

Sandy has 4-1 record

Defense minded Pioneers travel to Molalla Friday

The Sandy Pioneers showed this week that they are a real threat to repeat as champions of the Valley Division of the Coast-Valley League.

Saturday afternoon against Newberg one of the top rated teams in the state, the Pioneers dropped a 42-40 decision after leading most of the way and on Tuesday night the hustling Pioneers crushed St. Helens 60-50.

Friday night at 8 p.m. the Sandy team will travel to Molalla for their final game before the Christmas break. The Indians are considered with Sandy and Estacada to be the top teams in the Valley Division.

"Our division is so well balanced all the teams have a chance for the title," said Sandy coach Jim Kitchen.

"The game with Molalla is a big one for us. We must win in order to stay at least even with the leaders."

The Pioneers following the recent split have a season record of 4-1 and have a 1-1 league mark.

"The biggest weakness this team has," said Kitchen, "is being consistent, especially under pressure."

Against Newberg, the Pioneers jumped to an early lead and held it all the way into the final stanza. Then the Pioneers fell apart under the

full court pressure by Newberg. "I was not too disappointed with the team's overall effort," said Kitchen, "the game did prove to ourselves and everyone else that we are a pretty good ball club."

Kitchen termed the effort by the Pioneers on defense as "great" against Newberg and termed it "super" against St. Helens.

In both games, the Pioneers caused their opponents to make numerous turnovers and forced them to break their game plans.

"St. Helens in their win over Central Monday night had made almost 70 per cent of their baskets from inside," said Kitchen. "We forced them to take the outside shot and shut them off the boards with our tough defensive play."

Junior center Alan Nippert turned in an impressive performance at Newberg. He accounted for 13 points and had 13 rebounds.

His effort helped Sandy get a team total of 31 rebounds against the taller Newberg team which collected 33 rebounds.

The Pioneers did find out that Newberg's Tony Wilder is an outstanding ballplayer. He hit for 21 of his team's 42 points.

Kitchen expressed pleasure with the overall performance of senior forward Joe DeMarsh

and the play of senior guard Jay Gynther who came off the bench to direct the Sandy offense when starting guard Dan Turin got into foul trouble.

Those scoring for Sandy were Nippert 13, Ralph Peterson 6, Turin 5, Gynther 3, Gary Blount 8, and DeMarsh 6.

In the St. Helens win, Kitchen felt the Pioneers finally got their offensive patterns going.

"This was the first game that we were able to keep the ball moving both to the big men inside and to the guards outside for scoring," said Kitchen. "Also, in all our games we have shown scoring punch from several players giving us good balance."

But most of Kitchen's praise was for the defensive effort by

his warriors.

The Pioneers doubled the effort by St. Helens on the board and caused the visitors into numerous turnovers.

Turin turned in the top of offensive show for the Pioneers hitting on 8 of 15 floor shots and ending the game with 19 points and a team high of seven steals.

Meanwhile, Gynther came off the bench and again contributed an outstanding performance. He ended the game with 12 points and several steals.

The other Pioneer to hit in double figures was Nippert with 12 points and he got 15 rebounds.

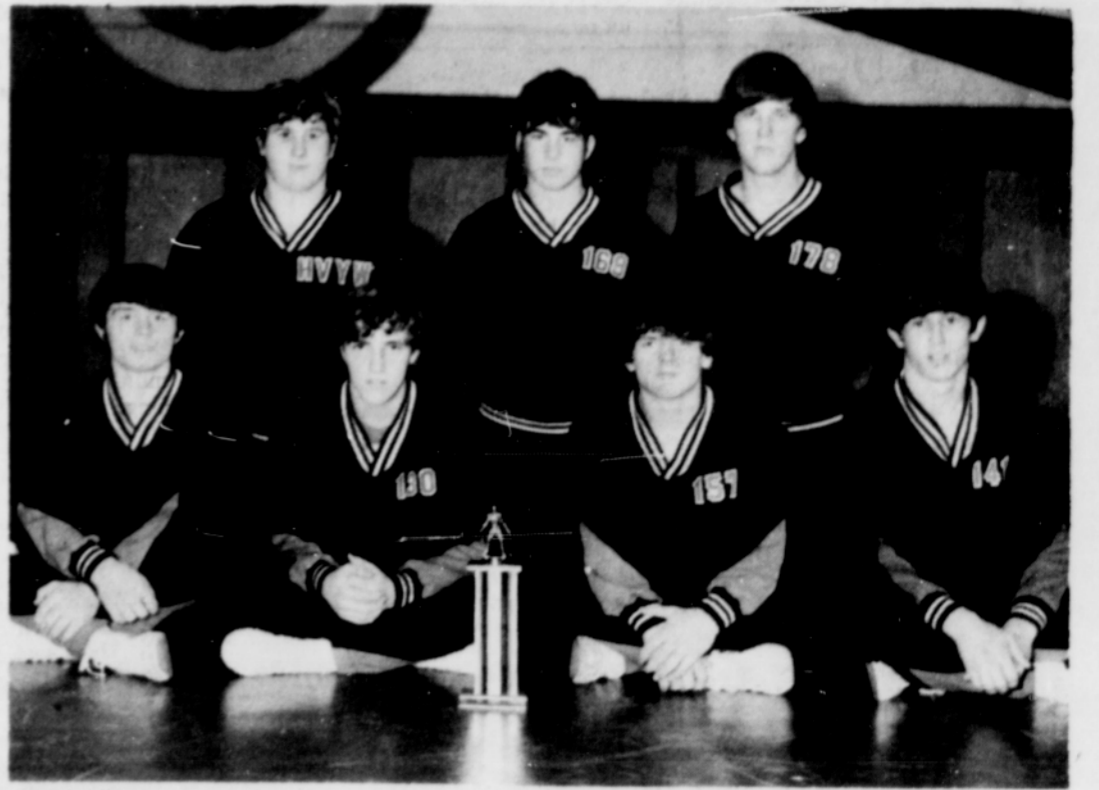
DeMarsh helped Nippert on the boards with 12, although his shooting eye was off and he

only collected 2 points.

Starters Blount and Peterson each gave a steady performance at both ends of the floor and each had a team high 8 assists in the game. Peterson got 6 points and Blount got 5 points.

Kitchen also got a good performance from Randy Bryant off the bench. Bryant replaced Nippert in the third period and hit two quick buckets and collected several rebounds just when it looked like St. Helens was making a move to overtake the Pioneers.

The only disappointing result of the St. Helens game was the crowd count. Only enough persons to fill about half of the gym showed up to watch the game.



MEMBERS OF the varsity team who took first place in their weight divisions at Madras were from left to right front row: Pat Dyal, Dave Brooks, Al Norris and

Martin Richards. Second row: Geoff Richards, Casey Carmony and Harry Nickelson. Not pictured is Gene DeLay. (Post photo)



MEMBERS OF the Sandy high wrestling team took first in the varsity competition at the recent Madras Invitational meet. Meanwhile, members of the second varsity took second place in the same tournament. Pictured from left to right are the members of the Pioneer wrestling teams that took part in the Madras meet. Front row: Dave Deiser, Dennis DeChenne, Pat

Dyal, Dave Brooks, Mitch Hughes, Martin Richards. Second row: Robin Carey, Geoff Richards, Harry Nickelson, Casey Carmony, Al Norris, Bob Carey. Back row: Eric Lundeen, Terry Smith, Dave Kramer, Don Boitano, Mark Tuttle, Mark Naylor and Pat Maroney. The team is coached by Ron Calhoun.



SANDY FROSH wrestlers get in some practice. The freshmen have competed in

several novice meets this year so far. (Post photo)



FROSH WRESTLERS at Sandy give a lift to fellow grapplers during practice. The freshmen have entered several matches this year and have produced several wins. (Post photo)

Wills tops catch stats

Jim Wills, a graduate of Gresham High School and Mt. Hood Community College, topped the NAIA in pass reception yardage according to statistics released by the association.

Wills is a Viet Nam veteran who attended Mt. Hood after leaving the service.

Wills averaged 110.1 yards per game in receptions, four yards more than his nearest competitor.

In some areas of India, death in the first year of life runs as high as 200 per 1,000 live births. The rate is 20 in the U.S.



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McKinnon Enterprises	39 17	Ore. Tri Savs	29 13
Meier Dairy	30 1/2 25 1/2	Pioneer R.E.	28 14
Swails Pibg	30 26	Dea's In & Out	27 15
Sandy Rexall	29 1/2 26 1/2	Wms Thrftway	27 17
Cedar Plaza	27 29	Cedar Plaza	21 21
Smith Mtrs	27 29	Jennie Welch's Ant.	17 25
Clackamas Cty Bk	26 30	Mt. Hood Wldg	12 30
Wms Thrftwy	15 41	Sandy Furl Home	9 33

High individual game and series: Don Smith 255 and 668.
High team game and series: Smith Motors 979; McKinnon Enterprises 2,796.

Early Birds 12-18-72 Final First Half	
W	L
Swails Pibg	32 13
Sandy Lbr & Hrdwre	29 16
Lewis Hrdwre	26 1/2 18 1/2
Zig Zag Inn	23 22
Sunset Theatre	19 1/2 25 1/2
Hide-a-way Crmcs	18 1/2 26 1/2
Ted's Tekl Shp	17 28
Fanning Chevrolet	14 1/2 30 1/2

High individual game and series: Fern Hunter 198 and 514.
High team game and series: Sunset Theatre 509; Ted's Tackle Shp 1,420.

BIGGEST QUAKES LISTED
The most devastating earthquake on record occurred in China in 1556 when 830,000 people were killed. A 1737 quake in India took a toll of 300,000. More recently, 180,000 died in China's 1920 temblor, and 143,000 lives were lost in another in Japan in 1923.

Damascus student count up

There was a rumor in Gresham last week that Damascus Grade School was so crowded that some 6th grade students were being sent to another school.

Principal Vernon Lang assured The Outlook that this was not true.

However, there has been a rapid increase in student enrollment. At the end of the spring term in June there were 549 students in the school, today there are 635.

Lang said that when he came to the school a year and one-half ago there were 428 students.

The district has been forced to build new classrooms and utilize an older building that had been out of use.

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