

Sandy meets Molalla Friday for first half title

The Sandy Pioneers will host Molalla Friday night in a showdown game to determine the first half winner of the Eastern Division basketball standings.

The Pioneers and Indians tied with 8-2 records in the first half play and the winner of Friday night's game will be termed the first place team. Earlier this year the Indians handed Sandy one of the Pioneer's three losses this year.

The Pioneers will enter the game with a 1-1 second half record after dropping Forest Grove in a thriller 55-54 and falling to Dallas 62-54 on Tuesday night.

For the season, the Pioneers have an 11-3 record which is the best record on their side of the Coast-Valley League.

Following the big game with Molalla, the Pioneers will host Canby on Tuesday night. Both games will begin around 7:30 p.m. following the JV contests.

Coach Jim Kitchen will have to get his players up after the disappointing loss to Dallas in order to come out a winner Friday night.

"I look for a tough man to man pressing defense," said Kitchen, "when we lost to them down there we were hurt by their press."

Kitchen is also counting on his big men to take control of the boards.

"If we are to win, we must stop them from getting a second shot and we must get our second shot on the rebounds," said Kitchen.

In the come-from-behind win over Forest Grove, junior guard Dan Turin played an outstanding game.

Turin hit for 24 points, mostly on long bombs, which included two clutch free throws to win the game with less than 25 seconds to go.

The junior guard was 11 for 23 from the field, but overall the Pioneers had an off night offensively hitting on only 37 percent of their attempts from the field.

"The Vikings made us work on the outside," said Kitchen, "and Dan (Turin) responded when we needed him with good outside shooting."

Forest Grove is one of the first teams this year to beat the Pioneers on the boards 36 to 28. Sandy was the leading rebounding team in the league during the first half of play.

After taking a first quarter lead, the Pioneers quickly fell behind in the second quarter and remained that way until the final seconds of the game.

Turin hit his two free throws

to give Sandy the lead at 55-54 and with six seconds to go Ralph Peterson had a chance to put the game away with a one and one free throw chance.

Peterson missed his first shot and the Vikings got the rebound and took one last shot that hit the rim and bounced off no good with no time remaining to give the Pioneers a comeback win.

Scorers for Sandy were Peterson 6, Alan Nippert 11, Turin 24, Gary Blount 2, Jay Gynther 6, Randy Bryant 4 and Joe DeMarsh 2.

Nippert led the team in rebounds with nine while Peterson got six.

A poor second half performance spelled defeat at Dallas. The Pioneers went into the third period with a 31-26 lead and came out of it behind 46-43.

The Pioneers were unable to make up the difference in the final stanza as the Dragons increased their lead and won the game going away.

Nippert had a good night for the Pioneers as he hit for 24 points on 12 of 15 shots from the field and collected a team high 13 rebounds.

The Pioneers won the rebound battle 39 to 28 for the game, but turnovers hurt the Pioneers during the second half.

Nippert was the only Pioneer able to get into double figures as the outside shooting failed to come through in this game.

Scoring for Sandy were Nippert 24, Peterson 6, Turin 3, Blount 8, Bryant 5, Gynther 2, and DeMarsh 6.

Meanwhile, the Dragons were able to get three men in double figures.

In the first half of league play, Nippert ended up the

second leading rebounder with a 11.9 average and fifth in scoring with a 15.2 average.

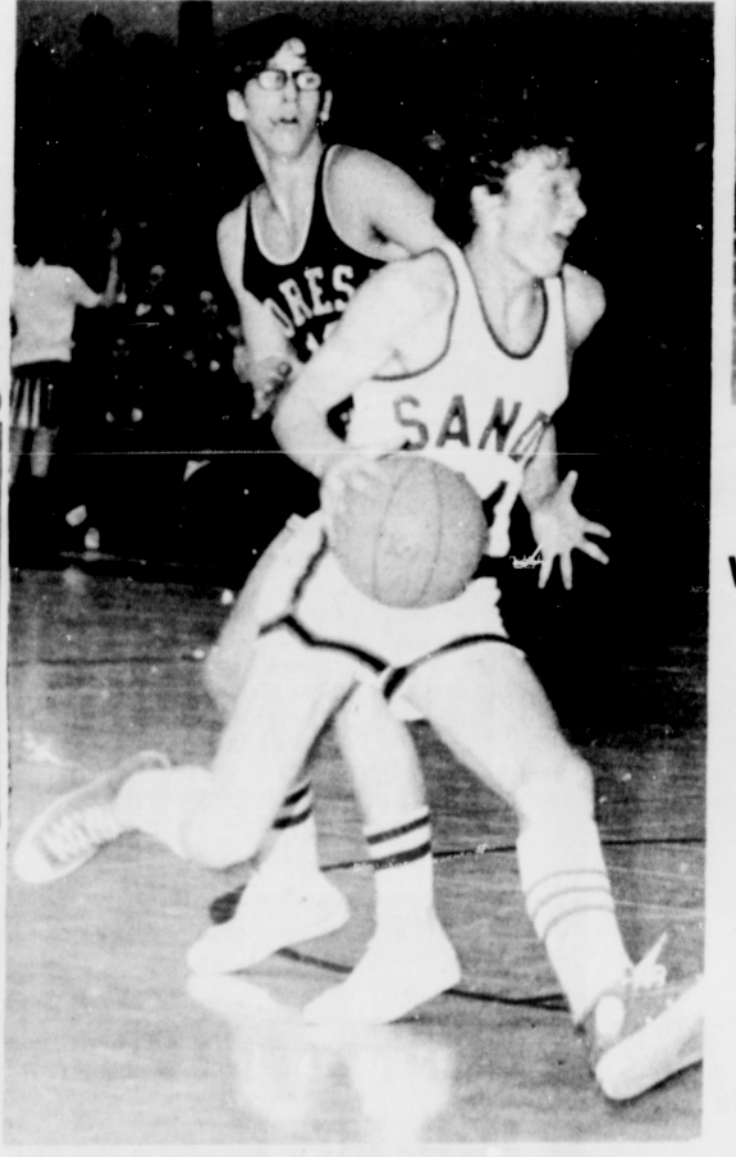
DeMarsh had a 9.1 rebound average to place fifth in league, while Turin with an 11 point average was 14th in the scoring race.

The Pioneers are the fifth best defensive team in the league allowing an average of 49 points per game.



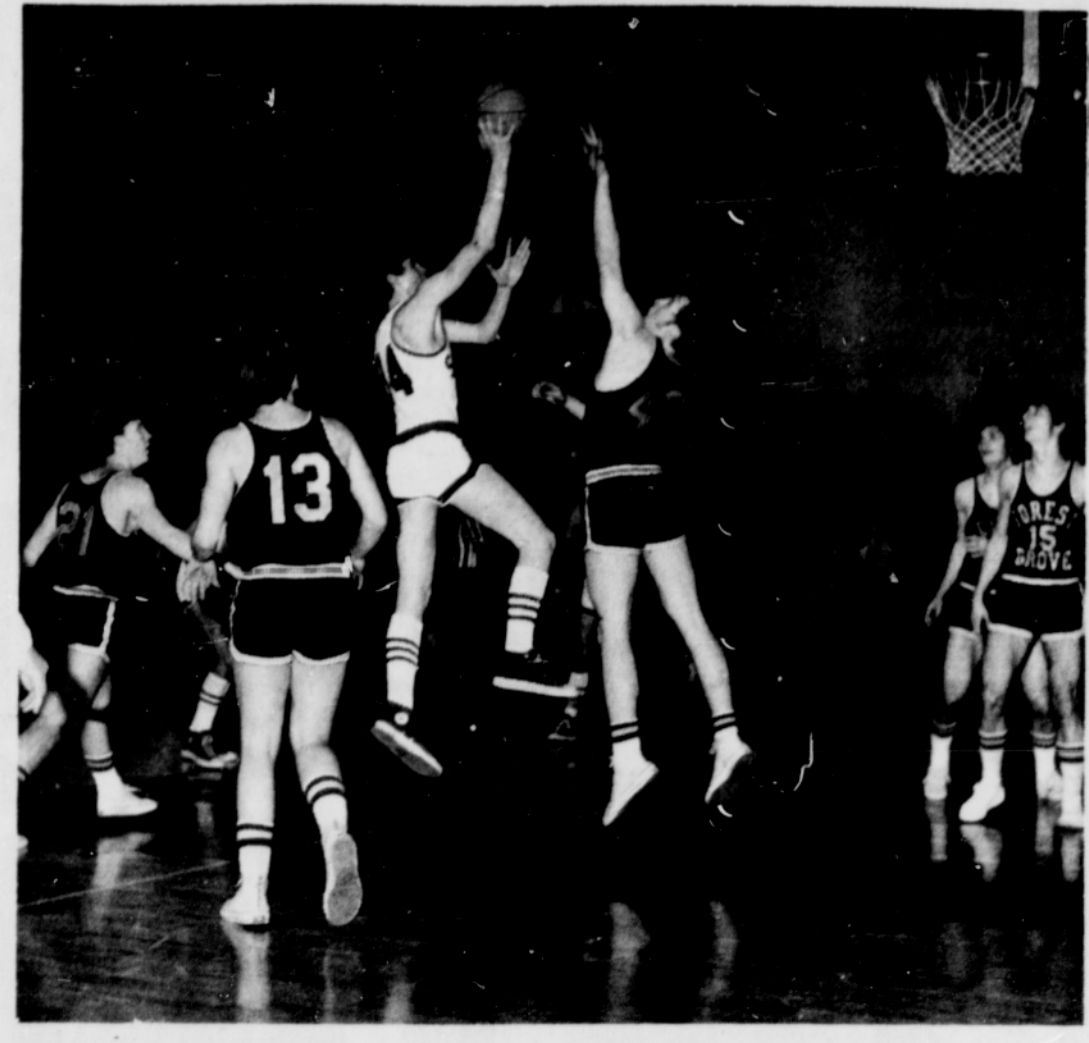
SANDY'S JAY Gynther gets ready to put up a lay in action against Forest Grove. The Pioneers will meet Molalla Friday night here in a battle for the first half division championship.

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GARY BLOUNT gets around his defender in game with Forest Grove. Blount will be in the starting lineup when the Pioneers host Molalla and Canby this week.

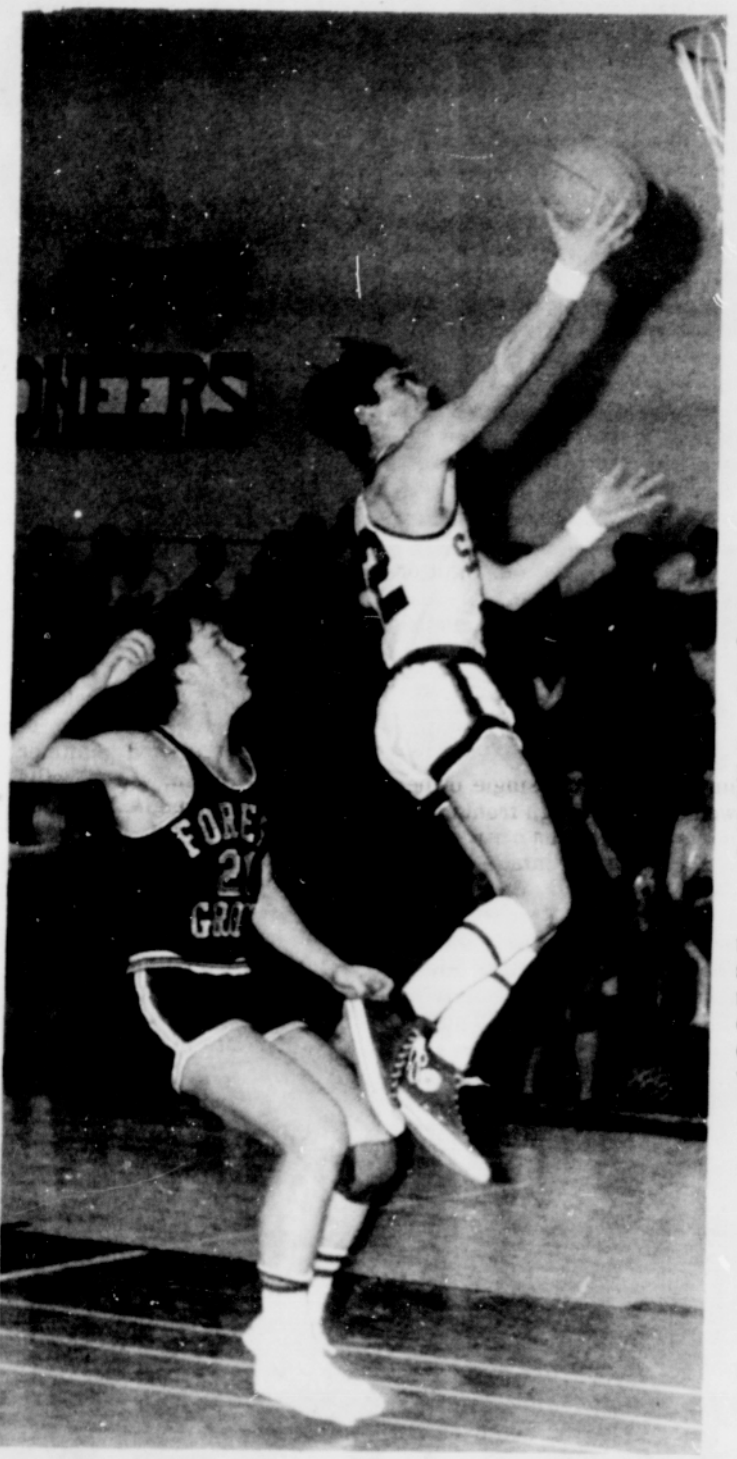
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ALAN NIPPERT puts up jump shot in win over Forest Grove. The junior center had several key points and rebounds in the win and had a 24 point night in the loss to Dallas

on Tuesday. The Pioneers meet Molalla and Canby this week at home.

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SANDY'S DAN Turin goes for easy lay in win over Forest Grove. Turin hit for 24 points in win and hit the two free throws that gave Sandy the win.

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Bowling News

Hoodland Hoppers		
1-31-73		
Bowmans	W	L
Hoodland AG Mkt	62	22
Bert's Bty Shop	51	33
Inn Between	46	38
Cats Meow	44 1/2	39 1/2
Hoodland TV	44	40
Zig Zag Inn	42	41
Brightwood Garage	41	43
Glos Ford	40	44
Mary Jo Shop	39 1/2	44 1/2
Carlson's Chev	37 1/2	46 1/2
Log Lodge	29 1/2	54 1/2
High team game and series:	26	58
Inn Between 774 and 2,141.		
High individual game and series: (Scratch) Ruby Langlois 199 and 524. (Handicap) Betty Burton 222 and 630.		

Sandy Men's		
2-1-73		
Meier Dairy	W	L
Sandy Rexall	16	4
Clackamas Co. Bank	12	8
Cedar Plaza	12	8
Williams Thriftway	11	9
McKinnon Entr.	9	11
Swails Pibg	8	12
Smith Motors	7	13
High individual game and series: Elton Leavitt 245 and 639.	5	15
High team game and series: Meier Dairy 935 and McKinnon Ent. 2,748.		

Mt. Hooders		
2-1-73		
Dea's In and Out	W	L
Pioneer R.E.	13	5
Ore. Trail Sav.	12	6
Wms Thriftway	10	8
Cedar Plaza	9	6
Sandy Fnl Home	8	10
Jennie Welch's Ant.	8	10
Mt. Hood Welding	7	8
High individual game and series: Vi Markwell 233 and 588.	2	16
High team game and series: Cedar Plaza 916 and 2,613.		

Early Birds		
2-5-73		
Sandy Lbr & Hrdwre	W	L
Ted's Tackle Shop	12	3
Sunset Theatre	10	5
Lewis Hardware	9	6
Fanning Chev.	8	7
Swails Pibg	7	8
Hide-a-way Ceramics	5	10
Zig Zag Inn	5	10
High individual game and series: Caroline Duff 216 and 540.	4	11
High team game and series: Sandy Lumber & Hardware 517 and Lewis Hardware 1,500.		

Bids called on Halsey

Bids will be received by the Oregon Highway Commission on Thursday, Feb. 22 for grading a paving a 1.31 mile project on NE Halsey St. between NE 166th Ave. and NE 190th Ave.

Asphalt concrete will be used on the four 11-foot lanes with a 12-foot median and 10-foot parking area. Completion time is 200 calendar working days.

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Saints eye crucial road test

Once in a while one of the best games a team plays happens to be one it loses.

Such appeared to be the case Saturday as Mt. Hood cagers dropped an overtime decision to Eastern Region leader Spokane Falls, 85-82.

A capacity house watched the Saints, who led most of the second half, fight it out bucket for bucket in a two way offensive assault.

Though the Saints came up short, they are not letting up this week. They meet Columbia Basin Friday and Walla Walla

Wolverine reported on mountain

What seems to be an authentic sighting of a wolverine (*Gulo luscus*) has been reported on the Mt. Hood National Forest, announced Maurice Sholl, Forest Wildlife Biologist. The sighting was by David Greene, Portland, who had previously seen wolverine in Canada. The sighting took place during a hunting trip in November on the east side of the Forest.

The wolverine, about three feet long and weighing around 30 pounds, of dark brown fur with an obvious stripe on the head and body, is considered to be quite rare in Oregon and Washington. They are currently listed as an endangered species by the Oregon State Game Commission. At one time they were even believed to be extinct in the two states. Under Oregon State Game Commission regulations, the animal is given complete protection and their capture or taking is prohibited.

According to the Game Commission, early records show wolverine sighted in the Mt. Hood area in 1896 and in the Upper McKenzie in 1912. Sightings dropped off until the animal was thought to be extinct. Then in 1965, near Three Fingered Jack in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness, a wolverine was killed, and in 1969, one was accidentally caught in a trap near Broken Top in the Three Sisters Wilderness and had to be destroyed.

"We are purposely not saying where this wolverine was sighted," says Sholl, "so that its territory won't be invaded by people. With so few left in the state, they need all the protection we can give them. The maintenance of a wilderness habitat appears essential for the survival of this species. The reduction of needed habitat is causing reduction in wolverine numbers," added Sholl. This, rather than hunting pressure, is the significant factor.

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