



SANDY HIGH School basketball standout Allen Nippert was recently picked for the All-Coast Valley All-Star Basketball Team.

(Post photo)

Sandy basketball player picked for honor

Allen Nippert, 6' 4" junior on the Sandy High varsity basketball team, was selected for the Coast-Valley League All Stars first team. Nippert, along with Tony Wilder of Newburg, Raleigh Larson of Astoria, Ed Read of Estacada, and Mitch Posey of Dallas, were chosen from all players in the league by the coaches.

"It's an honor," said Nippert. "I'm happy to have it." He was optimistic about Sandy's basketball team for next season. "We should have a good team next year. We'll have quite a few returners."

Nippert, who will return next year, was also named to the first team in the Valley division.

Three other Sandy High players were also named in the Valley division selections. Joe DeMarsh, 6' 3" senior, and Dan Turin, 5' 11" junior, were chosen for the Valley division second team. Ralph Peterson, 5' 11" senior received honorable mention in the balloting.

Head basketball coach, Jim Kitchen, felt that Nippert was "definitely deserving of this honor." According to Kitchen, "Nippert averaged 15 plus points and 12 rebounds per game. Although he was out for three weeks with a back injury, he still received votes from coaches from both divisions, some of whom never saw him play."

Kitchen was pleased with the selection of the other three players named to the roster. "DeMarsh, who was also out with a back injury, received votes from only four coaches, but two of those gave him their No. 1 vote (worth 10 points)."

Kitchen noted that "Turin got more consistent votes from more of the coaches," and had been a strong force this season. Although Peterson had scored very few points during the year, "he was a good defensive player, as well as being the team captain a good contributor."

The Sandy coach emphasized that "there are injustices in every instance of all star voting. It singles out some individuals, while others have to give up personal glory for the good of the team scoring." He pointed out several other Sandy players, whom, he felt, deserved mention.

"Randy Bryant senior, came from the bench to score in double figures in eight games," said Kitchen. "He really did improve, and was delivering a consistent performance by the end of the season."

Kitchen cited another player who came from the bench, Jay Gynther, senior. "He should have had some mention for shooting," declared the coach. "Gary Blount, junior, was a starter all year. He doesn't score, but is an active defense player," according to Kitchen.

The balloting for the CVL was done by the coaches in the league. Each coach is allowed 10 selections, each worth a diminishing number of points (No 1 equals 10 points, and No. 10 worth one point.) No coach can vote for one of his own players.

Some top freshmen join a large group of sophomore lettermen to give Puckett high hopes for the year.

He has four men who have run 9.8 or better in the 100. Jerry Fast, freshman from St. Helens, has clocked 9.7, as has returning letterman Don Frazier.

Puckett's distance crew will be a little thin so everyone

College track team to warm up in Hawaii

Coach Jim Puckett's 1973 Mt. Hood track squad begins its spring campaign this week with two meets in Hawaii.

The team earned their own money for the trip and Puckett feels the warm-weather conditioning should help in MH-CC's drive to improve on a third-place conference finish last spring.

should get a chance to run everything from the 800 to the 3-mile.

Sophomores Rollie Russell and Steve Pieren has run 1:55 and 1:56 respectively in the 800. Pieren has also clocked a 4:18 mile. Freshmen Dennis Oliphant (4:20) and Dave Reed (4:21) should make the Saints strong in the mile.

Mt. Hood will have good depth in most field events, particularly in the long jump. Puckett has four jumpers with 23-foot credentials led by Adams freshman Mike Booker at 23-6.

School record holder Glen Zielinski has bettered 6-7 in the high jump. Ron Altishin has done 6-6 (also 23' in the long jump) and Jim Bailey has gone 6-5.

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March 29	Centennial at Sandy
April 5	Sandy at Sunset
April 12	Sandy at Centennial
April 19	Sunset at Sandy
March 31	Tournament at Centennial
April 27	Tournament at PSU

Bowling News

Hoodland Hoppers

	W	L
Bowman's	72	36
Hoodland AG Mkt	63	45
Inn Between	60½	47½
Bert's Bty Sln	58	50
Cat's Meow	57	51
Hoodland TV	56	52
Zig Zag Inn	55	53
Brightwood Grg	53	55
Mary Jo Shop	51½	56½
Glos Ford	46½	61½
Carlson Chev	39½	68½
Log Lodge	36	72

High game and series: Katie Woods 189, Ruby Langlois 509.
High team game and series: Inn Between 582 and 1,657.

Sandy Men's

	W	L
Meier Dairy	30	14
Sandy Rexall	28	16
Cedar Plaza	28	16
Williams Thrftwy	19	25
Smith Motors	18	26
Swailes Plbs	18	26
Clack Co. Bank	18	26
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Briefcase lifted

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MELANIE LEROY, above, was the winner of the O. Robert Bignall Trophy which is given to the outstanding diver of the year on the Sandy High School Swim Team.

(Post photo)

FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE

CHENIN BLANC

This is the week featuring the annual Chef De Cuisine banquet and ball with its customary emphasis on wine. Wine experts and chefs are appearing on television and in the newspapers.

Nationally, this country is in the throes of a spiralling increase in wine interest and consumption.

Wine is unique in that it is a very complicated subject to know, and acquiring wine knowledge is as interesting as drinking it. Custom has dictated differently in various wine producing countries in the manner of identifying the wine.

Wines are known regionally in France where one variety of grape usually dominates any given region. The region is only the beginning. Within the region, the town is next identified, and finally the single vineyard that produced the grapes and the wine from them.

Of course there has to be an exception of note. One French province, Alsace, identifies its wine by the variety name of the grape from which the wine was made. But here too, one must know the vineyard to be sure of the desired quality.

California follows the Alsatian formula in the identification of its better wines. And, as in Alsace, you have to know the producers to get the

quality you want.

German wine labelling is quite complicated. It should not only indicate the vineyard, it should include one of the series of terms that indicate the condition and method of picking and handling the grapes received at harvest time. Knowledge of how to select a German wine is a science in itself. How the grapes were picked and handled has a great bearing on the sweetness, flavor, and bouquet of the finished wine.

It is very rare that more than four grape varieties would be grown in any one European wine region.

When the wine industry was born in California, there were no native grapes on which to begin. All had to be imported. As a result, all the important wine grape varieties of the world are to be found in California, and often most of the good ones will be found in a single vineyard.

A typical European vineyard may produce one vintage, or perhaps two from the same grape but with varying quality levels.

The typical California vineyard produces many kinds, and often kinds may be found growing side by side in California that originated in widely separated regions of origin.

The town of Vouvray on the

middle Loire river of France has lent its name to the white wines produced in the vineyards in and around the town. Across the river is the town of Montlouis.

All the white wines grown in and around Montlouis are known as Montlouis. Both are from the Chenin blanc grape.

There, in the Touraine district, this grape is called Pinot de la Loire. California's northern vineyards in the Sonoma and Napa regions grow quantities of this grape, and market the wine as Chenin Blanc. (You will note the grape is Chenin blanc and the wine is Chenin Blanc. The capital B is used to distinguish whether you are referring to the grape or the wine made from it.)

The soils of these Northern California valleys have been so compatible to the production of this grape that the Chenin Blanc wine from these valleys has become among the most popular of better quality white wine.

But, there is more to the Chenin blanc story. Not only are the classic Vouvrais and Montlouis wines of the Touraine region made from this grape, but also most of the very good white wines of the neighboring Anjou district.

In fact, Anjou grows many more acres of this grape than does Touraine. There are many vineyards producing wine in both regions, so considerable variation in sweetness, bouquet, flavor, and all around quality is to be expected.

So, it boils down to the vineyard again. To buy a good one, you need the aid of one of the many paperback books on wines of the world as a guide. The same is true when

purchasing a California Chenin Blanc. Some firms produce a better wine than others. It depends on how carefully the vinification is performed, the location and soil type the grape came from, and the temperature control in fermentation and aging.

The best come from the Napa Valley region of Northern California. Here, a large number of vineyards produce Chenin Blanc wine. The fact that it comes from this valley is not enough.

I have tasted some rather poor Chenin Blanc from this valley as well as the finest. My personal taste leans towards two that I consider superior to all the rest. These are the Chenin Blancs from Charles Krug, and from Beringer Brothers. Both are located in St. Helena, California in the heart of the Napa valley.

California law requires any Varietal wine must contain 51 per cent of the grape variety named. Charles Krug and The Beringers both make their Chenin Blanc from 100 per cent Chenin blanc grapes.

To get an equally good import, be prepared to pay at the very least, twice as much and look for the name Vouvray or Montlouis. Even then, be sure of the vineyard.

Due to the boom in wine sales in the United States, some lesser qualities are being sold at fancy prices to the uninitiated.

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