

Sandy edges Central, SH; faces Astoria here

The Sandy Pioneers are again alone on top of the east division of the Coast Valley league following a last second win over Sweet Home 55-53.

The win gives the Pioneers a 4-2 second half record as it heads into its final three regular season games. All three will prove to be tough.

Friday western division leader Astoria comes to town with a 6-0 second half record. The game will begin at 7:30 and Sandy coach Jim Kitchen is expecting another barn burner.

The Pioneers last week earned hard fought wins over Central 61-58 and Sweet Home on a last second shot by Ralph Peterson.

Following Astoria, the Pioneers will end the season on the road with games at Estacada on Tuesday and Silverton that Friday.

The Pioneers played both games without Alan Nippert and Joe DeMarsh. Both are out with back injuries and are expected to hopefully be back in the lineup for Astoria or Estacada.

"We will not rush either player back into the lineup," said Kitchen, "we want to make sure they are ready for the playoffs." Nippert is the teams leading scorer and rebounder while DeMarsh is one of the top scorers and second rebounding.

Nippert injured his back in the game with Molalla and re-injured it in the warmup for the Canby game, while DeMarsh hurt his back in a scrimmage before the Central game.

In the win over Sweet Home, the Pioneers used a strong second quarter showing stand-up. The two teams were tied 10-10 at the end of the first quarter and then Sandy jumped to a 30-23 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Pioneers committed numerous turnovers to help Sweet Home keep in the game. The Huskies turned several turnovers into easy buckets and made use of some long bombing by their guards to close to 41-39 to start the final stanza.

The game ended in a wild finish as Sweet Home tied the score with 20 seconds to go. The Pioneers then tried to inbound

the ball three times underneath their own bucket, but each time the Huskies defense blocked the inbound pass.

Finally on the fourth try, Sandy got the ball inbound and then killed the final 16 seconds with Peterson driving down the key and hitting a layup at the buzzer.

The Pioneers had a balanced scoring attack with Peterson being high man with 14. He was followed by Jay Gynther 12, Steve Konell 12, Randy Bryant 6, Gary Schwartz 2, Dan Turin 5; and Gary Blount 6.

The play of Konell, Gynther and Peterson in the third and fourth periods were a key to the win.

In the win over Central, coach Jim Kitchen termed the win a "complete team victory."

Even with their two top rebounders out, the Pioneers won the battle of the boards 49 to 30 thanks to the effort of Randy Bryant.

Bryant gathered in a career high 21 rebounds and collected 11 points in the win. He was helped on the boards by Steve Konell with nine and Ralph Peterson and Gary Blount with seven each.

Konell in his second starting assignment of year was credited with "super play" by Kitchen.

"Steve (Konell) only got nine rebounds but he was responsible for about 10 more as he kept the ball alive until one of the other players could get it," said Kitchen.

Konell also got eight points before fouling out with about four minutes to go in the game.

"This was an emotional game for us," said Kitchen. "Our two big men were out and we had to win the game to gain a share of first place in this second half. The players really responded with a lot of hustle."

Offensively the Pioneers were cold from the field shooting only 26 per cent, but the defense held Central to a shooting percentage of 33 per cent.

"Our shooting at the free throw line is what kept us alive through most of the game," said Kitchen. The Pioneers hit on 27 of 37 chances, this is the

most free throws the team has had in one game all season.

"This was a tremendous game and we had a tremendous team effort on defense," said Kitchen.

The Pioneers started with a pressing man to man and then switched to a pressing zone after the Panthers had taken an early lead. The zone worked and cooled off the Panther shooters and kept the ball out of the middle forcing Central to take long shots.

Another bright spot for Sandy, was the play of senior reserve Bary Schwartz off the bench.

Schwartz hit for four points and collected several key rebounds when he entered the game for Konell after Konell had fouled out.

"Both Konell and Schwartz for small men (both are 6 ft.) played tremendous on the boards against men three to four inches taller," said Kitchen.

Also, Schwartz just recently

had the cast removed from his broken right hand.

Now the Pioneers will finish regular season play with Astoria here on Friday, Estacada there on Tuesday and Silverton there on March 2.

Following these games, Sandy will enter the league playoffs. If the Pioneers finish first or second in this second half, they will not be involved in an inter-division playoff. If they finish below second, then Sandy will have to face an inter-division playoff before entering the league playoffs.

COAST-VALLEY

East	West
Sandy 4-2	Astoria 6-0
Central 3-3	Dallas 3-3
Estacada 3-3	Reynolds 3-3
Silverton 2-4	McMinnville 3-4
Canby 2-4	Forest Grove 2-4
Sweet Home 1-5	St. Helens 2-4

Sandy 57, Sweet Home 55
Estacada 47, Central 39
Molalla 55, Silverton 39
St. Helens 78, McMinnville 59
Newberg 33, McMinnville 39

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MRS. JACKIE YOUNG is shown helping one of her students in a swimming class. She will be instructing a water baby class at the Sandy pool starting on March 5. Signup is currently going on at the Sandy pool for this class.

(Post photo)



SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR Jackie Young is shown helping Richie Reinbold learn to swim. Richie is five years old and has cerebral palsy. He has had four lessons and is "doing great", according to Mrs. Young. She will be instructing a water baby class at the Sandy pool in March.

(Post photo)

Lessons help youngsters learn to swim

It's never too soon to teach a youngster to swim, according to Jackie Young.

Mrs. Young will be instructing a water baby class at the Sandy grade swim pool in March and already is instructing youngsters as young as age 6 weeks on how to swim.

Mrs. Young has been instructing water baby classes at the Reynolds school district, Park Haviland Hotel and several area private pools.

Her classes at Sandy will be

held each Monday starting on March 5. The classes will be from 6:15 to 7 p.m. and infants of all ages are welcome.

The lessons will cost three dollars per lesson and \$12 per month. This infant program is in addition to the separate water baby swim lessons offered at various times this year at the Sandy pool, according to pool director James Anstine.

Students already involved in the lessons range in age from six weeks to five years old.



CONNIE MATHIS (6 weeks old) gets her first lesson from Jackie Young at the Sandy pool. Mrs. Young says it's never too soon to start youngsters in swimming lessons. Water baby classes are set to start March 5 at the Sandy pool.

(Post photo)

Midget wrestlers slate match here

The excitement of midget wrestling will come to Sandy high school on Monday night starting at 8.

The Sandy high Key Club is sponsoring the event with proceeds going to sponsor the club's trip to the district convention slated for Spokane later this spring.

The main event will feature Bull Ramous vs The Crusher.

Plus there will be three other events including a mixed tag match.

Other wrestlers who will appear include Little Bruiser, Mati Suzuki, Cowboy Lang, Clay Spencer, Dutch Savage and Bill Howard.

Tickets are on sale at the high school for this special wrestling event.

JV's look for victories

The Sandy JV's in recent games have won one and lost three. The Pioneers beat Forest Grove and lost close games to Molalla, Dallas, and Silverton.

In win over Forest Grove 60-56 the leading Sandy scorers were Dubbie Hayes 20, Steve Aubin 12 and Tim Keopke 10.

In the 56-44 loss to Silverton, Keopke with 14 and Aubin with 11 points were the top scorers.

In the losses to Dallas 45-42 and Molalla 68-51 the top two scorers for Sandy in both games were freshmen Tim Veley and Dave Baylis. Both are recent additions to the JV team after playing most of the season on the frosh level.

Veley collected 14 against Dallas and 13 against Molalla while Baylis hit for 15 and 20 points in the two games.

Coach Dennis Warren said he brought the two freshmen up to give them added experience and to help the JV team following an injury to the team's leading scorer and rebounder John Miller.

Miller is out for the season with a broken hand and Warren feels the JV's are missing his leadership in the recent losses.

"Overall the team has been showing both good defensive play and offensive play at times," said Warren, "I think we can pick up some more wins before the season is finished."

Freshmen teams post victories

The two Sandy high school freshmen basketball teams both are sporting winning records this season.

The Red team has an overall record of 9-3 while the Black team has a record of 11-5 for the season.

The Red team has won four of its last five games. The scores were Sandy 57-Central 42; Sandy 53-Sweet Home 21; Sandy 44-Canby 50; Sandy 76-

Estacada 60 and Sandy 56-Molalla 53.

Meanwhile, the Black team has won only half of its last eight games. The scores were Sandy 81-Silverton 58; Sandy 67-Talmadge (Central) 80; Sandy 67-Sweet Home 61; Sandy 68-Reynolds 47; Sandy 46-Gresham 62; Sandy 62-Estacada 43; Sandy 50-Molalla 52 and Sandy 38-Silverton 64.

Sandy grade team wins homecoming

The Sandy Mountaineers' eighth grade basketball team celebrated their annual homecoming game with a victory over Estacada.

It was the team's ninth straight victory which left them undefeated in league play.

Adding to the day's excitement was a pep rally, the appearance of the pep band, and a popcorn sale.

Sparkling the team to its 52 to 40 win were Randy Keller with 15 points and Jon Williams with

13. Brad Paluck gave added support with 10 points.

Last game of the season for the 8th graders will be Feb. 22 at Molalla.

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