

Pioneers hang onto second place by bombing Central, Sweet Home

The Sandy Pioneers will go into Friday night's game at LaSalle still only one game out of first place. The Pioneers kept pace with first place Molalla this week by capturing wins over Central and Sweet Home.

The local basketballers have a league mark of 5-2 and are 8-2 overall this year.

Following the game with LaSalle (2-5), the Pioneers will host arch-rival Estacada Tuesday night. The Rangers are right behind Sandy with a 4-2 record in league standings.

"We are not looking past LaSalle," said Sandy coach Jim Kitchen. "We are playing one game at a time. We have to win the rest of our games this half if we want a chance at either first or second place in the standings."

LaSalle will throw a pressure defense and a fastbreak offense at the Pioneers, while in the Estacada game the Pioneers can look for a more pattern offense and a pressure defense.

The game with Estacada will be the first meeting since Sandy's one point loss in playoffs to the Rangers last year. The win kept Sandy out of the state playoff and put Estacada into the playoffs.

The Pioneers beat Sweet Home 60-52 for the first win ever for a Sandy varsity team down at Sweet Home.

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Other Sandy scorers were Dan Turin 5, Steve Konell 2, Ralph Peterson 2, Jay Gynther 2 and Gary Blount 8.

COAST-VALLEY	
Team	Score
Newberg	70
Dallas	61
Astoria	51
Forest Grove	40
LaSalle	25
Estacada	24
Central	23
Sweet Home	52
Molalla	41
Silverton	41
McMinnville	40

SCORING LEADERS	
Player	Team
Wilder	Newberg
Wickham	Silverton
Perry	Dallas
Brady	Estacada
Russell	LaSalle
Russell	Sandy

In the win over Central here Friday, the Pioneers came from a two point halftime deficit to win the game going away.

This win came thanks to the cool play of Dan Turin and Jay Gynther in the second half from the guard positions.

Throughout the game, the Pioneers were unable to take advantage of shots inside, so Turin and Gynther took to hitting long bombs to keep the

Pioneers in the contest.

"I think our comeback in the second half got a big lift from the student support," said Kitchen. "I think the support from the crowd at this game was just about the best support the basketball teams here have had in several years."

Kitchen said his team's defense again was a key factor in pulling out the win.

"Our offense wasn't hitting and it was up to the players to play good defense and make the breaks we needed to win the game," said Kitchen.

In the game, Sandy forced Central into 32 turnovers.

Turin led the Sandy scorers with 18 points while Nippert with 14 points was the only other Pioneer to hit in double figures.

Other Sandy scorers were Peterson 2, DeMarsh 6, Blount 8, Gynther 6 and Bryant 7.

Top rebounders were Nippert with 15 and DeMarsh with nine.

Both games this week will begin at about 7:30 p.m.

Fast weather changes typical for ski areas

WIN 'EM ALL?

MULTI-POR-SKI BOWL: You can't win 'em all; but how about once in awhile? Saturday's rains which drenched Mt. Hood as they did most of the Pacific Northwest, set up a small lake at the bottom of the T-bar slope. So, a few of the locals, hoping to at least score a humorous publicity gag, set up a plan for a bikini-clad dolly to take a boat ride through the lake the next day. Some even thought of a small outboard, whizzing around the 40x10-foot lake, for water skiing. But then Sunday dawned clear and beautiful. With the rain stopped, the lake silently flushed away into the ground.

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SANDY'S GARY Blount gets a little help from behind from a Central player as he tries to pass underneath to teammate Alan

Nippert (34). Blount has been starting at both a forward and guard for the Pioneers this year.

(Post photo)



SANDY PLAYERS and fans show emotions as the pioneers earned seventh win of the season 60-51 over Central. The

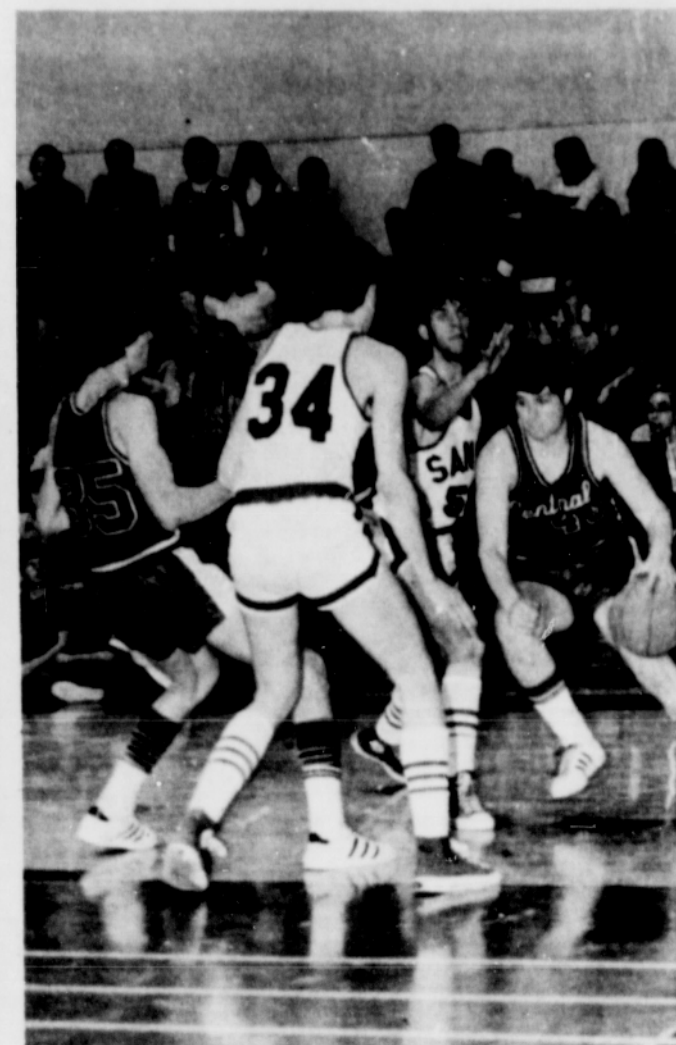
Pioneers scored 39 points in the second half to earn the victory after trailing 23-21 at half.

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SANDY'S DAN Turin (22) leaps to get a pass off over guard of Central player. Turin played one of his best games of the year in leading the Pioneers to league win over Central. Turin finished the night with 18 points, most of them on long bombs.

(Post photo)



CENTRAL PLAYER tries to drive the baseline against Sandy defenders Alan Nippert (34) and Joe DeMarsh. The Pioneers used a strong third and fourth quarters to kill Central's hope for an upset last Friday night 60-51.

(Post photo)

Cold shooting kills Pioneers

The Sandy JV's ran into a cold shooting spell against Central Friday and were defeated 53-30.

The young Pioneers could manage only 22 per cent from the field and only 28 per cent from the free throw line in shooting for the night.

The game marked the first time this year for several frosh players on the Sandy JV roster.

Coach Dennis Warren said he was disappointed because the Pioneers were unable to hit the

open shots and this caused the team to lose.

Leading scorer for Sandy was Craig Lundy with seven points. Other scorers were Covey 1, Keopke 4, Miller 4, Hayes 4, Peterson 4, Anderson 2, Ueley 4, and Baylis.

Top rebounders were Miller with six and Lundy and Baylis with five each.

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