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Trendsetters win championship

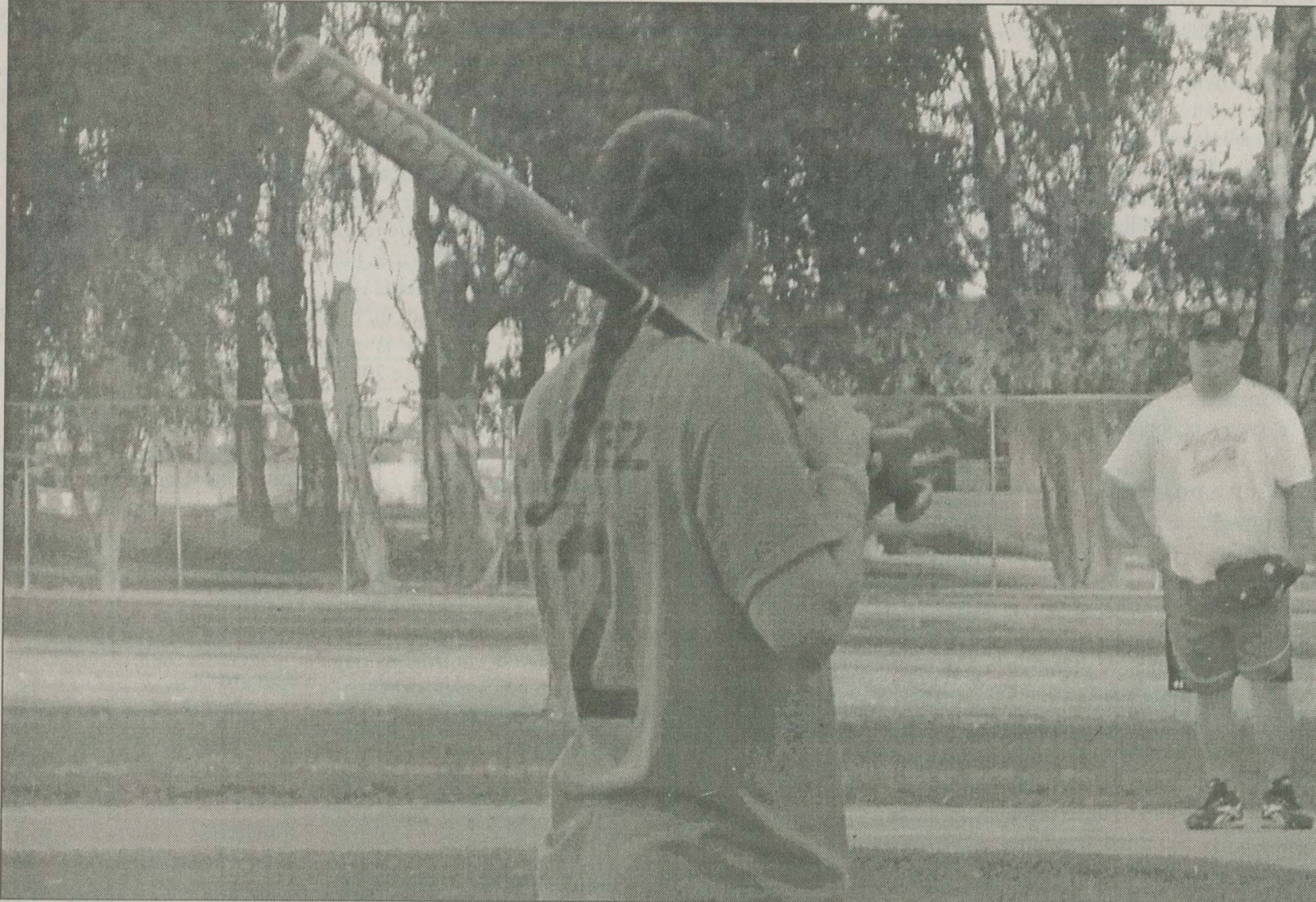


Photo by Arlene Rivera

Rivermutts' "Julez" hits the first ball of the adult softball championship games on Monday.

BY ARLENE RIVERA
Staff Reporter

The championship play-off game started at 6:30 p.m. at Egbert Field in Rio Vista on Monday, September 24. Three games were scheduled for the night: the Trendsetters and Rivermutts were first on the roster, then the RV Hot Rods and the Lira's Stix-N-Chx; the winner of each of these was then to play each other to determine who the champions of this year's games would be.

The Rivermutts were first up to bat, hitting the opening ball. The first inning ends with a close score of 2-1, Trendsetters. By the end of the second inning, Trendsetters have started to climb up the scoreboard 4-1, and they score quickly in the third inning with a grand slam into deep right field scoring three runs. By the end of the third inning the score is 10-1, Trendsetters.

The fourth inning starts with

a lot of excitement and noise over the first call - a slide in at second base for the Rivermutts. Rivermutts continue to hold on to hope, as they score one more point with a deep outfield ball, bringing the score up to 10-3, Trendsetters. However, Trendsetters hit back hard with three-run homer, climbing ahead again 13-3.

The game ends in the fifth inning with a score of 14-4, Trendsetters.

During the break before the next game, there is some murmuring in the field and stands over the RV Hot Rods - next up to play Lira's Stix-N-Chx. The team is four players short and ends up forfeiting the game, making Lira's Stix-N-Chx the automatic winner to play Trendsetters for the championship.

Lira's is up to bat first, opening the championship game with a two-base hit. Trendsetters hit back hard once again with a home run. So far it's a close

game with a score of 4-3, Trendsetters. Towards the end of the first inning with bases loaded, Trendsetters bring in two runs. The first inning ends 6-3, Trendsetters.

The second inning starts out with Lira's scoring with a two-run hit followed by a three-base hit, keeping in the game with 6-4, Trendsetters. Trendsetters has a bit of good luck as a Lira's team member leans too far off the plate, giving Trendsetters a surprise out. Trendsetters get a three-base hit shortly after.

Third inning starts out 9-5, Trendsetters. Lira's comes close to scoring, but a Trendsetters outfielder catches a ball deep into right field. Lira's then also makes a couple amazing catches that come close to scoring against Trendsetters. Score remains 9-5 as the game goes into the fourth inning. Trendsetters quickly score as soon as they are up to bat, bringing score to 10-5. The score is 14-5,

Trendsetters, at the beginning of the fifth inning. Each team continues to play hard, taking turns scoring points. At the beginning of the sixth, Lira's gets a homerun right away, fighting hard to close the gap at 15-7. Lira's then hits a ball deep into the field, but Trendsetters' outfielders catch it. Lira's scores two runs on a three-base hit moving the score to 15-9, Trendsetters. Trendsetters score three more in the sixth inning, climbing further ahead.

The seventh inning starts out 18-9 and quickly ends that way with Trendsetters as the winners of the championship game for 2007. The victory is sweeter, as these two teams played each other last year in the championship game, and Trendsetters lost that one. This year Trendsetters were victorious, with a final score of 18-11. They were given championship T-shirts after their win and went home smiling.

Pre-season winning streak: Varsity Rams continue to dominate competition

BY JIM MORRISON
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The Varsity Rams hosted another pre-season game on Friday, September 21, against a much better team from last week, the Vacaville Christian Falcons. But did they meet their match? Well, let me give you the run down. The Rams received the kick off, and yes it was Chris Davi, who gets the call. Then Kevin Kistner hands it off to Brandon Cascayan for a few yards, then next down, Kistner hands it to Pedro Ruiz who took it down to the 8-yard line for a first down. Davi drills across the goal line for a touchdown with Cascayan who runs it in for the conversion making the score 8-0 in favor of the Rams.

The Rams' Will Mitchell kicks off to the Falcons and Nick Tingey makes a fine tackle to stop the run back, but the Falcons push the ball down the field and end up going in for the touchdown. The score is now 8-6, favoring the Rams.

Rio Vista receives the ball, Kistner takes them down for a touchdown, but penalties call the ball back. Later, Ruiz runs through the right side with a wide open field, but he's so quick he falls down by himself. Have no fear because Kistner gives the ball to Davi who charges up the field like he's a Landscaper and takes it in for a touchdown. Cascayan runs it in for the conversion, making the score 16-6, Rams.

The Falcons get the ball and start off on their own 4-yard line but again are stopped. Rams take over again and the rotation continues with Davi running for about 40 yards then Kistner to Pedro Ruiz for about 20 yards and another first down. Ruiz runs another five yards, now second and five, and Davi

makes the first down. Then, the ball goes to Davi again for the first down at the 12-yard line. Now, Kistner hands off to Cascayan and he goes right down the middle for a touchdown. No conversion, but the score is 22-6 in favor of the Rams.

During the second quarter, the Falcons try again. The ball is passed and caught but the Rams' Gabe Heredia stops the drive. Ram Cascayan runs for 11 yards, Davi gets the ball and runs for huge yards way down the field, but the Rams are penalized all the way back to their own 35 yard line.

The ball is intercepted, and the Falcons take over, but great defense by the Rams gives the ball back to the Rams. Kistner to Davi and he takes off for about 40 yards into Falcon territory and Kistner hands to Brandon for 12 yards then, Kistner again to Davi and then Kistner to Pedro Ruiz who runs up the middle like he's dancing in the street. Kistner now fakes the hand off and out of nowhere Ruiz plows up the field like a tractor, for a touchdown. Score now 28-6 favor Rams.

A Falcons player gets the ball and break away for about 50 yards until Pedro Ruiz runs him down. Later the Falcons finally scores another touchdown making the score 28-14 which takes them into the end of the first half.

The second half started off with Falcons receiving the ball but could not move up the field. Rams' Kistner gives to Davi for 6 yards, then to Davi again, then to Davi again for first down, then into the Falcons territory and Kistner to Cascayan, then to Ruiz down to the 20-yard line

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Varsity Rams football stats as of September 25

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away
4	1	0	.800	181	81	2-0-0	2-1-0

Varsity Saints football stats as of September 25

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away
3	1	0	.750	103	58	1-0-0	2-1-0

Varsity Rams volleyball stats as of September 25

W	L	T	Pct.	GF	GA	Home	Away
2	6	0	.250	9	19	2-2-0	0-2-0

Varsity Rams volleyball stats as of September 25

W	L	T	Pct.	GF	GA	Home	Away
0	4	0	.000	1	12	0-2-0	0-2-0

Delta High Volleyball



setter," said Delta Lady Saints Coach Casey Collins.

Varsity

Game 1

Delta 16 - Biggs 25

Game 2

Delta 26 - Biggs 28

Game 3

Delta 23 - Biggs 25

"Varsity had some really close games and were staying strong but could not pull out the win in the end. We introduced our Libero who did a great job and was a real asset for our backrow," said Collins.

Upcoming games:

Home game on Thursday, September 27 against Willows.

Wednesday, September 19 home games against Biggs.

Junior Varsity

Game 1

Delta 25 - Biggs 21

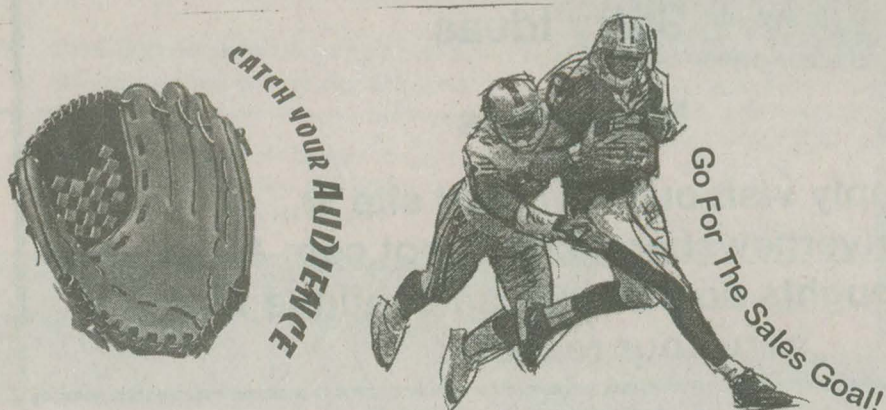
Game 2

Delta 25 - Biggs 27

Game 3

Delta 16 - Biggs 14

"JV had worked well together throughout each game. They had a rough time with their passes but improved on their hits. We will still be working on serving and getting our passes to our



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