

Sun City
Saints
1982

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Saints alive, accept

By BURT FREIREICH

Not only were the Sun City Saints apparently resurrected Monday night, but they possibly will field the most devastating 1-2 pitching punch in the history of women's softball.

The Saints last fall reportedly lost their "home," Sun City Stadium, due to a Del E. Webb Development Co. economy move in which Devco ended its relationship—more specifically, its subsidization program—with the softballers.

The parent Del E. Webb Corp., known to be beset by a cash crisis, had directed Devco to cut off any fund drain brought about by Saints' activities.

BUT A NEW development, a \$1 lease arranged by Devco for the 1982 season, was worked out in sub rosa sessions. An ad hoc committee, meeting in United Bank's Sun City West office Monday night, agreed to accept conditions offered by the Webb firm.

Joe Davisson, the bank branch's manager and longtime driving force in the Saints Booster Club, chaired the meeting in which Saints coach Gerald Stapley and 12 other Saints supporters, most of them Booster Club members, participated.

Stapley announced that Michelle Thomas, who hurled the Saints to a national Amateur Softball Association championship in 1979, wrote him of her interest in renewing her softball activity.

SHE RETIRED after her one season with the Saints, having won the national tourney's outstanding pitcher trophy with a remarkable performance—a 4-0 tournament won-lost record with a perfect 9.00 earned run average.

The coach said Miss Thomas, resid-

ing in Des Moines, plans to talk with him when she arrives Jan. 23 for a one-week visit in the Valley. She plans to investigate enrolling at Arizona State University for post-graduate studies.

If Michelle does return, she will join Debbie Doom, the 6-foot-plus teenager who won the most valuable player trophy as a rookie in the 1980 national tourney. In that series Debbie's only loss came after pitching seven straight victories and then on a no-hitter in which three errors in one inning produced a 1-0 defeat.

THE WEBB COMPANY patiently worked through several attempts to keep the Saints alive as a Sun City-based team before the current, apparently workable arrangement was worked out.

These are the provisions to which the committee agreed:

1. For use of the stadium from April 5 to the end of August 1982 Saints will pay Devco \$1 plus reimbursement of operating expenses, not to exceed the figures given in each of the following accounts. (Costs may be pro-rated by one-fourth of the monthly cost each week the Saints use the stadium.)

2. **SAINTS WILL** provide their own insurance in amounts agreeable to Webb.

3. Saints will hold Webb harmless and not liable.

4. Saints will provide grounds maintenance, ticket and concession help, game equipment and supplies and all production personnel necessary for stadium operation.

5. **SAINTS WILL** bear all costs in connection with tickets, admissions and concessions and will keep all revenue



from tickets, admission, concessions, stadium rentals, etc.

6. Webb reserves the right to approve all subleases and/or stadium rentals.

7. Saints agree to make every reasonable effort to provide stadium time for the Senior Softball League.

8. **WEBB WILL CHARGE** an overhead fee of \$590 per month as shown below. This fee will allow for a part-

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Webb terms

time person to look after Webb's interest at the stadium. However, this person will not be involved in stadium operation inasmuch as the Saints are concerned.

The pact will require the Saints to reimburse Devco for operating expenses of \$4,720 per month, broken down as follows:

Overhead \$590. Electric and gas \$1,300, water \$1,150 and trash removal \$140 for a utilities total of \$2,590. Repairs and maintenance of \$850, including \$100 for building, \$600 for equipment and \$150 for rolling stock. Operating supplies of \$690, including \$600 in general operating supplies and \$90 for telephone.

DAVISSON SAID the Saints budget, in round figures, would be \$45,000 for 1982, with \$20,000 for stadium use and \$25,000 for Saints season expenses. Much of the season expenses involve travel costs, including those of visiting teams.

Devco executive vice president Joe Aubin and general counsel Gerald Williams had contributed numerous hours and made voluminous records on stadium operations available to the ad hoc committee in an effort to produce any reasonable solution to the Saints' housing problem which would not require an actual outlay of Webb funds.

The ad hoc committee vowed to examine every possible avenue for cost cutting available to them and Monday's session ended with Boosters Club members beginning to delegate responsibilities for various fund-raising activities.

THEY ALREADY HAVE been assured of an attractive arrangement with Lions clubs for the manning of refreshment stands. Last season the Saints generated \$35,000 in gate receipts plus a

\$7,300 net in refreshment stand sales, with Lions handling refreshments on a paid basis with Devco.

None of those funds were available to the Saints; they went to the Webb company to offset their costs plus a \$10,000 subsidy going directly to the Saints treasury. The Saints were to receive a share in proceeds after Devco costs were covered, but Webb never did recover all its outlays since the stadium was built and was used as the Saints home field.

The born-again Saints hope to realize more profits from refreshment sales and have pledges of volunteers in many areas, such as ticket-taking. Cost-cutting efforts will include post-game cleanup of the stadium by team members, a chore which required paid labor in the past.

STAPLEY WAS anxious to gain quick approval of the Devco offer in order to keep his player force intact—his players planned to seek spots with other teams in the event the Saints disbanded—and to firm up a schedule for the season.

He said he had been contacted by the national champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels about a possible three-day weekend series in Sun City. The Rebels suggested double-headers on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but not all against the Sun Ciliens.

Stapley said he hoped to set up Thursday and Friday double-headers featuring the Rebels and Saints, plus a Saturday double-header with a California team, which then would stay on for a Sunday doubleheader against the Saints.

All such plans, however, are only tentative.

Editorials

New life for Saints

The Saints Booster Club and the Del E. Webb Development Co. have breathed new life into the Sun City Saints.

The Saints' demise appeared certain a few weeks ago; now the women's softball team, which has one of the most illustrious records in the nation, will be playing again at Sun City Stadium.

An ad hoc committee representing the never-say-die group that refused to accept the severing of the Saints' Sun City connection, including Joe Davisson, longtime Boosters Club leader and Coach Gerald Stapley, agreed Monday to accept Webb's offer of a \$1 lease for

1982 and certain operating conditions.

The Saints supporters who wouldn't give up; the Webb company, which gave its cooperation; Davisson and Stapley—they all merit plaudits. But all that hard work, and the planning that must now go on for a successful Saints season, will go for naught if one very important ingredient is lacking.

If Sun Citians do not support the Saints with good attendance at games and with the kind of volunteer help the organization needs to reduce costs, there will be an agonizing reappraisal of the situation in the fall—and perhaps a real funeral march next time.

THE SAINTS ARE ALIVE!

Burt Freireich reported this good news in Tuesday's News-Sun. Now, all Boosters of this great girls softball team, let's show them we are alive too! Let's give them our whole-hearted support, not only financially, but by spreading the word, and by greater attendance! Boosters, start boosting! Let's get the show on the road, these girls are one of the best softball teams in the world and deserve more support than they have gotten in the past.

—Rudy & Flora Adamek
Sun City

Letters

NEWS-SUN Monday, January 18, 1982

Saints funds needed to resolve contingency

EDITOR:

As indicated in the News-Sun, we have been involved in a series of negotiations with Del E. Webb Development Co. regarding usage this year of the Stadium, and apparently a workable arrangement has been worked out. However, this has not been finalized, and clarification is in order.

There is a contingency to be resolved before our agreement can be signed, and it is quite understandable due to present economic conditions. Since projected stadium expense for the four-month Saints season is \$20,000, we must have \$15,000 up-front money on hand before final agreement is reached.

Devo is under a mandate that there be no deficit at the stadium. Certainly this is understandable. We wish to make it perfectly clear that Devo has made every effort to be more than fair. Devo officials have fully cooperated with us; we have negotiated in good faith also. Devo should in no way be faulted if an agreement is not reached.

We have initiated two plans to raise the \$15,000 required: Plan A calls for a \$500 donation by any company or individual. Monies will be held in a

special fund with Devo as beneficiary. If there is no deficit, monies will be returned to donors at the season's end. If we raise \$10,000 or more, monies will be invested in Money Market Certificates and accrued interest pro-rated to donors. Any deficit will be paid to Webb and the remainder pro-rated to donors.

We are happy to report that \$4,500 already has been raised in a short time by this plan. We invite companies, individuals, service clubs and other groups to send in their donations.

In Plan B, donors may give any amount. These monies will be used to defray stadium expense. When that is assured, the remainder will be applied to Saints' expenses.

Donations may be sent to Sun City Saints Booster Club, P.O. Box 2159, Sun City AZ 85372 (584-4303). Unless \$15,000 up-front money is raised by April 1, 1982, no agreement will be signed. Not only will our Sun City Saints be unable to play, neither will the Sun Cities Senior Softball teams.

We feel strongly that since we are working closely with the Sun City and Sun City West Lions, and the Senior Softball League, there will be no deficit—that the revenues generated from ticket sales and the concession stands will elimi-

nate the deficit and provide a small surplus. Our needs are \$20,000 for Stadium expense, and \$25,000 for 1982 Saints budget.

Now is the time for all good fans to come to the aid of the Saints and Senior Softball League. It would be a tragedy to have Sun City Stadium lie idle all year except February and March when the Milwaukee Brewers are here.

Joe Davisson, president
Saints Booster Club

Deals may delay Saint's demise

By Doug Morris
Editor

Good news and bad news. First, the good news. The chances are favorable that the Saints'll come marching in again this year. For awhile it looked impossible; DevCo, for well-understood reasons, had to withdraw financial support — which has been considerable over the years! Problem after problem . . . all seeming to lead to an inevitable "forget the Saints."

But, as is so often fortunately true in our community, a few said, "It's not inevitable, it's unthinkable." Meetings piled on top meetings; fixed positions gave way to concessions; the unlikely became possible, then probable.

DevCo, with typical concern for "the greatest good for the greatest number," agreed to forego everything but actual out-of-pocket expense. This wasn't easy. Joe Aubin had to do a king-sized job of selling to profit conscious downtown Del Webb. Mike Britt, Gerald Williams and Jerry Svendsen had to go on the line with commitments based on their belief in the community's willingness to support this venture.

The Saints Boosters Club — which never for a minute acknowledged the demise of the Saints — put together an organizational and operational plan which is workable. The exciting fact is that the Saints, themselves — those young and attractive and talented

girl athletes — want to play in and for Sun City.

They could go to other teams, and represent other communities, but they want to be the Sun City Saints. They want this enough that they have agreed to do the stadium clean-up work after the games . . . the scavenging and sweeping and mopping needed to keep the stadium in shape.

The Senior Slow-pitch League has volunteered for much of the manual labor required for grounds maintenance. The Lions will staff the gates and the concessions. The Boosters will continue to fill spots that need filling.

It's likely that ticket prices will be reduced; and that special low-

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On the town

costs or freebies will be introduced for youngsters — especially members of the softball teams from neighboring communities.

Season tickets (25 double-headers) will probably be pegged at \$20, with no restriction on when the tickets can be used. If you want to blow the bundle on one big night, OK.

So . . . the good news is that, short of unforeseeable disaster the Saints are back — and that's good news, indeed!

Wednesday, January 27, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Save Saints fund

The Sun City Saints Booster Club has raised \$9,595 toward keeping Sun City Stadium as the home of the Saints, Helen Stobar, the club's finance director said this morning.

Some of the money is "up front" money to be returned if not needed. It constitutes a guarantee to Del E. Webb Development Co., Mrs. Stobar said.

Devco has asked for \$20,000 but will accept \$15,000 by April 1 as a condition

for giving the Booster Club a one-year lease on the stadium.

The money has been put in escrow in a savings account in the United Bank of Sun City.

Contributors to the so-called Devco fund are the Daily News-Sun, Thunderbird Travel, Peter and Elaine Strupp, Tony and Violanda Barraco, Freed's Fine Furnishings, Eugene and Zila Smith, Mull Realty Co., Bill Wittig, Rudy and Flora Adamek, Gerry and Bill Darr.

Also included are David Broomfield,

hits \$9,595

John and Grace Pola, Dan and Georgia Atkinson, L.Q. and Peggy Yowell, Frank Broomfield, Rea Winters, Lyle and Alice Dickerson, Reuben and Garnet Burnham, Everett Johnson and Philip and Aileen Castelli.

Others are Ralph and Laura Adams, Myron and Margaret Everett, John and Hazel Kott.

Pledges were made by Rose Schwartz, Chet and Jean Lucas, the Lions Club-Sun City West Pioneers Club, Alice Messick, William and Lillian Dunker, C.E. and Dorris Hinck,

Emery and Margaret Richards, John and Martha Trace, Sun City Early Birds Lions Club and B-4-9 Lions Club.

In further efforts to raise money, the Booster Club will collect dues it was scheduled to receive in December but did not because it seemed Sun City would lose the team. The dues are \$5 and membership totals 400. New members must pay an additional \$5 the first year.

Donations may be sent to the United Bank of Sun City West on Johnson Boulevard.

Saturday, January 30, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Ex-Saint voted to Hall of Fame

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Billie Harris, who played for the Sun City Saints for six years, has been elected to the National Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Billie, of Glendale, and four other former players will be inducted into the shrine during the June 25-26 Hall of Fame Softball Classic in Oklahoma City.

A hard-throwing, left-handed pitcher, Billie played for teams in Tucson, Phoenix and Yakima, Wash., before joining the Saints in 1970.

SHE BEGAN her fastpitch career in 1948, leaving the Saints in 1973 to play professionally for the Phoenix Birds.

During her career she was three times voted to the Amateur Softball Association's first-team All-America squad, twice as a pitcher and once as a utility player.

"She had a hesitation pitch that was perfect," said Joe Davisson, president of the Saints Booster Club. "She really had a way of setting the batters up."

IN THE 1958 national tournament she was 5-2 with a 0.14 earned run average and the following year batted .347 at nationals. In 1969, the year before she joined the Saints, Billie was 4-1 at nationals and batted .400. Her all-around performance that year earned her the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award.

The Arizona Hall of Fame member hurled two perfect games in 1963 and had four in her career. She also was credited with 70 no-hitters.

"She was one of the few pitchers then who could really throw a breaking ball," said Saints field boss Gerald Stapley, who coached Billie for two years.

"She was a very even-tempered person. She understood the game as it was supposed to be played."

Monday, February 1, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints rainy-day fund

When it became known that the Sun City Saints, written off as an ex-Sun City fixture during the fall, had a chance to obtain a \$1-a-season lease on Sun City Stadium, a lot of things happened.

But not enough.

The Del E. Webb Development Co., under orders from the parent company not to incur any indebtedness through Saints activities, indicated that maintenance and operating expenses (water, for example, costs money and the Saints would have to reimburse Devco for water) would run in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Devco said it would need "upfront" money to guarantee that this \$20,000 would be covered. Possibly Webb would go ahead with the deal if three-fourths of that amount were put up in advance.

Many individuals and business firms in the area already have responded. The \$15,000 mark now has been reached, with a very sizable contribution from the Lions clubs. Another \$5,000 virtually would assure a Sun City Stadium contract.

Many service clubs and other local organizations have set aside several hundreds of dollars for emergency or some other special occasion. As Eddie Cantor said during the Great Depression, "Why save for a rainy day when it's pouring like blazes right now?"

Now is the time—right

now—for your organization to make \$500 of that money available to "Save Our Saints." It is pouring like blazes right now; it is unlikely that your group can foresee anything better to commit its reserve funds for in the near future.

Remember, this is "guarantee" money only. The Saints anticipate being able to live within a specific budget and have examined all possible ways of increasing revenues to produce, in fact, a balanced budget. The guarantee fund, therefore, not only would be returned to the contributor but it would be returned with interest at going bank rates.

Only 10 more groups need to advance \$500 to fill in the \$5,000 gap. That means your club's involvement would solve 10 percent of the problem right now.

The Saints have proved themselves to be a worthy community institution. In the last half-dozen years they have finished in the top four nationally a half-dozen times and even brought a national women's softball championship to Sun City. The prospects are good that they can bring home another title this year.

Individuals can participate in this program, too. Any amount, even \$100, would be a considerable help. Checks made out to Sun City Saints Booster Club may be mailed to the club at P.O. Box 2159, Sun City, Ariz. 85372.

SC Saints a big 'if'

The Sun City Saints will be playing in the stadium again this year IF the Boosters can come up with \$15,000 front-money as collateral to guarantee payment to DevCo for the basic out-of-pocket expenses required to operate the facility.

By cutting all their operating charges to the bone, the Del Webb Development Co. has agreed to make the stadium available for the entire Saints' season at a total cost of \$20,000.

The corporation feels that, without collateral assurance of \$15,000, by the first of April, they cannot commit to any contract for the facility.

The Saints' Boosters have already raised over \$5,000 of this requirement through individual solicitations. Each Lions Club has been asked to contribute \$250 — for a total of \$2,500.

Contributions from individuals, organizations and businesses are now being solicited.

These contributed funds will be deposited in an escrow account. When sales of advertising, promotional materials, programs, etc. — plus gate receipts — exceed the \$20,000 guarantee, these escrow funds will be returned to the contributors.

When the fund exceeds \$10,000 it will be invested in money market certificates, and accrued interest will be pro-rated to donors.

Unless \$15,000 up-front money is raised by April 1, the Saints will not be playing in the Sun City stadium. Neither will the Sun Citizens Senior Softball teams.

Donations (or investments) should be sent to Sun City Saints Booster Club, P.O. Box 2159, Sun City 85372.

NEWS-SUN Wednesday, February 17, 1982

Saints drive nears goal

The Sun City Saints Booster Club has raised an additional \$8,500 since the end of January, bringing the total for the "Devco fund" to \$18,000, Helen Marie Stobar, finance director, has reported.

That leaves the drive only \$2,000 short of what Del E. Webb Development Co. has asked for a one-year lease on Sun City Stadium where the Saints play.

April 1 is the deadline by which the \$20,000 must be raised.

THE \$18,000 represents collected money, not pledges. The money will be paid back in time to contributors, Joe Davisson, president of the Booster Club, said.

Contributions have been put in escrow in United Bank of Sun City West.

The Booster Club, in the meantime, has drawn \$2,000 from its general operating fund as insurance that the \$20,000 goal will be met.

DAVISSON SAID he hopes that the drawn funds will not have to be used and that Sun Citizens will continue to give to the Devco fund.

The \$20,000 will be invested in money market certificates and the interest will be used to pay back the funds, he said.

Contributors since the end of January:

EVERLYN BARBER, Arthur and Verna Wieck, Edward and Helen Neumann, Sun City West Pioneer Lions Club, Sun City Host Lions, Chester and Irma Jean Lucas, Sun City Bell Lions, John and Natalie Tichy, Sun City Pom Pom Squad, Robert and Judith Grover,

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David and Florence Deines, James and Nettie Bassett, Doyle and Helen Hart, Abe and Lillian Mills, H. A. and Margaret Sellin, Morton and Ruth Jameson, Herbert and Mildred Nieder, Harold and Georgina Rowe.

Also: Marion and Lola Shepard, William and Letha Schmidt, William and Myrtle White, George and Marguerite Morgan, Robert and Evelyn Sherer, Sundowners Lions Club, W. L. and Margaret Steele, R. F. Morrison, William and Gussie Anderson, Jon and Anne Hansen, Charles and Rosella Currier, I.N. and Mrs. Petty, Floyd and Angeline Belknap.

Also: Betty Webb, Louis North, Beverly Monson, Gene and Mary Downing, Elmo and Lois Knutson, Curtis and Anne Ingalls, Joseph and Charlotte Marone, Thomas and Helen Long, Margaret Cole, Mary Randel, Sun Rise Lions Club, C.C. and Elizabeth Whitacre, Hartwick and Dorothy Jensen, George and June Zellman, Raymond and Marriette Watt, Don and Wilma Breyer, A.B. Brandes, Ernest and Helen Jones.

ALSO: DR. L.J. and Marjorie Jourdonals, Wilbur and Bessie Craft, Ester McKinnon, Ted and Marie George, Reginald and Evelyn Arnold, Howard and Beatrice Abrams, Raymond and Helen Kittel, Sundial Mens Club, S.H. and Myrtle Barco, L.B. and Virginia Bower, Leslie and Irene Kral, Helen

Hicks, Mary Agnew, John and Dorothy Bryant, Roscoe Henry, A.D. and Doris Simons, Mrs. W.A. Higgins, Marvin Van Dera, Eugene Kobza.

Also: Norman Dermody, Edward Marconi, Frederick Herbst, Lester Klean, Anthony Bruno, Alice Messick, Daniel and Jacqueline Franco, E.L. and A. Rehkopf, Ed and Helen Stormer, James Stower, Phyllis Jones, Marie Bozenhald, Sun City Midwest Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pence, Paul and Florence Kessler, Vivian Arbaugh, Violet Miller, W. Edward Buente, Harley and Anita Brewer, C.R. and Martha Elliott, Henry and Veronica Holtzbach, Francis and Corinne O'Shaughnessy, Wayne and Dorothy Beach, Ross and Marjorie Weaver, Lawrence Jackson, Mary Lally, Tom and Ruth Cowley, Charles and Dorothy Hanson.

Also: Joe and Betty Davisson, William and Celia Strachan, Theresa Woods, Fairway Silvercraft Club, Ann Webb, Cletus and Georgia Johnson, Henry and Laura Bemis, T.J. and Charlotte Kieselbach, Edward Jozwiak, W. Harold and Wilma Lane, Leonard Hobert, Amanda Steury, Joseph Rein, Dr. A.R. and Jeanne Brownlie Jr.

Also: Helen Marie Stobar, Rose Schwartz, Joshua Perham, Sun City 78ers Lions Club, Jack and Dorothy Falerni, Reynolds and Eileen Brington, Bernice Lambert, Robert and Eileen Lobdell, W.C. and Betty Andreen, Ervin and Helen Oelschlager, Alice Martin, Grover and Celestine Brown and Robert and Ruth Schultz.

The SAINTS are ON THE MARCH again



And with your help they will be marching as strong as ever before. By this time you have undoubtedly learned of the new plans for fielding the team for the 1982 season. These plans of necessity include several of the money-raising programs as in years past. Once again we'll be publishing our Sun City Saints Souvenir Program which will contain some very clever sketches to which you can add your name or any one else's to help support the team. In past years LEW BELDEN has provided these amusing little characters which many members of the Saints Booster Club have adopted (for a fee) and which have provided an excellent source of income for the team.

This year, because of the need for additional funds to keep the Saints on the march we are opening the program to ALL residents of Sun City and Sun City West. Also this year we are offering the opportunity to have one of these sketches in the daily scorecard.

To participate, simply do this:

1. Draw a circle around your preferred sketch. You may have more than one if you wish.
2. Write the name you want to appear with the sketch in the program or scorecard. (Indicate which). You can use your name, your spouse's or grandchild's.
3. Send this entire sheet back to me with your check for \$10.00 for each of the characters you have selected. Make checks payable to Sun City Saints Booster Club. Your early response is needed to make this endeavor a success.

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Sports

NEWS-SUN Saturday, February 20, 1982

Michelle still undecided

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Sun City Saints coach Gerald Stapley said Friday that he has received "no definite word" from Michelle Thomas on whether she will pitch for the team this season.

Michelle, who lives in Des Moines, Iowa, was in the Valley earlier this month to explore the possibility of enrolling at Arizona State University for post-graduate studies.

"Right now I don't know if she'll play for us," said Stapley. "I talked to her when she was out here. She said she would have to decide whether she wants to leave a good job to come out here."

MICHELLE LED the Saints to their first Amateur Softball Association championship in 1979 and was

voted the tournament's most valuable player. In the tournament she was 4-0 and didn't allow an earned run.

Even without Michelle the Saints would still have one of the nation's top pitchers.

Right-hander Debbie Doom, a freshman at UCLA, will be back this season, Stapley said. The hard-throwing teenager had a 0.56 earned run average for the Saints' last season while compiling a 27-6 mark.

DEBBIE, A TWO-time All-American, picked up where Michelle left off in 1980, winning most valuable player honors in the national tournament that year after hurling seven straight victories, including a no-hitter.

Debbie and several other veterans will be joined by hopefuls fighting it out for the team's four open

on rejoining Saints

spots at tryouts Saturday and Sunday in Mesa's Evergreen Park, Country Club Drive and Fifth Street.

Stapley said first baseman Lisa Clinchy, outfielder Linda Belcher and Sue and Cindy Bristow will not play this season.

LISA, AN ALL-American in 1981, wants to devote most of her time to studies so she can graduate this summer from Arizona State.

Tryouts are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days.

The Saints Booster Club fund-raising drive, meanwhile, is nearing its goal of \$20,000. The organization reported earlier this week that \$18,000 had been raised for the "Devco fund."

DEL E. WEBB Development Co. has asked for the

\$20,000 in return for a one-year lease on Sun City Stadium.

The organization has drawn \$2,000 from its general operating fund as insurance that the \$20,000 goal will be met.

Boosters president Joe Davissan said the \$20,000 will be invested in money market certificates with the interest used to pay back contributors.

STAPLEY SAID the Saints will open their season with weekend double-headers May 1 and 2.

The team won't be at full strength early in the season, with several players still competing for various college squads.

"We won't have a set team probably until three or four weeks into the season," he added.

NEWS-SUN Tuesday, February 23, 1982

Sports briefs

Webb, Saints sign lease

Del E. Webb Development Co. and Sun City Saints Booster Club signed a tentative agreement Monday that will allow the Saints to play in Sun City Stadium this season, Webb announced.

The agreement runs from April 5-July 31, said Webb spokesman Jerry Svendsen. Under the agreement Webb will lease Sun City Stadium to the Saints for \$1. In return the Saints will reimburse Webb for stadium operating expenses and be responsible for other functions, including grounds maintenance and ticket and concession help.

Svendsen said a formal agreement will be signed at a later date.

NEWS-SUN Tuesday, March 9, 1982

Saints get donations

Three organizations have donated a total of \$900 to the Sun City Saints Booster Club for this season's expenses.

Sun City-Sun City West Senior Softball League donated \$500. The Optimist Club of Sun City-Youngtown \$300 and the softball league women's auxiliary \$100.

Friday, February 26, 1982 NEWS-SUN

SUN CITY SAINTS BOOSTER CLUB

Membership Application

There are two types of membership available.
Single or Couple.

Name (Single)

or
Names (Couple)

Address Zip

Phone



Single initial membership \$5.00

Annual Dues \$5.00 Total \$10.00

Couple initial membership \$5.00

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P.O. Box 2159, Sun City, AZ. 85372*

A Booster Club membership will support our champion
Saints Softball Team, the pride of Sun City and Sun City West

The Club is the sole financial support of this Team

For Additional information call Joe Davisson, Pres., at 584-4303; Rose Schwartz, V.P., at 977-3544 or Helen Marie Stobar, Finance Director, at 584-4303.

or Mail This Handy Application Blank now to
Eugene W. Smith, 10415 Prairie Hills Cir., Sun City, AZ 85351

Tuesday, March 9, 1982 NEWS-SUN

sun beams



by Burt Freireich

Now that the Sun City Saints have been assured of another season of women's softball action with Sun City as a home base—the "born-again" Saints, if you will—there ought to be a new surge of voluntary assistance from the community to guarantee a financially successful operation in 1982.

I can imagine nothing like an in-the-black conclusion of '82 operations to propel the Saints into a resumption of activities in 1983. At the moment there is nothing guaranteed beyond the current year's national tournament in August—and the Saints will have to win their way into that event.

As an individual you can help via participation in the Saints Booster Club. And a little participation can go a long way if enough of us get into the act.

This membership drive is not aimed at getting people, necessarily, to be active in the Booster Club. Here's the thinking expressed by Joe Davisson, one of the club's most dynamic leaders: It costs \$5 per family to join the club and \$5 per person for annual membership (thus a new husband-wife member unit would pay \$15 for this year and \$10 for ensuing years).

The money goes into the Saints operating fund. A thousand members thus would put more than \$5,000 into the Saints' kitty and give them a substantial head start on the 1982 success that is so essential.

To review the situation, the Del E. Webb Development Co. said it no longer could maintain its relationship with the Saints because of the parent company's need to conserve capital. Thus Devco would no longer provide the Saints with a subsidy and the use of Sun City Stadium. This was overcome with an alternate plan under which Devco would lease the stadium for \$1 for the Saints' season if enough up-front money was provided to assure no deficits to Devco in maintenance and operation of the stadium. The citizenry has come up with this \$20,000 guarantee fund.

If you want to help the Saints via the membership program described above, send your check to Sun City Saints Booster Club, P.O. Box 2159, Sun City, AZ, 85372.

Saturday, March 27, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints tickets go on sale

Season tickets are now on sale for the Sun City Saints softball season.

Season tickets, good for admission to 25 double-headers, may be purchased for \$25 at all United Bank branches in Sun City and Sun City West. Tickets also may be purchased by calling ticket chairman Rose Schwartz at 977-3544 or John Poja, 974-1245.

They may be used for any combination of admissions.

Price of single admission to double-headers will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for people 15 and under.

The booster club has begun its annual membership drive. Information regarding membership may be obtained from Mrs. Schwartz or Poja.

The Saints, winners of the 1979 national women's fastpitch softball title, open their season May 1 in Sun City Stadium against the California Stars.

Monday, March 22, 1982 NEWS-SUN



Boosters receive donation

The Sun City Saints Booster Club has been given a \$300 donation by the Sun Cities Yellow Pages and area Lions Clubs. On hand at a meeting to mark the donation, from left, were Joe Davisson, booster club president; Sam Higginbotham, the club's chairman of

community affairs; club finance director Helen Marie Stobar; Roger Shearer, director of sales for the Yellow Pages; and Lions representative Mill Jacobsen. The Saints open their season later this spring.

(News-Sun Photo)



Parties sign agreement

Sun City Saints Booster Club President Joe Davissan, seated left, and Joe Aubin, executive vice president of Del E. Webb Development Co., sign a formal agreement Thursday that will allow the women's softball team to play in Sun City Stadium through Aug. 1. In back are Webb officials Mike Britt and Gerald Williams. (News-Sun Photo)

Friday, April 2, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints boosters

Sun City Saints Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Suntower.

Coach Gerald Stapley and several players from the women's softball team will be on hand.

The booster group is holding its annual membership drive. Membership information may be obtained by calling Gene Smith at 933-7574.

Wednesday, April 7, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Boosters offer season tickets

Season tickets are on sale for the Sun City Saints' softball season.

Season tickets, good for admission to 25 double-headers, may be purchased for \$25 at all Sun City and Sun City West United Bank branches, the Lakes Club or by calling Rose Schwartz, 977-3544, or John Poja, 974-1245.

The tickets may be used for any combination of 25 admissions.

Single admission price this season will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for people 15 and under.

The team's booster club is holding its annual membership drive. Information on joining the boosters may be obtained from Gene Smith at 933-7574.

The Saints, winners of the 1979 national women's fastpitch softball title, open their season in Sun City Stadium May 1 against the California Stars.

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Saints get support from New Yorker

Support for the Sun City Saints and their campaign for a 1982 schedule in the local stadium is not confined to the local area. One booster, Jay Castelli, has sent his financial support from Port Chester, NY.

For this unusual support of the team, the Sun City Saints Booster Club has sent Castelli a "Super Saint Award" certificate signed by club officers and the members of the Saints team.

Castelli, managing director of sales for Sunburst Publications, whose parents Phil and Aileen live in Sun City, has kept abreast of Saint activities for several years through newspapers clippings sent him by his parents and by occasional Sun City visits.

In his letter he identifies himself as left fielder for the Pleasantville NY "Not-Ready-for-Prime-Time-Players" and expresses his "hopes that you-all can keep the Saints in Sun City."

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Local groups reap unclaimed cash

The Sun City Saints will reap the benefit of hapless readers for the second month in a row if they fail to claim prize money offered by Marcoa Yellow pages.

The Marcoa company has distributed 35,000 yellow-pages type directories in the Sun City area with numbers printed inside the front cover. The first Monday from December through July, three numbers are drawn and published by the Sun City Citizen the following Wednesday.

A total of \$4,800 will be given away, either to claimants or to local organizations, if the money goes unclaimed.

The Sun City Community Fund was the first reci-

ipient, in February for unclaimed cash from January's drawing. There is a 30-day period to collect the money before it is allotted to a group.

The Sun City Saints received money from February's drawing and is in line for March.

The Salvation Army's Sun City office is scheduled for a windfall in May from the April drawing, if no claimants notify Marcoa.

The three numbers drawn monthly are published in the Citizen, the Daily News-Sun and broadcast on KWAQ radio. The hotline number is 997-5803, to inquire about current numbers and claims.



National

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

The Sun City Saints will play 23 double-headers in Sun City Stadium this season, including a June 25 twin-bill against the defending national champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels.

Orlando defeated the powerhouse Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes in the title game last August to win the women's national fast-pitch softball championship. The Saints, national champions in 1979, finished third in the tournament held in Houston.

Orlando also will play four other teams during its visit to Sun City. The Rebels will take on both the Phoenix Bobettes and Blues in a June 24 double-header. Following their two June 25 games with the Saints, the national champions and Long Beach (Calif.) Renegades will tangle on June 26.

LONG BEACH FINISHED second to Stratford in the 1980 national championship. The Renegades will

champs to visit SC

remain in town following their double-header with Orlando to play the Saints June 27.

May is the Saints' busiest month, with ten double-headers scheduled for Sun City Stadium.

The Saints open their season May 1 against the California Stars. The two teams also meet the following day.

THE SAINTS CLOSE out their opening-month schedule with back-to-back double-headers against the Long Beach (Calif.) Sundowners May 29 and 30.

In June the Saints will play eight twin-bills, including those of June 12 and 13 against the rival San Diego (Calif.) Trendsetters.

The Saints close out the regular portion of their schedule in July. Their opponents will be the Orcutt Express, Glendale (Calif.) Blazers and Los Alamitos (Calif.) Gold Sox.

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament will be played July 3-5 in the stadium.

The Saints leave town for the first time later that month, traveling to Indianapolis. There they will compete in the Olympic Sports Festival from July 23-31.

The national tournament will be held Aug. 13-20 in Binghamton, N.Y. To qualify, the Saints first must work their way through regional competition.

Season tickets will admit holders to all games except the Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament. Season tickets may be purchased for \$25 at all Sun City and Sun City West United Bank branches, the Lakes Club and by calling Rose Schwartz (977-3544) or John Poja (974-1245). The tickets may be used for any combination of 25 admissions.

SINGLE ADMISSION price will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for people 15 and under.

The Saints Booster Club is holding its annual membership drive. Information on joining the booster club, the teams fund-raising group, may be obtained by calling Gene Smith at 933-7574.

Saturday, May 1, 1982 NEWS-SUN

SC Saints open season today

The Sun City Saints open their women's fast-pitch softball season today when they host the California Stars in a 7:30 p.m. double-header in Sun City Stadium.

It will be the first of 23 twin bills the Saints will play at home this season.

The two teams play a second 7:30 p.m. double-header Sunday in the stadium.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for people 15 and under.

Two Phoenix teams invade Sun City to play the Saints next week. The Saints will host the Bobettes and Chargers Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Saints schedule

MAY

- 1 California Stars
- 2 California Stars
- 8 Phoenix Bobettes
- 9 Phoenix Chargers
- 15 Meadowlark Lemon Hot Peppers
- 16 Phoenix Westerners
- 22 Tucson Stylesters
- 23 Tucson Broad Squad
- 29 Long Beach Sundowners
- 30 Long Beach Sundowners

JUNE

- 5 Southern California Royals
- 6 Southern California Royals
- 12 San Diego Trendsetters
- 13 San Diego Trendsetters
- 19 Beach City Desperados
- 20 Beach City Desperados
- 24 Orlando Rebels vs Phoenix Blues
- 24 Orlando Rebels vs Phoenix Bobettes
- 25 Orlando Rebels vs SC Saints
- 26 Orlando Rebels vs Long Beach Renegades
- 27 Long Beach Renegades

Monday, April 26, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Reeve to hurl ceremonial ball

George Reeve, president of Del E. Webb Development Co., will throw out the ceremonial first ball Saturday at the Sun City Saints' season-opening double-header in Sun City Stadium.

Gerald Williams, Webb general counsel, Daily News-Sun publisher Burt Freireich and stadium manager Gene Downing will also take part in the festivities.

Saturday's double-header against the California Stars is the first of 23 scheduled at home this season. The two teams also will meet Sunday.

All double-headers will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Saints will host the July 3-5 Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament.

They leave town for the first time later that month to compete in the July 23-31 Olympic Sports Festival in Indianapolis.

The national tournament will be held Aug. 13-20 in Binghamton, N.Y.

Season tickets may be purchased for \$25 at all Sun City and Sun City West United Bank branches, Lakes Club, Sundome and by calling Rose Schwartz (977-3544) or John Poja (974-1245). The tickets may be used for any combination of admissions.

Sports

Monday, May 3, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Opportunity knocks;

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Opportunity knocked repeatedly Sunday at the door of the California Stars.

After the fourth knock they finally answered and defeated the Sun City Saints, 2-1.

The victory was their second against the former national champions. The Stars blanked the Saints, 1-0, Saturday in Sun City Stadium after losing the opener, 6-3. Sunday's second game, called after five innings so the San Diego squad could head home, ended in a scoreless tie.

THE STARS' DORENE Stallard and Saints' Debbie Doom hooked up in a typical pitchers' duel early in the game, with neither team getting a runner past second base through four innings.

Debbie, a freshman at UCLA, departed after four innings to catch a flight back to California and Connie Clark, a student at Phoenix's Greenway High School, came on in relief.

Clark, who tossed Saturday's shutout, retired the Stars in order in the fifth.

IN THE SIXTH, Stars second baseman Lisa Miranda rapped a one-out single. Miss Clark got shortstop Tami Parsons to fly to center for the second out, but a fielding error opened the door a batter later.

Saints shortstop Helen Andrade, who played for the Phoenix Westerners last year, fielded a routine grounder off the bat of Theresa Sanfillippo but threw wide of first, allowing Miss Miranda to take third.

Third baseman Carol Michelle followed with a single to give the Stars a 1-0 lead.

THE STARS ALSO threatened in the seventh, but center fielder Chris Babb, who hit a two-out triple, was stranded when Karen Graybeal flew out.

In the seventh, the Saints' Barb Garcia opened the inning with a walk off Stars pitching ace Jenny Stallard, who came on in relief in the sixth.

Miss Garcia promptly stole her second base of the game.

Stars finally answer

PAULA STUFFLEBEAM then drew a walk and, after reaching first, headed for second. The throw by Miss Sanfillippo, the catcher, was in the dirt at second and Miss Garcia came home to tie the game, 1-1.

The Stars threatened in the eighth with back-to-back singles to open the inning but stalled and blew another golden opportunity in the 10th.

Miss Graybeal opened the inning with a single and moved to second on Jenny Stallard's infield hit. Miss Graybeal advanced to third on an infield ground out. Miss Sanfillippo then popped out to catcher Marilyn Rau, but Graybeal, who had strayed too far off third, was caught in a rundown and tagged out to end the inning.

IN THE 11TH it looked like the Stars might see another opportunity pass them by.

Miss Michelle led off with a single to center and Miss Clark then struck out Terry Knode.

But Teri Dean slashed a one-out single to left,

sending Miss Michelle to second. Dorene Stallard followed with a single to load the bases. Connie then walked Miss Babb, forcing in Miss Michelle and giving the Stars a 2-1 lead.

MISS ANDRADE OPENED the Saints' 11th with a double to center, but was stranded when Jenny Stallard struck out Miss Clark and got Miss Garcia and Miss Stufflebeam to pop out.

The Saints had the best chance to win the abbreviated second game in their final at bat.

Second baseman Ann Bieser drew a one-out walk, moved to second on Jenny Stallard's wild pitch and advanced to third on a fielder's choice. Miss Clark grounded out to second for the third out, leaving Miss Bieser stranded.

THE SAINTS, 1-2, collected just 14 hits in the four-game series.

Miss Doom, 0-1, Saturday was a victim of those silent bats. She struck out 11 in the nightcap while allowing just three hits. Still, she suffered the loss.

Sports

Friday, May 7, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Helen Andrade follows

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Helen Andrade said she recalls very little about her mother's career with the Sun City Saints in the late 1960s.

"I can barely remember her hopping around at third base," said the 20-year-old college student. "But I do remember her chattering.

Last weekend the roles were reversed. Rosie Andrade, who once bubbled with enthusiasm at third and shortstop for the Saints, watched from the stands as Helen performed on the field.

"MY MOM HAS PLAYED a very important part in my life," explained Helen, a sophomore at Glendale Community College. "Not just as a player but as a friend.

"She always said work hard and things will come

your way. My mom has helped me a lot."

With Suzie Gaw still playing for the Arizona State women's softball team, Helen got a chance to start at shortstop last weekend against the California Stars.

WHEN SUZIE RETURNS some time this month Helen will be pushed into a reserve role. That doesn't bother the graduate of Glendale's Apollo High School.

She said she feels that just being part of the team will help her gain valuable experience she can put to use at San Diego State, the school she'll attend on a partial athletic scholarship beginning this fall.

"I want to play, but if I'm on the bench it won't be a waste of time for me," she said. "I feel fortunate to be on this team."

HELEN PLAYED FOR the Phoenix Westerners

mother's lead

two seasons ago. Last year she was pressed into service when the Saints were shorthanded for a tournament.

In March she tried out for the Saints and gained a spot on the roster. There were two reasons she wanted to play for the 1979 national champions.

"I thought playing for the team would give me good experience," she said. "And I wanted to be part of a nationally known team."

HELEN SAID SHE'S noticed big differences between the Saints and other teams she's played with. Players who compete at the Saints' level of competition are more evenly skilled, she said, and "everyone knows what they're supposed to be doing."

"In another league you may have a couple good players and others who are not so good," Helen said.

"The coaching is also better. They do things first class here."

Helen said Marilyn Rau, considered by many to be the nation's best women's catcher, has been a big help, especially in giving hitting advice.

MARILYN, THE TEAM'S leading hitter year in and year out, sees little things that others might overlook, Helen said.

"The other night at practice she gave me a lot of help," said Helen. "It's easy for her to watch and pick up things others would probably miss."

The Saints, 1-2-1, entertain the Phoenix Bobettes in a 7:30 p.m. Saturday double-header in Sun City Stadium.

Sunday the Saints will host the Phoenix Chargers in another 7:30 twinbill.

Saints host Bobettes in double-header

The Sun City Saints will attempt to hurdle the .500 mark today when they host the Phoenix Bobettes in a 7:30 p.m. double-header in Sun City Stadium.

Sunday the Saints host the Phoenix Chargers in a 7:30 twinbill.

The Saints, 1-2-1, will play double-headers at home May 15 and 16 against the Meadowlark Lemon Hot Peppers and Phoenix Westerners, respectively.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for people 15 and under.

NEWS-SUN Saturday, May 8, 1982

Monday, May 10, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Debbie Doom silences

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Pitcher Debbie Doom was up and down in Sunday's first game. That meant the Phoenix Chargers were mostly down.

The UCLA freshman struck out 16 Charger batters while giving up just one hit—a fifth-inning double—to lead the Sun City Saints to a 4-0 victory in Sun City Stadium.

The Saints, who split a double-header with the Phoenix Bobettes Saturday, lost the nightcap, 1-0.

MISS DOOM MIXED a hard rise ball with an assortment of low pitches to keep Charger batters off stride throughout the game.

She struck out the side in the first and sixth and two batters in each of the other five innings in boosting her record to 2-1.

The Saints, 3-4, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third without the benefit of a hit.

LEADOFF HITTER BARB Garcia walked to

open the inning and advanced to third when Sherry Webster fielded a grounder off the bat of Karen Fellenz and threw past first.

After catcher Marilyn Rau popped out to second, Mary Faure flew to right to drive in Miss Garcia with the Saints' first run.

A two-out wild pitch by Chargers pitcher Janet Winters sent Miss Fellenz home with the second run.

THE SAINTS TOOK a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning on a base hit, two infield errors and a sacrifice fly by Miss Doom and ended their scoring when Miss Garcia singled home Kelley Shoemaker from second in the sixth.

In the nightcap, the Chargers made an unearned second-inning run stand up to win 1-0.

Chargers catcher Mindy Myers reached first base on a one-out single to left off Connie Clark and moved to second when third baseman Dee Dinota booted a grounder off the bat of Miss Winters.

Charger bats

LEFT FIELDER LISA Weems moved both runners up with a bunt and Miss Myers scored on Mary Jo Tichar's two-out sacrifice fly to center.

The Saints had a chance to tie the score in the fourth inning when they reached Lori White for two hits.

Miss Dinota slashed a single to left leading off the inning and moved all the way to third on Helen Andrade's sacrifice bunt.

BUT ANN BIESSER flew out to shallow center and Miss Shoemaker popped out to the third baseman to choke off the threat.

Miss Clark, 1-3, was the loser despite giving up just three hits. She also was the losing pitcher Saturday in the Bobettes' 3-2 opening-game victory.

The Saints won Saturday's nightcap 3-0 on the three-hit pitching of Miss Doom. She struck out nine Bobette batters and retired the first 14 in order.

THE SAINTS RETURN to action Saturday when they host the Meadowlark Lemon Hot Peppers in a 7:30 p.m. double-header.

On Sunday the Phoenix Westerners come to town for a pair with the Saints. That double-header also will begin at 7:30.

Saints face 'smart

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Sun City Saints catcher Marilyn Rau has been getting on base at about a 50 percent rate this season from her third spot in the batting order.

Last Sunday, for instance, the women's softball All-American reached base four of the six times she batted. That may sound like good news, but Saints coach Gerald Stapley doesn't see it that way.

Stapley's concerned because opposing teams have been pitching around Marilyn, hoping clean-up hitter Mary Faure will be an easy out. So far the strategy has worked to near perfection.

"THEY'RE WISE IN pitching around Marilyn," said Stapley. "What we need is consistency from Mary and to get Suzie (Gaw) back in there. When that happens there's no way they can pitch around Marilyn."

"But what they're doing now is smart baseball."

Suzie is playing for the Arizona State women's softball team along with fellow Saints Shawn Ritchey, Brenda Van Amburg and Ann Biesser. All but Miss Biesser are starters for the Saints.

They could return as early Sunday, depending on ASU's series with the University of California. Winner of this weekend's best-of-three series will advance to the next round of the women's national college softball playoffs.

ALSO MISSING EARLY this season has been Stapley's daughter, Marla, a sophomore at the University of Utah and a starting outfielder for the Saints. Stapley said she won't return until classes end in June.

Regular third baseman Vicky Smith, a school teacher and coach, has been available only on occasion.

baseball' from foes

"When you've got four players, so to speak, instead of nine it makes the other teams even with us," said Stapley, who's watched the former national champions drop four of their first eight games. "We haven't had to have so many (reserves) play before."

"AS SOON AS WE get the team together you'll see a big difference."

All-American pitcher Debbie Doom, 2-1, will not be available this weekend. She will be pitching for UCLA, Stapley said.

Debbie was impressive in blanking Phoenix's Bobettes and Chargers, 4-0 and 3-0 last weekend. She struck out 25 batters in those two starts while yielding just four hits.

The week before, Debbie struggled somewhat in losing to the California Stars.

"SHE WAS TRYING too hard to impress people,"

Stapley said. "Also, in college they throw a smaller ball with a different finish. I think that bothered her."

With Debbie absent, Stapley said Greenway High School's Connie Clark (1-3) and Barb Garcia will handle the pitching chores. Miss Garcia, a regular in the Saints' outfield, has experience on the mound, having pitched high school ball.

The Saints and Meadowlark Lemon Hot Peppers will play a double-header at 7:30 p.m. today in Sun City Stadium.

The Phoenix Westerners come to town Sunday for a 7:30 p.m. twin-bill with the Saints.

Westerners beat Saints'

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

With tongue in cheek, Sun City Saints coach Gerald Stapley said last week that the absence of pitchers Debbie Doom and Shawn Ritchey might force him to unveil a "secret weapon."

That secret weapon was unveiled by Stapley in Sunday's second game against the Phoenix Westerners and the blast that resulted could be heard throughout Sun City Stadium. It wasn't the kind Saints fans have grown accustomed to hearing.

"I thought I had another pitcher," Stapley said after watching the Westerners bomb outfielder-turned-pitcher Barb Garcia. "But that wasn't the case, I guess."

WITH GREENWAY HIGH School pitcher Connie Clark seemingly headed for her fourth weekend win in as many games, Stapley summoned Miss Garcia

from her usual position in center field.

She escaped a jam in the fifth inning and the Saints leading 2-0, but her luck quickly ran out.

Barb walked seven batters, gave up four hits and threw one wild pitch in the sixth as the Westerners rallied for eight runs on their way to a 13-4 win. The Westerners scored five more times in the seventh after two were out on seven walks by Barb—five of them in a row—and a pair of wild pitches.

THIRD BASEMAN Vicky Smith finally came in to douse the fire.

"Connie was tired," said Stapley. "She pitched 10 innings Saturday and then again tonight."

Miss Clark, 4-3, blanked the Meadowlark Lemon Hot Peppers 8-0 and 9-0 Saturday. She allowed no hits in the first game which, like the second, ended after five innings by mutual agreement of the managers.

'secret weapon'

IN SUNDAY'S FIRST game she hurled the Saints to a 10-1 win over the Westerners.

The Saints, 6-5, took a 2-0 lead in Sunday's nightcap with single runs in the third and fifth innings.

Mary Faure singled to right field to drive home Miss Garcia with the first run and Karen Fellenz made it 2-0 when she scored on a bases-loaded walk to Miss Smith.

THE SAINTS SCORED their final two runs in the seventh.

In Sunday's opener, All-American Marilyn Rau's third-inning bases-loaded double staked Miss Clark to a 2-0 lead. Marilyn later scored on Miss Faure's single to give the Saints a 3-0 lead.

The Saints added seven runs in the sixth inning on just four hits. Several of those runs were made possible by three Westerner errors. The big blow of

the inning was Miss Rau's two-run single, her third hit of the game.

MISS CLARK LOST her bid for a no-hitter and shutout in the fourth inning when Westerner Sandy Brazzel tripled with two outs to drive in Debbie Creighton, who had walked earlier.

Stapley said he does not know if Miss Doom, who pitches for UCLA, will be available this weekend when the Saints host Tucson's Stylesters and Broad Squad.

Arizona State softball players Shawn Ritchey, Suzie Gaw and Brenda Van Amburg—all starters—may not play for the Saints until June. Arizona State qualified for the college nationals by winning two of three games over the weekend against the University of California.

The Saints have announced they will play two May 31 games against the Chinese National Team from Taiwan.

Sports

Monday, May 24, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Pitching staff comes

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

The Sun City Saints' pitching staff resembled a 1953 DeSota that had been thrown together with parts from new and old automobiles. For starters, there was a 14 year old who will graduate from the eighth grade this week. Then there was a high school junior. And finally there was a veteran from the Valley's Copperstate League, who usually pitches against the Saints, not for them.

They didn't squeak or rattle, however. They performed like a Mercedes fresh off the showroom floor.

Robbie Swain, the 14 year old, hurled a 4-0 shutout Saturday as the Saints completed a sweep of the Tucson Outlaws in Sun City Stadium. Connie Clark, a standout for Phoenix's Greenway High

School, blanked the Outlaws 7-0 in Saturday's first game, then came back to hurl a 5-0 victory against the Phoenix Arrows in Sunday's nightcap. And in between, Kathy Wahrendorf, who usually pitches for the Phoenix Bobettes, pitched the Saints to a 5-1 win over the Arrows.

THE FOUR VICTORIES boosted the Saints' record to 10-5.

The Arrows took a 1-0 lead in Sunday's first game with a second-inning unearned run off Miss Wahrendorf.

Brenda Shearer reached base to open the inning when Saints shortstop Dee Dinota bobbled her grounder. Miss Shearer moved to third following a walk and an infield ground out and scored when Denise Knappenberger smacked a two-out single to center.

through for Saints

The Saints bounced back in their half of the second with a pair of unearned runs off losing pitcher Kim Bickford, the Mesa Community College ace.

MARY FAURE AND Vicky Smith began the inning with back-to-back singles and moved up on Ann Biesser's bunt. Both came home on the next play when third baseman Kelly Fichter fielded a grounder of the bat of Helen Andrade and threw wildly past first.

The Saints added three more unearned runs in the third to take a 5-1 lead. Karen Fellez had the Saints' only hit of the inning, a leadoff triple to right.

Miss Wahrendorf yielded just three hits in going the distance.

MISS CLARK AND Miss Bickford hooked up in a pitching duel through five innings of the second contest.

In the sixth, the Saints loaded the bases with one out on two singles and a walk. Miss Biesser popped to short for the second out, but Miss Andrade came through with a clutch triple to drive in Marilyn Rau, Miss Dinota and Miss Faure, giving the Saints a 3-0 lead. They added two more runs in the inning on a wild pitch and an RBI single by Kelly Shoemaker to lead 5-0.

Miss Clark gave up lone singles in the first, fourth and sixth innings in boosting her record to 6-3. Miss Bickford again was the loser.

THE SAINTS HOST the Long Beach (Calif.) Sundowners this weekend. Both Saturday and Sunday's double-headers will get under way at 7:30 p.m. in Sun City Stadium.

On May 31, the Saints will host the Chinese National Team from Taiwan in a 7:30 twin bill. The Chinese National Team is currently on a tour of the U.S.

Stapley plans return of Michelle Thomas

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Michelle Thomas, the pig-tailed blonde who led the Sun City Saints to their only national women's softball title, may join her old team this weekend.

Rumors that Miss Thomas might play for the Saints this season began circulating earlier this year. She traveled to the Valley from her Iowa home in March to explore the possibility of doing graduate work at Arizona State. But she later decided to remain in Iowa.

Saints coach Gerald Stapley said Michelle has been transferred to Phoenix by her employer, a national hotel chain. Stapley said he feels that makes her eligible to play for the Saints under the Amateur Softball Association's eligibility rules.

"AS FAR AS I know she meets the criteria," the Saints' field boss said, "but she'll have to be ruled on when she gets here. As far as I can tell everything's been done according to the rule book."

In 1979, her first and only season for the Saints, Michelle posted a 24-2 record during the regular season, then led the team to its first national title. Her 4-0 mark in the national tournament—which included a perfect game—earned her the tourney's outstanding pitcher award.

The addition of Michelle would give the Saints, 9-5, one of the nation's best pitching staffs.

DEBBIE DOOM, WHO hurled UCLA to an opening-round win Thursday in the NCAA Women's College World Series, should be available for full-time duty when the Saints play double-headers Saturday and Sunday against the Long Beach (Calif.) Sundowners in Sun City Stadium. The Saints also will host the Chinese National Team from Taiwan Monday in a twin bill.

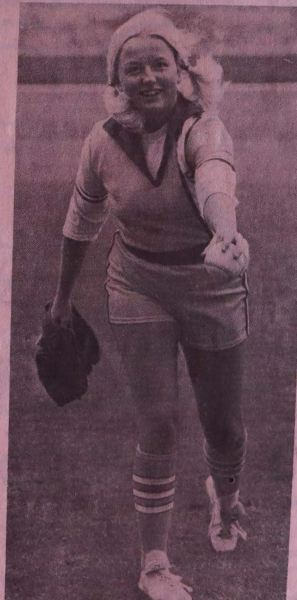
Debbie, 2-1, has given up just one earned run in 24 innings this season and has struck out 40 batters.

But Stapley said he would have to see what kind of condition Michelle is in before deciding on her role.

"MICHELLE HASN'T thrown since she was here," he said, "I'm going to have to play it by ear. We'll have to wait and see."

Stapley also is taking a wait-and-see attitude toward his regular line-up. The return of regulars Suzie Gaw, Brenda Van Amburg and Shawn Ritchey, who are competing for Arizona State in the College World Series, will be nice, Stapley admits, but it also will force him to make some tough decisions.

Rookie Dee Dinota has played shortstop on several occasions for the Saints this season and is hitting .305. Dee, who played for the University of Arizona this season, was an all-confer-



MICHELLE THOMAS

ence selection at third base, the spot occupied by Vicki Smith.

STAPLEY WOULDN'T say what starting line-up he might field when all of his players are available.

"I'm not committing myself to anybody," he said. "There are a lot of solutions you could come up with. I'm going to have to wait and see."

"I'll determine (the line-up) basically after I've had a chance to put them together. We'll have to see how things go."

THE THREE double-headers will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Season tickets will not be honored at Monday's exhibition double-header.

Michelle blanks Chinese squad

By STEVE HAWLEY

Sports Editor

The pigtails may be gone, but 1,825 softball fans can attest that Michelle Thomas hasn't lost her ability to get batters out.

Michelle, after nearly a three-year absence, strode to the Sun City Stadium mound for Monday's opening game and promptly threw a one-hitter as the Sun City Saints defeated Taiwan's Chinese National Team, 5-0.

The Saints also won the second game, 3-2.

"I DO A LOT of things to stay in shape," said Michelle. "I run and play racquetball. But this is the first time I've pitched (since leaving the Saints in 1979)."

The hard-throwing left-hander showed evidence of her inactivity by issuing a walk to the first Chinese batter. But she quickly settled down and retired the next seven batters in order, four of them on strikeouts.

"I didn't throw hard consistently and my change-up was too slow," said Michelle, who joined the team Saturday after being transferred to Phoenix by her employer in Iowa. "My performance was inconsistent and sloppy. I'll need 2½ to three weeks to get ready."

THE SAINTS, 15-6, gave Michelle the only run she needed in a four-run first inning.

Center fielder Barb Garcia opened the inning with a double to left, moved to third on a wild pitch by Yeh Shiou-Ing and scored on a one-out single by catcher Marilyn Rau.

Clean-up hitter Shawn Ritchey then coaxed a walk out of reliever Tseng Ting-Yun, moving Marilyn to second. Suzie Gaw flew to left for the second out, but Mary Faure singled and scored behind Marilyn and Shawn when left fielder Xang Yuh-Teng let the ball get through her legs for a three-base error to give the Saints a 4-0 lead.

THEY ENDED THE scoring with a third-inning run which came on an RBI double by Miss Gaw.

Michelle, who struck out nine Chinese batters, lost her bid for a no-hitter in the seventh inning when leadoff batter Ju Suh-Chiung grounded a single to right.

Miss Rau tripled in two runs and scored the winner on an outfield error in the sixth inning of the nightcap to rally the Saints from a 2-0 deficit.

MISS GARCIA and Karen Fellenz opened the bottom of the sixth with back-to-back singles and scored when Marilyn tripled to right. Coach Gerald Stapley waved Marilyn around with the winning run on the play when center fielder Chan Mei-Liang bobbled the ball.

The Chinese took a 1-0 lead with an unearned run off Miss Ritchey in the fourth inning.

Miss Fellenz booted a grounder off the bat of leadoff hitter Chang Huey-Ju for an error and Chang scored two batters later on Lee Mei's single.

THE CHINESE MADE it 2-0 in the sixth on two hits and an infield sacrifice.

Catcher Su Yuh-Chun singled up the middle to open the inning, moved to second on Chan Mei-Liang's sacrifice bunt and scored when Wu Yun-Jen doubled down the right-field line.

Chan Mei-Liang was left stranded at second as Lee Mei and Chiang Lih-Hsia flew out and grounded out, respectively.

MISS RITCHEY GAVE up eight hits in her first start for the Saints. The Saints' victory in the nightcap was their fifth in three days.

They swept a double-header from the Long Beach (Calif.) Sundowners Saturday, 4-0, 4-0, and the teams split a pair Sunday. The Saints lost Sunday's first game, 4-1, but rebounded with a 11-0 victory in the second contest.

Miss Rau backed pitcher Connie Clark's winning effort with five RBI in Sunday's win. She had a three-run double and two-run single.

RIGHT-HANDED pitcher Debbie Doom is expected to join the Saints for the four-game home series Saturday and Sunday against the Southern California Royals.

Debbie threw a 1-0 shutout Monday as UCLA defeated Fresno State to win the women's softball College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

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Saint-athon

As one of its fund-raising programs, the Sun City Saints Booster Club will hold a combination "walk-athon" and "jog-athon," dubbed a "Saint-athon," on June 9.

The event will be held at the Sun City Stadium from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Saints team, and other volunteers, will circle the stadium playing field for funds per lap pledged by sponsors.

Among the volunteers are Booster club vice president Rose Schwartz, who will lead an aerobic dance squad, and club president Joe Davisson.

Advance pledges may be made by telephoning Mrs. Schwartz at 977-3544 or Helen Marie Stobar at 584-4303.

The Saints, who have finished in the top four in the national softball tournaments in the past five years, play seven-inning double-headers at the Sun City Stadium each Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 4, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Boosters set benefit

The Sun City Saints Booster Club will hold a combination walk-athon and jog-athon from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Sun City Stadium.

Known as the "Saint-athon," the fund raising event will find Saints players and volunteers walking or jogging laps around the stadium field for pledges. Among the volunteers taking part will be booster president Joe Davisson and vice president Rose Schwartz.

Pledge sheets will be available in the stadium on event night for people who wish to contribute. Advance pledges may be made by calling Mrs. Schwartz at 977-3544 or Helen Marie Stobar at 584-4303.

The Saints host the Southern California Royals in a four-game series this weekend.

Double-headers will be played at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, June 5, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints receive boost from volunteer help

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Last fall the Sun City Saints' vital signs were hardly evident.

Del E. Webb Development Co., facing economic hardship, announced that it was closing Sun City Stadium to the Saints and all other regular users except baseball's Milwaukee Brewers.

But in January, the Saints' condition took a turn for the better when its booster club announced it had reached an agreement with Webb that would allow the team to play in Sun City Stadium this season.

NOW, NEARLY SIX months later, it appears the women's fast-pitch softball team is on the road to a full recovery.

"There was a time when I thought it would never happen," said booster club president Joe Davisson. "But with community support we've been successful."

What led to the Saints rebirth was the agreement between the booster club and Webb, reached only after several weeks of discussion.

BASICALLY, IT calls for the booster club to assume all stadium responsibilities and expenses from April 1 through August in return for a \$1 lease.

The booster club receives revenues from tickets sales, concessions and stadium rental.

But what keeps the Saints alive are several arrangements between the booster club and area volunteers and civic groups.

FOR INSTANCE, THE booster club allows the senior softball league to play in Sun City Stadium in return for its cleaning and maintaining the facility.

Nine area Lions Clubs also have volunteered to operate the concession stand and sell tickets.

"These things mean a whole lot," said Davisson. "The people have been extremely helpful and it's cut down on our expenses. They've contributed greatly to our success."

Davisson warns, however, that the team is operating at a "break-even point" so far this season. He hopes several upcoming fund-raisers such as the Sinnerama, a variety show, and additional funds from increased booster club membership will expand the coffers.

Early season attendance also has been encouraging, Davisson said, citing Monday's crowd of 1,528 which attended the Saints' double-header against Taiwan's National Chinese Team.

THE SAINTS, 15-6, will play double-headers today and Sunday against the Southern California Royals. Both twin bills begin at 7:30 p.m. in the stadium.

"The crowds have been good, but we're still running extremely close (to budget) when it comes to monthly expenses," Davisson said. "We're still going to need community support."

Davisson said he hopes the Saints will play in Sun City Stadium again next year.

"A lot will depend on the many factors involved," he said. "We certainly hope to continue as we have."

Security is paid for in part through volunteer help provided by sheriff's deputies who were allowed to hold a benefit game in the stadium last month.

AND SUN CITIAN Gene Downing serves without pay as stadium manager, a position once filled by a Webb employee.

Downing estimates the work done by senior softball players will save the Saints \$10,000-12,000 this season.

Sports

Royals gain series split

Monday, June 7, 1982 NEWS-SUN

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Coach Gerald Stapley will be happy when pitcher Debbie Doom returns to the Sun City Saints, but perhaps no one will be wearing a bigger smile than Shawn Ritchey.

With Debbie wrapping up final exams at UCLA and left-hander Michelle Thomas nursing a muscle tear in her pitching arm, Shawn was forced to hurl 32 innings this past weekend as the Saints split a four-game series with the Southern California Royals.

THE SAINTS, 17-8, won 3-0 and 2-1 Saturday in Sun City Stadium before the Royals rebounded Sunday with a pair of 3-2 victories.

Michelle started Saturday's second game, but left after two innings when her left arm began to swell.

Michelle, 1-0, said a doctor diagnosed the injury as a minor muscle tear and recommended that she rest the arm for 10 days.

THE ROYALS took a 1-0 lead in Sunday's opener with an unearned run in the first inning.

The Saints bounced back with two in their half of the first, only to have the Royals tie the score 2-2 with a second-inning run.

Miss Ritchey and Royals pitcher Dale Munn pitched scoreless ball through the next five innings, but the visitors moved ahead 3-2 with an eighth-inning tally.

Shawn retired the first two batters before Camille Carter lashed a single to right. She scored the winning run when Miss Munn followed with a triple to right, her third hit of the game.

THE SAINTS managed a mild threat in their half of the inning when Karen Fellez singled and moved to second on Suzie Gaw's two-out walk.

Miss Ritchey, however, missed an opportunity to help her pitching cause by taking a called third strike to end the game.

Shawn yielded 11 hits and struck out two. Miss Munn scattered five hits and

struck out just one Saints batter.

SUNDAY'S SECOND game also was a see-saw affair.

The Royals, held to just one hit by Miss Ritchey through four innings, took a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning.

Miss Munn reached first when center fielder Barb Garica dropped a routine fly ball with one out. Miss Munn advanced to second when Des DeAscentis followed with a base hit and moved to third on second baseman Karen Fellenz' error. Debby Langevain then singled home Miss Munn.

THE SAINTS tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth.

Miss Garcia led off with a triple and scored when Royals pitcher Camille Carter uncorked a wild pitch.

In the sixth, the Saints took a 2-1 lead as Dee Dinota scored on a one-out bases-loaded walk to Helen Andrade. The Saints left three runners stranded, however, when Miss Carter retired the next two batters.

A TIRED MISS Ritchey walked the Royals' first batter, Miss DeAscentis, in the seventh and then hit Kathy Showalter with a pitch. Miss Langevain reached first to load the bases when Vicky Smith fielded her bunt and threw late to third base trying to get a force out. Miss DeAscentis was forced at home for the first out a play later, but Lynn Lewis drove a single to center to score Miss Langevain and Miss Showalter and give the Royals a 3-2 lead.

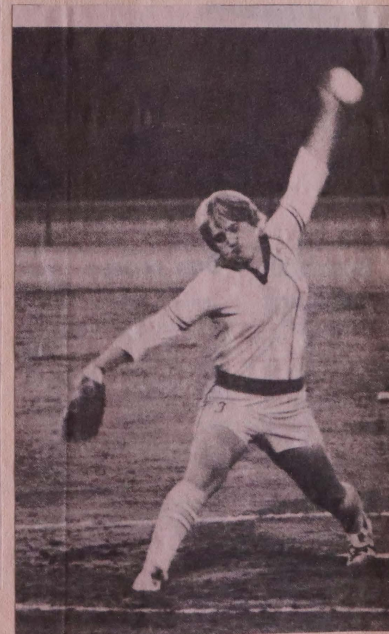
Shawn, 2-2, gave up six hits, all of them over the last four innings.

The Saints got seven hits off Miss Carter, two of them singles by catcher Marilyn Rau.

The Saints and San Diego Trendsetters will play a four-game series Saturday and Sunday in the stadium.

Both double-headers will get under way at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday has been designated Rose Schwartz Appreciation Night. Mrs. Schwartz, a charter member of the team's booster club, will be honored between games.



Sun City Saints pitcher Shawn Ritchey lets fly with a pitch in the first inning of Sunday's opener against the Southern California

Royals. Shawn saw action in all four weekend games, pitching 32 innings. (News-Sun Photo)

Saints booster club to honor member

Rose Schwartz, vice president of the Sun City Saints Booster Club, will be honored Saturday by the group and members of the women's softball team.

A presentation will be made in Sun City Stadium between games of the Saints' 7:30 p.m. double-header with the San Diego Trendsetters.

Mrs. Schwartz, a charter member of the booster club, was its first secretary and has served as treasurer and chairman of tickets sales.

"She has given willingly of her time in anything she has been asked to

do..." said Joe Davissan,

booster club president.

"This is one way the Saints and the booster club can repay her for her many years of service in supporting the team."

Today the booster club will hold a combination walk-athon, jog-athon from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the

stadium.

Saints players and volunteers will walk or jog around the stadium field for pledges.

Proceeds will be used for team expenses.

Pledge sheets will be available in the stadium for people who wish to contribute.

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"BREWER," A GOLDEN retriever, joins Saints in Jog-A-Thon for pledges. Photo by MORRIS BERMAN

Smith eyes possibility of Saints' 2nd national title

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

Sun City Saints third baseman Vicky Smith knows that it takes more than a pretty face to be an important contributor on one of the country's top women's softball teams.

That's why she was one of 12 Saints players who were chosen from what she estimated to be between 30 to 35 who tried out for the team this year.

A second year player from Dayton, Ohio, Vicky is an outstanding defensive infielder whose major weakness has been hitting.

SO last season she sought the help of hypnotic suggestion to improve her hitting.

"It worked at first," she said of the treatments. "But after a while it started getting too expensive."

Vicky, who with her golden retriever Brewer is house sitting for the summer in Sun City, believes her problem at the plate centers around concentration, which can be difficult with a softball ap-

proaching at speeds often in excess of 90 mph.

"It used to seem like I was afraid to swing at the ball," she said.

Vicky is confident, though, that her hitting is showing signs of improvement.

While the Saints could be considered Vicky's main summer interest, there are others.

One is sailing.

IN fact, Vicky has already purchased the materials for a sailboat and is waiting for a new set of instructions.

"Somebody chewed up my first set of plans," she said, giving Brewer a pat on the behind.

Vicky's first taste of slow-pitch softball came at age 14.

SHE says her father helped her get a start in athletics by playing catch with her and taking part in other sports activities when she was very young.

"I was a tomboy all the

way," she said.

After playing softball basketball and volleyball for Belmont High School, Vicky enrolled at Ohio University.

PROVING her athletic abilities as a freshman, she was offered an athletic scholarship for her remaining three years.

Later, after playing fast-pitch in Dayton, Vicky decided to give try out for the Saints.

"It's a lot different playing for the Saints," she said. "This is probably the highest level of this sport you can get."

VICKY likes the Saints chances this season, promising her team will win the national tournament to be played August 23-30 in Binghampton, N.Y.

It would be a feat the team first accomplished in 1979.

"I think we have a very good chance," she said with the smile.

"IN fact, with (pitchers) Michelle Thomas and Debbie Doom I don't think there's a single doubt we can win it."

Although the skills of players rival those shown in professional baseball, the Saints hold amateur status.

There is no financial reward. But their is personal satisfaction despite the long games, hard practices, boring road trips.

"It's fun. I love it," said Vicky.



VICKI SMITH

Sports

Monday, June 14, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints sweep twin bill

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

Sun City Saints pitcher Michelle Thomas' "injured" arm looked plenty healthy Sunday as the Saints swept a double-header from the San Diego Trendsetters in Sun City Stadium.

Michelle, who limited the Trendsetters to just two hits in the opener, looked like she might find herself booked up in a pitchers' duel.

But in the third inning, Suzie Gaw pounded a two-run homer over the center-field wall, the only runs the Saints needed in a 2-0 victory.

MICHELLE, WHO has been idle for a week with

a muscle tear in her pitching arm, struck out six batters in going the distance.

Saints pitcher Shawn Ritchey started the second game and assisted her cause with a three-run double.

In the first inning Shawn cleared the bags with a bases-loaded double to left field. Mary Faure later doubled in Shawn to give the Saints a commanding 4-0 lead.

IN THE THIRD, Miss Gaw tripled to right field and later scored on Miss Faure's second hit of the game.

A fifth-inning rally by the Trendsetters produced

from Trendsetters

only one run and the Saints coasted to a 5-1 win.

Shawn gave up six hits and fanned four.

SAINTS CENTER fielder Barb Garcia led the hitting attack with five hits in six at-bats.

In Saturday action, the Saints and Trendsetters split a twin bill.

The Saints, behind the pitching of Michelle, took the first game 4-1 on the strength of Miss Gaw's three-run homer in the fifth. It was her third home run of the season.

THE TRENDSETTERS NIPPED the Saints in the second contest, 3-2, with Miss Ritchey suffering the loss.

The Saints, 20-9, will host the Beach City (Calif.) Desparados Saturday and Sunday in Sun City Stadium. Both double-headers will start at 7:30 p.m.

Saints coach Gerald Stapley says he expects standout right-handed pitcher Debbie Doom to be on hand for the four-game series.

DEBBIE IS continuing tests at UCLA but is expected back Wednesday, Stapley said.

Stapley's daughter, Marla, will not play for the Saints this season as had been year expected. She instead will be spending the summer in Salt Lake City, where she attends the University of Utah, so she can qualify as a resident of Utah and attend school for a lower tuition.

SC Saints '82 Schedule

MAY

1 California Stars
2 California Stars
8 Phoenix Bobettes
9 Phoenix Chargers
15 Meadowlark Lemon Hot Peppers
16 Phoenix Westerners
22 Tucson Stylesters
23 Tucson Broad Squad
29 Long Beach Sundowners
30 Long Beach Sundowners

JUNE

5 Southern California Royals
6 Southern California Royals
12 San Diego Trendsetters
13 San Diego Trendsetters
19 Beach City Desperados
20 Beach City Desperados
24 Orlando Rebels vs. Phoenix Blues
24 Orlando Rebels vs. Phoenix Bobettes
25 Orlando Rebels vs. Saints
26 Orlando Rebels vs. Long Beach Renegades
27 Long Beach Renegades

JULY

1 Orcutt Express
3-5 Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament
10 Glendale Blazers
11 Glendale Blazers
17 Los Alamitos Gold Sox
18 Los Alamitos Gold Sox
23-31 at Indianapolis Olympic Sports Festival

AUGUST

13-20 National Tournament, Binghamton, N.Y.

All home double-headers begin at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 19, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Youths to see Saints play

Fifty youths from the El Mirage Youth Center will see the Sun City Saints play the Beach City Desperados tonight.

The Sun City-Youngtown Optimist Club will sponsor the youths along with two chaperones.



Michelle Thomas, a member of the 1979 Sun City Saints championship team, talks to Coach Gerald Stapley. Tim Rogers/Republic

Serious Sainthood

Grand softball canons applied in Sun City

By Bob Cohn
Republic Staff

SUN CITY — A searing sun, on its descent but still plenty strong, roasts the empty ballpark. The nearly empty ballpark, that is. It is game day, and Chuck Currier, Uncle John Poja and a few others are working hard.

Currier is putting the finishing touches on the table loaded with souvenirs — T-shirts, programs, toaster sticks (for when the toast gets stuck in the toaster, naturally). Uncle John, the general overseer, scoots around, making sure the ticket-takers know their duties, loosening a gate that won't open.

"I love it, that's why I'm here," said Currier, who describes himself as an "old-time ballplayer." Currier is 77.

Later, more than 1,000 people will fill a good portion of the bleachers at Sun City Stadium. The Saints are playing tonight.

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The Phoenix Ramblers, a women's fast-pitch softball team, folded in 1965 but was transplanted to Sun City, under the sponsorship of the Del Webb Corp.

That first year, 1966, the Saints had a 15-year-old catcher named Marilyn Rau. She was good, and, it turns out, durable because the 1982 Sun City Saints have a 31-year-old catcher named Marilyn Rau. She is an Original.

Before the Saints play the San Diego Trendsetters, Rau is in the dugout, taping the ankle of teammate Karen Fellenz. Rau pretty much does it all for the Saints. She is the field general



and spiritual leader, the maker of rules (Thou shalt not drink alcohol 24 hours before a game or a practice) and a tough nut behind the plate.

philosophical insights as to why she has remained a Saint, year after year, foul tip after foul tip, sacrificing her free time every weekend the past 17 summers.

"I just like doing it," she said.

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The Sun City Saints are the creme de la creme of women's softball. They are known nationwide. In 1979 and 1980, the

and spiritual leader, the maker of rules (Thou shalt not drink alcohol 24 hours before a game or a practice) and a tough nut behind the plate.

"Marilyn's a clutch player," said Shawn Ritchey, a pitcher and designated hitter for the Saints. "Whether it's offense or defense, she's the steady, stoic one everybody looks to."

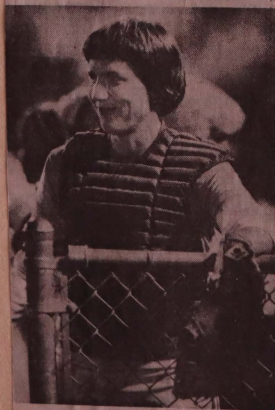
Rau, an eighth-grade teacher at Crockett Elementary School in Phoenix, has no deep,

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We don't just pick a player on athletic ability but her attitude, too. Desire to play. Hustle. You won't play every game or every inning. You might be the greatest shortstop in the world, but you might not play there. You've got to accept that.

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Marilyn Rau, who's played for the Saints since 1966. "We work pretty hard on our image."

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Saints

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Saints won consecutive national championships, and last year, they won the National Sports Festival softball competition.

"It's pretty high-class," Shawn Ritchey said.

But to be a Saint, you have to do more than display outstanding talent. You have to have the right stuff.

"They are ladies on and off the field," said the Saints' coach, Gerald Stapley, a genial, robust man of 51 who has been the coach for two terms, in 1973-1974, and then again starting in 1979. "It's like the old saying: We don't like neighbors talking about our kin."

Saints range in age from 19 to 31, although most are in their early 20s. Like Rau, a few of the Saints teach school. Others are students, and Mary Faure, the first baseman, works for a cable-television company. The majority tends to remain a few years, then drifts on to other pursuits. Those who leave are replaced at a tryout camp at the end of February. A residency requirement, more strictly enforced this season by the Arizona Softball Association, has made it tougher to import players, but the good players are available, anyway. Stapley said that nothing is guaranteed, but, for the most part, if you are a Saint, you stay a Saint.

"How you fit in with the team," is important to Stapley, he said. "Occasionally, there have been a little personality differences with someone. It's better for the team not to ask her to come back."

When Stapley watches a player, he notes more than the way she hits or throws or turns the double play. Always, there is the Saints' image.

"We work pretty hard on our image," Rau said. "We don't just pick a player on athletic ability but her attitude, too. Desire to play. Hustle. You won't play every game or every inning. You might be the greatest shortstop in the world, but you might not play there. You've got to accept that."

"I'm not saying we have a better class of girl than anyone else, but off and on the field, they're just nice kids. It's the girl-next-door image."

This year's team displays a real togetherness, Stapley said. It has been a difficult year. The Saints' shortstop, Deanna Dinota of New York, lost her sister in an automobile accident. Paula Stufflebeam broke her thumb. Then her father died. The Saints also were without Arizona State players Susie Gaw and Ritchey, because the ASU coach wouldn't let them play during the Sun Devil season. Pitcher Debbie Doom was off at UCLA and could pitch in just three games for the Saints.

"We're having a mixed-up deal this year," Stapley said. "It's different from what we've had in the past. But this is a more compatible team. Some years, they'd meet at the park, but they'd have no interest in each other. This year, they socialize. You've got to be friends on and off the field."

Stapley, a postal worker from Mesa with 10 children, apparently contributes to the atmosphere. He drives the team through three-hour practices every Wednesday and is a stickler for repeated execution of fundamentals. Still, the players like his easygoing approach.

"He's real supportive," Ritchey said. "He gets us thinking about the game. The other coach (of the San Diego team) didn't have one good thing to say. Gerald's the opposite. He's nothing but positive."

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The Saints were nearly the Aints this year, as far as playing in their own ballpark was concerned.

The Del E. Webb Corp. owns Sun City Stadium, where the Saints have played since the park was built in 1971. But running the Saints was a money-losing proposition, with total expenses running in the \$35,000-\$40,000 range, according to some estimates. Last fall, the company announced the team would have to move. The Saints were being kicked out.

"We had placed an ad in the paper announcing the dissolution of the booster club," said Joe Davison, the club president. "If we had played, it would have been at Diablo Stadium (in Tempe) or in Peoria. There wouldn't have been much support."

But not so fast. Negotiations, spearheaded by Stapley and Davison, led to an agreement with the Webb Corp. The Saints could remain, but only if the costs were otherwise assumed.

Sunday, June 20, 1982

The result was a massive volunteer effort. Members of the Sun City senior slow-pitch softball league maintain the field and the stadium in exchange for the right to play their own games there. The Sun City Sheriff's Posse provides one of two security guards. The Lions Club sells the tickets and concessions.

Revenue comes from ticket and souvenir sales, program advertisements, fund-raising activities and from donations from the booster club. So far, attendance has been better than last year. Through 14 home dates (the Saints play double-headers on Saturday and Sunday nights, starting at 7:30), the Saints had drawn 12,546 fans. Last year, the 14-date figure was 10,083.

One player was missing from the Saints during their series with San Diego last week, Debbie Doom. Under Doom's picture on the back of the Saints' program are the words, "Ace Pitcher." That about covers it.

Doom wasn't there because she was finishing up her freshman year at UCLA. This spring, Doom pitched the Bruins to the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. In 41½ innings of the NCAA tournament, she allowed one earned run and struck out 63. Doom, who lives in Tempe, is a two-year veteran of the Saints.

Doom was effective in 1981, when the Saints finished third nationally, but the big year was 1980, a championship season. Doom won about 60 games, pitched a no-hitter in the national tournament and was picked the best pitcher in the country.

Finally, last Wednesday, her classes and exams finished, Doom showed up at practice, a full-time member of the Saints for the rest of the season.

She is dark-haired and slender. She also is 6-foot-2. Doom uses her long legs to fullest advantage, taking a giant step toward the batter before releasing the ball in a windmill motion. It looks menacing.

"My legs have a lot to do with it," said Doom, who is playful and relaxed with her teammates but painfully shy with strangers. "I get my speed from my legs. I take long strides. Everything has to be right to work."

Warming up on the sidelines with her father and pitching coach, Dave Doom, then pitching to some of her teammates, she muttered angrily about the way she was throwing. A pulled muscle suffered in the NCAA tournament had slowed her down. But she still was getting some of her teammates out with her assortment of three basic pitches: rise, drop and change-up. Her fastball has been known to suddenly jump about a foot.

Two women are sitting in the stands, talking. Their husbands are watching intently. Says one of the women: "It's fun to come out and see the young people. It's the only place in Sun City you can do that."

The Saints are a popular item in Sun City. The crowd, some of whom arrive by golf cart, is enthusiastic and totally supportive. There are a large number of younger fans, but the majority, as would be expected, are senior citizens.

The games are tidy, efficient, well-played, and this evening, the red-and-gold clad Saints win them both. The first is a three-hit shutout by Michelle Thomas, a member of the 1979 championship team who is back after a two-year absence.

Thomas had her left arm tightly wrapped because of a torn muscle which, she said, is still giving her problems.

"I figure I'm only throwing at about 70 percent of my ability," she said afterward, applying ice to the elbow. "I'm just trying to mix it up."

Between games, the team wolfed down sodas, cookies and Danish. Then in the second game, Ritchey pitches, winning, 5-1. She drives in four runs, and the Saints improve their record to 20-9-1.

The crowd already has thinned out by game's end, but they apparently have been well-satisfied. Why not? The evening had cooled down, there was good softball on the field and a convivial atmosphere in the seats.

Earlier, Rose Schwartz, 80, who recently was honored with her own night for her diligent work on behalf of the Saints, looked out onto the field and said, "It's so much better to be out in this gorgeous air than to be at home, playing cards or watching TV."



Saints pitchers Debbie Doom (above), who plays for UCLA, and Shawn Ritchey, who plays for Arizona State.



Michelle hurls no-hitter

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

Sun City Saints pitcher Michelle Thomas hurled a no-hitter to help the Saints sweep a double-header against the Beach City (Calif.) Desperados Sunday night in Sun City Stadium.

The first game, pitched by Michelle, saw both teams go scoreless until the bottom of the sixth when Barb Garcia singled and later scored to give the Saints a 1-0 victory.

Michelle gave up one walk and struck out two.

SPECTATORS were treated to a look at a new Saint when coach Gerald Stapley substituted Dree Looke for second basemen Karen Fellenz in the sixth inning.

Miss Looke made the

team after a tryout but was declared ineligible to play under Amateur Softball Association rules because she had not yet established residency in Arizona.

Stapley said Miss Looke will not participate in tournament play, but he may use her in regular-season games which are not ASA sanctioned.

SHAWN Ritchey hurled the second game, which proved to be less of a

defensive battle than the opener, as the Saints won, 9-1.

The Saints scored five runs in the third with Miss Looke, Suzie Gaw, Dee Dinota, Mary Faure and Vicky Smith crossing the plate as the team batted around.

The Saints added two more runs in the fifth with Miss Dinota and Miss Faure again crossing the plate.

MISS GARCIA and Miss

Gaw scored in the sixth as the Saints drove their last nail into the Desperados' coffin.

Shawn also had a no-hitter going into the seventh inning, but the Desperados got two hits and scored their only run of the game.

Shawn walked two batters and struck out three.

IN SATURDAY night action, the Saints split a pair with the Desperados, taking the first game in 10

for Saints

innings, 4-3.

Mary Faure knocked in Marilyn Rau with the winning run. The Saints battled back from a 3-0 deficit after the Desperados scored all their runs on a throwing error in the first.

Miss Ritchey, the winner, gave up 11 hits and one walk while striking out three batters.

THE SAINTS dropped the second game, 3-1.

Debby Doom suffered the loss, but allowed only

five hits. She fanned seven batters and didn't yield a walk.

The Saints, 23-10, will host the National champion Orlando Rebels in a 7:30 p.m. Friday double-header in Sun City Stadium.

The Rebels also will play Phoenix's Blues and Bobettes Thursday and the Long Beach Renegades Saturday. Those double-headers also will get under way at 7:30.

Saints' supporters

Additional contributions, aimed at keeping the Saints in Sun City, were announced by Helen Marie Stobar, finance director of the Saints Booster Club.

"Without these wonderful well-wishers," she said, "we would not have been able to keep the Saints in Sun City for this season."

Several organizations also were given "thanks" for various efforts, including the Lions Club, for maintaining the concessions; senior softball teams, for maintaining grounds and facilities; Booster Club members and the Pom Poms, for becoming involved at all events.

AMONG SPECIAL events planned by the club were a July 10 benefit by Boswell Memorial Hospital personnel; the Phoenix Metro Tournament this weekend; the Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament July 3-5; and the Cactus

Regional July 30-Aug. 1. Latest contributors to the Saints fund:

Oakmont Men's Club of Sun City, Louis and Roberta Meek, Col. Glenn Johnson, Ralph and Clara Ossa, Virginia Corley, Margaret Mills, Julia Wirth, Gerald McCarty, Owen and Geraldine Raynor, Andrew Repko, Fred Braun, Kenneth and Jeanne Lauster, Earl and Opal McCurdy, Harry Scribner, Paul and Jean Morrill.

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And, Russell and Helen Cabot, Alva Meade, Everitt and L. Edna Brogdon, Dr. Earl Blair, Virginia Gunderson, Dee Boeckmann, Miriam Kinner, John and Elizabeth Smith, Sun City-Sun City West Softball Ladies Auxiliary, Ralph and Elsa Bower, Earl and Loraine Schneider, Elsa Cronenberger, Arnold and June Paulson, Benedict McGillis, Lawrence Olson.

AND, NEAL AND Mary Guse,

Marlin and Kathryn Moyer, Charles and Marvella Zarfos, Lyle and Alice Dickerson, John and Natalie Tichy, Sun City-Youngtown Optimist Club, Dr. Charles St. John, John and Alice Allen, Howard and Ruby Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Babue, George and Lucille Jirgal, Ken and Alice Lane, Ruth Morgan, Charles Bielko, Arthur Messiter.

Also, Kenneth and Dorothy McDowell, Arthur Sturm, Marcoa Publishing Co., Margaret Kincaid, Bill and B.J. Ihlenberg, H.G. and Vera Hamre, Daniel and Ena Kjeldgaard, Valley National Bank-Bell Road Office, Clifford and Hannah Englund, George and Cleo Gundersen, R.J. Morrison.

And, Ray and Sally Andersen, Dr. Taylor Osten and Dorothy, Charles Dusing, Hita Kane, Marion Shepard, Madge Petersen, H.A. Forsthoof, Dorothy Hyatt and Margaret Reis.

Wednesday, June 23, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Match-up may give

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Staying at the top is often harder than getting there.

Friday, the national champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels will get a preview of how hard that task will be nearly two months from now in Binghamton, N.Y., when they face the Sun City Saints, who found themselves in that situation in 1980.

"You get two teams of this quality and it's usually the first team that makes a mistake (that losses)," Saints coach Gerald Stapley said Tuesday.

"THIS WILL give me an indication as to where we are. If we can give a good performance, which I'm sure we will, they'll know they've been in a ball game."

The Saints won the women's fast-pitch softball title in 1979, but have had to settle for back-to-back

third-place finishes since then.

Orlando wrestled the title away from the Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes—winners of 16 national titles—last year in Houston. The drive to their first title included a 1-0 victory over the Saints.

THE REBELS, WHO will play Phoenix's Blues and Bobettes Thursday in Sun City Stadium, are led by shortstop Dot Richardson and right-handed pitcher Lou Piel.

Miss Richardson was voted most valuable player and top defensive performer in the '81 national tournament while Miss Piel was selected best pitcher.

"She's a pretty good size girl," Stapley said of Miss Piel. "She throws real hard and can make the ball move."

STAPLEY PLANS to counter with right-handed youngster Debbie Doom and left-hander Michelle

tournament preview

Thomas, neither one of which is a stranger to national tournament pressure.

Michelle led the Saints to the title in '79 and Debbie was voted most valuable player at nationals a year later.

The Saints, 23-10, are coming off a successful series against the Beach City (Calif.) Desperados in which they won three of four games.

STAPLEY SAID HE'S been pleased with his team's play lately, but added that the Saints need to take advantage of mistakes by the opposition.

"We have started to play together," Stapley said, "but we've got some strategy situations we have to work on. There are a few mental errors (by the opposition) that we need to capitalize on. Mentally, we're not quite there as yet."

Following double-headers Thursday and Friday, the Rebels will stay on in Sun City to play the Long

Beach (Calif.) Renegades Saturday. Sunday the Saints and Renegades will meet.

THE FOUR TWIN bills are scheduled to get under way at 7:30 p.m.

A familiar face on the Renegades' pitching staff is Cindy Bristow, who hurled for the Saints last season.

Cindy is joined on the mound by Mary Lou Ramm, who led Utah State to the AIAW title this past season.

THE RENEGADES, ALSO an experienced national tournament team, field a potent hitting attack led by outfielders Sue Lewis and Pam Eddie.

Following their stop in Sun City, the Rebels will travel to Taiwan to participate in an international tournament.

Miss Doom will join the Rebels for that competition.

Thursday, June 24, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Team USA to open softball series 'today

Team USA will open a six-game women's fast-pitch softball series in Sun City today with a 7:30 p.m. double-header against Phoenix's Blues and Bobettes, members of the Copperstate League.

Team USA, which had been listed as the Orlando (Fla.) Rebels on the Sun City Saints' schedule, is stopping here on its way to Taiwan where it will represent the U.S. in the World Softball Games.

The squad also will play the Saints Friday and the Long Beach (Calif.) Renegades Saturday in Sun City Stadium. Those double-headers also will begin at 7:30.

Team USA is made up of players from across the country, including several from the defending champion Rebels.

Saints pitchers Debbie Doom and Michelle Thomas are scheduled to hurl against Team USA in Friday's double-header. Debbie will join the team for the games in Taiwan.

Friday, June 25, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Bobettes

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Joyce Lytle drove home the winning run with an eighth-inning infield hit Thursday as the Phoenix Bobettes edged Team USA, 1-0, in Sun City Stadium.

The Bobettes' Tanya Adrian and Team USA's Darlene Lowery each gave up just two hits through seven innings of regulation fast-pitch softball, and neither team could get a runner past second base until the bottom of the eighth.

The Bobettes' Kathy Wallers led off the inning with a single to left field, advanced to second on a walk and moved to third on Karen Woods' base hit.

MISS LOWERY GOT Eileen McNally to pop up for the second out, but Miss Lytle beat out an infield grounder hit between third base and shortstop to score Miss Wallers with the game's only run.

nip Team

Team USA defeated the Phoenix Blues in Thursday's opener, 5-3, with two runs in the seventh inning.

The Blues, surprisingly, erased a 2-0 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 3-2 lead.

TEAM USA SCORED two unearned run off pitcher Lucy Casarez in the top of the first, but Phoenix took advantage of right-hander Lou Piel's control problems in their half of the inning to move ahead.

Miss Piel, ace of the Orlando (Fla.) Rebels' pitching staff, yielded a pair of walks and a single to three of the first four Blues batters to load the bases.

She then hit Cheryl Persinger with a pitch to give the Blues their first run and uncorked a wild pitch that scored Woddy Woodcock, who had singled earlier.

USA on infield hit

THE BLUES SCORED their third run of the inning on a mental blunder by third baseman Joanne Ackerman.

Loree Wade hit a routine grounder, but Miss Ackerman stepped on third, mistakingly thinking she had a force out on the play and Miss Persinger scored.

Team USA tied the game in the third inning on Shirley Burton's RBI single, but was held to just one hit by Miss Casarez over the next three innings.

THEN IN THE seventh inning All-American Dot Richardson, who also plays for the defending national champion Rebels, and Snookie Mulder coaxed back-to-back walks from Miss Casarez.

Patty Pyle followed with a double to the fence in left-center to drive in Dot and Snookie and give Team USA a 5-3 lead.

Tracy Compton, who relieved Miss Piel in the fourth inning, got the victory.

TEAM USA AND the Sun City Saints will meet in a 7:30 p.m. double-header today in Sun City Stadium.

Right-hander Debbie Doom, 2-2, and southpaw Michelle Thomas, 4-0, are expected to pitch for the Saints. The Saints, 23-10, are coming off a series last weekend that saw them win three of four games from the Beach City (Calif.) Desperados.

Team USA and the Long Beach (Calif.) Renegades will play a 7:30 p.m. double-header Saturday in the stadium.

The Renegades and Saints will close out weekend competition with a 7:30 p.m. twin bill Sunday.

Following Saturday's games, Team USA will be off to Taiwan to compete in the World Softball Games.

Saturday, June 26, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints' errors give Team USA 4-3 win

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Team USA scored three unearned runs in the sixth inning Friday to defeat the Sun City Saints, 4-3, before about 2,500 fast-pitch softball fans in Sun City Stadium.

Team USA, which will begin play in the World Softball Games later this month, trailed 3-1, but capitalized on two Saints errors to take a 4-3 lead.

All-American Dot Richardson of the Orlando (Fla.) Rebels reached first base to open the sixth when Saints third baseman Vicky Smith booted her hard grounder.

Snookie Mulder reached first when Miss Smith threw late to second base trying to force out Miss Richardson and both runners scored when Saints first baseman Mary Faure fielded Patty Pyle's bunt and threw past second baseman Karen Fel-

lenz, who was covering first.

The Saints had taken a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on an RBI single by Shawn Ritchey and a team USA error and moved ahead 3-1 when Helen Andrade scored an inning later on a wild pitch.

Winning pitcher Darlene Lowery gave up five hits.

Left-hander Michelle Thomas, 4-1, suffered the loss, giving up just three hits.

Team USA and the Long Beach (Calif.) Renegades will meet in a 7:30 p.m. doubleheader today in the stadium.

Saints, Renegades split double-header

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

With only one pitcher to face a tough Long Beach, (Calif.) Renegades team, the Sun City Saints were fortunate to split a double-header Sunday in Sun City Stadium.

Right-handed pitcher Debbie Doom is playing in the World Softball Games with Team USA in Taiwan and Shawn Ritchey left the stadium Sunday, reportedly after a dispute with Saints coach Gerald Stapley over the pitching rotation.

The Saints, behind the pitching of Michelle Thomas, fell behind 1-0 in the first game, giving up a run on two hits and a fielding error in the first inning.

THE GAME stayed at 1-0 through the fourth inning with the Saints managing a hit in each inning, but being unable to mount a threat.

Barb Garcia, however, tripled to lead off the bottom of the fifth and scored to tie the game when Marilyn Rau hit a bloop double.

The game looked as if it might go into extra innings, but with two outs in the seventh Suzie Gaw hit a two-run homer deep over the left-center field fence to give the Saints a 3-1 victory.

THE SAINTS WILL play in the Del

E. Webb Memorial Tournament Saturday through Monday in Sun City Stadium. Eight teams will participate in the tournament.

Michelle, who faced former Saints pitcher Cindy Bristow, gave up three hits, struck out four and walked one batter.

Cindy gave up seven hits.

IN THE SECOND game, the Renegades regrouped and shut out the Saints, 1-0.

Michelle again took the mound and showed signs of weariness, allowing nine hits, including a third-inning triple that gave the Renegades the only run they needed. Michelle struck out just two batters and yielded one walk.

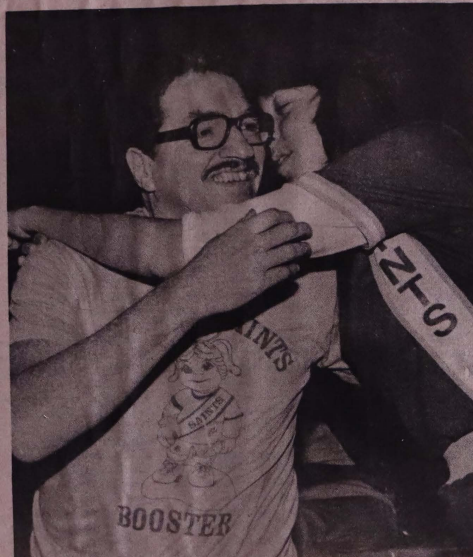
The Saints managed only three hits. KAREN FELLELENZ led the Saints' offensive attack with three hits, and Miss Rau, Dee Dinota and Mary Faure had two hits apiece.

Opening ceremonies for the Webb tournament are scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

Teams scheduled to compete include the Salt Lakers, Salt Lake Bees and Phoenix's Arrows, Westerners and Bobettes.

The Saints will host the Orcutt Express in a 7:30 p.m. Thursday double-header in the stadium.

Monday, June 28, 1982 NEWS-SUN



DEBBY DOOM, ALL-American fast ball pitcher for the Saints, made some money by kissing fans for \$1 each. Larry Silverberg gets his dollar's worth. photo by Morris Berman

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SUN CITY CITIZEN — June 30 through July 6, 1982—

Ever kiss a Saint?

In addition to the usual diversification to be offered at the "Saints Sinnerama," fans of the male persuasion will have an opportunity to demonstrate their faithfulness by kissing a Saint—for \$1.

The annual event, scheduled at 8 p.m. Monday in Sun City Stadium, is sponsored by the Sun City Saints Booster Club and is intended to do just that, boost the women's fastpitch softball team that has brought fame through the years to its "home" community, Sun City.

It also gives everyone a

chance to meet the Saints players and to enjoy local talent—such as singer Lucy Hays, dancer Rose Schwartz, the Rhythm Ramblers band, the Pom Pon Squad and the aerobic dancers—in a variety show. Certainly well worth the \$1 donation up front plus, of course, the cheerfully donated \$1 for a friendly kiss.

It's the kind of neighborly fun that Sun Citizens enjoy, and that should attract a good audience. Additionally, it can indicate to the Saints the kind of support that says, "We're glad you're still our team."

When to play, where to go for softball

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July 3

8 a.m. Broad Squads vs Westerners.
9:30 a.m. Salt Lakers vs Saints.
11 a.m. Bobetts vs Arrows
12:30 p.m. Salt Lakes Bees vs Trendsetters.
5 p.m. Sales Lakers vs Broad Squad.
6:30 p.m. Westerners vs Saints.
8 p.m. Salt Lake Bees vs Bobetts.
9:30 p.m. Trend Setters vs Arrows

July 4

8 a.m. Salt Lakers vs Westerners.
9:30 a.m. Saints vs Broad Squad.
11 a.m. Salt Lake Bees vs Arrows.
12:30 p.m. Bobettes vs Trend Setters.
5 p.m. after 5 p.m. games vary.

July 5

Games assignments vary.

Saints to host Orcutt Express

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

The Sun City Saints will host the Orcutt (Calif.) Express for a 7:30 p.m. Thursday double-header in Sun City Stadium.

Orcutt won the 1981 junior championship of women's fast-pitch softball. The Express is led by youngster Candy Foust, who did not allow a run this season in 19 appearances for Righetti High School, champion of the California Interscholastic Federation. Joining Miss

Foust on the Orcutt squad are two of her high school teammates—pitcher Ginger Ensign and catcher Debbie Graham.

THURSDAY'S double-header will provide the Saints a tune-up for the annual Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament.

Seven teams are scheduled to compete in the tournament, which will run Saturday through Monday in the stadium.

The championship game is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday. A second game

in the double-elimination tourney, if needed, will be played at 9:30.

THE SAINTS begin tournament play at 9:30 a.m. Saturday against the Phoenix Bobettes. Their second preliminary game will be against the Phoenix Westerners. That contest is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Other teams that will compete include Utah's Salt Lakers and Salt Lake Bees, the Phoenix Arrows and San Diego (Calif.) Trendsetters.

The Saints are no strangers to many of the teams that will compete.

THEY played the Bobettes and Westerners in May and won three of four games from the Trendsetters in a series two weeks ago.

The Bobettes won five straight Copperstate League titles before being dethroned by the Phoenix Blues last season. They did, however, finish second to the Saints in last season's Cactus Regional Tournament in Prescott.

The Bobettes are led by pitchers Kathy Wahrendorf and Tanya Adrian.

MISS ADRIAN, a former professional softball player who hurled for the Westerners in '81, threw a two-hitter last Thursday as the Bobettes defeated Team USA, 1-0, in Sun City Stadium.

The Saints', national champions in 1979, could get their toughest tournament challenge from the Trendsetters.

San Diego successfully defended its title in an Albuquerque, N.M., tournament earlier this month, the first time any team had won back-to-back championships there.

SAN DIEGO'S ace on the pitching staff is Pam Stone, who had her 10-game winning streak snapped by the Saints this season.

The Trendsetters' hitting attack is led by Michelle Roe and Cindy Capistran, an assistant women's softball coach at San Diego State.

Opening ceremonies for the Webb tournament will be held at 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

Busy schedule awaits Saints

The Sun City Saints will host the Orcutt (Calif.) Express in a 7:30 p.m. double-header today in Sun City Stadium.

Today's games will be just two of several fast-pitch softball contests in store for the Saints over the next few days.

The Saints and teams from Phoenix, Utah and California will begin play Saturday in the three-day Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament. Other teams scheduled to compete include Utah's Salt Lakers and Salt Lake Bees, the San Diego Trendsetters and Phoenix's Bobettes, Westerners and Arrows.

The Saints begin preliminary-round play at 9:30 a.m. Saturday when they take on the Bobettes. They also will play the Westerners Saturday. That game is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

All games will be played in the stadium. Opening ceremonies will be held at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, with George Reeve, Del E. Webb Development Co. president, set to throw out the first ball.

Play will continue Sunday with morning and evening sessions and conclude Monday with the championship game, set for 8 p.m.

A second game to determine a winner in the double-elimination tournament, if needed, will be played at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1982 NEWS-SUN

NEWS-SUN FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1982

Benefit softball game scheduled

Cooperating with the Sun City Saints, the Sun City Prospectors have challenged the Boswell Sun Birds to a fast-pitch ladies benefit softball game.

One Saint player will play on each team at the

5:30 p.m. July 10 game before a Saints double-header in Sun City Stadium, 13440 111th Avenue. Tickets can be purchased from Sun City and Sun City West United Bank branches, the hospital cafeteria, gift shops

and residents' galleries in the Sun Bowl and Thunderbird plazas and at the gate. The \$1.50 ticket will include the Saints and California Blazers game which follows.

Proceeds will go to the Saints and the Boswell Hospital Employee Activities Fund.

Pitching puts Saints

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Michelle Thomas has her left arm draped by a sling, Debbie Doom has left the country and Shawn Ritchey has called it quits.

So instead of being cast as leading actor in the Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament, the defending champion Sun City Saints may have to settle for a supporting role.

"If I had my pitchers we'd be favored," Saints coach Gerald Stapley said Thursday after watching his team sweep a double-header from the Orcutt (Calif.) Express, 3-0 and 3-1. "As it is now it's unknown who to favor. I just hope these kids can throw."

ONE OF THOSE kids, right-hander Connie Clark, hurled a four-hit shutout as the Saints derailed the Express, 3-0, in Thursday's opener. Stapley said he hasn't had a chance to talk to the other pitcher he plans to use in the Webb tournament, which gets under way Saturday, and wouldn't identify her.

Miss Clark got all the help she needed in the

opener when Karen Fellenz tripped off losing pitcher Kandy Foust in the first inning and scored on Marilyn Rau's single to right.

The Saints, 26-11, made it 2-0 in the third inning with an unearned run and stretched their lead to 3-0 on Barb Garcia's RBI double in the fifth.

THE EXPRESS threatened in the first inning, but couldn't get a runner past second base after that.

Debbie Graham stroked a one-out double for Orcutt and moved to third when Ginger Ensign followed with a base hit. Connie then walked Miss Foust, but got Shauna Waltenberg to fly out to shallow right field and Pam England to hit into an inning-ending ground out.

Connie, who will be a senior at Phoenix's Greenway High School this fall, struck out five Express batters.

YOUNGSTER DIANE Swan, making her first Sun City appearance, also hurled a four-hitter as the Saints completed a sweep of the double-header with a 3-1 win.

The Saints scored once in the first and added a

in supporting role

pair of runs in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead.

Express starter Tammie Richardson yielded a two-out bases-loaded walk to Miss Fellenz in the fourth inning to score Ann Biesser and give the Saints a 2-0 lead.

MISS ENSIGN THEN came on in relief and issued a walk to Suzie Gaw, scoring Carla Stearns from third.

The Express, 19-6, scored their lone run in the sixth inning on two singles and an error by Miss Biesser in right field.

Miss Swan, who will begin her junior year at Scottsdale's Arcadia High School in September, struck out one batter and didn't allow a walk.

MISS THOMAS, the Saints' hard-throwing left-hander, tore a bicep muscle in her throwing arm last Sunday.

"I did too much," said Michelle, who pitched both ends of a double-header after Shawn Ritchey walked out of the stadium prior to Sunday's first game. Shawn, used as the Saints' third pitcher, reportedly was upset over Stapley's pitching rotation.

Stapley wouldn't comment on the rift, but said Shawn, who is attending Arizona State this summer, had told him she wouldn't play in the Sports Festival and national tournament because of her studies.

MISS DOOM IS pitching for Team USA in Taiwan at the World Softball Games. She's expected back for the July 17 double-header against the Los Alamitos (Calif.) Gold Sox.

Utah's Salt Lakers and Phoenix Westerners open the three-day Webb tournament with an 8 a.m. Saturday game. Games also are scheduled for 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 6:30, 8 and 9:30 p.m. in the stadium.

The Saints begin play against the Salt Lakers at 6:30.

THEIR SECOND GAME will be played at 6:30 p.m. Sunday against the winner of Saturday's Salt Lakers-Westerners contest.

The tournament's championship game is set for 8 p.m. Monday. A second championship game in the double-elimination tournament, if necessary, will follow.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints begin title defense

The Sun City Saints begin defense of their Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament title at 6:30 p.m. today when they meet the Utah Salt Lakers in Sun City Stadium.

Today's opening game will be at 8 a.m. between the Salt Lakers and Phoenix Westerners. The Salt Lake Bees and San Diego Trendsetters are scheduled to play at 9:30 a.m. with Phoenix's Bobettes and Arrows set to tangle at 11.

Following the Saints-Salt Lakers contest at 6:30, the Bees and Bobettes will meet at 8, with the Trendsetters and Arrows scheduled to play at 9:30.

Games will be played at the same times Sunday. The Saints play their second tournament game at 6:30 p.m. Sunday against Saturday's Lakers-Westerners winner.

The championship game is set for 8 p.m. Monday. A second game in the double-elimination tourney, if necessary, will follow.

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints sink Salt Lakers,

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

The Sun City Saints, behind the pitching of high school senior Connie Clark, successfully defended their championship in the Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament Monday in Sun City Stadium.

With regular members of his pitching staff either gone or injured, Saints coach Gerald Stapley had to recruit the pitching talents of Miss Clark, a Greenway High School student, from another team.

Debbie Doom is in Taiwan with Team USA while Michelle Thomas is resting her ailing left arm.

THE SAINTS RECEIVED a bye in the first round of the tournament then swatted the Utah Bees 3-0 Sunday morning in the second round.

Marilyn Rau tripled to drive in a run. The other tallies came on Suzie Gaw's sacrifice fly and Dee Dinota's RBI double.

Miss Clark allowed only four hits. She walked two and struck out four in going the distance.

THE NEXT ROUND of competition saw Miss Clark facing a tougher San Diego (Calif.) Trendsetters team Monday morning as the Saints struggled to a 4-3 win in nine innings.

Suzie had a pair of RBIs and Mary Faure also batted in a run.

The winning run came when Helen Adrade lined a too-hot-to-handle shot to third that allowed Marilyn to cross the plate.

win Webb tourney title

MISS CLARK ALLOWED seven hits while walking two and striking out two.

By defeating the Trendsetters, the Saints qualified for the championship game against the Salt Lakers from Utah.

The Salt Lakers had battled back through the losers' bracket to qualify for the championship game and had to face the Saints after a tough day of catch-up tournament play.

IMMEDIATELY PRIOR to the championship game, the Salt Lakers beat the Utah Bees 3-1, then knocked off the Trendsetters 7-4.

The championship game was their fourth of the day and third straight.

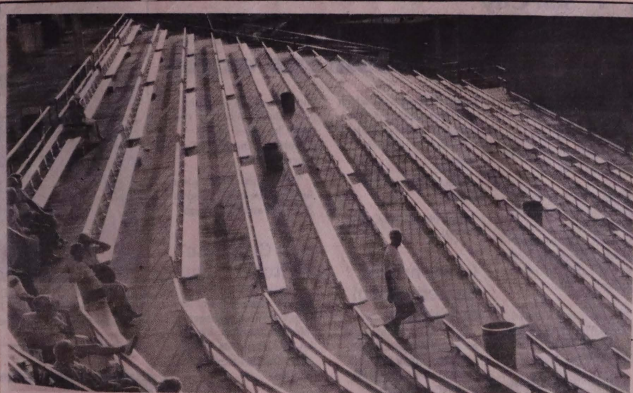
THE GAME BEGAN as a strong defensive battle with neither team scoring in the regulation seven innings of play.

A hitless eighth inning also was played as the crowd began to stir in a fashion which indicated they were seeing a better game than they had hoped.

Salt Lakers pitcher Mona Stevens, showing signs of weariness, walked Marilyn Rau in the bottom of the ninth. Dee Dinota later singled, moving Marilyn to second.

WITH TWO OUTS, Vicky Smith lined a shot over second base giving Marilyn a chance to sprint home. A fine throw from center field made the play close, but Salt Lakers catcher Star Orilluan dropped the ball trying to tag Marilyn's leg.

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THE SUN SETS in the Sun City Stadium as spectators reflect upon the action on the ball field. With the Del Webb Memorial Tournament recently completed, the

Sun City Saints softball team looks forward to games with the Glendale Blazers July 10 and 11. photo by Morris Berman

Benefit game helps workers

The California Blazers, formerly the Glendale Blazers, will play the Sun City Saints two doubleheaders July 10 and 11. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. each day. Prior to the July 10

games a benefit match between the Boswell Hospital Sunbirds and the Sun City Patients Service Prospectors will be played. The softball game begins at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds from the game

will go to the Boswell Hospital Employees Benefit Fund. Each team will have a Saint non-pitcher participating as a tenth player. Tickets can be purchased at Boswell Hospital. Sun

City Patient Services offices and Boswell Hospital Residents Galleries, as well as United Bank branches and the stadium. The Sun City Pom Poms are scheduled to appear between games on July 10.

Saints battle Blazers tonight

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

High school senior Connie Clark will take to the mound this weekend as the Sun City Saints do battle with the California Blazers in twin bills starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Sun City Stadium.

Connie, a Greenway High School student, used her unorthodox arched-back style of pitching to lead the Saints to a sweep of the Del E. Webb memo-

rial tournament last weekend in the stadium.

SAINTS pitcher Debbie Doom, temporarily playing for Team USA, is still tearing apart Taiwan with her infamous fastball; a fastball which recently struck-out 18 of 22 Belgium National batters in a hot no-hitter which resulted in an 8-0 win for team USA.

It is not yet known if Michelle Thomas' troubled arm is ready to hurl her speeders.

Saints' coach Gerald Stapley said Michelle was warming up her arm in practice, but he is doubtful she will pitch this weekend.

MICHELLE, who rejoined the Saints this year after a two year rest, was voted outstanding pitcher in the 1979 National tournament.

The California Blazers, formerly known as the Glendale Blazers, have provided tough competition in the past.

In 1979 they finished as runners-up in the National tournament behind the Saints. Last year they boasted a record of 45 wins and only six losses.

THEIR roster includes former all-Americans Kathie Maurice behind the plate, Gail Hamilton at second base and left fielder Nedra Jerry.

A team-mate of Miss Doom at UCLA and college All-American, Tracy Compton, is expected to pitch for the Blazers.

The Saints, who average almost two and a half points for every point scored by their opponents, will go into the stadium looking to improve their 27-11 record.

SATURDAY night has been designated as "Sun Health Night."

A preliminary game between the Boswell Hospital Sunbirds and the Sun City Patients Service Prospectors will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Saints, Blazers

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

With no breeze to cool the sun-baked atmosphere or blow away the thousands of gnats that found refuge in the Sun City Stadium lights, playing conditions were miserable as the Sun City Saints split a pair of games with the Glendale (Calif.) Blazers Sunday night.

Michelle Thomas, who had been resting an injured left arm the last couple of weeks, started the first game and completed four innings before being relieved by Connie Clark.

Suzie Gaw made a winner of Michelle when she pounded a two-run homer deep over the left field fence in the third inning to give the Saints all the runs they needed in a 2-1 win.

SUZIE HAS seven homers this season.

The Blazers' only major threat came in the fifth inning when they scored a run on a Saints error. Aside from the fifth inning, no more than four Blazer batters ever stepped to the plate in an inning.

Michelle gave up one hit, struck out one and walked no batters.

CONNIE ALLOWED two hits, a walk and struck out two.

In the second game Saints coach Gerald Stapley shifted his line-up to give his newer players time on the field.

Included in the change were Carla Sterns, who took Marilyn Rau's place behind the plate, and Dree Look, who

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split series

filled in at second base for Karen Fellenz.

The Blazers took an early lead, scoring a run in the second inning, and added a pair in the sixth in the 3-1 victory.

THE SAINTS looked as if they would come back in the bottom of the sixth as they scored one run on a double by Suzie and later loaded the bases. But with two outs, Miss Sterns grounded out, ending the Saints' threat.

The teams also split a pair of games Saturday night.

MISS CLARK took the mound in the first game as the Saints annihilated the Blazers 10-0.

Suzie Gaw had two RBI and hit a home run in the third inning. Dee Dinota, Mary Faure and Helen An-

drade each had two RBIs apiece, and Miss Look and Vicky Smith had one RBI each.

Connie allowed three hits, walked one and struck out one.

In the second game the Saints blew a 5-1 lead by allowing two runs to score in the sixth inning and three more in the seventh to drop the contest, 6-5.

Gay Turley pitched for the Saints until the sixth inning when she was replaced by Connie.

She allowed three hits walked five. Connie gave up three hits, four walks and struck out two.

The Saints will host the Los Alamitos (Calif.) in a pair of double-headers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the stadium.

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Softball team realizes respect from Sun City

SUN CITY — Although the Sun City Saints' regular season doesn't end until this weekend, the team already has qualified for the National Women's Fast-Pitch Tournament Aug. 13-20 in Binghamton, N.Y.

Saints' Coach Gerald Stapley said this year is the first time the Amateur Softball Association will allow the Saints and last year's other top three finishers to go automatically to the national finals without competing in regional eliminations.

The reason for the regional bye is so last year's top four teams can compete against each other in the Olympic Sports Festival on July 23-28, in Indianapolis, Stapley said.

The Saints won the national championship in 1979, and finished third out of thousands of women's fast-pitch teams in 1980 and 1981.

The festival is one of a few preludes to the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, where the Saints hope — either as a team or as individuals — to represent the United States in softball exhibition games, Stapley said.

If the 1984 Olympic exhibitions go well, fast-pitch softball could be an official Olympic sport by 1988, he said.

"We're trying to show them that it's a qualified sport that deserves Olympic status," he said, estimating that there are now more than 50 countries that could field teams for the Olympics.

It's a grand ambition. But then, Saints' fans have grown to expect much from their adopted granddaughters.

Lloyd Liken, 71, 12425 Cherry Hills Drive, has lived in Sun City since 1963 and has seen almost every Saints game since the team was formed in 1966.

Liken has followed the team from

the time it started playing at an old alfalfa field at 108th and Grand avenues — now the Suptowner Restaurant. In the spring of 1971, he watched the Saints play at a temporary site at Peoria High School, and he was there when the team played its first game at its current home park — Sun City Stadium, 111th and Grand avenues, where the Saints have played since July 4, 1971.

He remembers that day well. "The first time they had a crowd in here, eight of the bleachers fell out of the concrete. I don't know if that was funny," he said. "Fortunately, nobody was hurt."

Liken said the bleachers have long since been reinforced and so has the respect the Saints have built in their fans.

"By gosh, they always look neat. When we go on a national tour, we have one of the neatest-looking teams there. The coaches, I think, have done a tremendous job," Liken said.

Stapley said the attendance has averaged about 900 per game this year, although more than 2,200 fans attended one game.

"It's great to get out on the field and see 2,000 people on your side," center fielder Barb Garcia said.

"They rag the umpires, sometimes, very deservingly," she said. "We just grin and bear it."

Ms. Garcia said the pressure Sun City fans put on the Saints to win doesn't bother her.

"Their expectations are our expectations," she said.

Stapley said, "The expectations couldn't get any higher."

The Saints play the Los Alamitos, Calif., Gold Sox Saturday and Sunday at the stadium. Both games begin at 7:30 p.m.

— Steve Yozwiak

Team

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under Amateur Softball Association rules).

She isn't married and doesn't have a steady boyfriend.

It's hard having a serious boyfriend in college if you play sports. It takes a lot of your social time.

Now, here I am in Sun City West," Ms. Garcia said.

Although she socializes sometimes with her teammates, she spends most of what little free time she has watching television, reading and catching up on her sleep.

In all, saintly softball is a difficult calling.

Stapley said the players can't get the best jobs available, and they have to pay for part of their team's expenses.

"If you didn't want to play it, you couldn't put up with the guff," he said.

Ms. Garcia didn't always want to play softball the way she does now.

She started playing in junior high school. In 1974, she was one of the first players in Tucson's "Bobby Sox" softball league — last year, she coached a team in the same league.

Competitive girls softball wasn't introduced at Sabuaro High School in Tucson until Ms. Garcia was a senior. Instead, she played on a varsity volleyball team that won 36 consecutive matches and took the state title three years in a row.

Ms. Garcia said she was "very athletic" at a time when other students didn't think much of girl athletes.

"I did it most of the time because I enjoyed it and it was fun," she said.

"It really didn't bother me. I really didn't date much in high school. It was always one sport to the next."

In college, she started playing volleyball and basketball, but soon decided there wasn't much of a future in either sport for someone 5 feet 4 inches tall.

A friend suggested she try out for the UofA women's softball team.

She made it, and in her freshman year, she played center field on the Wildcat varsity team.

"From my sophomore year, I started thinking I could go somewhere with it," she said.

During her sophomore, junior and senior years at the university, she earned all-conference recognition. And after her senior year, she was voted most valuable player by her teammates.

"People aren't embarrassed to work out now. The physical fitness craze has really come around," Ms. Garcia said.

Women in good shape are admired and, for many, the Saints are leading the way, she said.

Stapley said many girls softball teams come out to the Saints' games to learn and be inspired. Teams are admitted free if they wear their uniforms, he said.

"A lot of people perceive women softball players as like, rough women. With the Saints, I think we have a pretty classy team. We have a lot of ladies on the team. I always try to look nice for the games," which includes wearing a little makeup, Ms. Garcia said.

"We feel the Saints are the prominent softball team in Arizona, if not the Southwest. We try to set an example for other girls and women softball players as well as other teams."



Roy Colway/Republic

Barb Garcia's place on the Saints team leaves little time for a "real job." She earns money by

doing a variety of tasks, such as washing a toy poodle owned by George Rouvalis of Sun City.

Despite the hardships, Ms. Garcia said she doesn't think she is sacrificing anything by playing with the Saints.

"I'm, in a way, a perfectionist. Whatever I do, I try to do my best. I see it as a challenge," she said.

"Playing softball for the Saints is what I want to be doing right now."

But, Ms. Garcia also has higher aspirations.

She got her foot in the door internationally in September when she was part of a 15-member U.S.

team that went undefeated in a Japanese tournament involving teams from the United States, Japan and China.

"I'd like to be a member of an Olympic team,"

Ms. Garcia said. "I try not to think about it. I try to take it one step at a time, but it's always in the back of my mind."

Stapley said the Olympic games are on the minds of a lot of other members of the Saints — a team on which Ms. Garcia's halo shines only as bright as each of her other teammates.



Meeting brings surprises

There were some surprises at the Saints Booster Club meeting in the Sunowner earlier this week. Joe Davisson, Booster Club president, left, and Grace Poja, a member, were celebrating birthdays. So Helen Marie Slobar, boosters treasurer, second from

right, baked a cake. At right is Art Clementz, who brought the other surprise, a check for \$500, proceeds from the Sun City West Merchants Association's Sun City West Night June 18 at the Saints game. Clementz was project chairman. (News-Sun Photo)

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Saints outfielder excited by prospect of playing with championship team

By Thelma Heatwole
Special for The Republic

GLENDALÉ — Helen Andrade, a 20-year-old vivacious brunette, rushed home from her clerical job on a Wednesday evening with an eye on the clock, and decided on a light snack to tide her over the next few hours.

She faced a 2 1/2-hour practice session with the Sun City Saints women's fast-pitch softball team.

Although she didn't play competitively until age 11 on a Glendale Parks and Recreation department team, she grew up with softball.

Her mother, Rosie Miranda Andrade, played fast-pitch softball with the PBSW Ramblers, the Phoenix A-1 Queens and the Saints.

In 1979, she was inducted into the Arizona

Softball Foundation Hall of Fame.

In addition to the family background, Ms. Andrade's involvement with the Saints was by no means an accident.

She lettered in softball for four years at Apollo High School. She also played on the Saints farm team, two years at shortstop with the Glendale Community College team and two summers with the Phoenix Westerners in the Copper State League.

This fall, she will attend San Diego State University on a softball scholarship.

Earlier this year, Ms. Andrade inquired about trying out for the Saints.

"I started practicing for about three weeks (with the Saints) and made the team," she said, her eyes still shining with the bright reality. She said she would be playing in the outfield.

Practice sessions are Wednesday evenings, while games are played Saturdays and Sundays.

"I like the sport. It's exciting, a challenge to play ball," she said. "When I was smaller, my Mom and I played catch. She helped me develop my skills. I told her I wanted to play softball. She encouraged me to play for one of the teams in Glendale. That's how I got started."

As a child, Ms. Andrade said, she watched and cheered as her mother played with the Saints, which were formed in 1966.

She traveled with her mother to a national tournament in Orlando, Fla.

Now things are in reverse.

"We go to every game where she plays," her mother said. "I'm her cheerleader. From the stands, I scream and yell."

Mrs. Andrade's own "career" spanned the years 1947-1969.

The Hall of Fame plaque cites Mrs. Andrade as "an outstanding fielder," starring in three infield positions during a career that included eight national tournaments. She earned All-American second team honors at third base while playing with the PBSW Ramblers in 1957.

Earlier, she played for the Poston Tillage Sweethearts of Glendale, where she earned all-state honors five times as shortstop.

She was the A-1 Queens second baseman in 1956. With the Ramblers (1957-60), she helped the team to the runner-up spot nationally in 1957.

Mrs. Andrade ended a five-year retirement when she joined the Saints.

During three seasons with the Saints, she was named to the Pacific Coast Women's

Softball League all-star team in 1967 and 1968.

Mrs. Andrade now works in personnel department in the Glendale Union High School District office.

She said watching her daughter play "ball" is a "nice nervousness" and a "highlight of my life right now."

Besides her mother, Ms. Andrade said credits Thelma Keith, former Saints coach and former Apollo High School softball coach, with helping her with softball.

Ms. Andrade, who works as a general clerk in the City of Glendale Operation Center, considers Sun City people very supportive of the Saints.

"It's good to have a good crowd behind you," she said, adding that fans helped stage fund raising events for the team. "They adopt us. They are always cheering."

The Arizona Republic

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Saints' dilemma highlights

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

The Sun City Saints always have managed to make news on the softball field. But it was an October announcement, two months after the season had ended, that grabbed the most attention this past year.

A financially troubled Del E. Webb Development Co. announced that it would not lease Sun City Stadium to the Saints in 1982.

Economic conditions at the time and cost of maintaining the playing field were reasons given by Webb for its decision.

"THIS ACTION WAS taken only after thorough study and long discussion with the Saints Booster Club," said Joseph Aubin, then president of Webb. "Believe me, it was a difficult decision to make."

Three months later the Saints had been resurrected.

After long discussions, Webb and the Saints Booster Club reached an agreement that would allow the team to use the stadium this season.

IN RETURN FOR A \$1 lease, the booster club would be responsible for grounds maintenance and personnel needed for stadium operation. Under the agreement, the boosters also would pay Webb \$4,720 a month to cover utilities and other expenses.

Area residents also came to the Saints' aid. They donated several thousand dollars to help cover expenses, which the booster club promised to eventually pay back.

Another important story involving Webb took place earlier this month when the company announced that the Sun City Classic golf tournament would not return to Sun City West's Hillcrest Golf Course in 1983.

THE DEMISE OF THE Ladies Professional Golf Association event, which was first played at Hillcrest in 1980, came when American Express announced it had decided to end its involvement.

With financial backing from American Express no longer available, Webb, a co-sponsor, announced an end to the 72-hole championship event. Jan Stephenson, Patty Hayes and Beth Daniel won titles in the three tournaments held at Hillcrest.

Prior to the Saints' off-the-field news events, the national softball power was making headlines on the diamond.

LAST JULY, THE SAINTS won the National Sports Festival held in Syracuse, N.Y. Ironically, the weatherman had a hand in the outcome.

Rain plagued the week-long festival and the Saints were declared gold medal winners based on a runs-scored runs-allowed formula.

In August, the Saints participated in another

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national fast-pitch women's softball tournament, but were unable to find the magic that propelled them to their only title in 1979.

The Saints lost their second game to the Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes, 2-0, and had to settle for a third-place finish.

THE ORLANDO (FLA.) Rebels defeated the Brakettes, 2-1, in the title game held in Houston.

Later that month Marshall Dresser defeated Herman Pack to win the Gene Heberling Memorial Golf Tournament.

The two were tied after 90 holes of regulation play and Dresser defeated Pack on the second hole of sudden death.

In September, the Sun City Travel team journeyed to Las Vegas, Nev., the city of bright lights and show girls.

BUT THEY FOUND LITTLE luck and were eliminated from the National Senior Citizens Softball Tournament after losing four of six games.

Hundreds of lawn bowlers from throughout the state converged on Sun City and Sun City West in November for the Arizona Lawns Bowls Championship Tournament.

And area lawn bowlers found their share of success playing in familiar surroundings.

Mildred Hoopes and Lola McKinley teamed to win the women's doubles championship while fellow Sun Citizens Paul Newsome and Larry Kulgren claimed the men's doubles crown.

SUN CITIANS FRANK SHAMEL, Jim McKinley and George Belt won the men's triples title.

The Milwaukee Brewers, with a dose of post-season competition under their belts, opened spring training camp Feb. 21 in Sun City Stadium.

This year's version of spring training went smoothly with no threat of a major league strike on the horizon.

WHEN THE BREWERS BROKE camp, they found snow awaiting them in Milwaukee. Their first two scheduled games at home were cancelled, but the Brewers found their bats had remained hot.

They defeated the Blue Jays, 15-4, in chilly Toronto to get the season under way.

In early March, Beth Daniel sank a 5-foot birdie

putt on the second hole of sudden death to win the \$100,000 Sun City classic.

She edged Carole Jo Callison, who was gunning for her first tournament victory in eight years.

Japan's Taksuko Ohsako played excellent golf for three rounds and held a four-stroke lead entering the final 18 holes. But she shot a disastrous final-round 6-over-par 78 and fell well back.

LARRY WEBB BREEZED to victory in the March Sun City Member Pro-Am Golf Tournament. Webb's six-stroke win earned him \$1,000.

In April, Pebblebrook captured the Sun City-Sun City West Men's Team Golf title with a 46-26 final-match victory over Willowcreek.

The convincing win gave Pebblebrook a 13-point margin over runner-up Riverview. North finished third.

Ritter's Chalet defeated All Seasons Patio Builders, 18-5, to win last month's Senior Softball League playoff championship.

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Serious Sainthood

Grand softball canons applied in Sun City

By Bob Cohn
Republic Staff

SUN CITY — A searing sun, on its descent but still plenty strong, roasts the empty ballpark. The nearly empty ballpark, that is. It is game day, and Chuck Currier, Uncle John Poja and a few others are working hard.

Currier is putting the finishing touches on the table loaded with souvenirs — T-shirts, programs, toaster sticks (for when the toast gets stuck in the toaster, naturally). Uncle John, the general overseer, scoots around, making sure the ticket-takers know their duties, loosening a gate that won't open.

"I love it, that's why I'm here," said Currier, who describes himself as an "old-time ballplayer." Currier is 77.

Later, more than 1,000 people will fill a good portion of the bleachers at Sun City Stadium. The Saints are playing tonight.

The Phoenix Ramblers, a women's fast-pitch softball team, folded in 1965 but was transplanted to Sun City, under the sponsorship of the Del Webb Corp.

That first year, 1966, the Saints had a 15-year-old catcher named Marilyn Rau. She was good, and, it turns out, durable because the 1982 Sun City Saints have a 31-year-old catcher named Marilyn Rau. She is an Original.

Before the Saints play the San Diego Trendsetters, Rau is in the dugout, taping the ankle of teammate Karen Fellenz. Rau pretty much does it all for the Saints. She is the field general



philosophical insights as to why she has remained a Saint, year after year, foul tip after foul tip, sacrificing her free time every weekend the past 17 summers.

"I just like doing it," she said.

The Sun City Saints are the creme de la creme of women's softball. They are known nationwide. In 1979 and 1980, the

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and spiritual leader, the maker of rules (Thou shalt not drink alcohol 24 hours before a game or a practice) and a tough nut behind the plate.

"Marilyn's a clutch player," said Shawn Ritchey, a pitcher and designated hitter for the Saints. "Whether it's offense or defense, she's the steady, stoic one everybody looks to."

Rau, an eighth-grade teacher at Crockett Elementary School in Phoenix, has no deep,

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Saints won consecutive national championships, and last year, they won the National Sports Festival softball competition.

"It's pretty high-class," Shawn Ritchey said.

But to be a Saint, you have to do more than display outstanding talent. You have to have the right stuff.

"They are ladies on and off the field," said the Saints' coach, Gerald Stapley, a genial, robust man of 51 who has been the coach for two terms, in 1973-1974, and then again starting in 1979. "It's like the old saying: We don't like neighbors talking about our kin."

Saints range in age from 19 to 31, although most are in their early 20s. Like Rau, a few of the Saints teach school. Others are students, and Mary Faure, the first baseman, works for a cable-television company. The majority tends to remain a few years, then drifts on to other pursuits. Those who leave are replaced at a tryout camp at the end of February. A residency requirement, more strictly enforced this season by the Arizona Softball Association, has made it tougher to import players, but the good players are available, anyway. Stapley said that nothing is guaranteed, but, for the most part, if you are a Saint, you stay a Saint.

"How you fit in with the team," is important to Stapley, he said. "Occasionally, there have been a little personality differences with someone. It's better for the team not to ask her to come back."

When Stapley watches a player, he notes more than the way she hits or throws or turns the double play. Always, there is the Saints' image.

"We work pretty hard on our image," Rau said. "We don't just pick a player on athletic ability but her attitude, too. Desire to play. Hustle. You won't play every game or every inning. You might be the greatest shortstop in the world, but you might not play there. You've got to accept that."

"I'm not saying we have a better class of girl than anyone else, but off and on the field, they're just nice kids. It's the girl-next-door image."

This year's team displays a real togetherness, Stapley said. It has been a difficult year. The Saints' shortstop, Deanna Dinota of New York, lost her sister in an automobile accident. Paula Stufflebeam broke her thumb. Then her father died. The Saints also were without Arizona State players Susie Gaw and Ritchey, because the ASU coach wouldn't let them play during the Sun Devil season. Pitcher Debbie Doom was off at UCLA and could pitch in just three games for the Saints.

"We're having a mixed-up deal this year," Stapley said. "It's different from what we've had in the past. But this is a more compatible team. Some years, they'd meet at the park, but they'd have no interest in each other. This year, they socialize. You've got to be friends on and off the field."

Stapley, a postal worker from Mesa with 10 children, apparently contributes to the atmosphere. He drives the team through three-hour practices every Wednesday and is a stickler for repeated execution of fundamentals. Still, the players like his easygoing approach.

"He's real supportive," Ritchey said. "He gets us thinking about the game. The other coach (of the San Diego team) didn't have one good thing to say. Gerald's the opposite. He's nothing but positive."

The Saints were nearly the Aints this year, as far as playing in their own ballpark was concerned.

The Del E. Webb Corp. owns Sun City Stadium, where the Saints have played since the park was built in 1971. But running the Saints was a money-losing proposition, with total expenses running in the \$35,000-\$40,000 range, according to some estimates. Last fall, the company announced the team would have to move. The Saints were being kicked out.

"We had placed an ad in the paper announcing the dissolution of the booster club," said Joe Davison, the club president. "If we had played, it would have been at Diablo Stadium (in Tempe) or in Peoria. There wouldn't have been much support."

But not so fast. Negotiations, spearheaded by Stapley and Davison, led to an agreement with the Webb Corp. The Saints could remain, but only if the costs were otherwise assumed.

The result was a massive volunteer effort. Members of the Sun City senior slow-pitch softball league maintain the field and the stadium in exchange for the right to play their own games there. The Sun City Sheriff's Posse provides one of two security guards. The Lions Club sells the tickets and concessions.

Revenue comes from ticket and souvenir sales, program advertisements, fund-raising activities and from donations from the booster club. So far, attendance has been better than last year. Through 14 home dates (the Saints play double-headers on Saturday and Sunday nights, starting at 7:30), the Saints had drawn 12,546 fans. Last year, the 14-date figure was 10,083.

One player was missing from the Saints during their series with San Diego last week, Debbie Doom. Under Doom's picture on the back of the Saints' program are the words, "Ace Pitcher." That about covers it.

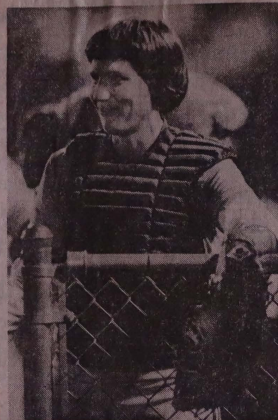
Doom wasn't there because she was finishing up her freshman year at UCLA. This spring, Doom pitched the Bruins to the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. In 41 1/2 innings of the NCAA tournament, she allowed one earned run and struck out 62. Doom, who lives in Tempe, is a two-year veteran of the Saints.

Doom was effective in 1981, when the Saints finished third nationally, but the big year was 1980, a championship season. Doom won about 60 games, pitched a no-hitter in the national tournament and was picked the best pitcher in the country.

Finally, last Wednesday, her classes and exams finished. Doom showed up at practice, a full-time member of the Saints for the rest of the season.

She is dark-haired and slender. She also is 6-foot-2. Doom uses her long legs to fullest advantage, taking a giant step toward the batter before releasing the ball in a windmill motion. It looks menacing.

"My legs have a lot to do with it," said Doom, who is playful and relaxed with her teammates but painfully shy with strangers. "I get my speed from my legs. I take long strides. Everything has to be right to work."



Marilyn Rau, who's played for the Saints since 1966: "We work pretty hard on our image."

Warming up on the sidelines with her father and pitching coach, Dave Doom, then pitching to some of her teammates, she muttered angrily about the way she was throwing. A pulled muscle suffered in the NCAA tournament had slowed her down. But she still was getting some of her teammates out with her assortment of three basic pitches: rise, drop and change-up. Her fastball has been known to suddenly jump about a foot.

Two women are sitting in the stands, talking. Their husbands are watching intently. Says one of the women: "It's fun to come out and see the young people. It's the only place in Sun City you can do that."

The Saints are a popular item in Sun City. The crowd, some of whom arrive by golf cart, is enthusiastic and totally supportive. There are a large number of younger fans, but the majority, as would be expected, are senior citizens.

The games are tidy, efficient, well-played, and this evening, the red-and-gold clad Saints win them both. The first is a three-hit shutout by Michelle Thomas, a member of the 1979 championship team who is back after a two-year absence.

Thomas had her left arm tightly wrapped because of a torn muscle which, she said, is still giving her problems.

"I figure I'm only throwing at about 70 percent of my ability," she said afterward, applying ice to the elbow. "I'm just trying to mix it up."

Between games, the team wolfs down sodas, cookies and Danish. Then in the second game, Ritchey pitches, winning, 5-1. She drives in four runs, and the Saints improve their record to 20-9-1.

The crowd already has thinned out by game's end, but they apparently have been well-satisfied. Why not? The evening had cooled down, there was good softball on the field and a convivial atmosphere in the seats.

Earlier, Rose Schwartz, 80, who recently was honored with her own night for her diligent work on behalf of the Saints, looked out onto the field and said, "It's so much better to be out in this gorgeous air than to be at home, playing cards or watching TV."

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Bravo Saints

Editor:

It was a pleasure to have the Sun City Saints visit our area (Binghamton, N.Y.) for the American Softball Association playoffs. It was sensational to see them come back to make the finals via a doubleheader win, one of which was a 19 inning, three and one-half-hour game. They have pluck, persistence and ability. Losing the final game by one run hardly detracts from their record here in central New York. They represented the Sun Cities very well indeed.

Robert N. Clauson
Alpine N.Y.



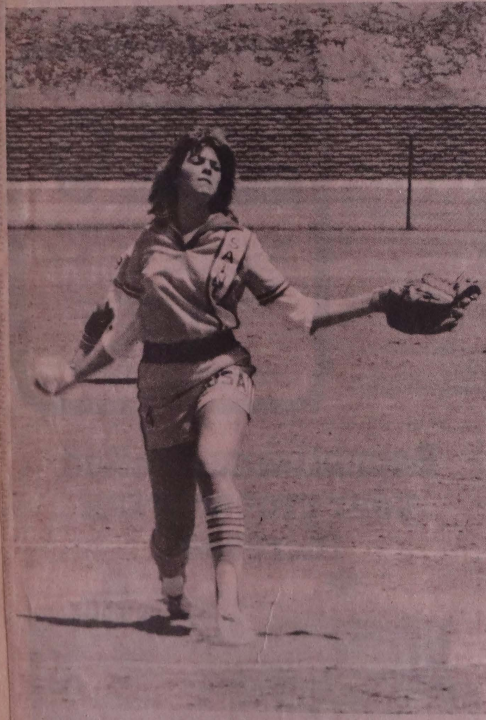
Saints pitcher Debbie Doom (above), who plays for UCLA, and Shawn Ritchey, who plays for Arizona State.



Sports

NEWS-SUN SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1982

Rookie Clark finds Saints



High school stand-out Connie Clark shows her somewhat unconventional pitching motion as she led the Sun City Saints to the Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament championship July 5. The Saints play their last home games this season Saturday and Sunday against the Los Alamitos (Calif.) Gold Sox. Starting times for both doubleheaders is 7:30 p.m. in Sun City Stadium. (News-Sun Photo By Mark Coast)

By DENNIS BERTOLI
Staff Writer

To Sun City Saints rookie pitcher Connie Clark softball is nothing new.

At 16, Connie has been playing the sport half of her life including an all-varsity season last year at Greenway High School.

Connie's pitching record in her junior year at Greenway was 21-5. Some of those wins came en route to Greenway's state championship.

GREENWAY faced a tough Westwood, Mesa team in the finals and handled them 4-0.

Last season's efforts also helped Connie make the all-conference and all-state squads.

But a phone call from former Saints shortstop Ginger Kurtz to Connie's school helped boost Connie into the big league at a full-speed-ahead pace.

AFTER some encouragement from her pitching coach, Greenway Assistant Principal Dave Smith, Connie decided to attend a Saints practice. She pitched for the Saints the next weekend.

The Saints will host the Los Alamitos (Calif.) Gold Sox in their final games of the season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Sun City Stadium. Eleven- and 12-year-old Phoenix "Little Saints" will give an exhibition between Sunday night's games.

Connie says she enjoys playing for the Saints because of the contrast between playing high school ball and playing with some of the best softball players in the world.

"I LIKE it a lot," she said smiling. "It's really different. They're more disciplined. They play

really well together."

But the shy pitcher admits she approached the Saints with a little apprehension until the team welcomed her with the comradery for which they are known.

"I thought I'd be really nervous," Connie stated. "But they kind of just took me in."

CONNIE still has to wage a war on her nerves every time she faces a tough batter but thinks of it as a learning experience.

"Facing the better batters just makes feel more confident about being able to face them again," she said.

Her favorite pitch for the tough batters is the rise ball, but she says she'd like to master other pitches as well.

CONNIE, who was playing with a city division-one summer league team known as the "Apocalypse" before joining the Saints, has developed her own style of pitching which seems unique.

The style, which has been described as "arched-back," actually has much more detail including what seems to be an off-balanced step across the mound before release.

"It relaxes me more to pitch that way," Connie said. "I just step back, breathe and release. I only started doing that a year ago, but every pitcher develops her own style."

WHILE she is good, Connie is the first to admit her pitching is not perfect.

"When I pitch, I should square off," she said. "I'm doing a lot of things

to her liking

wrong."

Connie also thinks her follow through should include more of a push with her legs.

Another point she wants to work on is an occasional scrape of her arm against her hip when pitching.

A MORE severe type of the same problem is what almost ruined the arm of Saints pitcher Michelle Thomas.

While pitching will most likely always be Connie's forte, Connie likes to think of herself of a versatile player.

"I'd like to be mobile," she said, adding "I'd also like to be able to bat better."

After a successful year with the Saints, Connie still has a year of high

school to complete, and isn't quite sure where she'll go from there.

TWO places she surely will go to before returning to school are the Indianapolis Sports Festival, July 23-31 and the Amateur Softball Association National Tournament, August 13-20 in Binghamton, N.Y.

With ace pitchers Debbie Doom and Michelle Thomas on the team, the young Connie may not get a chance to show her stuff at the tournaments, but she is still excited about going.

"Even if I don't pitch I'll be glad to go just for the experience."

Connie has confidence in the Saints but also is realistic.

"I THINK they're going

to take it all," she said. "But I haven't seen the other teams."

One advantage the Saints will most likely leave behind when they travel to their tournaments is the backing of the fans. Connie, like other Saints, thinks the fans are unbelievable.

"The people out there are great," said Connie. "The fans are really supportive."

IF CONNIE does get a chance to pitch in either of the upcoming tournaments she will face the toughest array of batters of her career.

But she couldn't say who the toughest batter was that she's ever faced for one important reason.

"I haven't faced the Saints yet."

Saints attempt Sports

By DENNIS BERTOLI

Staff Writer

With a season of exhibition play and a 36-14 record behind them, the Sun City Saints are in Indianapolis to defend last year's National Sports Festival title.

The Saints, who will enter the tournament with a team batting average of .254, are one of the top four finishers from last year's Amateur Softball Association National Tournament—qualifying them for Sports Festival competition.

The other three teams include Macomb (Ill.) Magic, Orlando (Fla.) Rebels and Stratford (Conn.) Raybestos Brakettes.

THE SAINTS ARE planning to stun opponents with the one-two punch of ace pitchers Debbie Doom and Michelle Thomas.

Debbie, who spent most of the season either in school or traveling with Team USA in Taiwan, has a pitching record of 2-2.

Michelle's pitching, halted in mid-season due to a

left arm injury, is considered to be in perfect form again. Her record this year is 8-2 with one no-hitter.

BACK-UP PITCHER Connie Clark also will travel with the team. She carried much of the weight of the team this year including leading them to the Del. E. Webb Memorial Tournament championship. She boasts a 15-5 record including a no-hitter.

The Saints will battle opposing pitchers with an array of batting talent.

All-American catcher Marilyn Rau is currently leading the Saints batting stats with a .371 average including 22 RBIs.

Rookie shortstop Dee Dinota, is averaging .306 with 14 RBIs while All-American Suzie Gaw has hit .276 with 22 RBIs and 10 homers.

THE SAINTS FIRST match-up in the round robin tournament will be at 1:30 p.m. (Arizona time) today against the 1981 national champion Rebels.

In 1981 the Rebels held an impressive record of 79-8.

The Rebels will go into the game led by shortstop

Festival repeat

Dot Richardson, twice winner of the outstanding defensive player award in the national championships.

First baseman Shirley Burton will pose a hitting threat. As a freshman at the University of South Carolina she led her team with .360 batting average.

OTHER REBEL threats include four-time All-American centerfielder Snooki Mulder and twice All-American second baseman Patty Pyle.

The Saints second game will be at 10 a.m. (Arizona time) Sunday against the Brakettes.

The Brakettes, with 16 National championships under their belts, also have a powerful one-two pitching punch in Kathy Arendsen and Barbara Reinalda.

Miss Arendsen holds a 21-1 record this season while Miss Reinalda suffered no losses with 22 wins to help the Brakettes complete a 43-1 regular season.

MISS ARENSEN has eight no-hitters, including five perfect games. She has fanned 275 batters in 153 innings.

Miss Reinalda struck out 128 batters in 165 innings and has an earned run average of .013.

The Brakettes will be a strong hitting threat also with such sluggers as Gina Vecchione batting .387, Diane Schumacher averaging .380 and Pat Duffley, hitting .345 with 7 homers and 32 RBI.

A noon (Arizona time) Sunday game against the Magic will be the Saints third match-up.

CATHERINE STASKUS is the Magic's leading pitcher. This year she pitched for Western Illinois and completed the season 10-5.

The Saints will meet the Brakettes again at 3:30 p.m. Monday (Arizona time). Second games against the Rebels and the Magic will be 5:30 p.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday, respectively.

The two teams with the best records will play a championship game at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Saints down Rebels,

By MARK COAST
Staff Writer

The Sun City Saints overpowered defending national champion Orlando, Fla., Rebels 4-0 Saturday to open defense of their National Sports Festival title.

Their luck fell short on Sunday when they dropped a close 1-0 game to the Stratford, Conn., Raybestos Brakettes.

The Saints then upped their Sports Festival record to 2-1 by edging the Macomb, Ill., Magic, 3-2.

The Brakettes have a lock on first place with a 3-0 record in the round-robin competition. The Saints are second, followed by Orlando (1-2) and Macomb (0-3).

Suzie Gaw's bat has meant the difference so far

for the Saints. She's batting 5-for-8 with one home run.

Amateur Softball Association communications coordinator Bill Plummer said Suzie could be the tournament's leading hitter with a Raybestos player giving her strong competition.

The Saints opened the tournament on Saturday and needed only Suzie's two-run single in the third inning to give Michelle Thomas the win.

They added an insurance run in the fifth on Miss Gaw's RBI double and added another tally in the seventh on a Marilyn Rau single.

Michelle gave up five hits and struck out one.

The Saints and Brakettes played scoreless ball until the fifth inning in Sunday's first contest. A

lose to Brakettes

Macomb had opened a 2-0 lead with two unearned runs in the second inning, but Suzie smacked her 11th home run of the season to score two runs and tie the game.

Debbie Doom and Ann Beisser have missed all action in the tourney after being admitted to the hospital on Thursday with suspected food poisoning.

Both players have been released, said Plummer, but neither is expected to play. They were the only players in the Sports Festival to be afflicted, he said.

After the Saints beat Orlando on Saturday, Garcia had nothing but praise for the team. "We just played super all-around."

The Saints face the Brakettes again at 3:30 p.m. (Arizona time) today and meet Orlando at 5:30.

Raybestos player tripled to right field and scored when the throw to the plate by Karen Fellenz went wild.

The Saints threatened in the seventh on Suzie's leadoff triple. But they couldn't manage another hit and left her stranded.

The Brakettes' Barbara Rienalda got the victory, giving up three hits and striking out three.

Sun City immediately bounced back with a victory over Macomb.

Barb Garcia broke a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning after she singled and advanced on an error. She scored on Marilyn's single off pitcher Robin Lindley's leg.

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints reach Festival finals

By MARK COAST
Staff Writer

Behind the arm of Michelle Thomas, the Sun City Saints have moved into a tie for first place with the Raybestos Brakettes in the National Sports Festival.

The Saints have only to face Macomb (Ill.) Magic tonight before they reach the finals on Wednesday.

Coach Gerald Stapley said that no matter what happens tonight, the Saints are assured of a spot in the finals.

THE SAINTS beat Raybestos and the Orlando (Fla.) Rebels—last year's top two teams in the national tournament—Mon-

day evening, moving their record to 4-1.

In the game against Raybestos, pitcher Kathy Arendson was her own worst enemy allowing both Saints runs on wild pitches in the second and third innings for Sun City's 2-0 win.

Suzie Gaw got on in the second with a 220-foot double and advanced on a sacrifice to score via Arendson's wild pitch.

IN THE third, Karen Fellenz made it to first on an error and later scored on Arendson's second errant pitch.

Michelle allowed just two singles in the contest and only one Raybestos

runner reached third.

Against Orlando, Michelle allowed three hits in her fifth appearance at the plate. In 34 tournament innings, she has given up 20 hits and allowed three unearned runs.

Mary Faure and Carla Stearns each hit run-scoring singles in the first inning, and Marilyn Rau got an RBI on a bases-loaded walk in the sixth inning to give the Saints their 3-0 win over the 1981 national champions.

Mary was 3-for-3 at the plate, and the Rebels had just four baserunners in their third tourney loss.

"We made a couple of baserunning mistakes against Orlando," Stapley

said. The Saints stranded 12 runners and had the bases loaded in three different innings.

In today's games, Macomb (0-4) will face Orlando (1-3), then Orlando will meet Raybestos, with the Saints and Macomb squaring off in the final round-robin game.

It was raining this morning in Indianapolis, said Bill Plummer, Amateur Softball Association communications coordinator, so in the event of rain-cancelled games today, Orlando and Macomb would play for third place, with the Saints and Brakettes meeting for the championship on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints in finals; down Macomb

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sun City Saints moved into tonight's National Sports Festival softball championship finals against the Raybestos Brakettes. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Saints reached the finals with an easy 8-1 triumph over the Macomb (Ill.) Magic Tuesday night in a rain-delayed game

after the rest of Tuesday's Festival schedule was wiped out.

The Magic and Orlando Rebels play at 2:30 today for third place.

The Saints upped their tournament record to 5-1 by dispatching Macomb behind the four-hit pitching of Michelle Thomas.

The contest was tied 1-1 through five innings before the Saints batted around to break it open with a six-run sixth. Sun City collected 12 hits to win going away.

The Saints have already beaten Raybestos, 2-0, Monday behind the two-hit pitching of Thomas. Both Saints runs scored on wild pitches.

Raybestos, 5-1, finished second to Orlando in last year's national tournament.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints do it again

The name Sun City has gone far and wide with the Sun City Saints as they have traveled this country and the world to exhibit their superior ability at playing fastpitch softball.

They've brought honor after honor to this retirement area with their sportskills, and have represented their country admirably abroad. These "adopted daughters" of the Sun Cities have again given us reason to be proud.

Last night at the National Sports Festival in Indianapolis, the Saints, playing as the West team, defeated the longtime top-ranked Raybestos Brakettes (East team) and their famed pitcher, Karen Arendsen, 2-0, to win the gold for the second year.

Invited to play in the annual amateur event as the best women's softball team in the West, the Saints have proven themselves to be the best in the U.S. And all across the country today, newspapers and other media are reporting that the "Sun City, Ariz., Saints" won over the Brakettes.

So, congratulations to Michelle Thomas for her all-out pitching; to every other one of the Saints; to manager Gerald Stapley; and to the Sun City Saints Booster Club, which kept this outstanding team with us when it looked as though they might have to go elsewhere.

The Saints—they're what we call real ambassadors for the Sun Cities.

Thomas hurls Saints

By MARK COAST

Staff Writer

Michelle Thomas has faced Raybestos Brakettes' pitcher Kathy Arendsen three times and has beaten her each time.

Quite a feat considering Arendsen has lost only 11 games in her career.

Michelle pitched a record sixth Sports Festival victory Wednesday night giving the Saints a 2-0 win over the Stratford (Conn.) Raybestos Brakettes in the championship game of the national Sports Festival.

IN DEFENDING the Saints Sports Festival title, Miss Thomas won many admirers in Indianapolis, the site of the festival.

"She captured the imagination of everybody here this week," said Jim McGrath, press officer for softball. "She was in a lot of pain out there, but she

just gutted it out."

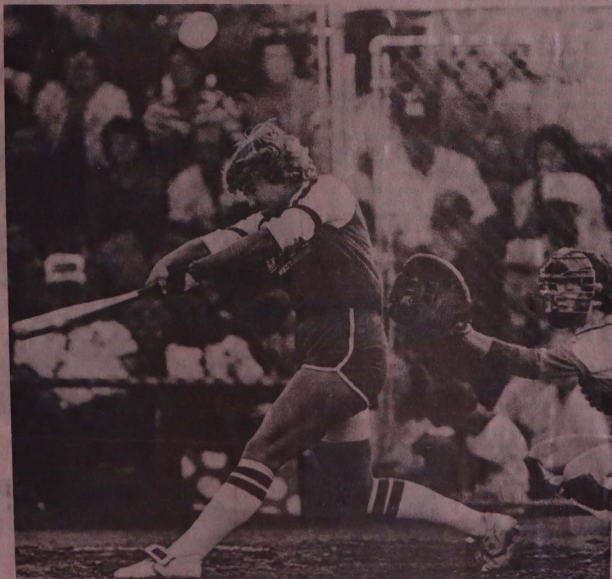
Following the game, Michelle was interviewed for a segment on ABC's Wide World of Sports to be aired Sunday.

"IT WAS a tremendous exhibition, one of the greatest performances I've ever seen," said Bill Plummer, Amateur Softball Association communications coordinator, after a sellout crowd gave the Saints a standing ovation when Michelle struck out the final Raybestos batter.

Neither team threatened until the fourth inning when Brakettes leadoff batter Mary Schneider singled to right.

Thomas had allowed just one hit—a harmless single—in the second inning and Arendsen retired all nine Saints she faced.

THE BRAKETTES tried to advance Schneider with a sacrifice but Pat Dufficy's bunt popped up and



Sun City Saints rightfielder Carla Stearns fouls a ball Wednesday night during the Gold Medal championship game against the Raybestos Brakettes. Catching

is Doreen Denmon of Naugatuck, Conn. The Saints won, 2-0 to get the gold at the National Sports Festival. (AP Laserphoto)

to Festival title

charging third baseman Helen Andrade caught it and threw to first for the double play.

Raybestos' Missy Mapes then singled to center but was stranded when Alyson Rioux grounded out.

Marilyn Rau collected the Saints first hit of the game in their half of the fourth with a two-out single to left.

SUZIE GAW then grounded to the shortstop, who fumbled and allowed Marilyn to advance to third and Suzie to second.

Dee Dinota smacked an RBI single to left, scoring Marilyn, and Suzie came home when the centerfielder bobbed the ball.

The Saints' only other hit of the game was Marilyn's two-out single in the sixth.

THE BRACKETTES continued to threaten in the fifth when Diane Schumacher hit a two-out triple to right. Thomas then fanned Raybestos catcher Doreen Denmon to end the inning.

In the seventh, the Saints were well on their way to the title as Michelle retired the first two Brackettes.

Miss Vecchione tried to ignite a rally with a line drive single, but Michelle iced the threat—and the game—by fanning pinch-hitter Sue Kragseth.

Michelle had been nursing a sore arm all season but was forced to pitch all seven tournament games when Debbie Doom became ill at Indianapolis.

Debbie and six other Saints were treated at an Indianapolis hospital for suspected food poisoning, which was later diagnosed to be a mild flu bug, said Saints coach Gerald Stapley.

Plummer said the tournament had to be moved to an alternate softball field due to wet fields, but apparently that didn't deter the fans.

More than 300 had to be turned away from the gate, Plummer said, and extra bleachers had to be brought in to hold the capacity crowd.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1982 NEWS-SUN

Saints' Carla Stearns finds own niche

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Her brother is a four-time National League All-Star and Carla Stearns was a hit herself in women's softball at the National Sports Festival.

"From Day One in our family, it was athletics," said Carla, a catcher-right fielder for the Sun City Saints, representing the West. "There was always that drive to excel, even in academics."

"But there wasn't anything for women to do, until I started playing four NL All-Star squads since 1977. Another brother, Bill, played in the minor leagues, and still another brother, Rick, followed in John's footsteps by playing football at the University of Colorado. Rick has since become an accountant."

"All of the people in the family are very supportive of one another," said Carla, who also plays volleyball and softball at the University of Northern Colorado.

"We all have a very high attitude on things. There's never been any other way. We just strive to be the best."

"THERE wasn't any one person who inspired me the most," she said. "Bill and Rick are the quiet ones. John and I are outspoken."

"I don't have as much contact with John as I'd like to," said Stearns, who wears her brother's No. 12 and stows her gear in a bag decorated with the Mets' logo. "If I wasn't here this past weekend, I would have been in San Diego watching him play."

"Watching him in the All-Star Game was a great feeling," she said. "I'll watch him on TV and I still can't believe it. I still get butterflies. But I'd love to get to New York to watch him play in person."

ON MONDAY, Carla went 2-for-4, including a line single to left field off Raybestos Brackettes' ace Kathy Arendsen, as Sun City beat the Brackettes the first of two times en route to the Sports Festival Championship.

"I'm just going to go with softball for as long as it will take me," Carla said.

With the Sun City Saints assured a spot in the Amateur Softball Association national tournament Aug. 13-20 in Binghamton, N.Y., eight softball teams will converge on Sun City Stadium today for the Rocky Mountain-Cactus Regional Tournament.

The teams are selected from tournaments held last week in Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and the Phoenix Metro at Sun City Stadium last weekend.

The top four teams from last year's national tournament, the Saints, Orlando (Fla.), Rebels, Stratford (Conn.) Raybestos Brackettes and Macomb (Ill.)

Magic, needed only to return to the tournament with eight players from the previous year to qualify.

The double elimination tourney starts with games at 7:30 p.m. tonight, with morning games beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday.

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Playmakers earn trip to tourney

The Tucson Ponderosa Playmakers survived a first-round loss to capture the championship of the Cactus Regional Tournament Sunday in Sun City Stadium.

The Playmakers shut out the Phoenix Blues two straight games Sunday to get the victory. Tucson won five straight games following the loss, finally defeating the Blues 1-0 and 2-0.

Denise Gorman, who pitched Tucson's first victory over the Blues Sunday, was selected the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

In the first contest, the Playmakers managed five hits off losing pitcher Lucy Casarez. Miss Gorman gave up just two hits and struck out nine.

Tucson pitcher Elma Rude took over in the second battle, allowing two hits and no runs, while Blues hurler Cindy Sullivan gave up three hits and two runs.

The victory gave Tucson the right to travel to Binghamton, N.Y., for the women's national fast-pitch softball tournament later this month.

The Sun City Saints, winners of a gold medal last week in the National Sports Festival, automatically earned a spot in the nationals.

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National tourney next for Saints

The Sun City Saints head for the softball National Tournament next week in Binghamton, N.Y. champions of two post season tournaments.

Behind the power pitching of Michelle Thomas, the Saints beat Raybestos Brakettes 2-0 to win the National Sports Festival in Indianapolis.

Earlier they were victors in Sun City's annual Del. E. Webb Memorial Tournament at Sun City Stadium.



Standout catcher Marilyn Rau and her Sun City Saints teammates figure to be one of the favorites in the national tournament next week following their gold-medal victory in the National Sports Festival. (News-Sun Photo)

NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1982

Stapley hopes Saints can remain in clouds

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Earlier this season Sun City Saints coach Gerald Stapley was concerned about his softball team's lack of determination on the playing field.

Now, after watching his team win the gold medal in women's softball competition last week at the National Sports Festival, Stapley's worried about a let-down.

"If you could sit down and write a perfect game, that was just about the way it was," Stapley said of the Saints' emotion-packed 2-0 victory in the Sports Festival's championship game. "The kids were very determined. I'm just hoping we don't drop off a bit."

STAPLEY'S CONCERN comes at a time when the Saints (42-15) are preparing for the Aug. 13-20 national fast-pitch softball tournament in Binghamton, N.Y.

The Saints, national champions in 1979, will be one of 27 teams from across the country battling for this year's crown. Other top teams who have earned a trip to Binghamton include the Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes, winners of 16 national titles, and the defending champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels.

None of the three favorites are strangers to each other. They locked horns in

the Sports Festival, with the Saints posting a 2-0 record against the Rebels and a 2-1 mark versus the Brakettes.

"**THE SAINTS** look like they have a heckuva chance to win it," said Bill Plummer, communications coordinator for the Amateur Softball Association. "They have a formidable pitching staff with (Debbie) Doom and (Michelle) Thomas."

Plummer called Michelle's record-setting six victories in the Sports Festival "one of the finest performances" he's ever seen. The southpaw was forced to handle all the pitching chores when Debbie (2-2) and six other Saints were hospitalized in Indianapolis with what appeared to be food poisoning.

Debbie spent 2½ days in the hospital with an illness that Stapley said doctors could not diagnose.

THE MYSTERIOUS illness sapped the right-hander's energy, Stapley said, adding that he is not sure if she will be fully recovered when the national tournament begins.

"Debbie's the one I'm worried about," said Stapley. "I hope she can get her strength back. The last day we were there (Indianapolis) I had her go out and throw. She threw 25 or 30 pitches and was tired out."

Michelle's health also is not 100 percent. She was bothered by a sore pitching arm throughout the Sports Festival, an injury that has plagued her much of the season. But Stapley said Michelle (18-3) should be ready to pitch in Binghamton.

IF ONE OF his two top pitchers can't perform, Stapley said he'd call on right-hander Connie Clark (15-5).

Tournament match-ups will not be determined until officials conduct a draw the morning of Aug. 13, Stapley said, just prior to the opening game.

The eventual champion will have to win at least five games under the double-elimination format. A sixth game will be played if both teams in the finals have lost once.

"**IT SHOULD BE** one of the best tournaments ever," said Plummer. "There are 15 or 20 teams that can beat each other on any given day."

"I'd have to give the Saints a psychological edge because they're up. The Brakettes will be down. How well they play will depend on how they come back."

The Saints are scheduled to depart Sky Harbor International Airport for Binghamton at 11:50 p.m. Aug. 11 on American Airlines flight 246.

They are scheduled to return to Phoenix at 4:06 p.m. Aug. 21 on American flight 561.

Stapley says Saints 'ready' for tourney

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

Sun City Saints coach Gerald Stapley has learned one important lesson from his many trips to the women's national fast-pitch softball tournament. Never look past an opponent.

"You have to go out each game and play your best," the Saints' field boss said before the team departed today for Binghamton, N.Y., site of this year's national tournament. "There are a lot of teams that can beat you."

The Saints (42-15) learned that the hard way in 1980, a year after winning their only national championship. They came into the tournament as a favorite but lost their opening game to the unheralded Palo Alto (Calif.) Bandits.

THEY MADE A valiant effort to fight back through the losers' bracket but eventually had to settle for third place.

"The key is to be ready to play," said Stapley, "and I think we are."

Stapley's optimism was more restrained two weeks ago, even though the Saints had just won their second straight gold medal in the National Sports Festival in Indianapolis.

STANDOUT right-handed pitcher Debbie Doom (2-2), who led UCLA to the women's collegiate softball title last spring, spent most of her time in Indianapolis taking orders from a doctor instead of signs from All-America catcher Marilyn Rau.

The illness, which also hit six of Debbie's teammates, first was suspected to be food poisoning but Stapley said no firm diagnosis ever was given.

With Debbie bedridden, southpaw Michelle Thomas (18-3) responded with six victories, including two against the 16-time national champion Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes, who had to settle for silver in the Sports Festival.

MICHELLE pitched in Indianapolis with a sore left arm and a bruised left hip but Stapley pronounced her and Debbie both healthy for the week-long national tourney, which gets under way

Friday.

Greenway High School pitching ace Connie Clark (15-5), who filled in admirably earlier this season, also is making the trip. Stapley said the right-hander wouldn't pitch, however, if Debbie and Michelle are both healthy.

Stapley said he wouldn't name a starting pitcher until he knows who will oppose the Saints in first-round competition. That will not be known until the draw is held Friday morning, just prior to the opening game.

"IF IT'S A team Michelle hasn't pitched against I might go with her," he explained. "She's pitched against many of the teams so it might be better to go with Debbie. We'll just have to wait and see."

The Saints' toughest competition figures to come from Stratford and the defending champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels. Stratford fell to the Rebels in last year's deciding game, 2-1, with the Saints finishing third for a second straight season.

Stratford, which has won more than 1,800 games in its illustrious 35-year existence, is led by right-handed pitchers Barbara Reinalda and Kathy Arendsen, generally considered the nation's top hurler. Miss Reinalda threw four perfect games a year ago while posting a 30-3 mark and Miss Arendsen was 35-2. She allowed only four earned runs all of last season.

ORLANDO ALSO boasts a tough pitching staff led by Mary Lou Piel. Dot Richardson, a UCLA teammate of Miss Doom, is considered one of the top defensive shortstops in the U.S. and was the only UCLA hitter to hit .300 this season.

Stapley said the two-week layoff shouldn't affect the Saints.

"I think it came at a good time," he said. "We were hurting after those tough games in the Sports Festival. We had a lot of bumps and bruises."

"We'll go back there (Binghamton) and have a day and a half to get ready to the conditions."

Saints to play Mariners in tournament opener

The Sun City Saints were scheduled to open the women's national fast-pitch softball tournament in Binghamton, N.Y., at 10:30 a.m. Arizona time today against the Waterford (Conn.) Mariners.

Left-hander Michelle Thomas was expected to pitch for the Saints (42-15).

Miss Thomas (18-3) is coming off a record-setting performance three weeks ago in the National Sports Festival in Indian-

apolis. The hard-throwing southpaw, who hurled the Saints to their only national championship in 1979, won a record six games in the Sports Festival.

She yielded just one run in 48 innings as the Saints won their second consecutive gold medal.

The defending champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels were to play the Landmark Lettes of Peoria, Ill., at 2 p.m. Arizona time.

The 16-time national

champion Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes are scheduled to meet Jomacs Sports World of Flint, Mich., at 6 p.m. in MacArthur Park.

The Saints are not strangers to either the Rebels or Brakettes.

Michelle pitched the Saints to two victories against both teams in the

Sports Festival.

They also have met several times in the past in national tournaments.

The Saints have finished third in the national tournament the past two years.

Stratford finished second last year to Orlando, which won its first national championship.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1982 NEWS-SUN

SAINTS WIN—Marlyn Rau hit a three-run homer and Michelle Thomas pitched a four-hitter today as the Sun City Saints beat the Waterford (Conn.) Mariners, 7-0. (Earlier story B1).

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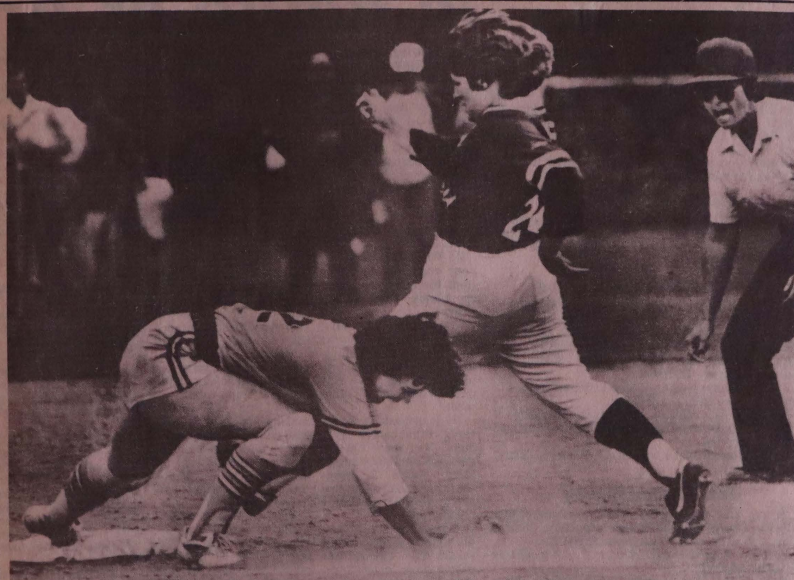
Boosters hire bus to meet returning Saints

The Sun City Saints Booster Club will sponsor a bus to meet the team when it returns from the national tournament Aug. 21.

The bus will leave for Sky Harbor International Airport at 3 p.m. from Sun City Stadium's auxiliary parking lot at 111th Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

Cost is \$5 and reservations may be made by calling 977-2115 or 974-3158.

People making reservations will receive scores of Saints national tournament games by telephone.



The Sun City Saints' Dee Dinola strains to grab a grounder and keep her foot on second base to force out Waterford, Conn., Mariner Delores Brady. The Saints shut out the Mariners, 7-0, in their nationals opener Friday night at Binghamton New York. After finishing third the past two years the Saints are trying to regain their national title won in 1979. (AP Laserphoto)

Worries subside; Saints win

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

One of Gerald Stapley's biggest worries heading into the women's national fast-pitch softball tournament in Binghamton, N.Y., was whether the Sun City Saints would suffer a letdown after winning the National Sports Festival three weeks ago.

Well, the Saints' field boss need not worry any more.

The Saints, behind the hitting of catcher Marilyn Rau and the pitching of left-hander Michelle Thomas, rolled to a 7-0 victory Friday over the Waterford (Conn.) Mariners in the opening tournament game for both teams.

THE SAINTS were scheduled to play the Utah Bees this morning.

Nine-time All-America catcher Marilyn Rau, the tournament's Most Valuable Player in 1979 when the Saints won their only national title, had four hits, including a three-run homer in the seventh inning.

The Saints, 42-15 in the regular season, gave Michelle all the ammunition she needed in the first inning Friday when they scored a pair of unearned runs.

With two out, Marilyn singled and advanced to second base on a wild pitch. Suzie Gaw followed with a walk and both runners came home on a two-base throwing error.

THE SAINTS added a pair of runs in the fifth inning to move on top 4-0.

Miss Gaw singled with two outs, scoring Marilyn who had doubled, and scampered home when Mary Faure reached base on an infield error.

Marilyn's fourth hit of the day, a three-run blast over MacArthur Park's center-field fence, put the Saints on top 7-0.

Today's meeting between the Saints and Bees will be their second this year. The Saints defeated the Salt Lake City team in the championship game of the Del E. Webb Memorial Tournament in July.

MICHELLE, THE national tournament's outstanding pitcher in '79, fanned seven batters and gave up just four hits in going the distance.

She has given up just one earned run in the last 55 innings. That stint includes six victories in the Sports Festival.

If the Saints defeat the Bees, they will play their third game under the double-elimination format at 1:30 p.m. Arizona time Sunday.

A defeat will force them to win the 1:30 p.m. losers' bracket contest today.

THE DEFENDING champion Orlando (Fla.) Rebels were scheduled to take on the Landmark Leetes of Peoria, Ill., at 2 p.m. Friday.

The 16-time national champion Stratford (Conn.) Brakettes, led by pitching standout Kathy Arendsen, were to meet Jomacs Sports World of Flint, Mich., at 6 p.m. Friday.

Stratford last won the national title in 1980.

Michelle, Saints blank rival, 5-0

By BURT FREIREICH

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Sun City's Saints disposed of one old California rival Sunday and will take on another in tonight's winners' bracket semifinals at the women's softball nationals—but not without a major question mark.

Shortstop Dee Dinota made it through less than a half-inning Sunday when a spiking above the left knee sent her to a hospital for seven stitches. Coach Gerald Stapley is planning to use her against the California Blazers tonight if she can go. How she does in a workout will dictate the answer.

Helen Andrade was the unexpected batting heroine Sunday when she tripped home three runs in the first to give Michelle Thomas an easy route to her second shutout of the tourney, 5-0, over the Long Beach Renegades.

AFTER MICHELLE got the game's first out, Leslie King drilled a single to right. On a sacrifice attempt, third baseman Andrade threw to second for a forceout, but that's when Dee got spiked. Suzie Gaw, the Saints' regular shortstop for a half-dozen years, moved into Miss Dinota's spot and Kelly Shoemaker came off the bench to play left field.

Barb Garcia and Karen Fellenz opened the Saints' first with singles. Marilyn Rau dropped a bunt and pitcher Mary Lou Ramm threw the ball into right field. That scored a run and put runners on second and third. Miss Gaw was walked intentionally, leading to a forceout at the plate and a popup.

That's when Miss Andrade unleashed a slicing liner to right. When it got past the diving Sue Lewis, three more runs came home.

THE SAINTS got an insurance run in the fifth when Mary Faure singled and moved to third on two wild pitches. Miss Andrade walked and on her theft of second the catcher's throw went past the center fielder. Mary scored and Helen got nailed at the plate on a close play. Sun City's remaining offense consisted of back-to-back singles by Rau and Gaw to open the third, but nothing

came of that threat.

Both the Saints and 16-time champion Raybestos of Stratford, Conn., remained unscored upon through three games, but it took a pickoff throw by catcher Rau in the second after Donna Whitely singled to preserve the Saints' share of this statistic. After another out, Miss Ramm doubled deep to center and a tally would have been likely.

Raybestos moved into the winners' semifinals, 1-0, over Hamilton, Ohio, on Kathy Arendsen's two-hitter. The Brakettes got their solo tally in the first. Tonight they'll take on Wyoming, Mich., 4-3 conqueror of the Macomb, Ill., Magic.

THE BLAZERS took a 3-0 lead, then hung on for a 3-2 win over the defending champion Orlando, Fla., Rebels.

The Rebs then narrowly avoided ouster from the double-elimination tourney in the most exciting game so far. Trailing 1-0 to Houston with a runner on second and two outs in the seventh, Orlando tied it via a passed ball and wild pitch.

Despite a no-out triple by Snookie Mulder the Rebs failed to score in the eighth. Then, down by a run in the 10th and with two outs and two on, the Rebs got three straight singles, two of the infield variety, to post a 3-2 win.

THE LOSERS' bracket was rife with overtime thrillers Sunday. After ousting St. Louis, 4-1, the Utah Bees went down in the 13th, 2-1, to Hamilton and Tucson's Playmakers also fell in 13 to Parsippany, N.J., 1-0. The latter then fell to Macomb 5-1.

Others eliminated: Waterford, Conn., 3-0 by Houston; Peoria, Ill., 1-0 by the Oklahoma Sundowners, and the Sundowners, 4-1, by Long Beach.

The Saints already have clinched no worse than a sixth-place finish. A win tonight would put them into Tuesday's winners' bracket finals at 5:30 p.m., Sun City time, against the Wyoming-Raybestos winner. A loss tonight would send them against the Macomb-Hamilton winner at 2 p.m., Sun City time, Tuesday.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1982 NEWS-SUN



Sun City Saints baserunner Barb Garcia heads for third base Sunday on Marilyn Rau's sacrifice bunt in the first inning. Pitcher Mary Lou Ramm of the Long Beach, Calif., Renegades fielded

Miss Rau's bunt and threw the ball into right field, allowing Miss Garcia to scamper home with the Saints' initial run in a 5-0 victory. (AP Laserphoto)

Saints lose to face must-win

By BURT FREIREICH
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—Sheila Cornell outthrewed Suzie Gaw, 2-1, thus settling a titanic 15-inning struggle and sending the favorite Sun City Saints into tonight's losers' bracket semifinals in the women's softball nationals.

The Saints will face the Macomb, Ill., Magic in the opener of tonight's three-game card, with the loser to be retired for the year.

Sun City showed virtually no offense against the California Blazers Monday until Miss Gaw sent a Pam Boswell fastball far over the left-field fence in the top of the fifth. Ann Beisser had singled in the

third to be the only other Sun City baserunner at that point.

It looked like it would be enough, however. The Saints hadn't given up a run in three previous games and All-American Debbie Doom was on the mound.

But with two out in the sixth, Miss Cornell propelled a change-up over the left-field fence to tie the score. She did it again to lead off the 15th—this time connecting with a 3-1 fast ball—to leave Saints' fans stunned.

A day earlier the Blazer third baseman hit another solo homer and it provided the winning margin, 3-2, over the defending champion Orlando Rebels.

Now the Blazers will meet the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn., in tonight's winners' bracket final. The Brakettes nipped the Wyoming, Mich., Royals, 1-0, on Barbara Rinalda's one-hitter. The Royals and Rebels will meet in tonight's other losers' game. Orlando stayed alive Monday with a 2-0 win over Long Beach.

Macomb, last year's fourth-place finisher, utilized Wendy Hedberg's two-run triple to kayo the Hamilton, Mo., Bears, 2-1, Monday.

The Blazers had runners on base in each of the first five innings Monday, but after the first Cornell homer, Miss

Blazers, situation

Doom got a better grip on the game. The only California runners between homers came on a single in the 10th and another in the 12th.

The Saints, meanwhile, got untracked offensively as the game went on. Barb Garcia singled in the sixth and Miss Gaw got one in the 12th. But it was in the 13th that a real threat evolved. Helen Andrade reached with one out when the first baseman took the shortstop's throw but missed touching the bag for an error.

Helen moved up on a bunt and then tried to score on Miss Beisser's line single to center, but a perfect throw nailed her by six feet at the plate.

Miss Garcia opened the 14th with a walk. Karen Fellenz failed to advance her, bunting foul on the third strike for a strikeout. Marilyn Rau then lined a single to right and another perfect throw cut down Miss Garcia as she slid into third.

Miss Gaw was walked intentionally and Dee Dinola unleashed a shot into right-center, but the right fielder snagged it to end the threat.

A win tonight would put the Saints against the Orlando-Wyoming winner Wednesday, with the winner of that one immediately facing the loser of the Raybestos-Blazer game to see who reaches the Thursday finals.



A jubilant Suzie Gaw circles the bases Monday after hitting a fifth-inning homer to give the Sun City Saints a 1-0 lead over the California Blazers. Miss Gaw's clout wasn't enough, however, as the Blazers came back to tie the game an inning later and eventually win, 2-1, in 15.

(AP Laserphoto)

Sun City Saints pitcher Michelle Thomas, left, after hurling a 1-0 victory Tuesday against the receives congratulations from catcher Marilyn Rau, Macomb, Ill., Magic. (Special to the News-Sun)



NEWS-SUN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1982

Saints stay alive with 1-0 victory

By BURT FREIREICH

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Michelle Thomas has never given up a run in a national softball tournament, and the Sun City Saints needed that kind of performance from the superlative lefty to reach tonight's crossroads in the 1982 losers' bracket.

The Saints will face the Wyoming, Mich., Royals tonight, with the survivor immediately taking on the California Blazers. Whichever is left after that one will go into Thursday's finals against a Stratford, Conn., Brakettes staff which hasn't given up a run in five tourney outings.

If coach Gerald Stapley continues his alternating practice, Debbie Doom will face the Royals, with Michelle hurling the nightcap if Sun City survives.

MICHELLE, WHO HAD a 4-0 record when the Saints posted five straight shutouts to win the 1979 tourney, racked up a 1-0 win Tuesday over the Macomb, Ill., Magic for her third shutout in three tries here.

Shortstop Dee Dinota, who two days earlier received seven stitches for a spike wound, was back at her post as usual—and that was bad news for Macomb. She produced two of the Saints' five hits, including the game winner.

Macomb's Marge Wright retired the Saints in order for three innings before Barb Garcia led off the fourth with a line single to center. Karen Fellenz laid down a bunt and all hands were safe when Macomb tried for a force out but failed.

MARILYN RAU singled off the third baseman's glove to load the bases. After a Suzie Gaw strikeout, Miss Dinota singled through the box to drive in the game's only run. A popup and a grounder prevented further damage.

Sun City's only other baserunners came in the sixth when Miss Fellenz opened with a single to right. A forceout and fly out led to Miss Dinota's short popup which fell into right center for a double.

But a strikeout ended the threat.

Michelle, meanwhile, had trouble early but got stronger as the game went on. She said this was because a painful pulled muscle became numb after three innings. She had received a cortisone shot in her left shoulder before leaving Sun City, but her shoulder and elbow problems led to pulling a muscle in her buttocks.

SHE WAS SCHEDULED for treatment of the latter ailment, including icing, this morning.

Miss Thomas gave up a bunt single to Pat Stoffel to open the game, but Miss Rau's strong throw cut her down on a steal attempt. Patty Cutright followed with a sharp single to right but never made it past first.

Wendy Hedberg dumped a Texas League double down the right-field line in the second, but the first of six Thomas strikeouts kept the Magic at bay. From that point through the sixth Michelle allowed only one baserunner—Miss Hedberg lined a single to center in the sixth.

THE SEVENTH almost became a nightmare. Gail Scott's grounder went through Miss Fellenz's leg for an error, and catcher Rau grabbed a Kim Broderick bunt and threw too late for a forceout at second. Michelle then bore down to get the next three batters on a popup, fly to left and strikeout.

Helen Andrade, Sun City's starting third sacker for only about a month, is the Saints' unquestioned defensive star of the tourney. She has played errorlessly and her aggressive play has turned all but one enemy sacrifice attempt into a forceout a second.

Stratford's Tuesday win over the Blazers was a 2-0 affair, with the first run coming via a walk, sacrifice, another walk, wild pitch and a groundout.

Wyoming ousted the defending champion Orlando, Fla., Rebels, 1-0, with two errors figuring in the lone tally.



Sun City Saints players Barb Garcia, left, in front, Michelle Thomas and Suzie Gaw rejoice after the winning run scored in the 19th inning Wednesday to give the Saints a 3-2 victory over the Wyoming, Mich., Royals. The Saints then beat the California Blazers, 3-2. They must defeat the Stratford, Conn., Brakettes twice tonight to win the women's national softball title. (Special to the News-Sun)

Saints win 2 games, face Brakettes today

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BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—
Somehow early this morning the Sun City Saints braved their way past the California Blazers after spending 3½ hours outlasting the Wyoming, Mich., Royals in 19 innings—both by 3-2 scores—and tonight they'll get a chance at the national women's softball title.

Their only obstacle is the 16-time champion, the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn., who haven't given up a run in this tournament and will come into the game fresh as daisies having had Wednesday off from the diamond wars.

Raybestos is the tournament's lone unbeaten team and thus the Saints will need a win to force a second game tonight for the title. The Brakettes need to win only once.

MICHELLE Thomas' pitching and catcher Marilyn Rau's spectacular defensive play in the late stages of Wednesday's finale kept the Saints alive in a wondrous night of emotional highs and gut-wrenching lows.

Marilyn tagged out two Blazers at the plate on successive plays in the fifth inning and then almost tore down a Cyclone Fence in snagging a pop foul to end the game with California's tying run on second.

Michelle came out in relief of tiring Debbie Doom in the 11th inning of the first game and hurled a total of 16 innings for four and fifth of this tourney and her ninth without defeat in two nationals.

HER perfect record was bent but not broken—she was touched for one run by the Royals and two by the Blazers for the first tallies she has given up in any national—but all three were unearned so she still has a perfect earned run average.

Miss Thomas' heroics came after a three-hour medical treatment in the morning for a pulled muscle. Coach Gerald Stapley plans to start Miss Doom tonight with the hope that Michelle will have another chance later on.

Against Wyoming the punchless Saints got a run in the first on Karen Fellenz' one-out Texas League single, a shortstop error on Miss Rau's grounder, a wild pitch and another shortstop error on a Suzie Gaw grounder.

THEY failed to score in

the fourth despite Mary Faure's one-out single and a follow-up double to left by Helen Andrade. Singles by Ann Beisser and Barb Garcia were their only other hits in regulation play.

Nonetheless, that lone tally came within a strike of holding up for a Doom victory. Debbie didn't allow a runner to reach second until the sixth, when she gave up a two-out walk behind Cathy Troost's bunt single. A popup stemmed that threat.

But in the seventh, Holly Hoekstra singled, moved up on a sacrifice and stayed put during a strikeout and a walk. Then Cathy Heator with an 0-2 count lofted a Texas Leaguer down the left-field line for a run-scoring double.

THE ROYALS almost eliminated the Saints in the 13th after an opening walk, a sacrifice and another Hoekstra single to right. Miss Thomas bore down and joyously whiffed the next two batters.

It was a day that will live in infamy for Saints shortstop Dee Dinota. She "won" the game in the 17th following Miss Gaw's line single to right with a run-producing double to left center, then gave it back in the bottom half. After an opening walk, a grounder went through Dee's legs all the way to the left-field fence for a two-base error. The runners held on a groundout but the tying run scored on Pat Baker's long fly to right.

Miss Garcia finally settled matters in the 19th

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Bus will greet Saints

The Sun City Saints Booster Club is planning to take a busload of Saints fans to Sky Harbor Airport Aug. 21 to welcome the team home from the National Fast-Pitch Tournament in Binghamton, N.Y.

The bus will leave the Sun City auxiliary parking lot, 1111th and Thunderbird, at 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 for the round trip. Call 977-2115 for reservations and information.

Saints win...

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with a leadoff double to left center. She moved up on a sacrifice, held on to a groundout to third, then scored on a wild pitch.

WHEN THE second game finally got under way, Miss Garcia took one

pitch and then the lights went out while the second pitch was en route. Twenty-four minutes later she took a second pitch, grounded it to third and was safe on an error. She scored on Miss Gaw's three-base smash to center.

Then came Kathie Maurice's run-scoring single to right, but Miss Gaw rifled a throw to Miss Rau, who dove to make the tag on a close play to end the inning.

Michelle was breezing to victory with two-out in the seventh when third

baseman Andrade committed her first error of the tournament on Nedra Jerry's hard smash. Suzy Brazney drove her in with a double to the right-field fence, but Miss Rau stranded her when she caught up with Patty Irvin's foul at the fence.

Miss Faure walked to open the second, moved up on Marla Stapley's Texas League single to left, and scored on an infield error.

The Saints built their lead to 3-0 in the fourth when Miss Garcia was hit by a pitch with two out, then scored when Miss Fellenz and Miss Rau each singled to center.

MISS THOMAS survived a Blazer threat in the third after Gail Hamilton opened with a double

and advanced on a grounder. Following a walk, she retired the enemy on an infield popup and fly to center.

Then came shortstop Dinota's nightmare inning—the fifth. After a strikeout, Miss Hamilton singled to left and Dee bobbled two grounders to load the bases. She also dropped a popup just beyond the infield but fired home and Miss Rau managed to tag the sliding runner.

Saints to receive honors

The Sun City Saints will be honored by their booster club Sept. 11 during the annual Saints Appreciation Night at the Lakes Club.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., with no-host cocktails at 8 p.m. Tickets, at \$12.50 each, may be obtained from Rose Schwarz at 977-3544.

There will be entertainment by Sun City soloist Lucy Hays, introduction of players and team awards during the program.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1982

Raybestos Brakettes pitcher Kathy Arendsen jumps for joy after getting the last Sun City Saints batter out Thursday in the deciding game of the women's national softball tournament. Arendsen, one of the nation's top pitchers, hurled a no-hitter in the 2-0 victory.
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SC Saints

Sun City Saints pitcher Debbie Doom leads the way as the team deplanes at Sky Harbor International Airport Friday night. An estimated 150 Saints boost-

ers, many of whom were Sun Citians, gathered to greet the nation's second-place women's softball team. (News-Sun Photo by Jim Painter)

Saints come flying home

By STEVE HAWLEY
Sports Editor

About 150 exuberant Sun City Saints fans Friday night turned out at Sky Harbor International Airport to welcome home the Saints from the women's national softball tournament.

The Saints, who finished second in the event held in Binghamton, N.Y., were greeted by one fan who played a whistle and another who sported a makeshift "Welcome Home Saints" hat constructed mainly of cardboard.

"You can't win 'em all," said booster John Poja, who deals Saints' wares at games in Sun City Stadium during the season. "They put their heart and soul into it."

"IF THEY weren't the type of girls they were I wouldn't be around," Poja added.

This was the fourth time Poja had welcomed the team home from the tourney.

Poja was among 76 Sun Citizens who rode a chartered bus to the airport. Parents, many of whom live in the Valley, also were among the crowd.

MOST OF them broke into a chorus of "When the Saints Go Marching In" when the airplane landed at about 7:30. The singing faded when they realized the first few people off were businessmen

and families returning from vacations in the East. When the team finally departed, singing broke out again.

Rosie Andrade, who played third base and shortstop for the Saints in the mid-1960s, was there to congratulate her daughter, Helen.

Helen was one of five Saints named to the All-America team Thursday after their 2-0 loss to the Raybestos Brakettes, who won their 17th national championship.

"THIS IS more of a thrill than when I went (to nationals)," said Rosie. "It's thrilling because she's also playing for the Saints."

This past winter it looked as though there no longer would be a team known as the "Sun City Saints."

Del E. Webb Development Co., in a cost-cutting move, announced that it would not lease Sun City Stadium to the Booster Club this year. But after several negotiating sessions between Booster Club officials and Webb, an agreement was reached that raised the team from the ashes.

UNDER THE agreement, the booster club had to take financial responsibility for stadium operating and maintenance expenses.

More than \$20,000 was raised, and the Booster Club and team were back in business.

"We said a few prayers," remembered Booster Club president Joe Davisson. "It looked pretty bleak."

The Saints fought back through the tournament losers' bracket after bowing to the California

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Saints to arrive home Friday

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Saints' season stats impressive

BY L.Q. YOWELL

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Home run leader for the team was Suzie Gaw with

10, including three in the Webb tournament. She tied with Marilyn Rau for the season RBI title, knocking in 22 runs.

Rau led the team in batting percentage, hitting at a .371 clip this year. Her 31 walks in addition to her hitting put Rau on base more than any other Saint.

Saints boosters to hold team appreciation night

Reservations may be made for the Sept. 11 Sun City Saints Appreciation Night dinner by calling Rose Schwartz at 977-3544. The event, sponsored by the Saints Booster Club, will be held in the Lakes Club. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 6.

Tickets are \$12.50.

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In head-to-head play with Raybestos this year the Saints won three and lost two.

Local Saints supporters and even those outside the fringe of women's softball have taken due pride in the Saints' remarkable accomplishments this year.

But how many recall that slightly more than a half-year ago the Saints did not have a place to play in Sun City and did not have even a prospect of a chance to play here.

The Peoria Saints? It could have happened. The team was negotiating for a place to play in Peoria as an obviously better alternative to no place to play

in Sun City.

But things got turned around miraculously and, under the leadership of United Bank branch manager Joe Davisson, Saints Booster Club president, an accommodation was made.

A great deal of volunteer work by local residents got the Saints through the season without dipping into the red financially and without placing a drain on Del E. Webb Development Co.

But there are no guarantees yet as to what will happen in 1983. Again the Saints have no place to play even though, it would seem, they do have prospects for repeating the 1982 stadium arrangement.

But these are things for all of us to consider as we bask in the glory of this wonderful group of young women athletes who have represented us so well.

They are things to consider in terms of the Sept. 11 Saints Appreciation Night dinner being prepared by the Booster Club and in terms of support to assure the Saints will keep the "Sun City" portion of their name in 1983 and in other years to come.

By BURT FREIREICH

Wrapping up unfinished business from the 1982 women's softball nationals at Binghamton, N.Y.:

Hospitality and cooperation were outstanding, not exceeded by any other host city in the dozen or so nationals I have attended.

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WHEN I LEARNED that the 1983 nationals will be held at Salt Lake City, I commented to Saints Coach Gerald Stapley that this would be like a homecoming for his daughter, Maria. Maria, the Saints' starting leftfielder, has been attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City on a volleyball scholarship.

Not so, Gerald informed me. It seems that Maria, shortly before leaving for Birmingham, agreed to go abroad on a Mormon mission for 18 months.

Maria, excited about the prospect, said she would learn in about 4 to 6 weeks where she would be going.

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NOT ALL THE SAINTS returned to the Phoenix area after the tournament. Pitcher Michelle Thomas drove to Iowa to spend some time with her family, and Shortstop Dee Dinota drove to Long Island to visit her family.

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WHEN THE SAINTS were organizing their 1982 squad last spring there were three young players in particular who didn't have high expectations of playing in the nationals. But look at what happened:

Helen Andrade not only became the starting third baseman in mid-July, but she fielded her position so well that she wound up earning a spot on the all-American third team.

Helen, who had played shortstop in junior college, was enthusiastic about her shift to third base. "I feel like I'm in the game more, there is a greater requirement for alertness, quick reactions and quick decisions." As for her hitting, she said, "I have a very positive attitude when I go to the plate, and I think this is important."

Miss Andrade got only three hits in the tourney, but one was a bases-loaded triple.

ANN BEISSER, wasn't looked upon as the most talented designated hitter in the world, but she earned a spot on the team because of her attitude and inspirational attributes—the kind that often wins the season-ending "oilcan award."

But any observer could see the growth of Ann's confidence as the 1982 nationals wore on. In the 15-inning loss to the California Blazers she got two of the Saints' six hits, and it was her line single to left that led to the Saints' tally which knocked off the Raybestos Brakettes, 1-0, on the final day. The champion Brakettes gave up only one run in the entire tourney.

And then there was Kelley Shoemaker, who observed her 16th birthday shortly before the nationals. She came to the Saints as the result of her attending a 1981 softball camp put on by former Saint pitching great Paula Noel in Prescott. There she was coached by, among others, Saints Marilyn Rau and Dee Dinota.

WHEN HER AGE-GROUP softball team seemed ready to disband in May, she got a chance to join the Saints and did so. Then Miss Dinota was spiked in the game with Long Beach, and when Suzie Gaw was moved to the infield to take her place, Kelley found herself playing the outfield in the nationals.

Kelley didn't get a hit, but she didn't strike out in three at-bats nor did she commit an error. Later, in a pinch-running role, she successfully moved from first to second on a deep fly to center.

As a high school sophomore last spring, the speedy Miss Shoemaker finished second in the 200 meter dash and captured thirds in the 100 meters and long jump at the state track championships.

Sun beams



TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1982 NEWS-SUN

**Teamwork assured Saints
most successful season**

EDITOR:

We feel that this Saints season certainly merits consideration as our most successful ever, especially in terms of the tremendous teamwork of so many to ensure that success.

Full credit must certainly go to all of our loyal boosters, Sun City and Sun City West Lions and Senior Softball League, which handled the grounds-keeping and cleaning of the stadium. Thanks also to the sheriff's deputies and our posse for the security and patrolling.

Our Saints demonstrated their excellence by winning the National Softball Festival Championship and, in head-to-head play with the Raybestos Brakettes, won three and lost two. If it weren't for 26 innings of play (including a 19-inning game) the previous night, they could easily have been national champions. Second in the nation, with more than 1,000 teams competing, is an outstanding accomplishment.

It is impossible to fully express our thanks to the dedicated Saints fans who contributed to our Devco Fund, for without them there would have been no season for the Saints or Senior Softball League.

Our plan is to visit with

Devco this week to begin negotiations for use of the stadium in 1983. With this in mind, we feel it is in order to make known a situation we must face. Simply stated, when we raised the original \$20,000 last fall, we promised all who donated \$500 or more that, at their option, we would return their monies plus interest at the end of the season. We intend to contact the donors, and to honor that agreement.

Further, we agreed that all other monies would initially be used in the Devco Fund and when our \$20,000 goal was reached, would be transferred and used for operating expenses.

As a result, we are happy to report that there will be no deficit, and we will have a small surplus in the operating fund to start next season. Our \$20,000 certificate of deposit has been renewed for 91 days (Devco Fund) and it is necessary to raise additional donations at this time because while many of the contributors will allow us to retain their monies, others will ask for their donations back.

Since these Devco Fund monies are so vital—if we are to use the stadium in 1983—to assure Devco that there will be no deficit before any agreement can be reached, the fol-

lowing plans are submitted:

—Donors of \$500 or more will have interest plus principal repaid at the end of the 1983 season if they so elect. Said funds will draw interest at money market rates.

—All other donations will apply to Devco Fund until \$20,000 is reached, and will apply to Saints operating funds during the 1983 season.

Donations may be sent to Sun City Saints Booster Club, P.O. Box 2159, Sun City 85372. These funds will enable us to assure that the Saints will keep the "Sun City" portion of their name in 1983 and in years to come.

Joe Davisson, president,
Saints Booster Club

Injured Thomas proves Saints good as gold medal

From Indianapolis Star paper.

By PAT TRAUB

Michelle Thomas' trainers held her together for one more night and Wednesday evening she pitched her Sun City (Ariz.) Saints to a gold medal victory in women's softball.

The Saints scored two unearned runs with two out in the bottom of the fourth to defeat the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn., 2-0, before an overpacked crowd in Metropolitan Stadium.

In the men's gold medal game, the West squad (Deerhurst ADL) outlasted the North team (Reading Summers), 5-4, in a contest which lasted 10 innings.

Thomas, pitching with a bad back and hip muscle on an arm that was in a cast three weeks ago, set a National Sports Festival record for most victories by winning six games in the competition.

WITH A SMILE and a laugh, she dismissed her record-breaking performance against heralded Raybestos pitcher, Kathy Arendsen. "I didn't beat her. They (the Brakettes) didn't score any runs for her."

Arendsen and Thomas have met three times. Thomas has won all three.

She also pooh-poohed her victory record. "It was a real fluke. You really can't win a tournament like this with only one pitcher."

But with one pitcher, the Saints did. No. 1 pitcher Debbie Doom — and even Thomas still says Doom is No. 1 — could not pitch in the festival because of a bout with food poisoning.

This tournament was to have been a showdown between Arendsen and Doom. Sickness took out Doom and Thomas took out Arendsen, pitching every inning the Saints played.

Thomas pitched only two games after a cast was removed from her arm three weeks ago. She had torn a bicep muscle in her throwing arm.

"But, the trainers kept putting me back together." Ice, ultra-sound treatments and more ice after a victory Tuesday night and a 90-minute repeat before Wednesday's game had her ready one last time.

IN THOSE 48 innings, Thomas gave up 29 hits and walked 9, while striking out 22. Opponents scored four runs, only one earned, for a .014 earned run average for the seven games.

Metropolitan brought in extra bleachers for the finals with the official estimate a slim 3,500. Fans hung on the outfield walls and from a billboard in right field. Reminiscent of days past, Sherman Drive was re-

duced to two lanes of traffic as fans were allowed to park on the street.

Thomas had one rough inning — the top of the fourth — when Brakette Mary Schneider singled to left and shortstop Pat Dufficy attempted to sacrifice her to second.

Third baseman Helen Andrade charged hard, catching the popped bunt at her toes and firing to first to double Schneider. Missy Mapes followed with another single to center, but was stranded.

Diane Schumacher tripled to right-center with two out in the fifth and was stranded as well.

SAINTS CATCHER Marilyn Rau,

who once played with Andrade's mother, hit an Arendsen change-up to left with two out in the bottom of the fourth to start the victory rally.

Suzie Gaw stroked the ball up the middle which shortstop Dufficy barely tipped into center. Dufficy was given a disputed error on the play, which ended with Rau on third and Gaw on second.

Deanna Dinola then punched a two-strike pitch into center field, scoring Rau. Gaw scored when the hit was misplayed in center field.

The Saints' celebration began at home plate and continued through the medal ceremonies.



(Star photo by Kay Totten 10/8/82)

Michelle Thomas ready to unload fastball

SUN CITY, ARIZONA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982



**Saints
banquet**

Sun City Saints coach Gerald Stapley presents second baseman Karen Fellenz with a gift certificate as Booster Sam Higginbotham looks on Saturday night in the Lakes Club during the Sun City Saints Appreciation Banquet. Team members each received

a \$25 gift certificate from Marston's Sporting Goods. Saints shown in photo are from left, Michelle Thomas, Barb Garcia, Ann Beisser, Stapley, Kelley Shoemaker, Mary Faure, Dee Dinofa and Miss Fellenz. (Story, B1) (News-Sun Photo by Mark Coast)

Miss Andrade earns tourney's Lind award

By MARK COAST
Staff Writer

Six Sun City Saints players received awards Saturday night for a season that ended one game short of a national championship.

Of several awards presented at the banquet was one from the national tournament that officials there forgot to include in the closing ceremonies.

Third baseman Helen Andrade, a third-team All-America selection, received the Irv Lind Award for outstanding defensive player of the national tournament.

MISS ANDRADE ALSO was voted Most Improved Player by her teammates—one of the five team awards presented.

Connie Clark was given a special recognition award by coach Gerald Stapley.

Stapley told the audience that even though the Greenway High School senior didn't play in the Sports Festival or the nationals she pitched more games than any other pitcher on the team, which earned her the award.

ALONG WITH THE Most Improved Player plaque, three other awards are voted by the players. Most Valuable Player honors went to both Marilyn Rau and Michelle Thomas.

Miss Thomas, an All-America selection, gave up just one earned run in the national tournament and earned the tourney's MVP award. Marilyn, who was selected first team All-America, had 34 tourney at-

bats, Stapley said, and carried a tournament batting average of .382.

The Rookie of the Year Award was given to first baseman Mary Faure, who made first-team All-America in her first year with the Saints.

The Sparkplug Award for the most enthusiastic player went to centerfielder Barb Garcia, also a first-team All-America selection.

FOLLOWING THE presentation of the team awards, the booster club gave its president, Joe Davisson, the 1982 Super Angel Award. The plaque read:

"Super Angel Award, to Joe Davisson; for your expertise, dedication and guidance which made the 1982 season a success. Thank you, Joe. All the Saints and Boosters."

The booster club also gave each Saints player a \$25 gift certificate to Marston's Sporting Goods.

In recapping the national tournament, Stapley explained that eight of 11 Saints at nationals earned All-America honors and that in three of the past four years the tournament's MVP has been a Saint.

DAILY News-Sun publisher Burt Freireich also spoke about the national tournament.

He explained that in years past if the Saints won a single game at the nationals, it was considered a success. Whereas this year the Saints finished second after placing third twice and winning in 1979.

"There never was any other Saints team as outstanding as this group of girls," Freireich said.

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Standout softball players Michelle Thomas, left, and Suzie Gaw of the Sun City Saints talk about the past

season which saw them fall one game short of their second national title. (News-Sun Photo)



Saints BOOSTER CLUB - Sun City-Sun City, Ill.

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June 4, 1982

Dear Harvey:
We are very
pleased to
hear of your
recent promotion
to manager of the
Brewers.
We wish to
extend our
congratulations
to you and
your family.
We hope you
will be able
to visit us
in the fall.

Milwaukee Brewers
County Stadium
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214

ATT: Harvey Kuenn
Manager

Dear Harvey;

On behalf of the Sun City Saints, Sun City
Saints Booster Club and the Sun City pom-pom
girls we wish to extend our congratulations
on your recent promotion to manager of the
Brewers.

We know of your solid baseball background and
that the Brewers will now play up to the abilities
they are capable of.

We will look forward to seeing you when you return
to Sun City in the fall.

Sincerely,

Joe Davison
President
Saints Booster Club

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NEWS FROM: Del E. Webb Development Co.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 9, 1981

The Del E. Webb Development Co. has announced closing of Sun City Stadium with the exception of Spring Training play of the Milwaukee Brewers. The Brewers contract with DEVCO will have them utilizing the Sun City field through the 1983 Spring campaign.

According to Joseph S. Aubin, Executive Vice President and Acting General Manager of DEVCO, this was the last season for the Sun City Saints. Said Aubin, "We know that for some residents they were part of the Sun City way of life. Those girls were winners on and off the field. This action was taken only after thorough study and long discussion with the Saints Booster Club. Believe me, it was a difficult decision to make."

Aubin explained that the Saints program was a substantial expense for DEVCO and that this move is an adjustment to the current economy.

As the economy improves and the picture brightens for the company, Aubin said that stadium use will be reevaluated.

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GEORGE W. REEVE
PRESIDENT



July 30, 1982

Mr. Joe Davisson
United Bank
19440 R. H. Johnson Blvd.
Sun City West, Arizona 85375

Dear Joe:

Let me congratulate the Sun City Saints for their triumph over the Raybesto Brakettes in the National Sports Festival. With the win, the Saints have proven once again that they are the best women's fast-pitch softball team in the country.

Their recently completed season was an overwhelming success--the type we have come to expect from this group of talented ladies.

I would also like to commend the Sun City Saints Booster Club for their efforts throughout the season. I am sure we both realize the importance of this group to the organization.

Once again, congratulations to the Saints. They're great.

Yours very truly,

GWR/hc

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1982

Boosters hire bus to meet returning Saints

The Sun City Saints Booster Club will sponsor a bus to meet the team when it returns from the national tournament Aug. 21.

The bus will leave for Sky Harbor International Airport at 3 p.m. from Sun City Stadium's auxiliary parking lot at 111th Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

Cost is \$5 and reservations may be made by calling 977-2115 or 974-3158.

People making reservations will receive scores of Saints national tournament games by telephone.

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(AP Laserphoto)



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Worries subside; Saints win

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Update

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State fair deadline

The deadline for entries to the 1982 Arizona State Fair is August 15. Entries should be sent to the fair office at 1000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004. The fair will be held from September 1 to September 12 at the Phoenix Convention Center. For more information, call (602) 258-1234.

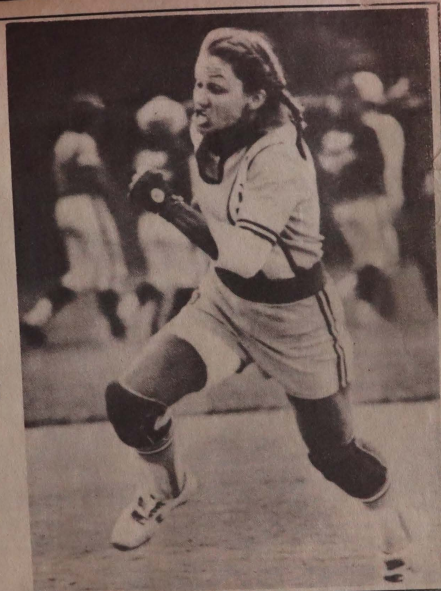
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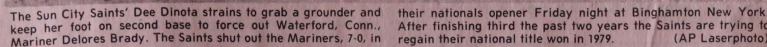
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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	48	46	.511
Seattle	47	47	.500
New York	46	51	.476
Los Angeles	45	52	.463
Cleveland	44	53	.451
Chicago	43	54	.443
California	42	55	.434
Minnesota	41	56	.425
Philadelphia	40	57	.416
San Francisco	39	58	.407
San Diego	38	59	.398
Atlanta	37	60	.389
Washington	36	61	.380
St. Louis	35	62	.371
Pittsburgh	34	63	.362
Los Angeles	33	64	.353
San Francisco	32	65	.344
San Diego	31	66	.335
Atlanta	30	67	.326
Washington	29	68	.317
St. Louis	28	69	.308
Pittsburgh	27	70	.299
Los Angeles	26	71	.290
San Francisco	25	72	.281
San Diego	24	73	.272
Atlanta	23	74	.263
Washington	22	75	.254
St. Louis	21	76	.245
Pittsburgh	20	77	.236
Los Angeles	19	78	.227
San Francisco	18	79	.218
San Diego	17	80	.209
Atlanta	16	81	.200
Washington	15	82	.191
St. Louis	14	83	.182
Pittsburgh	13	84	.173
Los Angeles	12	85	.164
San Francisco	11	86	.155
San Diego	10	87	.146
Atlanta	9	88	.137
Washington	8	89	.128
St. Louis	7	90	.119
Pittsburgh	6	91	.110
Los Angeles	5	92	.101
San Francisco	4	93	.100
San Diego	3	94	.091
Atlanta	2	95	.082
Washington	1	96	.073
St. Louis	0	97	.064
Pittsburgh	0	98	.055
Los Angeles	0	99	.046
San Francisco	0	100	.037
San Diego	0	101	.028
Atlanta	0	102	.019
Washington	0	103	.010
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Pittsburgh	0	105	.000

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State fair deadline

Standin

AMERICAN LEAGUE Eastern Division

	L	PCL	GB
Milwaukee	64	52	586
Toronto	64	52	586
New York	59	55	552
St. Louis	59	57	538
Philadelphia	58	61	500
Pittsburgh	55	59	487
New York	47	62	412

Western Division

	L	PCL	GB
St. Louis	64	50	572
Philadelphia	64	51	564
Pittsburgh	59	59	552
New York	58	59	548
St. Louis	55	67	457
Philadelphia	48	77	400

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City	Western Division	Eastern Division	City	Western Division	Eastern Division
Los Angeles	58	61	308	9	Philadelphia
San Francisco	55	59	350	10	Montreal
San Diego	67	70	487	11	Pittsburgh
Houston	64	68	482	12	New York
Cincinnati	66	71	572	—	Chicago
Atlanta	64	72	584	1	Los Angeles
San Francisco	58	59	552	2	Atlanta
San Diego	52	57	498	3	San Diego
Houston	46	49	437	4	San Francisco
Cincinnati	40	47	420	5	Houston
			342	6	Cincinnati

Sports

Michelle, Saints blank rival, 5-0

By BURT FREIREICH

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—Sun City's Saints disposed of one old California rival Sunday and will take on another in tonight's winners' bracket semifinals at the women's softball nationals—but not without a major question mark.

Shortstop Dee Dinota made it through less than a half-inning Sunday when a spiking above the left knee sent her to a hospital for seven stitches. Coach Gerald Stapley is planning to use her against the California Blazers tonight if she can go. How she does in a workout will dictate the answer.

Helen Andrade was the unexpected batting heroine Sunday when she tripled home three runs in the first to give Michelle Thomas an easy route to her second shutout of the tourney, 5-0, over the Long Beach Renegades.

AFTER MICHELLE got the game's first out, Leslie King drilled a single to right. On a sacrifice attempt, third baseman Andrade threw to second for a forceout, but that's when Dee got spiked. Suzie Gaw, the Saints' regular shortstop for a half-dozen years, moved into Miss Dinota's spot and Kelly Shoe-maker came off the bench to play left field.

Barb Garcia and Karen Fellenz opened the Saints' first with singles. Marilyn Rau dropped a bunt and pitcher Mary Lou Ramm threw the ball into right field. That scored a run and put runners on second and third. Miss Gaw was walked intentionally, leading to a forceout at the plate and a popout.

That's when Miss Andrade unleashed a slicing liner to right. When it got past the diving Sue Lewis, three more runs came home.

THE SAINTS got an insurance run in the fifth when Mary Faure singled and moved to third on two wild pitches. Miss Andrade walked and on her theft of second the catcher's throw went past Helen got nailed at the plate on a close play. Sun City's remaining offense consisted of back-to-back singles by Rau and Gaw to open the third, but nothing

came of that threat.

Both the Saints and 16-time champion Raybestos of Stratford, Conn., remained unscored upon through three games, but it took a pickoff throw by catcher Rau in the second after Donna Whitely singled to preserve the Saints' share of this statistic. After another out, Miss Ramm doubled deep to center and a tally would have been likely.

Raybestos moved into the winners' semifinals, 1-0, over Hamilton, Ohio, on Kathy Arendsen's two-hitter. The Brakettes got their solo tally in the first. Tonight they'll take on Wyoming, Mich., 4-3 conqueror of the Macomb, Ill., Magic.

THE BLAZERS took a 3-0 lead, then hung on for a 3-2 win over the defending champion Orlando, Fla., Rebels.

The Rebs then narrowly avoided ouster from the double-elimination tourney in the most exciting game so far. Trailing 1-0 to Houston with a runner on second and two outs in the seventh, Orlando tied it via a passed ball and wild pitch.

Despite a no-out triple by Snookie Mulder the Rebs failed to score in the eighth. Then, down by a run in the 10th and with two outs and two on, the Rebs got three straight singles, two of the infield variety, to post a 3-2 win.

THE LOSERS' bracket was rife with overtime thrillers Sunday. After ousting St. Louis, 4-1, the Utah Bees went down in the 13th, 2-1, to Hamilton and Tucson's Playmakers also fell in 13 to Parsippany, N.J., 1-0. The latter then fell to Macomb 5-1.

Others eliminated: Waterford, Conn., 3-0 by Houston; Peoria, Ill., 1-0 by the Oklahoma Sundowners, and the Sundowners, 4-1, by Long Beach.

The Saints already have clinched no worse than a sixth-place finish. A win tonight would put them into Tuesday's Sun City time, against the Wyoming Raybestos winner. A loss tonight would send them against the Macomb-Hamilton winner at 2 p.m., Sun City time, Tuesday.

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Sun City Saints baserunner Barb Garcia heads for third base Sunday on Marilyn Rau's sacrifice bunt in the first inning. Pitcher Mary Lou Ramm of the Long Beach, Calif., Renegades fielded.

Miss Rau's bunt and threw the ball into right field, allowing Miss Garcia to scamper home with the Saints' initial run in a 5-0 victory. (AP Laserphoto)

Sports

Saints lose to Blazers, face must-win situation

By BURT FREIREICH

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—Sheila Cornell outthomered Suzie Gaw, 2-1, thus settling a titanic 15-inning struggle and sending the favorite Sun City Saints into tonight's losers' bracket semifinals in the women's softball nationals.

The Saints will face the Macomb, Ill., Magic in the opener of tonight's three-game card, with the loser to be retired for the year.

Sun City showed virtually no offense against the California Blazers Monday until Miss Gaw sent a Pam Boswell fastball far over the left-field fence in the top of the fifth. Ann Beisser had singled in the

third to be the only other Sun City baserunner at that point.

It looked like it would be enough, however. The Saints hadn't given up a run in three previous games and All-American Debbie Doom was on the mound.

But with two out in the sixth, Miss Cornell propelled a change-up over the left-field fence to tie the score. She did it again to lead off the 15th—this time connecting with a 3-1 fast ball—to leave Saints fans stunned.

A day earlier the Blazer third baseman hit another solo homer and it provided the winning margin, 3-2, over the defending champion Orlando Rebels.

Now the Blazers will meet the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn., in tonight's winners' bracket final. The Brakettes nipped the Wyoming, Mich., Royals, 1-0, on Barbara Rinalda's one-hitter.

The Royals and Rebels will meet in tonight's other losers' game. Orlando stayed alive Monday with a 2-0 win over Long Beach.

Macomb, last year's fourth-place finisher, utilized Wendy Hedberg's two-run triple to kavo the Hamilton, Mo., Bears, 2-1, Monday.

The Blazers had runners on base in each of the first five innings Monday, but after the first Cornell homer, Miss

Doom got a better grip on the game. The only California runners between homers came on a single in the 10th and another in the 12th.

The Saints, meanwhile, got untracked offensively as the game went on. Barb Garcia singled in the sixth and Miss Gaw got one in the 12th. But it was in the 13th that a real threat evolved. Helen Andrade reached with one out when the first baseman took the shortstop's throw but missed touching the bag for an error.

Helen moved up on a bunt and then tried to score on Miss Beisser's line single to center, but a perfect throw nailed her by six feet at the plate.

Miss Garcia opened the 15th with a walk. Karen Fellenz failed to advance her, bunting foul on the third strike for a strikeout. Marilyn Rau then lined a single to right and another perfect throw cut down Miss Garcia as she slid into third.

Miss Gaw was walked intentionally and Dee Dinola unleashed a shot into right-center, but the right fielder snagged it to end the threat.

A win tonight would put the Saints against the Orlando-Wyoming winner Wednesday, with the winner of that one immediately facing the loser of the Raybestos-Blazer game to see who reaches the Thursday finals.

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A jubilant Suzie Gaw circles the bases Monday after hitting a fifth-inning homer to give the Sun City Saints a 1-0 lead over the California Blazers. Miss Gaw's clout wasn't enough, however, as the Blazers came back to tie the game an inning later and eventually win, 2-1, in 15. (AP Laserphoto)



Sun City Saints pitcher Michelle Thomas, left, receives congratulations from catcher Marilyn Rau after hurling a 1-0 victory Tuesday against the Macomb, Ill., Magic. (Special to the News-Sun)

Saints stay alive with 1-0 victory

By BURT FREIREICH

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.— Michelle Thomas has never given up a run in a national softball tournament, and the Sun City Saints needed that kind of performance from the superlative lefty to reach tonight's crossroads in the 1982 losers' bracket.

The Saints will face the Wyoming, Mich., Royals tonight, with the survivor immediately taking on the California Blazers. Whichever is left after that one will go into Thursday's finals against a Stratford, Conn., Brackettes staff which hasn't given up a run in five tourney outings.

If coach Gerald Stapley continues his alternating practice, Debbie Doom will face the Royals, with Michelle hurling the nightcap if Sun City survives.

MICHELLE, WHO HAD a 4-0 record when the Saints posted five straight shutouts to win the 1979 tourney, racked up a 1-0 win Tuesday over the Macomb, Ill., Magic for her third shutout in three tries here.

Shortstop Dee Dinota, who two days earlier received seven stitches for a spike wound, was back at her post as usual—and that was bad news for Macomb. She produced two of the Saints' five hits, including the game winner.

Macomb's Marge Wright retired the Saints in order for three innings before Barb Garcia led off the fourth with a line single to center. Karen Fellenz laid down a bunt and all hands were safe when Macomb tried for a force out but failed.

MARILYN RAU singled off the third baseman's glove to load the bases. After a Suzie Gaw strikeout, Miss Dinota singled through the box to drive in the game's only run. A popout and a grounder prevented further damage.

Sun City's only other baserunners came in the sixth when Miss Fellenz opened with a single to right. A forceout and fly out led to Miss Dinota's short popout which fell into right center for a double.

But a strikeout ended the threat.

Michelle, meanwhile, had trouble early but got stronger as the game went on. She said this was because a painful pulled muscle became numb after three innings. She had received a cortisone shot in her left shoulder before leaving Sun City, but her shoulder and elbow problems led to pulling a muscle in her buttocks.

SHE WAS SCHEDULED for treatment of the latter ailment, including icing, this morning.

Miss Thomas gave up a bunt single to Pat Stoffel to open the game, but Miss Rau's strong throw cut her down on a steal attempt. Patty Cutright followed with a sharp single to right but never made it past first.

Wendy Hedberg dumped a Texas League double down the right-field line in the second, but the first of six Thomas strikeouts kept the Magic at bay. From that point through the sixth Michelle allowed only one baserunner—Miss Hedberg lined a single to center in the sixth.

THE SEVENTH almost became a nightmare. Gail Scott's grounder went through Miss Fellenz's leg for an error, and catcher Rau grabbed a Kim Broderick bunt and threw too late for a forceout at second. Michelle then bore down to get the next three batters on a popout, fly to left and strikeout.

Helen Andrade, Sun City's starting third sacker for only about a month, is the Saints' unquestioned defensive star of the tourney. She has played errorlessly and her aggressive play has turned all but one enemy sacrifice attempt into a forceout at second.

Stratford's Tuesday win over the Blazers was a 2-0 affair, with the first run coming via a walk, sacrifice, another walk, wild pitch and a groundout.

Wyoming ousted the defending champion Orlando, Fla., Rebels, 1-0, with two errors figuring in the lone tally.



Sun City Saints players Barb Garcia, left, in front, Michelle Thomas and Suzie Gaw rejoice after the winning run scored in the 19th inning Wednesday to give the Saints a 3-2 victory over the Wyoming.

Mich. Royals. The Saints then beat the California Blazers, 3-2. They must defeat the Stratford, Conn., Brakettes twice tonight to win the women's national softball title. (Special to the News-Sun)

Saints to arrive home Friday

The Sun City Saints are scheduled to arrive at Sky Harbor International Airport on American Airlines Flight 617 at 7:32 p.m. Friday. The Saints, who are competing in the women's national softball tournament in Binghamton, N.Y., originally were scheduled to arrive Saturday.

Two buses will depart for the airport at 5:30 p.m. Friday from Sun City Stadium's auxiliary parking lot at 111th Avenue and Thunderbird Road. People who have registered for bus transportation may call 974-3158 or 977-2115 for further information.

Saints win 2 games, face Brakettes today

By BURT FREIREICH
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—Somehow early this morning the Sun City Saints braved their way past the California Blazers after spending 3½ hours outlasting the Wyoming, Mich., Royals in 19 innings—both by 3-2 scores—and tonight they'll get a chance at the national women's softball title. Their only obstacle is the 16-time champion, the Raybestos Brakettes of Stratford, Conn., who haven't given up a run in this tournament, and will come into the game fresh as daisies having had Wednesday off from the diamond wars.

Raybestos is the tournament's lone unbeaten team and thus the Saints will need a win to force a second game tonight for the title. The Brakettes need to win only once.

MICHELLE Thomas' pitching and catcher Marilyn Rau's spectacular defensive play in the late stages of Wednesday's finale kept the Saints alive in a wondrous night of emotional highs and gut-wrenching lows.

Marilyn tagged out two Blazers at the plate on successive plays in the fifth inning and then almost tore down a Cyclone Fence in snagging a pop foul to end the game with California's tying run on second.

Michelle came out in relief of tiring Debbie Doom in the 11th inning of the first game and hurled a total of 16 innings for two crucial wins, her fourth and fifth of this tournament and her ninth without defeat in two nationals.

HER perfect record was bent but not broken—she was touched for one run by the Royals and two by the Blazers for the first tallies she has given up in any national—but all three were unearned so she still has a perfect earned run average.

Miss Thomas' heroics came after a three-hour medical treatment in the morning for a pulled muscle. Coach Gerald Stapley plans to start Miss Doom tonight with the hope that Michelle will have another chance later on.

Against Wyoming the punchless Saints got a run in the first on Karen Fellenz' one-out Texas League single, a shortstop error on Miss Rau's grounder, a wild pitch and another shortstop error on a Suzie Gaw grounder.

THEY failed to score in

the fourth despite Mary Faure's one-out single and a follow-up double to left by Helen Andrade. Singles by Ann Beisser and Barb Garcia were their only other hits in regulation play.

Nonetheless, that lone tally came within a strike of holding up for a Doom victory. Debbie didn't allow a runner to reach second until the sixth, when she gave up a two-out walk behind Cathy Troost's bunt single. A popup stemmed that threat.

But in the seventh, Holly Hoekstra singled, moved up on a sacrifice and stayed put during a strikeout and a walk. Then Cathy Heater with an 0-2 count lofted a Texas Leaguer down the left-field line for a run-scoring double.

THE ROYALS almost eliminated the Saints in the 13th after an opening walk, a sacrifice and another Hoekstra single to right. Miss Thomas bore down and joyously whiffed the next two batters.

It was a day that will live in infamy for Saints shortstop Dee Dinota. She "won" the game in the 17th following Miss Gaw's line single to right with a run-producing double to left center, then gave it back in the bottom half. After an opening walk, a grounder went through Dee's legs all the way to the left-field fence for a two-base error. The runners held on a groundout but the tying run scored on Pat Baker's long fly to right.

Miss Garcia finally settled matters in the 19th (continued on B2)



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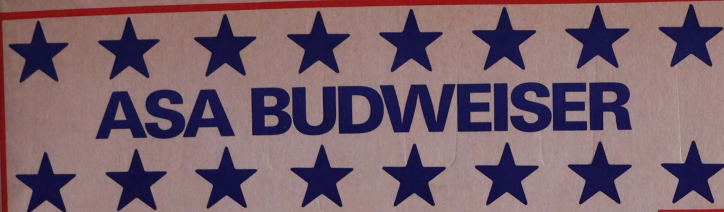
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