has been filling in at first during absence of Thelma Keith, but Miss Keith figures to see some play tomorrow or Sunday night.

## COOL HEADS!





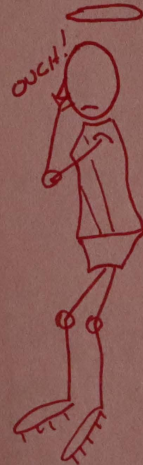
# Disaster dogs Saints,

## Kurtz hurt

### FRACTURES NOSE



Ginger Kurtz sports taped protection for broken nose, underwent corrective surgery yesterday.



#### APRIL

8	Tucson "Raindrops"	T
14-15	San Diego "Rebels"	H
21	Santa Clara "Laurels"	H
22	Santa Clara "Laurels" 4:00	H
28-29	Anaheim "Royals"	T

#### MAY

5-6	Orange "Lionettes"	H
12-13	Anaheim "Royals"	H
26-27	Prescott "Nuggets"	H

#### JUNE

2-3	Orange "Lionettes"	T
9	Las Vegas "Belles"	H
10	Phoenix "Westerners"	H
16-17	Salt Lake "Shamrocks"	H
23-24	Redwood City "Jets"	T
30	Fresno "Rockets"	T

#### JULY

1	Fresno "Rockets"	T
2	Sacramento "Sonics"	T
3-4	Santa Clara "Laurels"	H
7-8	JFK "Patriettes"	T
14-15	Salt Lake "Shamrocks"	H
20-21	Fresno "Rockets"	H
22	Tucson "Raindrops"	H
28-29	Pasadena "Blues"	H

#### AUGUST

4-5	Orange "Lionettes"	H
10-11-12	Cactus Regional Tournament Las Cruces, New Mexico	
17-24	National Tournament Stratford, Connecticut	



League's top teams clash tomorrow

## Saints to host No. 1 Orange

By ART PREUSS  
Staff Writer

For the Sun City Saints, the invasion of the league-leading Orange Lionettes tomorrow and Sunday nights might be compared to General George Armstrong Custer getting word that more Indians are on the way.

Under normal circumstances the Saints look forward to the clash with the arch-rival Lionettes because it means a series of high calibre softball and a good crowd at Sun City Stadium.

But at this time and under prevailing conditions, the opportunity to meet the Lionettes stands akin to being offered a better place in line while awaiting smallpox vaccination.

ACTUALLY, the Saints have fared better against the Lionettes than any other team in the league this year, handing them two of their three league losses and beating them six out of the eight times they have met this year.

The Saints swept all four games of a twin doubleheader early in the

season from the Lionettes, a feat that very few teams in the country are apt to pull off. Those games, however, were exhibition matches and the chips weren't down until in June when the Saints traveled to Orange and came home with a 2-2 split for the four-game series.

But things have changed somewhat for the Sun City squad since their earlier triumphs. When the Saints swept the first four from Orange, veteran hurler Billie Harris was on the mound for two of those contests. Shortly thereafter she underwent surgery and has been out ever since.

CENTERFIELDER Judy Hoke, the second hottest hitter on the squad and a sparkplug for the team, was healthy for the second encounter. She has been out of the lineup the past few weeks with a double fracture of the ankle.

Add to that the chilling thought that Saints' veteran shortstop and consistent offensive player, Ginger Kurtz, will be playing with a fractured nose. First baseman Thelma Keith is still shaking off stiffening reflexes from a torn ligament in her knee, and pitcher-outfielder Georgia Buelow is recovering from a knee injury.

Ginger was hurt between games Sunday night and is scheduled for an operation Monday, but her doctor has given his OK for this weekend's play. "I'm not worried about getting hurt again during the games," she laughed, "I'll be safe if I just don't warm up between games."

The Saints managed to get in two practice sessions this week in preparation for the Orange series, despite the fact that the Sun City diamond has not been available to them due to a Metro Phoenix women's softball tournament going on Tuesday through today at the stadium.

IF THE Saints can continue the prowess at the plate they exhibited last week, they should have little trouble making themselves felt this weekend. Catcher Marilyn Rau put together seven hits, including a pair

of triples and a double; Kurtz added five more, including three doubles and a triple; pitcher Paula Noel kicked in five safeties, three of which went for two bases; and Keith added four more singles.

It was Paula who noticed that the newspaper coverage Tuesday had not called attention to the bunt that she beat out for a base hit. She wasn't concerned about the two doubles, just the overlooked bunt.

"Anytime I beat out a bunt for a base hit, it has got to be news," she said amidst smiles. Paula generally figures that she needs to get the ball to roll to the fence in order to come up with even two bases.

THE LIONETTES had six league games to play before meeting the second-place Saints. They swept four against the Fresno Rockets and were scheduled to meet the Fullerton Royals Wednesday night. The outcome of that game has not been reported as yet.

So the Lionettes' league record following the Fresno series stood at 21-3, while the Saints will go into tomorrow night's game with a 20-8 mark.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. both nights and admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.



First baseman Thelma Keith, still stiff from earlier injury, is expected to be back at first for Orange Lionettes series this weekend and could be key to infield. With her return, Saints infield can return to normalcy. (News-Sun Photo)



Shortstop Ginger Kurtz will be back at it again this weekend, despite fractured nose suffered last week in series with Pasadena Blues. Bending over to field grounders could prove to be her worst enemy as she admits to feeling felt when lowering her head. She will undergo operation on her nose Monday and hopes to be ready for regional tournament next weekend. (News-Sun Photo)

# FAST FOOTWORK



# Paula wins twice in 7½-hour ordeal but Saints fall short of title share

By BURT FREIREICH  
Sun City's Saints needed a clean sweep of their four-game series with Orange over the weekend to gain a first-place tie with the Lionettes in the Pacific Coast Women's League final standings, and Paula Noel came within an eyelash of giving it to them with a super performance on the mound.

She posted three extra-inning, 2-1 victories over the Lionettes, including a record 7½-hour doubleheader which started Saturday and wound up just about in time to eliminate the need for Sunday sunrise

services at Sun City Stadium.

AFTER HURLING the 12-inning inaugural victory, Paula went the distance in a 25-inning marathon and fought off despondency as her mates blew golden opportunity after golden opportunity before Ginger Kurtz reached second on an error and, with one out, Marilyn Rau stroked a long single to center for the winning run. The time was 2:50 a.m. Sunday.

That game started with great promise as the same two players produced a first-inning run. Kurtz led off with a windblown double

down the right field line and scored on Rau's line double down the left field line.

THE SAINTS went scoreless for the next 23 innings while Orange pushed across an unearned run in the fifth. Pitcher Pat Whitman walked and gave way to a pinch runner, who moved to second on a bunt, to third on Carol Spanks' single, and across the plate when the ball was bobbled in the outfield on Spanks' hit.

The championship decider was a 7-5 Lionette triumph in Sunday's opener, and it was surprising that Mrs. Noel could lift her arm.

Saturday's bill saw 2,014

push through the turnstiles, but many left in the latter stages or at the conclusion of the first game as high winds brought on a severe dust storm. An estimated 250 stumbled out just before 3 a.m.

ORANGE RARELY threatened in the game, but the Saints failed to score despite three singles to the outfield in the third and might have had one in the ninth when Barbara Thomas, who had singled and was bunted to second, was held up at third on LeeAnn Easley's single to left.

Sun City got its first two batters on base in the 11th, did it again in the 16th, 17th, and 24th, got two hits in the 18th, and had the bases loaded with none out in the 23rd without scoring.

It should be noted that Orange got nary an earned run off Paula in Saturday's entire 37 innings. The Lionettes took the lead in the opener when Sue Sims clouted a double to left, moved up on a bunt and held on a popup, then scored when Thelma Keith committed a rare error by dropping a throw at first on Diane Haataja's grounder.

THE SAINTS tied it in the sixth when Kurtz singled up the middle and, after a popup, was forced at second by Rau, who advanced when

the throw to first for an attempted double play went awry. Noel was hit by a pitch, then Lynn Mooney's sharp grounder into the hole, deflected by the third baseman, drove Rau home.

Noel won her own game in the 12th. Kurtz opened with a single and was bunted to second. Rau walked. Then Paula crashed a long shot into the right-center power alley to allow Ginger to waltz home.

Sunday was another story as the Lionettes pounded Paula for five runs in the first three innings.

SPANKS' LEADOFF hit to center was bobbled, and she advanced to second. A bunt moved her to third, and she scored after Nancy Ito's long fly to center.

Spanks started the trouble in the third with a one-out single. Sims bunted and all hands were safe when the Saints failed to get Spanks on a force at second. Then came a run-scoring single by Ito (she knocked in a run in each of four plate appearances in this game), followed by Shirley Topley's two-run triple to right. Topley tallied on Carol Weinmann's single to right.

The Saints came back, however, to tie it. An error and singles by Noel, Buchanan, and Rau produced three in the third. Two came home in the

fourth via a walk and Barbara Thomas' triple to right center which was bobbled to allow her to score.

ORANGE GOT the decider in the sixth when Sims' long fly to right was dropped for a three-base error, and Ito singled her home. A Haataja single, sacrifice, and Ito single produced an insurance run in the seventh.

The Saints got their last 2-1 win in 10 innings. Singles by Buchanan, Kurtz, and Mooney got a run in the third, and the Lionettes tied it in the fourth on Mickey Davis' fourth-inning triple and a Topley sacrifice fly.

Orange almost got another in the fourth. A Haataja single and a walk led to Pat Schnell's single to center, but Buchanan's throw to the plate cut down the sliding Haataja.

THE 1,674 CROWD saw the Saints load the bases with none out in the 10th via a Noel single, walk to Mooney, and Keith single. Linda Spradley's bounder was converted into a force-out at home, but Thomas laced a line single to center which ended the series and gave Sun City a 5-3 edge over Orange in league play.

Orange wound up with a 25-7 league record, Sun City with 23-9 for runner-up honors.



Lynn Mooney, Paula Noel, Ginger Kurtz at Sunday's awards ceremony between games.



## Loel, Spradley, Buchanan presented top awards by Saints teammates

As third baseman Lynn Mooney, who served as mistress of ceremonies during Sunday's award ceremonies, declared, it came as no surprise that the Sun City Saints gave their most valuable player award to pitcher Paula Noel.

Because second baseman Linda Spradley was in Downey, Calif., Saturday to attend her brother's wedding, the ceremonies were delayed one night—and that made it even more appropriate. This way the crowd of 1,674 was fully cognizant of Paula's Saturday heroics and gave her a standing ovation.

Even the perennial rival Orange Lionettes rose up in their dugout to applaud Paula.

It was on Saturday that she hurled two 2-1 victories over Orange, the first in 12 innings and the second in 25. The doubleheader covered almost 7½ hours, and Paula gave up no earned runs.

Early in the season veteran pitching ace Billie Harris un-

derwent surgery and was lost for the rest of the campaign, leaving the entire burden of league action on Paula's shoulders.

Other team awards went to second baseman Spradley, team sparkplug, and to Denise Buchanan, most improved player. Buchanan took over center field chores during the latter part of the season after Judy Hoke was sidelined by a broken ankle.

BILLIE HARRIS was back for the first time since her surgery to visit in the Saints' dugout Saturday. She waved joyously in recognition of the hefty applause from 2,014 fans after her introduction.

IT WAS A crippled bunch of Saints which took on the Lionettes over the weekend. Thelma Keith thought she'd "give it a try" to see if she could handle first base chores for 14 innings again after a severe knee injury had sidelined

her; she surprised herself by limping through 37 innings.

Shortstop Ginger Kurtz was supposed to have watched the action because of a broken nose. But she declined to have it set Friday so that she could play. She was scheduled to have it set yesterday. One nasal passage had been blocked; when that's freed, doctors expect she'll have a crooked nose, the blonde bombshell reported.

She plans to be back in action this weekend.

THE SAINTS now head for the three-day regional tournament in Las Cruces, N.M., this weekend, with the winner getting a berth in the nationals at Stratford, Conn. The regionals will start Friday, but the Saints' first action is set for 8 a.m. Saturday.

Coach Gerald Stapley's crew will be headquartered at Motel 6 in Las Cruces.



Carol Weinmann of Orange Lionettes slides safely into third under Lynn Mooney's tag in first inning of second game Sunday.



Fan sought protection from high wind, blowing dust Saturday with improvised windshield.



Ginger Kurtz gets mobbed by teammates Denny Buchanan, Linda Spradley, Thelma Keith after scoring winning run in 12th inning of first game Saturday night.





## Outstanding Saints

Most Valuable Player for Sun City Saints, Paula Noel, is joined by teammates Denny Buchanan, left, voted Most Improved Player and Linda Spradley, right, voted team Sparkplug. Awards were presented at ceremony between games Sunday night. Stories, more photos on pages 2B, 3B (News-Sun Photo)

## Saints seek region title

Sun City's Saints, fresh from their best finish ever in Pacific Coast Women's League action, will be topheavy favorites to win this weekend's tri-state regional tourney at Las Cruces, N.M. Top prize will be a berth in the Amateur Softball Association's national tournament the following week at Stratford, Conn. The Saints have never failed to win a spot in the nationals during their nine-year Sun City history.

LAS CRUCES action will get under way tonight, with the Phoenix Westerners taking on the host Tegmeyer team of Las Cruces.

The Saints will play their first contest at 8 a.m. tomorrow, and if they win that one, they'll move against the Westerners-Tegmeyer victor at 3:30 p.m.

Should the Saints go undefeated, their only other action en route to the title will be at 9:30 p.m. tomorrow and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

IN WINNING three 2-1 overtime games against the Orange Lionettes here last weekend behind the heroic hurling of rubber-armed Paula Noel, the Saints wound up only one game out of a tie for the PCWL title.

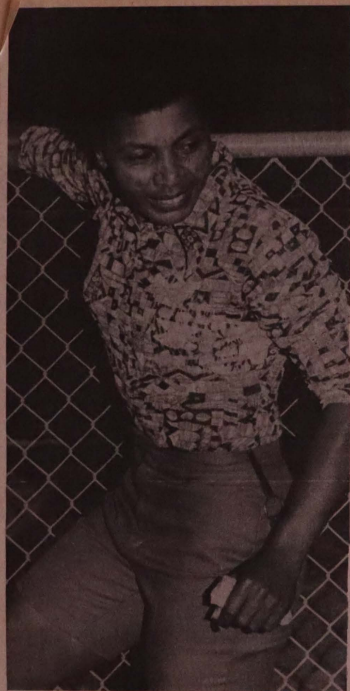
And they figure to be in better shape for the regionals.

Ginger Kurtz held down her usual shortstop post against Orange despite some dizziness brought on by a nose fracture. Monday she underwent surgery to get her splintered nose bones reset and no longer has a dizziness problem, although she'll play with a small noseguard taped on for protection.

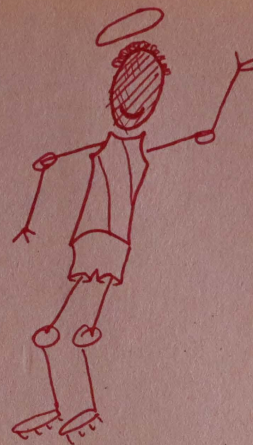
First baseman Thelma Keith limped badly during her return to action after severely torn knee ligaments had sidelined her. The limp was a lot less noticeable during Wednesday's practice session.

CONGRATULATIONS





Billie Harris visited Saints dugout Saturday, received warm reception from crowd.



## Saints look strong for nationals

Some time today Coach Gerald Stapley will know when his Sun City Saints will get their baptism of fire in the Amateur Softball Association's national women's softball tournament at Stratford, Conn. The tournament will get under way tonight with three first-round games, but the pairings will not be determined until a draw about noon today.

The prospects are great that the Saints will not see

action tonight. Only five teams will draw into tonight's program because the host team and the defending champion traditionally play in the initial set and this year the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford will play both of those roles.

ROUGHLY a dozen and a half teams won't get under way until tomorrow so the odds favor the Saints to be in this category.

The last time the Sun

Citians played in a national tourney in Stratford was in 1970 when they won one and lost two.

That time they were cruising to a victory over a Washington team but came apart in the seventh inning; Chris Miner, who was to become a Saint the following season, executed a squeeze bunt with two outs to drive in the winning run.

THE TOURNEY is a double-elimination affair, which means that it takes

two losses to drop a team from contention.

The Saints enter the event perhaps as the strongest contender they've ever been despite the loss of pitcher Billie Harris through surgery and center fielder Judy Hoke via a broken ankle.

While the team has matured into a better hitting squad than the Saints ever have been, the big difference is the blossoming of strong-armed Paula Miller Noel into one of the nation's better pitchers.

ACTUALLY the Saints' battery is about as good as can be found. Marilyn Rau,

who displays catlike speed for a big girl and an excellent throwing arm, probably is unsurpassed as a catcher—and her long-ball hitting is one of the Saints' main threats offensively.

If anything, the Sun Citians should be somewhat stronger than when they won the Arizona-New Mexico-Nevada regional last weekend because they have had additional time for wounds to heal.

Appreciating the additional recovery time are shortstop Ginger Kurtz, broken nose, and first baseman Thelma Keith, torn knee ligaments.



# NATIONALS NEXT

## Saints win 4 straight in region

LAS CRUCES, N.M.— Paula Miller Noel hurled the Sun City Saints into a berth in this weekend's national women's softball tournament at Stratford, Conn., by whipping the Phoenix Blues, 9-1, here Sunday.

The triumph followed three Noel victories Saturday. She started with a three-hitter against the Tucson Raindrops, which the Saints won, 5-1. Paula then tossed three consecutive two-hitters to wrap up the tourney title.

It was the ninth time in nine years that the Saints won the Arizona-New Mexico-Nevada regional to qualify for the nationals.

THE SAINTS found a highly successful pattern Saturday, scoring early and then cruising home to three wins. They reversed the procedure in the finale, however, cutting loose for nine hits and eight runs in

the last two innings to bust up a tight duel.

In the inaugural against the Raindrops, the Sun Citizens scored in each of the first three innings to build a 5-0 lead.

Denny Buchanan opened the first with a single and moved to second when the left fielder bobbled the ball. She advanced on a passed ball and scored on Ginger Kurtz's sacrifice fly.

IN THE second Barbara Thomas singled, and all hands were safe on Linda Spradley's sacrifice when the Tucsonans tried for a force at second. Noel unleashed a booming double to score both runners.

In the third Kurtz doubled and raced home on Marilyn Rau's single. Rau later scored on a single by Thomas.

A fourth inning single by Gloria Duarte, a sacrifice, and Belen Camacho's single produced the Raindrops' lone tally.

Against the Phoenix Westerners the Saints scored twice in the first and then had to hang on grimly for a 2-1 win as Darlene Spiva hurled brilliantly to blank them the rest of the way.

KURTZ led off with a single and Buchanan reached when the second baseman dropped the throw at first on her bunt. Thomas sacrificed, and both scored on Rau's sizzling double.

The Saints got a leadoff triple by Kurtz in the third and leadoff singles by Noel in the fifth and Thomas in the sixth but failed to score again. The Westerners, meanwhile, got their two hits back to back in the fourth, a single by Mary Gomez and Joe West's RBI double.

Rau continued her torrid fence busting in Saturday's third game, a 5-0 win over the Blues. Kurtz singled to open the game and Marilyn stroked a two-out homer for all the runs Paula needed.

The Saints got another in the first, however, via Thelma Keith's double and Buchanan's single.

SUN CITY got two more in the fourth on singles by Buchanan and Mooney and a pair of errors. The Blues, meanwhile, were limited to two singles and a walk and never got a runner past second.

The Blues fought their way through the loser's

bracket of the double-elimination tourney to face the Saints again in the final.

Keith opened the fourth with a single, went to second on a Buchanan single, and was thrown out at home while trying to score on Mooney's single to center. But Buchanan raced home on Becky Rice's grounder to short to give the Saints a 1-0 lead.

AN ERROR and singles by Mooney, Noel, Kurtz, and

Thomas produced four runs in the sixth, and the Saints added another four in the seventh on singles by Buchanan, Mooney, and Cheryl Stice, a double by Kurtz, and a triple by Spradley.

The Blues finally scored in the bottom of the seventh on Eva McGonigle's single and a pair of infield errors.

Mooney led the Saints' 15-hit attack in the finale with



Ginger Kurtz, Marilyn Rau, Lynn Mooney picked up extra honors at Cactus League Regionals. (News-Sun Photos)

## 3 get tourney honors

Three Saints garnered additional honors in the Cactus League Regional Tournament over the weekend, two being named to the All Tourney team and one being named Leading Hitter.

Third baseman Lynn Mooney was picked as Leading Hitter in the tourney. Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau and shortstop Ginger Kurtz were given spots on the All Tourney team.

Hard-hitting Rau picked up an additional, but unrecognized, honor by hitting the only home run over the fence in

the tourney. The fence was 225 feet from home plate, but her teammates reported her shot was a good 230 feet.

Selections for tournament honors are not based solely on performance but are tempered by sentiment, tournament officials told Saints' team members.

Juana Fredericks, Phoenix Blues and an ex-Saint pitcher, was named Most Valuable Player. The Saints racked up 25 hits off her in their two games against the Blues in the tourney.



# Brakettes Open Defense of Women's ASA Title

## romp

four singles while Thomas went 3-for-5.

For the entire tournament Mooney went 7-for-12, Thomas 7-for-13, Kurtz 5-for-14, Buchanan 5-for-12, and Rau 5-for-13.

The Amateur Softball Association's nationals will get under way at Stratford Friday.

News items add to regional story

EDITOR:

Just a few news items from the recent Cactus Regional at Las Cruces, New Mexico, that might be of interest to local women's softball fans.

The women's fast pitch Cactus Regional tournament has been set up on a rotation basis, with a \$500 minimum bid. Arizona gets it the next two years; then in 1976 it moves to Nevada; then back to New Mexico. Reportedly, Phoenix Metro gets it next year. Both Reno, Nevada, and Phoenix are planning on building a new four field softball complex similar to Las Cruces.

Nevada would like to be placed in the Northern California Regional. The Reno Shockers traveled by plane to El Paso.

Juana Frederick of the Phoenix Blues received two tournament awards. She pitched all six of her team's games, winning four and notching two shutouts. She was chosen the tour-

namant's "most valuable player" and also given the umpires' award for "best sportsmanship." Juana pitched for the Saints in 1968.

The All-Tournament team was—Marilyn Rau, Saints, catcher; Gloria Leon, Jack Ellis Tucson, first base; Jo West, Phoenix Westerners, second base; Mary Radcliff, Phoenix Blues, third base; Ginger Kurtz, Saints, shortstop; Barbara Matthews, Jack Ellis, outfield; La Verne Adler, Albuquerque Jokers, outfield; Frances Massoth, Reno Shockers, outfield; and Hilda Flores, Jack Ellis, pitcher.

Lynn Mooney won tournament batting title with a .583 average.

Three other cities had teams in the ten team tournament; they were the Carlsbad, New Mexico, Jets; Tucson Raindrops and Las Cruces had two, the Dusters and Tegmeyers Steak House.

After each game a committee selected the best defensive and offensive player and prizes were given by Las Cruces businessmen.

Reno's Shockers came to Las Cruces with an im-

pressive league record; 104 wins and 1 loss.

Las Cruces Recreation and Parks Department had to hurry to get the new complex ready for the Regional. One outfield had grass; one field had lights; none of the fields had a score board; all fields had a lot of gravel. Theima Keith got a black eye on a bad bounce. Paula Noel started to pitch on a little league baseball pitcher's plate, set six feet further than for women's softball.

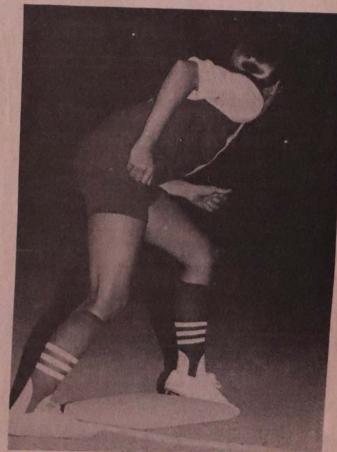
Reportedly, Las Cruces will make a bid to land the National Finals in 1975. It will be held in Orlando, Florida, next year.

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Dark Horse Entry

Sun City, regarded as having almost as much batting strength as the Brakettes, is rated in most quarters as the "dark horse" club with a strong chance of gaining the tournament finals. The Saints' pitching staff is headed by Paula Miller, who hurled Arizona State college to the national women's collegiate championship last spring.



Denny Buchanan, poised for takeoff, and rest of Saints take leave today for regionals in Las Cruces, N.M. which conclude Sunday.

(News-Sun Photo)







## Hurler Tosses One-Hitter, Drives Home Only Run

By EMMETT SPILLANE  
Joan Joyce stopped the Portland Nuggets on one hit last night in hurling and hitting the Raybestos Brakettes to a 1-0 nod in the National Women's ASA Tournament at Memorial Field before 5,000 fans.

Santa Clara trimmed Bloomington, Minn., 5-1, in last night's opener, while Bally sent Salt Lake City to the sidelines in an exciting 5-4 game, which was the most action-packed of the entire day.

Sun City beat Waltham, Mass., 4-1; Orange nipped Salt Lake City, 1-0; Orlando downed Buffalo, 9-0; St. Louis topped Memphis, 1-0; and Fort Worth upended Atlanta, 2-1, in daytime action.

The two teams who are tied for most total championships, Raybestos and Orange, clash tonight in one of the most crucial games of the tournament.

That 7:30 o'clock confrontation features a six-game slate, three in the daytime and the other trio in the evening. Indianapolis takes on Sun City at 6 o'clock and Orlando and Santa Clara clash at 8 in a pair of winners' bracket tussles, with the night-cap matching teams of similar styles, strong defense and aggressive offense.

The three daytime frays are hours' bracket affairs as Buffalo meets Atlanta at 11:30 a.m.; Lansing, Mich., opposes Bally at 1 p.m.; and Waltham and Bloomington vie at 2:30 o'clock.

The Portland-Raybestos game was a Joan Joyce show all the way as the talented hurler struck out 12, walked none and drove in the only run of the game in the first frame.

Joyce and Peggy Kellers had two hits apiece and Irene Shea razzed the other off. Cathy Benedetto, while Dot Dobie hit safely for Portland.

Shea led off the game with a bunt single and moved to third on Willie Ruz's sacrifice and a wild pitch before Joyce laced a liner over second base to drive in the decisive run.

The Brakettes also threatened in the third, fourth and fifth frames, but Benedetto always came up with the answer.

Dobie socked a solid liner to left with one out in the third to be the only runner for the Nuggets, and the stellar third sacker swiped second to prevent Joyce with her only threat. But battery-mate Kellers climbed the screen to grab Teri Mariani's foul pop and retire the side.

Laura Malach's Laurels turned in an impressive performance against Bloomington, using their speed to keep the Benjos off balance. Charlotte Graham hurled a two-bitter and fanned seven batters for Santa Clara, while Diane Kalliam, Diane Weiner and Brenda Gambin combined for seven safeties.

Gambin's sac fly delivered Kalliam in the first and Kalliam's infield hit brought Winner in the second for a 2-0 advantage. Benjos cut the deficit in the fourth when Judy Jungnickel reached on an error, took second on an infield out and scored on Val Strachan's two-bagger.

Weiner's single, a sacrifice and infield out and Adelle Johnson's bunt single lifted the lead back to two in the bottom of the fourth. Malach singled in the sixth and scored when Strachan threw Johnson's bunt into right field, with Johnson going around to

## Tourney at a Glance

Yesterday's Results  
Sun City 4, Waltham 1; Salt Lake City 9, Orange 2; Buffalo 9, St. Louis 1; Memphis 0, Fort Worth 2; Atlanta 1, Santa Clara 5; Bloomington 1, Brackets 1; Portland 5, Bally 5; Salt Lake City 4, 1st round; Santa Clara, 1st round; 1:30 p.m.—Lansing vs. Bally; 2:30 p.m.—Bloomington vs. Bloomington; 4:30 p.m.—Indianapolis vs. Sun City; 7:30 p.m.—Orange vs. Brackets; 9:30 p.m.—Orlando vs. Santa Clara

third, from where she scored on Kalliam's smash off the first baseman's glove.

Nancy Welborn survived a bases-loaded threat in the sixth inning and her teammates pulled the game out with a run in the bottom of the same frame. Diane Haataja started the rally with a single to centerfield and Debbie Ricketts was inserted as a pinch-runner. Carol Spanks forced Ricketts at second on a run-and-hit play and Sue Sims sacrificed to set the stage for Nancy Ho's run-scoring single.

Salt Lake City loaded the bases in the top of the sixth when Joy Wood reached on an error with one out, Janet Keim singled and Jennifer Haun moved both runners along with a sacrifice. Marge Haviland drew an intentional walk to weak the sacks, but Kerry Fenwick struck out on a 3-2 pitch to snuff out the threat.

The Shamrocks, who left eight runners stranded against their Pacific League foes, wasted an opportunity in the first inning as Jody Schwick led with a single, took second while Maria Aardema was grounding out and stole third, but Welborn fanned Leslie Ball, walked Wood (the former Joy Peterson) and retired Keim on a pop to third base.

Haviland reached second in the second frame after singling and moving up on Fenwick's bunt, but Ginny Parrish flied out to end the bid. Fenwick singled with one out in the fifth, Parrish sacrificed and Schwick walked, but Welborn induced Aardema to pop to third for the final out.

Wood kept Orange at bay, except for the fatal sixth inning, as singles by Spanks in the first and third frames comprised the remainder of the Lionettes' attack.

Sun City found itself behind after the first inning against Waltham as Marie Ford singled with one out and worked her way around on a wild pitch, an infield out and an error.

Led by Barbara Thomas' three hits and a pair off the bat of Lynn Mooney, the Saints marched into the lead in the fourth. Thomas and Marilyn Rau stroked back-to-back singles and Thelma Keith hit into a force at third, but Denise Buchanan delivered both runners with a two-bagger. When the relay throw hit the umpire and rolled into the dugout, Buchanan completed her circle of the bases.

Sun City tacked on a fourth run in the sixth when Thomas singled and Rau reached on a fielder's choice. Keith again forced Thomas at third, but Mooney singled in Rau with the final run of the game.

Paula Noel fanned five in twirling a four-bitter for Sun City.

**Rebels Romp**  
Dottie Davidson just missed a perfect game and her Orlando mates ran rough-shod over an undermanned Buffalo club. Maryanne Cardillo doubled with two outs in the sixth frame to become the only Buffalo base-runner.

Orlando broke through for a

## Joan Joyce Stars On Mound, at Bat

# Brakettes Turn

# Back Portland, 1-0

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Scene

pair of runs in the second inning against Marilyn Iorio as the Rebels set the tempo for the game. Judy Martino singled, Mary Lou Cushing sacrificed and Sis Zollinger doubled for the first run and kept going to third on an outfield miscalc. Judy Hall singled in the second run, but was out at the plate one out later trying to score on Snooki Mulder's single.

Davidson helped her own cause with a double in the fifth frame and she came around on a wild pitch and a single by Kathy Staley. Orlando poured across three runs in both the sixth and seventh innings to turn the game into a rout.

### Young Hurler

St. Louis received shutout pitching from 14-year-old Kaibie Trendall in registering a 1-0 decision over Ed Meier Ford of Memphis in the next-to-last game of the daytime season.

The game's only run was scored in the top of the first inning when Pat Guentler garnered the first of her three hits, a triple up the left-centerfield alley, and when the relay hit Guentler and rolled into the St. Louis dugout, the Kuts centerfielder scored.

Trendall, who displayed excellent control and poise, allowed four hits and was aided by a pair of fielding gems, one by rightfielder Connie Travagliante and the other by catcher Janice Zimmerman.

All the scoring in the Atlanta-Fort Worth fray came in the fifth frame, with the Lorelei Ladies piercing the scoreboard first. Although their former team didn't make the tourney, a pair of former Wahoo, Neb., Patriotettes combined for the tally.

Charlene Thompson led with a single, took second on a sacrifice, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored when former JFK College teammate Georgia Gomez reached on an error. A third ex-Patriette, Cathy Ruell, caught for the Lorelei Ladies.

Gomez' wildness proved costly in the bottom of the inning as she walked the bases full. Clean-up batter Juanita Shepard hit into a force at home, but Val Spacher, who had stranded three runners in the third inning, drove in Dow Anna McGregor with a fielder's choice to tie the score. Rayla Jo Allison singled off of Gomez' glove to drive in what proved to be the winning run.

THE RAYBESTOS Brakettes, nine-time winners of the ASA Women's National Softball Tournament, were upset last night 1-0 by the Sun City Saints on Marilyn Rau's four-bitter during the annual tournament at Stratford, Conn.

Brakette Joan Joyce, named most valuable player during last year's tourney and 14-time All-America, tossed a perfect game at the Saints until the bottom of the seventh when, with two outs, Barbara Thomas hit a triple. Marilyn Rau's line drive against the left-center fence brought Barbara home for Sun City's only score.

The Saints were to face Santa Clara, Calif., this afternoon, now the event's only undefeated team since the

Brakettes lost. Sun City has beaten Santa Clara six of eight games played this season.

Raybestos, based in Stratford, carry eight All-Americans on the team. The Loss was the first of the year for pitcher Joan Joyce.



# Lionettes, Nuggets Triumph in

## Women's ASA Tourney

**TOURNEY NOTES:** Tickets for tonight's winners' bracket semi-finals will be on sale at the field all day today, starting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the field box offices will be open daily at 12:30 p.m. the Bally Cardenellas captured the imagination of the fans with their exciting play. Pitcher Sue Beyer hurled the 2-1 loss to Indianapolis in Friday's nightcap, then left for Pennsylvania, where she was maid of honor at her sister's wedding Saturday in So. derton. Following the 2 p.m. ceremony and the ensuing reception, Beyer drove back just in time to relieve in the bottom of the seventh inning against Salt Lake City with the bases loaded and a 3-2 count on the Shamrock hitter. Beyer proceeded to fire four straight strikes to lock up the exciting, 5-4 triumph. . . Betty Wighelmech, speedy Bally left-fielder, formerly played with Perkase, while shortstop Joan Moser was with the Telford Wanderers. Incidentally, Moser missed yesterday's game with Orlando as she left the club Sunday night to join a group flying to The Netherlands. . . Laura Malech's Santa Clara club compiled a 63-19 record during the regular season and is making its second appearance in National Tournament play. The Laurels were in Orlando in 1971. . . Umpire Matt Stromman of San Diego was called home over the weekend because of the death of his mother. . . Tonight's game between Sun City and the Brakettes shapes up as a contrast in style between the Saints' dynamite attack and the Brakettes' zero maker. Joan Joyce, Sun City has 16 runs in two starts and a team batting average of .40. Barbara Thomas, Ginger Kurtz and Lynn Mooney have combined for 13 of Sun City's 23 hits to date, while Marilyn Rau has four RBI and three runs scored. Pitcher Paula Noel has yielded two runs in her two outings, but hasn't had to really bear down. Tonight she will against the defending champions and super star Joyce, who has a no-hitter, one-hitter and two-hitter against rugged opposition and 50 strikeouts in 25 innings pitched.

### Tourney at a Glance

**Yesterday's Results**  
 Atlanta 5, Bridgeport 3  
 Portland 4, Memphis 1  
 Orlando 1, Bally 0  
 Fort Worth 2, St. Louis 1  
 Orange 3, Atlanta 2 (10 innings)  
 Portland, 1, Indianapolis 0  
**Today's Schedule**  
 11:30—Bloomington vs. St. Louis  
 1 p.m.—Orange vs. Portland  
 6 p.m.—Orlando vs. Bloomington.  
 St. Louis winner  
 7:30—Sun City vs. Stratford  
 8 p.m.—Santa Clara vs. Fort Worth

## Brakettes, Sun City, Orange, Orlando Win

By SAM COHEN

**STRAITFORD** — Santa Clara, Calif. topped Bloomington, Minn., 5-1, the host Raybestos's Brakettes nosed out Portland, Ore., 1-0 and Bally, Pa., trimmed Salt Lake City 5-4, in night games here Saturday on the second day of the annual National Women's Softball Championship Tournament, at Raybestos's Memorial Field. Salt Lake was thus ousted from the double elimination event.

In earlier morning-afternoon play, Sun City, Ariz. beat Waltham, Mass., 4-1, Orange, Calif. edged Salt Lake City 1-0; Orlando, Fla. drubbed Buffalo 9-0; St. Louis nosed out Memphis 1-0; and Fort Worth shaded Atlanta 2-1.

Today's six game schedule is as follows: (All games losers' bracket) — 11:30 a.m. Buffalo vs. Atlanta; Lansing, Mich. vs Bally. 2:30 p.m. Waltham vs Bloomington.

(All in winners bracket) — 6:00 p.m. Indianapolis vs Sun City; 7:30 p.m. Orange vs Brakettes; 9:00 p.m. Orlando vs Santa Clara.

Joan Joyce was the heroine as the Brakettes moved closer to another title with their second tourney win via their 1-0 triumph over Portland's Dave Lee Sports club, hurling a one hit, 12-strikeout, no-walk shutout and singling in the deciding run in the first inning off Cathy Benedetto. She was also a winner over Lansing, Michigan opening night, 3-0 with a two hitter.

Joyce's job was made harder Saturday as the Brakettes, getting five hits for the night, failed to cash in on threats in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

Joyce and Peggy Kellers had two hits each as co-leaders, the former driving in the decider after Irene Shoa hit a bunt single followed by Willie Roze's sacrifice and a wild pitch.

While Charlotte Graham pitched two-hit, one run ball for Santa Clara Laurel's, her team got nine safeties off starter-loser Renee Edin and fifth inning reliever Judy Jungwirth of Bloomington Bedjos, and led 3-1 after four innings. Santa Clara sewed up the decision with two tallies in the sixth.

Most of Santa Clara's hits came from a trio — Diane

Kallian with three and Diaper Weinger and Brenda Gambelin with two each.

Second reliever Sue Beyer fanned two batters with three on in the seventh to preserve Bally's one run conquest over Salt Lake City. A four run first inning proved a big factor in the triumph, four singles and an error figuring in the spree.

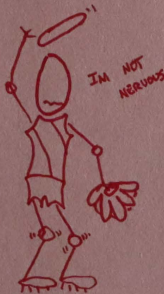
Marcia Brumbach who left the mound in the fifth, got credit for the victory after hurling two hit, three run ball. She also led Bally's seven hit attack with a pair.

Sun City, outhitting the opposition 9-4, trailed 1-0 after three innings, but surged for three runs and added another in the sixth for the victory while Walsam failed to score after the first inning. Barbara Thomas with three hits and Lynn Mooney with two provided most of the muscle in Sun City's scoring assault.

Meanwhile, Paula Noel pitched a four-hitter for Sun City and struck out five. Route-going Mary Mullen was the losing hurler.

In the Orange-Salt Lake City game that produced a lone run, Nancy Welborn weathered a three-on threat without damage in the top of the sixth inning with a two-out strikeout and her teammates got her the win in the bottom on a rally started by Diane Haataja's single. After pinch runner Debbie Ricketts was forced by Carol Spanks on a fielder's choice and Sue Sims sacrificed, Nancy Ito singled in the winning tally.

Pitcher Joy Wood lost the decision to Welborn after passing a four-hitter while her rival gave up five. Spanks' two hits led both clubs.





**JOYCE**  
**FANS 22 LIONETTES**

**Yesterday's Results**  
 Atlanta 3, Buffalo 1  
 Bally 1, Lansing 0  
 Bloomington 2, Waltham 1 (3  
 innings)  
 Sun City 12, Indianapolis 1  
 Stratford 1, Orange 0 (11 in-  
 nings)  
 Santa Clara 2, Orlando 1  
**Games Today**  
 Atlanta vs. Bridgeport, 10 a.m.  
 Portland vs. Memphis, 11:30  
 Bally vs. Orlando, 1 p.m.  
 Orange vs. Atlanta - Bridgeport  
 winner, 6 p.m.  
 St. Louis vs. Fort Worth, 7:30  
 Indianapolis vs. Portland-Mem-  
 phis winner, 9 p.m.

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Burrello ss	3 0 1 0	Spradley 2b	3 1 2 1
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Mottling c	3 0 0 0	Raj c	4 1 2 4
Wulf 3b	3 0 1 0	Kalish lf	3 0 1 1
Bre'mann lf	3 0 2 1	Buchanan cf	4 1 1 1
Lincoln 2b	2 0 0 0	Mooney 3b	3 1 2 1
Berens 1b	1 0 0 1	Rice rf	3 1 1 1
Stinson rf	2 0 0 0	Noel p	4 1 1 1
Purkerson cf	0 0 0 0	Easley 2b	0 0 0 0
Hight c	0 0 0 0	Slire rf	1 0 0 0
Gardner p	1 0 0 0		
Schwick p	1 0 0 0		
Priest rf	1 0 0 0		
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Indianapolis	000	100	0	—	1	
Sun City	103	080	x	—	12	
2B—Thomas, Rice, Kurtz, Allen						
SAC—Spradley						
SF—Kelth						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Berens (L)	5	14	12	12	1	2
Schwenk	1	2	0	0	0	1
Noel (W)	7	6	1	1	0	2

In a trio of losers' bracket games played during the day, Atlanta trimmed Buffalo, 3-1; Bloomington beat Waltham, 2-1; and Bally blanked Lansing, 1-0. In the first game of the night session, Sun City trounced Indianapolis, 12-1, while Santa Clara downed Orlando, 2-1, in the nightcap, both in the winners' bracket.

Six more games are on tap today, three in the day session and the other trio at night. At 10 a.m., the host Bridgeport Coeds take on Atlanta, while Portland plays Memphis at 11:30 and Bally faces Orlando at 1 p.m.

At night, Orange opposes the Atlanta - Bridgeport winner at 9 o'clock and Indianapolis clashes with the Portland - Memphis survivor at 9 in losers' bracket play, while St. Louis and Fort Worth meet at 7:30 in the only winners' bracket outing of the day.

Sun City benefitted from four hits by Ginger Kurtz, two each for Linda Spradley, Barbara Thomas, Marilyn Rau and Lynn Mooney and four runs - batted - in by Rau. Kurtz, Thomas, Becky Rice and Rosie Allen of Indianapolis all rapped two-baggers.

Kurtz' game - opening hit and Thomas' double provided the first run of the game and the Saints added three in the third frame as Kurtz singled, Spradley out-legged a bunt, Thomas walked and Rau singled for a pair. Both runners moved up on the throw and Thelma Keith delivered Thomas with a sparkling fly.

An eight-run outburst in the fifth frame completed the onslaught.

By PETE PUTRIMAS

How could a pitcher follow up a performance like this? To go out and pitch a complete game, 2-1 victory in 10 innings against the always - strong Orange Lions, then come right back and toss another route - going 2-1 victory in the 25-inning nightcap of the doubleheader?

If that pitcher was Paula Noel of the Sun City, Ariz. Saints, the only reaction she would have is to return to the hill the following night and chuck both ends of another twin hill!

That is exactly what she did in Sun City's final series with Orange as the Saints took three-of-four from the California powerhouse. The only thing that could be said about the performance is that it was not at all unique.

Paula has been THE pitching staff for the Saints in the team's final 45 games as she compiled a glossy 38-7 mark for the stretch while posting a season mark of 48-8 for the 67-15 Saints.

She became the Saints' only pitcher on June 4 when Billie Harris was forced to undergo internal surgery and never returned to form after a long recovery period.

From that point on, manager Jerry Stapley used her exclusively and Paula responded by soloing the Saints through the regular season, four regional qualifying tussles and four games of the National Tournament.

Last night, the pert 22-year-old absorbed her first loss of the tourney, a heart-breaking 1-0 defeat to Santa Clara in 11 innings after three wins, one a sharp 1-0 verdict over the Ray-

All that work during the regular season honed her talents to their sharpest for the Nationals and she was glad to have it.

- "At least it's given me a lot more experience and much more confidence coming into the tournament. Also, my stamina has improved, especially after all those extra - inning games," said the first - year tournament performer after last night's game.

The stories of her exploits in



PAULA NOEL

endurance pitching never seem to come to an end as her list of accomplishments includes chucking three victories in one day, at 8 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., as the Saints waltzed through their regional qualifying

test and coping back-to-back doubleheaders against both Orange and the Salt Lake City Shamrocks during the season. With all those plaudits from which to choose, she sees one victory in one day as the peak of her season.

"Last night (Tuesday) had to be the highlight of the season for me and the whole team in beating Joan Joyce and the Brackettes," she said.

As the tourney winds down to its final two days, she may have to repeat that feat as the Saints must tangle with the winner of tonight's first game between the Brakettes and Lionettes in order

This is the highest that Sun City has ever finished in a National Tournament and if it is up to Paula Noel, she plans on taking her Saints teammates all the way.

Asked last night whether she will pitch tonight's game, all she could answer was "Probably."

**BRAKETTES,**  
**SUN CITY VIE**

## IN SEMI-FINALS TONIGHT



# SUN CITY STUNS BRAKETTES;

## Saints and Laurels In Winners' Finals

Raybestos Faces Orlando  
at 6 p.m.; Orange, Ft.  
Worth Vie at 9

By EMMETT SPILLANE  
Sun City and Santa Clara  
clash in the winners' bracket  
finals and the Raybestos Brak-  
ettes begin play in the un-  
familiar losers' bracket tonight  
as all six remaining teams in  
the National Women's ASA  
Tournament see action at Me-  
morial Field.

Raybestos, knocked off, 1-0,  
last night by the Sun City Saints,  
faces perennial rival Orlando at  
6 o'clock in the opening game of  
the tripleheader, while the Ari-  
zona Saints and the California  
Laurels do battle at 7:30. In the  
nightcap, at 9 o'clock, Orange  
takes on Fort Worth in another  
losers' bracket fray.

Santa Clara dumped Fort  
Worth into the losers' bracket  
last night, 4-1, while Orlando  
eusted Bloomington, 2-1 in the  
first game of the tripleheader.  
In day games, Bloomington beat  
St. Louis, 5-3, and Orange elimi-  
nated Portland, 2-0.

Sun City did it the hard way  
last night, beating the defending  
champions and their near-  
flawless star, Joan Joyce, before  
a partisan crowd of 8,500 fans.

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dropping the ball and snuffed  
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### Tourney at a Glance

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Bloomington 5, St. Louis 3  
Orange 2, Portland 0  
Orlando 2, Bloomington 1  
Sun City 1, Stratford 0  
Santa Clara 4, Fort Worth 1  
GAMES TODAY  
Orlando vs. Stratford, 6 p.m.  
Sun City vs. Santa Clara, 7:30  
Orange vs. Fort Worth, 9 p.m.



CUT DOWN AT THE PLATE—Marilyn Rau, catcher for the Sun City Saints, spins away after tagging the mauling Cec Ponce, Brackettes' outfielder, as she attempted to score in the fifth inning last night. It was a vital play since the Saints went on to defeat the Brakettes, 1-0, in the National Women's ASA tournament at Memorial field. Ponce tried to score from second on Sue Tomko's hit, but Denise Buchanan nailed her at the plate with a strong throw. Umpire Sid Booth calls the play.



DEJECTED BATTERY—Pitcher Joan Joyce and catcher Peggy Kellers, of the Raybestos Brakettes, head for the dugout after Sun City scored the game's only run in the bottom of the seventh inning last night in the National Women's ASA Tournament at Memorial Field. Brakettes must now fight their way through the losers' bracket if they are to repeat as national champions.

TOURNEY NOTES — Box of-  
fices at the field will be open  
daily from 12 noon on for the  
rest of the tournament. . . Sun  
City is the successor to the dis-  
banded Phoenix Ramblers (Dot  
Wilkinson and company). . .  
Thelma Keith and Marilyn Rau  
are the only players left from  
the Ramblers roster since the

Saints were formed eight years  
ago. . . This year, Sun City has  
an 83-14 record and came in sec-  
ond in the Pacific Coast Wom-  
en's League behind Orange,  
despite taking nine of 12 deci-  
sions over the Lionettes. Going  
into the final series of the  
season, Orange had four losses  
and Sun City eight, but the Lion-  
ettes managed a 7-3 victory in  
the third game to capture the  
championship, despite three 2-4  
Sun City nods. . . Eight of the  
12 Saints have ties with Arizona  
State U., which won the NCAA  
Women's the past two seasons,  
including Rau, Ginger Kurtz,  
Lynn Mooney, Paula Noel, Lee  
Ann Easley, Denise Buchanan,  
Cheryl Stice and the injured  
Judy Hoke. While the programs  
of ASU and the Saints are mu-  
tually beneficial, manager Gerry  
Stapley credits a strong high  
school physical education pro-  
gram, which features softball as  
an important part, with being  
the backbone of both ventures.  
. . Barbara Thomas and  
Mooney are continuing their  
strong hitting in the National  
Tournament after both went se-  
ven-for-13 in their Regionals.

WE WON ! ! ! ! !



# Sun City, Santa Clara, Orlando Triumph in Tourney

Rebels Eliminate  
Bloomington; Laur-  
els Down Fort Worth  
By EMMETT SPILLANE

Joan Joyce lost a perfect game, no-hitter and shutout in short order last night as the explosive Sun City Saints came up with a triple by hot-hitting Barbara Thomas and Marilyn Rau's long single in the bottom of the seventh inning to dump the Raybestos Brackettes, 1-0, in the National Women's ASA Tournament at Memorial Field.

In the other half of the winners' bracket semi-finals, Santa Clara downed Fort Worth, 4-1. Orlando topped Bloomington, 5-1, in a losers' bracket tussle which opened last night's tripleheader.

Bloomington beat St. Louis, 5-3, and Orange edged Portland, Ore., 2-0, in daytime losers' bracket games.

Three Games Today  
A tripleheader is scheduled tonight, highlighted by the winners' bracket final between Sun City and Santa Clara at 7:30 o'clock. Orlando and Raybestos clash in the first game of the session at 6 o'clock, while Orange tangles with Fort Worth in the nightcap at 9 o'clock.

Joyce retired the first 20 Sun City batters, including 12 on strikes, and Rau hit the only ball out of the infield when she skied deep to Cec Ponce leading off the fifth frame.

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Stratford	Sun City	Stratford	Sun City
Shaw, Jb	ab r h bi	ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Rose, C	3 0 0 0	Curtis, as	3 0 0 0
Compton, lb	3 0 0 0	Tomlinson, lb	3 0 0 0
Arch, as	2 0 0 0	Thomas, f	1 1 1 0
Brack, as	2 0 0 0	Kearns, lb	2 0 0 0
Adams, lb	3 0 0 0	Wheeler, cf	2 0 0 0
Tomko, cf	2 0 0 0	Wheeler, cf	2 0 0 0
Kellers, c	2 0 0 0	Noel, as	2 0 0 0
	25 0 0 0		22 1 1

Stratford	Sun City	Stratford	Sun City
3B-Thomas, SAC-Ponce, Brack	100 000 0-1	3B-Thomas, SAC-Ponce, Brack	100 000 0-1
Joyce (L)	IP - H R ER BB SO	Joyce (L)	IP - H R ER BB SO
Noel (W)	7 5 0 0 0 0	Noel (W)	7 5 0 0 0 0



THOMAS TALLIES — Barbara Thomas of Sun City gleefully prepares to prance on home plate with the deciding run in last night's 1-0 edge over the Raybestos Brackettes in the National Women's ASA Tournament at Memorial Field. Catcher Peggy Kellers waits for throw which never came and umpire Sid Bomb makes sure Thomas touches plate. Thomas scored on Marilyn Rau's hit in last of seventh inning.

## Saints post upset win

Special to The Republic

STRATFORD, Conn. — The Sun City Saints recorded a dramatic, upset victory over the defending champion Raybestos Brackettes, 1-0, Tuesday night in the ASA Women's National Softball Tournament.

Joan Joyce, the tournament most valuable player in 1972, stymied the Saints, hurling a perfect game going into the bottom of the seventh. But, with two outs, Barbara Thomas stroked a triple, followed by Marilyn Rau's game winning line - drive against the left - center fence.

Paula Miller Noel was on the mound again for Sun City, stopping nine - time winner Raybestos on four hits. The Stratford based Brackettes boast eight All-Americans, including 14 time All-American Joyce, who fanned 12 in the losing effort.

The Saints prevented a potential game-tying run in the fifth when centerfielder Denise Buchanan threw out a Brackette runner attempting to score from second on a single.

The Saints face the meet's other undefeated club, Santa Clara, Calif., today at 4:30 (Arizona time). The two clubs have met earlier this season, with Sun City winning six of the eight encounters.

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SUN CITY SAINTS SOFTBALL TEAM CARE HOLIDAY INN  
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THIS IS YOUR CHANCE NOTHING TO LOOSE POUND THOSE FINKS  
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 DEAR SAINTS YESTERDAY THE BRAKETTES TODAY SANTA CLARA TOMORROW  
 THE WORLD. WE KNEW WE WERE PART OF A CLASS ORGANIZATION. GOOD  
 LUCK AND WIN SAINTS WIN  
 SANDRA AND CHRISTIE

## Saints beat nation's best in quest of softball title

STRATFORD, Conn.—Such are the fortunes of softball that the Sun City Saints, first a victorious underdog and then a losing favorite, needed a victory late last night to get into tonight's ASA national finals.

It's a berth they figured to reach handily Wednesday, but suffered an 11-inning 1-0 shock against Santa Clara that almost matched in severity the one they handed to the defending champion Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford only 24 hours earlier.

THE SAINTS soared high above the clouds Tuesday when they reached the pinnacle of their eight year history with a 1-0 upset win over the Brackette's hurling great, Joan Joyce.

Joyce had a perfect game going with two out in the bottom of the seventh when Barbara Thomas tripled to right and Marilyn Rau smashed a long shot to the left-center fence. The hit officially went for a single, because it produced the game's only run.

Paula Noel pitched

brilliantly to hold the Raybestos sluggers at bay, aided by a fantastic play by centerfielder Denny Buchanan and catcher Rau to cut down a Brackette runner at the plate in the fifth.

TUESDAY'S stunning victory couldn't have dripped with more drama if it had come from a Class B Hollywood movie script. The Saints had nary a hit and didn't even come close to having a baserunner off the Brakettes' overpowering Joyce with only one out left before the game would have gone into overtime.

In fact, after Ginger Kurtz popped out to shortstop as the first Sun City batter, Joyce struck out nine straight batters. She added three strikeouts later, and

Rau's fly to left in the fifth was the only ball to leave the infield.

Meanwhile, the nine-time national champion Brakettes knocked on the door several times without breaking through—although it took a fantastically brilliant play to stop them in the fifth.

WITH ONE out Cec Ponce, an ex-Orange Lionette, slammed a single off pitcher Paula Noel's shin, barely making it to first ahead of Paula's throw. She moved up to second on a ground out to short, then dashed for home on Sue Tomko's sharply hit grounder over second base.

Young Denny Buchanan, who moved to center field when a broken leg sidelined Judy Hoke in midseason, charged the ball and unleashed a high, sizzling throw to the plate. Somehow Rau managed to block the plate, fend off the charging Ponce, haul in the high throw, and make a tag while falling earthward.

It was a play which fired up the Saints, whose hopes had been sagging as a result of their desultory results on offense.





Fever pitch of excitement grips Sun City Saints team members following dramatic last-inning win over national champion Raybestos Brakettes during national tournament at Stratford, Conn. First baseman Thelma Keith

raises arm in victory as she stands with right fielder Becky Rice. Player launching attack on Keith's midsection is pitcher Paula Noel.

(News-Sun Photo by Burt Freireich)

EXCITEMENT



## 'Cream Puff' Thomas turns torrid tiger

Stratford, Conn.—Whatever happened to the Sun City Saints' 'cream puff' left fielder with the powder puff bat, Barbara Thomas?

Well, she's still a cream puff blonde who would make a great cover girl for anybody's magazine, but she's also making loud noises with a torrid bat.

Almost unnoticed, the former light hitter went on a hitting rampage during the last half of the regular 1973 campaign, then tied teammate Lynn Mooney for the most hits, seven, in the regional tournament at Las Cruces, N.M.

Ginger Kurtz was 4-for-4 and Marilyn with four RBIs took the limelight in Sunday's national tournament win over Indiana, but it's left fielder Thomas who has paced the Saints so far. She went 2-for-3 following a 3-for-4 performance and thereby leads all batters with five hits and a .714 average.

That's plenty hot in any league—enough to curdle the whipped cream in a cream puff.



# Raybestos, Orange Clash at 7 o'Clock

Santa Clara Nips Sun  
City, 1-0, to Gain Tour-  
ney Finals

By EMMETT SPILLANE

Those traditional claimants to Women's ASA supremacy, Sun City and Raybestos, clashed for the second time in the 1973 National Tournament tonight at 7 o'clock, but the championship is not at stake, merely survival.

Raybestos dumped the Lionettes into the losers' bracket Sunday with a 1-0 triumph in eleven innings, but the Brackettes joined their long-time foes in the sudden-death section after dropping a 1-0 decision to Sun City Tuesday night.

Orange kept afloat by downing Atlanta, 3-2 in ten innings on Monday, and ousted Portland, 2-0, on Tuesday before a relatively easy 7-0 romp over Fort Worth last night.

Raybestos registered a 4-0 conquest of Orlando last night in the unfamiliar losers' bracket setting.

Laura Malesh's Santa Clara Laurels have the night off as they savor their position as the only unbeaten team in the original 18-club field after edging Sun City, 1-0, last night in eleven innings.

Tonight's showdown will only provide the winner with the opportunity of meeting Sun City at 8:30 tonight. Neither has had much success against the Salts; as Orange dropped nine of 12 regular-season clashes and the Brackettes bowed, 1-0, Tuesday night in the present competition.

Whichever team survives what promises to be a spine-tingling series tonight can look forward to facing Santa Clara tomorrow night, needing two victories over the impressive Laurels in order to claim the title.

The Laurels broke through for the game's only run in both of the eleventh inning. After Adelle Johnson lined to center, Diane Kalliam singled to right, and was forced at second by Mary Ann Ruedrich. Ruedrich stole second and Sun City shortstop Ginger Kurtz, who injured her knee in the resultant collision, was carried off on a stretcher. After the ensuing delay, Brenda Gambin singled to center to score the speedy Ruedrich with what has to be one of the big runs of the tournament.

The defending champion Brackettes once again utilized the sparkling pitching of Joyce Tito, Shirley Topley and Carol Weinmann to stave off the Eastern rivals. Orlando loaded the bases against the Raybestos star in the first inning with one out, but failed to score.

Orange had an easy time with Fort Worth, thereby setting up tonight's sudden-death confrontation with Raybestos. Before the tournament, it seemed that the two long-time rivals would battle it out for the unprecedented tenth national championship, but relative newcomers Santa Clara and Sun City have prevented that. Thus, both titans are locked

## ASA TOURNEY SCORES

Stratford		Orlando	
Shen, 2b	4 1 1 0	Mulder, cf	4 0 0 0
Rose, cf	4 1 2 2	Slater, lf	3 0 1 0
Campbell, 3b	1 0 1 0	Worthington, 3b	2 0 0 0
Joyce, p	3 0 2 2	Tennys, ss	3 0 1 0
Buckley, ss	2 0 0 0	Martinez, 2b	3 0 0 0
Adams, 2b	2 0 0 0	Cushing, 2b	3 0 0 0
Adams, 2b	2 0 0 0	Culligan, 1b	2 0 0 0
Kelliers, c	2 0 0 0	Johnson, ss	4 0 0 0
Clark, lf	2 0 0 0	Johnson, ss	4 0 0 0

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Stratford	001 000 3-4
Orlando	000 000 0-0
7B-Rose, SAC-Swarlow, Adams, Kelliers, Beckins	IP H R ER BB SO
Joyce (9th)	7 2 0 0 10
Devlin (L)	2 2 0 0

Sun City, Ariz.		Santa Clara, Cal.	
Kurtz, ss	4 0 0 0	Kalliam, cf	4 0 0 0
Sperry, 2b	1 0 1 0	Ruedrich, lf	2 0 1 0
Thomas, lf	2 0 0 0	Gambin, 3b	4 0 1 1
McGregor, 3b	4 0 0 0	Johnson, ss	4 0 0 0
Kelliers, c	2 0 0 0	Iversen, 2b	4 0 1 0
Mooney, 2b	3 0 0 0	Graham, p	4 0 1 0
Rice, cf	4 0 0 0	Johnson, ss	4 0 0 0
Neel, p	4 0 0 0	Johnson, ss	4 0 0 0
Gray, ss	4 0 0 0	Johnson, ss	4 0 0 0

26 0 3 0	26 1 6 1
Sun City	000 000 00-0
Santa Clara	000 000 00-1
7B-Ruedrich, 5B-Ruedrich, SAC-Gambin, Weaver	IP H R ER BB SO
Noel (L)	10 13 1 1
Graham (W)	11 3 0 0 3 4

Orange, Calif.		Ft. Worth, Texas	
Spinks, ss	4 0 0 0	McGregor, cf	4 0 0 0
Sims, 2b	2 2 2 2	McGregor, cf	2 0 1 0
Spinks, ss	2 2 2 2	McGregor, cf	2 0 1 0
Topley, 1b	0 0 1 1	Shopper, 2b	3 0 2 0
Wells, 2b	0 0 1 1	Shopper, 2b	3 0 2 0
Davis, lf	4 1 1 0	Allison, c	3 0 0 0
Wells, 2b	2 0 0 0	Tripp, 3b	2 0 0 0
Adams, cf	2 0 0 0	Bousko, 1b	2 0 0 0
Hedman, cf	2 2 0 0	Wendland, p	0 0 0 0
Whitman, 2b	3 0 0 0	Soyers, p	2 0 0 0
Schoen, 2b	0 0 0 0	Fennell, p	0 0 0 0
Jones, c	1 0 0 0	Cullins, 1b	1 0 0 0
Rickett, cf	1 0 0 0	Cullins, 1b	1 0 0 0

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Orange	000 000 0-0
Ft. Worth	000 000 0-0
7B-Sims, 2b, Hedman, cf	IP H R ER BB SO
Wells (W)	3 2 0 0 1 0
Whitman	3 2 0 0 1 0
Houghland (L)	2 2 0 0 1 0
Soyers	4 2 3 5 4 3 2 3

in the losers' bracket, needing two wins tonight and another pair tomorrow night in order to earn the title. Nancy Wellborn and Pat Whitman split last night's pitching assignment against the out-purged Texas Rebels, both allowing two hits in the easy victory. Sue Sims, Diane Hartsja and future Hall-of-Famer Carol Spinks powered the Lionettes to victory, combining for six hits and four runs-batted-in. In all, six Lionettes contributed RBI against Fort Worth, which had two hits from Juanita Sheppard and one each from Dow Anna McGregor and Val Spacher.

Spinks, now hitting .444 in the tourney, had a two-run double in the fifth, Sims clouted a two-run double in the fourth and Nancy Tito, Shirley Topley and Carol Weinmann drove in runs during a three-run spree in the third which eliminated the hustling Texans.

JUBILATION—Members of the Santa Clara Laurels mob Mary Ann Ruedrich after the speedy centerfielder crossed the plate to score the only run in the 11-inning struggle of the winners' bracket in the ASA National Tournament at Raybestos Field, Sun City, Ariz.

Tournament at Raybestos Memorial Field, Sun City, Ariz. (above) Mary Ann Ruedrich (standing over plate) is ready for a happy reunion with her Santa Clara teammates last night after tallying the lone run of the ball game in the Laurels' 1-0, 11-inning struggle over the Sun City, Ariz. Salts in the finals of the winners' bracket in the ASA National Tournament at Raybestos Field. Ruedrich scored from second on a single to center by Brenda Gambin to break the scoreless deadlock. Losing pitcher Paula Neel (back to camera) watches, while umpire Bill Wickman of Worcester, Mass., makes the safe call.



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[the News-Sun in Sun City, is](#)  
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[National Tournament at Strat-](#)  
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## [Tourney at a Glance](#)

[Yesterday's Results](#)  
[Stratford 4, Orlando 0](#)  
[Santa Clara 1, Sun City 0 \(11 in-](#)  
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[Orange 7, Fort Worth 0](#)  
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[ley singled, Toni Swartout reach-](#)  
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[Mary Lou Cushing on seven](#)  
[pitches.](#)

[No Rebels reached the rest of](#)  
[the game, but the Brakettes were](#)  
[unable to dent the scoreboard](#)  
[against Dot Davidson until the](#)  
[third inning.](#)

[Peggy Kellers, enjoying one of](#)  
[her best tournaments ever, led](#)  
[with a single and took second](#)  
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[a single off of Davidson as Kel-](#)  
[lers held at second, and after](#)  
[Willie Roze popped to second,](#)  
[Joyce Compton managed an in-](#)  
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[managed a nifty save, but Joyce](#)  
[drew a run-scoring walk to send](#)  
[the Rebels nearer to elimination.](#)

[Raybestos locked up the game](#)  
[with three runs in the seventh](#)  
[inning as Barbara Clark was](#)  
[hit by a pitch. Kellers sacrificed](#)  
[and Shea reached on an error by](#)  
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[few other saving plays in the](#)  
[field for Orlando. Roze rifled a](#)  
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## Cliffhanger win, loss put Saints near top

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**JOYCE LED** off the second and seventh innings with sharply hit singles but never got past second either time as Noel bore down and refused to allow a ball out of the infield.

The other Raybestos hit was a single up the middle by Willie Roze in the sixth. But it came with two out, and Paula got the next batter on a grounder to second. Both teams played errorlessly, and neither pitcher issued a walk.

The upset win made the Saints heavy favorites over California's Santa Clara Laurels, whom the Saints bested three games to one at home and again at Santa Clara during the regular season.

**THE LAURELS** pushed across a run in the seventh to break a scoreless pitching duel between Noel and Charlotte Graham.

Paula, who benefitted in the 10th from Thomas' nifty running catch along the left field line to rob Graham of a double, got even more outstanding help to open the 11th. Buchanan, risking giving away a triple, dashed into short left center to make a sliding backhanded stab of Adele Johnson's sinking liner.

Diane Kalliam, however, followed with a single. She was forced out on a grounder by Maryanne Ruedrich, who proceeded to steal second. As shortstop Ginger Kurtz attempted to field the low throw on the hop, she was felled by a spike in the right knee.

**AFTER AN** interruption of several minutes to allow Ginger's removal by stretcher, Noel tossed one

pitch which Brenda Gambin lined into center to score Ruedrich from second.

A severe bruise on Kurtz's knee was expected to keep her out of last night's action. Lee Ann Easley was her replacement Wednesday. Neither the Laurels nor the Saints had many scoring opportunities.

**RUEDRICH** got a one-out double on a Texas leaguer to right in the first, but a sacrifice and a strikeout dashed that threat. Santa Clara got two-out singles in the second and third innings to no avail.

A walk to open the fourth and a single to open the seventh presented greater danger, but each runner was stranded at second as the Laurels failed to get the ball out of the infield.

Sun City threats were even fewer. Thomas singled after two out in the first and Lynn Mooney and Becky Rice walked after two out in the second, but a ground-out and a strikeout ended those chances.

**KURTZ WALKED** to open the third but never made it to second. With two outs in the fifth, Kurtz lined a single to center and Linda Spradley's follow-up single was bobbled by the left fielder to allow the runners to reach second and third. Thomas, however, grounded out and the Saints never had a baserunner thereafter.

Last night's first game matched the Raybestos Brakettes and the Orange Lionettes, with the winner to take on Sun City immediately afterward. The winner of the latter game will face Santa Clara tonight, needing two

straight wins to keep the Laurels from annexing the title. Raybestos edged Orange, 1-0, in 11 innings Monday on Joyce's 22-

strikeout no-hitter.

In going one-for-five against Santa Clara, Thomas dropped to a .467

batting average. She was 6-for-10 in her first three games and still is rated a good chance to make All-America honors.



With two out, two strikes in bottom of seventh, Saints' catcher Marilyn Rau fouled off pitch, then slashed line drive single to right center. Left fielder Barbara Thomas, on at third base via triple, scored on single to give Saints 1-0 victory over defending national champs Raybestos Brakettes Tuesday. (News-Sun Photo)

# Brakettes Register Two Shutout Triumphs in Tourney BRAKETTES WIN TENTH NATIONAL SOFTBALL TITLE



# Saints take 3rd in nationals

By BURT FREIREICH  
STRAITFORD, Conn.—  
Sun City's Saints walked off  
with a mountainous third-  
place trophy, first-team all-  
American honors for left  
fielder Barbara Thomas and  
catcher Marilyn Rau, and a  
second-team all-American  
berth for pitcher Paula Noel

in Friday's closing  
ceremonies of the Amateur  
Softball Association  
national tourney.

But it took all those honors  
to make up—partially, at  
least—for the bitter  
disappointment of a 6-0 loss  
Thursday to the Raybestos  
Brakettes of Stratford,

marking the season's final  
action for the Sun City crew  
which had provided the No.  
1 shocker of the tournament.

Raybestos, seeking its  
third straight national title,  
was dumped into the  
tournament's losers'  
bracket by the Saints

Tuesday, 1-0. But they got  
their vengeance and went on  
to jump the Santa Clara,  
Calif., Laurels by 1-0 and 2-0  
scores Friday to win a  
record 10th championship.

THE SAINTS' highest  
previous finish in a national  
tournament was fifth, and  
they never before in their  
eight-year history had  
placed a player on any all-  
American team. So there  
was more than enough to  
cheer about.

After upsetting Raybestos  
Tuesday, the Saints were  
dropped uncereemoniously  
into the losers' bracket by  
Santa Clara, 1-0 in 11 in-  
nings, giving them what  
proved to be an un-  
surmountable chore—the  
need for a second win over  
the Brakettes and their  
pitching-batting superstar,  
Joan Joyce.

Joyce had come within a  
hair of hurling a perfect  
game in their first meeting,  
but a Thomas triple to right

and a Rau single to the fence  
in left-center shocked her  
and her mates. Joyce, on  
her way to the most  
valuable player award,  
made sure Thursday—she  
no-hit the Saints in an  
impressive win.

NOEL KEPT the  
Brakettes at bay for five  
innings Thursday, then  
suffered her only really  
disastrous inning of a long  
season in which she hurled  
about 70 games. Raybestos  
got to her for seven hits and  
six runs, and that was that.

The Saints had the game's  
first scoring chance. After  
two outs in the first, Lynn  
Mooney reached when the  
first baseman dropped  
shortstop Sharron Backus'  
throw. Then Rau struck out,  
but the catcher dropped the  
third strike and overthrew a  
lob over Marilyn's head  
which went for the inning's  
second error. Thelma  
Keith's pop to first ended the  
only Sun City threat.

The Saints' best chances  
(Continued on 4C)

## ... Saints finish 3rd

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to bust up the no-hitter came  
on Noel's long clout to left,  
which Cec Ponce grabbed in  
an over-the-shoulder catch  
while racing toward the  
fence, and Keith's liner  
which Backus speared to  
end the game.

RAYBESTOS threatened  
in the second on back-to-

back singles by Ponce and  
Rosie Adams after Noel  
plucked a Backus line drive  
out of the air. A forceout at  
third and a tapper to the  
mound got Paula out of that  
one.

After Backus lined a  
single to left to open the  
fourth, Thomas made a  
diving catch in short left on  
Ponce's sinking liner. But  
Backus stole second, and  
Paula got a pair of  
Brakettes on infield outs to  
halt that scoring bid.

With one out in the sixth,  
however, Backus sent a  
little blooper behind third  
base, and that signaled an  
eruption of base hits which  
left no doubt about the  
outcome.

PONCE lined a single to  
right; Adams lined one to  
center, and she and Ponce  
both took an extra base as  
Denny Buchanan's throw to  
the plate was too late to  
catch Backus. Tomko sent  
another liner to center for  
another run, and the bases  
got loaded up when Peggy  
Kellers' Texas Leaguer fell  
into right-center for a  
single.

Following a fly to left,  
Willie Roze crashed a  
double to center and Joyce  
Compton ripped a single up  
the middle for the final three  
runs.

Until the sixth-inning  
explosion, Paula had  
blanked the champs for 12  
straight innings.

THREE PITCHERS were  
picked for the all-star first  
team and three for the  
second team. It is  
significant that Noel was the  
top pick on the second team  
because it means an  
automatic invitation to play  
in a Raybestos-vs.-All-Stars  
game at Stratford next July.  
The all-star squad will have  
three pitchers—but Joyce,  
naturally, will be hurling for  
the Brakettes.

Thomas batted .388 for the  
tournament with seven hits  
in 18 trips. Rau went 4-for-  
14, a .286 clip, but was one of  
the tourney's most  
productive batters with five

runs batted in. Kurtz hit .333  
with 5-for-15.

Administrative credit for  
the Saints' fine finish (they  
were 67-16 for the season)  
must be shared by Gerald  
Stapley, their first-year  
coach, and franchise holder  
Bev Dryer, who as coach  
over several previous  
seasons built the talent  
which blossomed this year.

IT IS a virtual certainty  
that the Saints' 1974 edition  
will have something of a  
new look. Veteran first  
baseman Thelma Keith,  
who seriously considered  
retiring before the last  
campaign, pretty much has  
decided to call it quits now.

And there is an outside  
chance that Thomas won't  
be back. She plans to move  
within a week to San Diego,  
where her sailor-husband is  
expected to be stationed for  
the next seven months, but  
prospects are good that the  
couple will return to the  
Phoenix area upon his  
discharge in February.

## To Saints with love

The Sun City Saints, in the  
wrapup of their first year under  
Coach Gerald Stapley, are in  
Stratford, Conn., today for the  
opening of the Amateur Softball  
Association's national women's  
tournament.

From the standpoint of serious  
injuries, this has been the most  
trying season in the Saints' 9-year  
history. Billie Harris was the  
team's No. 1 pitcher when surgery  
knocked her out of competition  
early in the campaign. Judy Hoke,  
starting center fielder and the  
squad's No. 1 power hitting threat  
at the time she fractured an ankle  
during a midseason slide into  
second base, still is in a cast.  
Without even relating the other  
mishaps which caused temporary  
lineup dislocations and at the  
moment are hindering other  
players, it is sufficient to point out  
that the loss of Billie and Judy is  
severe.

Nonetheless, the Saints two  
weeks ago came within one vic-  
tory of sharing the Pacific Coast  
Women's League championship  
with the perennial titlists, the  
remarkable Orange Lionettes.  
Hence, in spite of the multitude of  
physical problems, 1973 must go  
down as the Saints' most suc-  
cessful season.

We and thousands of local fans  
wish the Saints good luck and  
many victories in the tournament  
about to unfold. But we want them  
to know that it makes no dif-  
ference whether they come back  
with no victories or a half-dozen—  
they have given us more than we  
could reasonably expect in 1973.

A high finish in the nationals  
would be frosting on the cake, to  
be sure, but the Saints already  
have won our love and ad-  
miration. Nothing that happens in  
Connecticut can detract from  
that.

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Burt Freireich's

## Sun Beams



Rounding up some loose ends from the Amateur Softball Association national championships at Stratford, Conn.: The Saints had no Monday game (they had won Saturday and Sunday and were due to play defending champion Raybestos of Stratford Tuesday) so most of them were in the bleachers watching the other teams in action.

Portland was having a ding-dong scoreless duel with Indianapolis in a late losers' bracket game. The Oregonians had a runner on second base when the batter drove a single past the mound. The center fielder carefully played the bouncer, latched onto it, and hurled the ball homeward. It arrived too late, and Indianapolis was eliminated, 1-0.

Saints coach Gerald Stapley, sitting next to his center fielder, young Denny Buchanan, asked her, "Did you see anything that could have been done differently on that play, Denny?"

"Yes, Coach," answered the pert blonde. "The outfielder should have charged the ball instead of playing it so safely. Then she might have had a chance to throw her out at home."

That was exactly the answer Stapley wanted. He had noted that Denny was playing similar hits too cautiously to avoid an error.

The next night the Saints and Raybestos were locked in a scoreless duel when Cec Ponce singled with one out for the Brakettes and advanced to second on a ground out. Sue Tomko belted a single to center which looked like a sure run batted in. But Denny charged the ball vigorously, unleashed a high, sizzling throw to the plate, and Marilyn Rau applied the tag after absorbing a collision with the runner.

The Monday night skull session had paid off handsomely. The Saints won that game, 1-0, to become the only team to knock off Raybestos.

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*Sun City Saints*  
*We are proud*  
*of you wonderful*  
*girls and all pulling*  
*for you to win*  
*the Championships.*

*Dave & Margaret*  
*Guyton*

*Telegram 8/22 2:35*  
*p.m.*

## Saints plan arrival tomorrow morning

At News-Sun press time, the Sun City Saints had made reservations to arrive in Phoenix at Sky Harbor Airport at 11:08 tomorrow morning on American Airlines flight 117.

The Saints were scheduled to meet the winner of the Orange Lionettes-Brakettes game last night. The Lionettes-Brakettes game was to be played at 7 p.m. with the Saints' game to follow at 8:30.

A loss in last night's game would put the Saints out of the bid for the national title, but would give them a third place finish, the highest in

their eight-year history. A win would pit them against the undefeated Santa Clara Laurels who knocked the Saints into the loser's bracket Wednesday night in a 12-inning contest.

Judy Hoke, Saints' center fielder who is out of play with a fractured ankle but made the trip to Stratford, arrived home Wednesday morning to begin her job as high school teacher. She reported that some of the team members are not expected to make the flight back with the team, electing instead to visit friends and relatives while in that part of the country.

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ON THE FIRST weekend of the tournament my sister came up from New York City to join me, and we had the extremes in entertainment. We saw "Measure for Measure" in a Sunday matinee performance in the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford, then saw the Saints down Indianapolis, 12-1, in the evening.

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ANOTHER VISITOR from New York City was Patty Kurtz, who arrived Tuesday to see the Saints topple Raybestos as her sister Ginger sparked at shortstop for Sun City.

Patty was back Thursday to see the Saints eliminated by Raybestos, 6-0, but expressed some pleasure in having missed the Wednesday game. That's when Ginger caught a flying spike in the knee while covering second on a stolen base play. Ginger was carried off the field on a stretcher and one pitch later the Saints lost to Santa Clara, Calif., 1-0.

Ginger couldn't play Thursday, but there was an outside chance that she might have seen action had the Saints remained in the tournament one more day. The spiking didn't draw blood, just created a bad bruise and considerable swelling. Ginger suited up Thursday, but the pain restricted her mobility severely.

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THE SAINTS really felt that they could handle Santa Clara because they had won three out of four from the Laurels both at home and at Santa Clara during the regular season. But Santa Clara played exceptionally well in the field, and the Saints couldn't manage a big hit at the right time.

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LYNN MOONEY, Becky Rice, and Cheryl Stice didn't come directly home from the tournament. They all went to visit Cheryl's parents in Kansas.

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THE BIG HITS of the Saints' extracurricular activities in Connecticut were the Roaring '20s hats purchased by Thelma Keith and Georgia Buelow. The stylized fedoras looked like they came right out of the "Bonnie and Clyde" movie, and it was difficult to tell whether the girls looked more like Bonnie or Clyde.

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BARBARA THOMAS was still up in the clouds after winning all-American first team honors Friday night. A bunch of Saints headed toward Kennedy Airport in their rented car Saturday but had to return to their motel after a half-hour on the road to get the purse Barbara had left there.



## ASA lists all-Americans

STRATFORD, Conn.—Following are the first team women's all-American selections by the Amateur Softball Association, based on competition in the ASA national tournament which ended here Friday (note that there were multiple selections for some positions):

Sis Zollinger, Orlando, 1b; Rosie Adams, Stratford, 2b; Irene Shea, Stratford, 3b; Carol Spanks, Orange, ss; Cec Ponce, Stratford, of; Barbara Thomas, Sun City of; Maryanne Ruedrich,

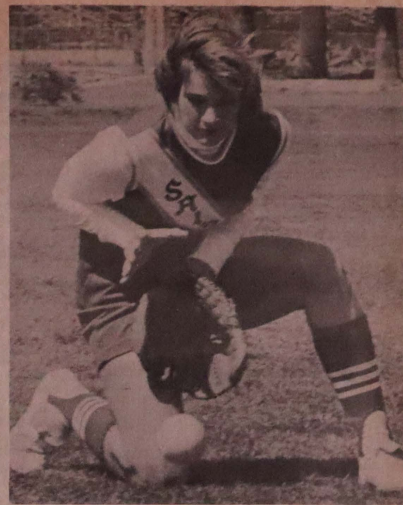
Santa Clara, of; Diane Kalliam, Santa Clara, of; Marilyn Rau, Sun City, c; Peggy Kellers, Stratford, c; Joan Joyce, Stratford, p; Charlotte Graham, Santa Clara, p; Nancy Welborn, Orange, p; Judy Jungwirth, Bloomington, Minn., utility.

### Second team:

Kay Lewis, Atlanta, 1b; Patsy Adams, Atlanta, 2b; Brenda Gamblin, Santa Clara, 3b; Stephanie Tenney, Orlando, ss; Betty Weighknecht, Bally, Pa., of; Marlene Piper, Portland,

of; Paula Slease, Fort Worth, of; Willie Roze, Stratford, of; Nancy Ito, Orange, c; Judy Martin, Orlando, c; Paula Noel, Sun City, p; Cathy Benedetto, Portland, p; Sue Beyer, Bally, p; Sandra Wells, Atlanta, utility.

Special awards: Leading hitter, Jungwirth, 438; most valuable player, Joyce, Stratford; outstanding defensive player, shortstop Cathy Fraser, Bloomington; outstanding pitcher, Joyce.



BARBARA THOMAS, outfield  
All-America



### Yer out!

Most significant defensive play in Sun City Saints' history was this home plate collision as Raybestos Brakettes' Cec Ponce attempted to score from second base on single to center at Stratford, Conn., last Tuesday. Catcher Marilyn Rau absorbed impact, still managed to reach Denny Buchanan's high throw, and fell atop runner to make outout. Saints went on from there for 1-0 win over defending champion Raybestos, gained third place in national tourney. (News-Sun Photo)



PAULA NOEL, pitcher  
All-America

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MARILYN RAU, catcher  
All-America





### Trophy

Tall, handsome emblem of Sun City Saints' regional tournament championship towers over Evelyn Barber, News-Sun news editor. Trophy is on display in News-Sun lobby.

Saints first baseman Thelma Keith brought national softball tourney third place trophy to News-Sun office soon after arrival home Saturday. Four-foot high symbol of Saints' highest finish ever can be seen in News-Sun front office.

(News-Sun Photo)



**1973 A.S.A. WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1973**

**MID-WAY STATISTICS (including Tuesday)**

**TOURNAMENT LEADERS: (5 or more AB's) BATTING**

|                              | AB | R | H | RBI | PCT. |                           | AB | R | H | RBI | PCT. |
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| 1. Thomas, Sun City          | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1   | .600 | 21. Weighknecht, Bally    | 13 | 1 | 5 | 0   | .385 |
| 2. Slesse, Fort Worth        | 8  | 2 | 4 | 1   | .500 | 22. Kurtz, Sun City       | 11 | 4 | 4 | 1   | .364 |
| 3. Kalliam, Santa Clara      | 8  | 1 | 4 | 2   | .500 | 23. Wells, Atlanta        | 14 | 1 | 5 | 2   | .357 |
| 4. Johnson, Orlando          | 6  | 0 | 3 | 0   | .500 | 24. Adams, Atlanta        | 14 | 0 | 5 | 1   | .357 |
| 5. Purves, Lansing           | 6  | 0 | 3 | 0   | .500 | 25. Dameron, Atlanta      | 12 | 2 | 4 | 1   | .333 |
| 6. Spanks, Orange            | 15 | 4 | 7 | 0   | .467 | 26. Martino, Orlando      | 12 | 2 | 4 | 4   | .333 |
| 7. Mooney, Sun City          | 9  | 1 | 4 | 2   | .444 | 27. Layman, Bally         | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0   | .333 |
| 8. P. Guenzler, St. Louis    | 9  | 1 | 4 | 0   | .444 | 28. Dobie, Portland       | 9  | 3 | 3 | 0   | .333 |
| 9. Jungwirth, Bloomington    | 16 | 5 | 7 | 1   | .438 | 29. Fuehrich, Santa Clara | 9  | 2 | 3 | 2   | .333 |
| 10. Johnson, Santa Clara     | 7  | 3 | 3 | 1   | .429 | 30. Brumbach, Bally       | 9  | 1 | 3 | 2   | .333 |
| 11. Schwick, Salt Lake City  | 7  | 1 | 3 | 1   | .429 | 31. Allen, Indianapolis   | 9  | 1 | 3 | 0   | .333 |
| 12. Bremermann, Indianapolis | 7  | 0 | 3 | 1   | .429 | 32. Wulf, Indianapolis    | 9  | 1 | 3 | 0   | .333 |
| 13. Keim, Salt Lake City     | 7  | 0 | 3 | 0   | .429 | 33. Smith, Memphis        | 6  | 1 | 2 | 0   | .333 |
| 14. Joyce, Stratford         | 12 | 0 | 5 | 1   | .417 | 34. Stinson, Indianapolis | 6  | 0 | 2 | 2   | .333 |
| 15. Rau, Sun City            | 10 | 3 | 4 | 5   | .400 | 35. Neuf, Memphis         | 6  | 0 | 2 | 0   | .333 |
| 16. Zollinger, Orlando       | 10 | 2 | 4 | 1   | .400 | 36. Tenney, Orlando       | 13 | 2 | 4 | 2   | .308 |
| 17. Heins, Memphis           | 5  | 0 | 2 | 1   | .400 | 37. Piper, Portland       | 13 | 1 | 4 | 4   | .308 |
| 18. Seery, Waltham           | 5  | 0 | 2 | 1   | .400 | 38. Lewis, Atlanta        | 13 | 1 | 4 | 1   | .308 |
| 19. Cardillo, Buffalo        | 5  | 0 | 2 | 0   | .400 | 39. Mueller, Portland     | 10 | 2 | 3 | 0   | .300 |
| 20. Sayers, Fort Worth       | 5  | 0 | 2 | 0   | .400 | 40. Spradley, Sun City    | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1   | .300 |

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| <b>MOST HITS:</b> | Carol Spanks, Orange,        | 7 |   |  |  | 42. Ponce, Stratford    | 10 | 0 | 3 | 1 | .300 |
|                   | Judy Jungwirth, Bloomington, |   | 7 |  |  | 43. Nichols, Fort Worth | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | .300 |
|                   | Barbara Thomas, Sun City,    | 6 |   |  |  |                         |    |   |   |   |      |

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| <b>BASES ON BALLS:</b> | Mary Lou Adams, Orange,         | 3 |   |  |  | <b>EXTRA BASE HITS:</b>           |   |  |  |  |  |
|                        | Marge Haviland, Salt Lake City, |   | 3 |  |  | HOME RUNS - Sue Guenzler, Bloom., | 1 |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>RUNS SCORED:</b> | Judy Jungwirth, Bloomington, | 5 |  |  |  | TRIPLES - Judy Jungwirth, Bloom., | 2 |  |  |  |  |
|                     | Carol Spanks, Orange,        | 4 |  |  |  | DOUBLES - Carol Spanks, Orange,   | 3 |  |  |  |  |
|                     | Ginger Kurtz, Sun City,      | 4 |  |  |  | Val Strachan, Bloom.,             | 3 |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>STOLEN BASES:</b> | Edwina Bryan, Atlanta,        | 2 |  |  |  | <b>RUNS BATTED IN:</b>     |   |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Pat Guenzler, St. Louis,      | 2 |  |  |  | Val Strachan, Bloomington, | 5 |  |  |  |  |
|                      | Jody Schwick, Salt Lake City, | 2 |  |  |  | Marilyn Rau, Sun City,     | 5 |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                               |   |  |  |  | Joan Paulson, Bloomington, | 4 |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                               |   |  |  |  | Marlene Piper, Portland,   | 4 |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                               |   |  |  |  | Judy Martino, Orlando,     | 4 |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>SACRIFICES:</b> | Cec Ponce, Stratford, | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    | Sue Benfield, Bally,  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>TEAM BATTING:</b> | Sun City, Arizona       | 83  | 17 | 27 | 16 | .325 |
|                      | Orlando, Florida        | 105 | 13 | 30 | 10 | .286 |
|                      | Santa Clara, California | 72  | 11 | 19 | 9  | .264 |
|                      | Atlanta, Georgia        | 115 | 11 | 30 | 8  | .261 |
|                      | Salt Lake City, Utah    | 51  | 4  | 13 | 3  | .255 |
|                      | Bally, Pennsylvania     | 95  | 7  | 23 | 5  | .242 |
|                      | Stratford, Connecticut  | 108 | 5  | 25 | 5  | .231 |
|                      | Indianapolis, Indiana   | 71  | 3  | 16 | 3  | .225 |

**PITCHING**

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| <b>BEST GAME RECORD:</b> | Paula Noel, Sun City; Nancy Welborn, Orange; Charlotte Graham, S. Clara (3-0) |
|                          | Joan Joyce, Stratford; Judy Jungwirth, Bloomington (3-1)                      |

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| <b>MOST INNINGS PITCHED:</b> | Judy Jungwirth, Bloomington, 32; Joan Joyce, Stratford, 31-2/3 |
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| <b>NO HIT GAME:</b> | Joan Joyce, Stratford, 1 (11 innings vs Orange, California) |
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**THE QUEENS OF SOFTBALL**—The Raybestos Brakettes will open defense of their National Women's Softball title tonight when the 40th annual ASA classic begins with a tripleheader at Memorial field. Members of the team are, from left to right, front row—Sharon Backus, Rosie Adams, Cec Poncy, Irene Shea, Linda Finelli, Joanne Cackowski, Barbara Clark and Sheila McArdle, batgirl;

second row—manager Ralph Raymond, Peggy Kellers, Jennie Edminster, Dianne Warriner, Joyce Compton, Joan Joyce, Willie Roze, Sue Tomko, Claire Beth Tomasawicz, Tom Ashcroft, scorer and coach John Stratton. The Brakettes carry a 344 season's record into the tournament.

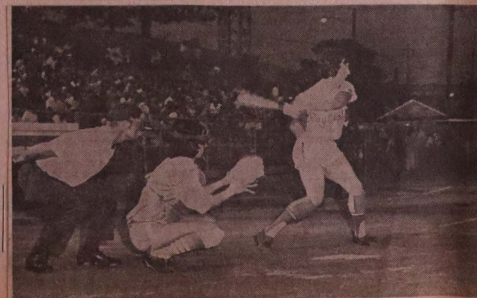
## TOURNEY PICS



**AT FIRST** — Cha Cha Thompson of the Lorelei Ladies is called out at first base in last night's 3-2 loss to the Orange as in the National Women's ASA Tournament at Raybestos Memorial Field as Shirley Topley takes throw from Sue Sims in inning. The loss eliminated Atlanta, while Orange plays Portland today at 1 p.m.



**Post photo**—Keith Alston Raybestos Brakettes gets ready to swing in tournament game against the Orange, Calif., is set for the delivery. Brakettes, behind nettes, 1-0, in 11 innings to gain the win-







Sunday Post photo—Henry Roman  
 Carey Fenwick swings and misses as catcher Nancy Ito of the Orange, yesterday in the National Women's ASA Tournament at Memorial Field. Orange prevailed, 1-0. Orange third-baseman is Sue Sims.



THIRD VICTIM—Kay Purves of the Lansing Laurels swings and misses at the third strike in last night's 3-0 loss to the Raybestos Brakettes in the National Women's ASA Tournament at

Memorial Field. Catcher Peggy Kellers squeezes offering from pitcher Joan Joyce as Purves becomes the third of 16 strike-out victims.



In the Raybestos Brakettes keep the ball in the air.

Post photo—Henry Roman  
 In the Raybestos Brakettes, Shirley Topley's arm and the Orange Lionettes at Memorial Field. The Lorelei Ladies scored twice in the bucket contest.





**LOSING HURLER** — Mary Mullen of the Waltham, Mass., Drifters, shows her form in a losing effort against Sun City Saturday morning in the Stratford tournament.



**INJURED DRIFTER** — Leftfielder Carol Greene of the Waltham Drifters is helped off the field after a fourth inning collision at second base in Saturday's opening tourney game.



**ALL-AMERICAN TEAM** — Members of the All-American Women's ASA first team were announced after last night's final action in the eight-day event at Raybestos Memorial Field. Left to right are: first row—Diane Kalliam of Santa Clara, Peggy Kellers of Stratford, Carol Sparks of Orange, Joan Joyce, Cec Ponce, Irene Shea and Rosie Adams of Stratford; second

row—Mary Ann Ruedrich and Charlotte Graham of Santa Clara, Marilyn Rae of Sun City, Nancy Welborn of Orange, Barbra Thomas of Sun City and Sis Zollinger of Orlando. Judy Jungwirth of Bloomington, Minn., the other woman on the squad, is not in the photograph.



### PLACE 3 ALL AMERICANS

## Saints take 3rd in nationals

By BURT FREIREICH  
STRATFORD, Conn.—Sun City's Saints walked off with a mountainous third-place trophy, first-team all-American honors for left fielder Barbara Thomas and catcher Marilyn Rau, and a second-team all-American berth for pitcher Paula Noel

in Friday's closing ceremonies of the Amateur Softball Association national tourney. But it took all those honors to make up—partially, at least—for the bitter disappointment of a 6-0 loss Thursday to the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford,

marking the season's final action for the Sun City crew which had provided the No. 1 shocker of the tournament.

Raybestos, seeking its third straight national title, was dumped into the tournament's losers' bracket by the Saints

Tuesday, 1-0. But they got their vengeance and went on to dump the Santa Clara, Calif., Laurels by 1-0 and 2-0 scores Friday to win a record 10th championship.

THE SAINTS' highest previous finish in a national tournament was fifth, and they never before in their eight-year history had placed a player on any all-American team. So there was more than enough to cheer about.

After upsetting Raybestos Tuesday, the Saints were dropped unceremoniously into the losers' bracket by Santa Clara, 1-0 in 11 innings, giving them what proved to be an unsurmountable chore—the need for a second win over the Brakettes and their pitching-bating superstar, Joan Joyce.

Joyce had come within a hair of hurling a perfect game in their first meeting, but a Thomas triple to right

and a Rau single to the fence in left-center shocked her and her mates. Joyce, on her way to the most valuable player award, made sure Thursday—she no-hit the Saints in an impressive win.

NOEL KEPT the Brakettes at bay for five innings Thursday, then suffered her only really disastrous inning of a long season in which she hurled about 70 games. Raybestos got to her for seven hits and six runs, and that was that.

The Saints had the game's first scoring chance. After two outs in the first, Lynn Mooney reached when the first baseman dropped shortstop Sharron Backus' throw. Then Rau struck out, but the catcher dropped the third strike and overthrew a lob over Marilyn's head which went for the inning's second error. Thelma Keith's pop to first ended the only Sun City threat.

The Saints' best chances (Continued on 4C)



Saints first baseman Thelma Keith brought national softball tourney third place trophy to News-Sun office soon after arrival home Saturday. Four-foot high symbol of Saints' highest finish ever can be seen in News-Sun front office. (News-Sun Photo)