

Gymnasts lose to Canby

The Sandy High gymnastics team traveled to Canby Tuesday, where a case of slips struck them as they fell to a disappointing 58.9 to 50.84 loss at the hands of the Cougars.

As in other meets, coach Laura Pihlaja said that balance beam and uneven parallel bars gave the most trouble.

On a brighter note, Sandy's Cher Peck took second in the vault competition with a school record-breaking 6.0 horizontal squat-through jump.

The Pioneer's Caryn Rohweder was third in the vault with a score of 5.6. Canby won the event with a score of 6.3.

Rohweder also got high score for Sandy in the uneven bars, her total of 4.8 being good for third place behind a winning routine of 4.8.

Rohweder placed third in the balance beam with a score of 2.7. Marna Antis was fourth at 2.4.

Cheri Peck nailed down the top finish for the Pioneers in the floor exercise, netting 4.7 and third place in her routine. Fourth was Rohweder with a 4.6.

Rohweder's 4.44 average put her in second place in the all-around category, behind Canby's winning 4.9 average.

Vess leads bikers

Sandy attorney Steve Vess will lead a two day series of bicycle rides in the north Willamette Valley area Oct. 15 and 16.

The tours, sponsored by the Portland Wheelmen Club, will cover approximately 35 miles. The route will start at Mary Young State Park near West Linn and make a loop through Sherwood, Tualatin and back to the starting point.

Vess said that the two rides will cover about the same

distance but that the Saturday ride will be at a much faster pace and is recommended only for well-conditioned riders.

Sunday's ride will be more relaxed and Vess recommends it for most families or casual riders.

All participants should have a good touring bike. Sack lunches may be carried or food bought on the route.

The rides will go regardless of the weather. Participants are asked to be at the starting point at 9:30.



Coaching expressions

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL coach Suzie Kuwahara's face registers various degrees of emotion during her team's

match with Estacada Tuesday. Concern (right) turns to jubilation as her unbeaten freshmen chalk up another win. (Douglas Gantenbein photo)

Pioneer frosh stave off last gasp Sweet Home rally, win 14-12

You've got your Pacific time, and your standard time, and Eastern time, and of course your Daylight and Greenwich Mean time.

Then you have one more time—coach's time. The kind of time when the opposition is within two points, they're on your own two and there are just

13 seconds left in the game.

On coach's time, those 13 seconds can seem like 13 hours.

That's the situation freshman football coach Randy Hutchinson found himself in last Thursday, as the Sweet Home Huskies came within a whisker of pulling the trigger on the Pioneers with just seconds to

go.

"It was a tremendous defensive effort," a relieved Hutchinson said of the stand which stopped the Huskies on Sandy's one yard line.

The final drama began with three minutes left in the game as Sandy scored on a Ray Lowe 25-yard run to give Sandy a

narrow lead.

Starting on their own 20 after the kick-off, Sweet Home marched right down the field to gain a first and goal on Sandy's one.

The Pioneers held on three consecutive downs—even pushing the Huskies back a yard.

Then, hoping to pull Sandy offside with a long count the Huskies themselves jumped the gun, setting up the crucial fourth-and-seven play.

Attempting to sweep right end, the Sweet Home runner was sacked up by Ray Lowe, Mike Contreras and a host of others, ending the threat.

For Hutchinson, it was a pleasing win in light of the considerable adversity his team faced. Picked to lose, they had to make the long road trip to Sweet Home, then play without the benefit of four

starters who were ill or on hunting trips.

The Pioneers were sporadic on offense but managed to run the ball well. Lowe led all

rushers with 145 yards in 15 carries and collected both Sandy TD's, on runs of 15 and 40 yards.

In a game scheduled early

due to school closures, the frosh Pioneers met Silverton Wednesday. Results of that game were not available at Post press time.

Swimmers request pledges for handicapped

Swimmers who will participate in the Swim-A-Lap for the Handicapped fund raiser on Saturday, Nov. 5, are currently

obtaining pledges from community residents. The participants, who have identifying buttons and pledge sheets, will ask supporters to donate money for each lap they

swim.

Each swimmer will be in the water for an hour at a time during the 24-hour marathon to benefit the Kerr Center for Handicapped Children in Portland.

The Sandy Elementary School pool will be one of four metropolitan area locations for

the third annual benefit. A local committee is recruiting swimmers of all ages.

Other locations include Lake Oswego High School, Sunset Swim Center in Beaverton and the U.S.A. Oregon athletic Pool.

To enlist or donate to the event, call 668-5544.

Estacada downs Sandy twice

If Coast-Valley League volleyball has an equivalent of the Portland Trailblazers or the Baltimore Colts, then that act came through town Tuesday.

The Estacada girls volleyball team, combining precision and power in awesome fashion, ran a clinic to the detriment of the Sandy girls, winning the match handily 15-3, 15-7.

The match, played before a large and vocal crowd, pointed up the main difference between the two league-leading teams. Estacada almost invariably got a good set off the Sandy serves, while the Pioneers were often unable to get anything but a soft, "here-you-go," shot over the net.

In fact, premier Pioneer

spikers Nancy Perkins and Jennie Johns got only three good cracks at the ball.

Forced to play defensive, then catch-up ball, Sandy was no match for the thunder-and-lightning Rangers.

"We played good, but they played great," said Sandy coach Ron Grantz. "They were doing what we've been trying to do—get the serve passed to a setter."

But despite the loss, the fans were treated to a fine display of volleyball as the officials called the game fast and loose, allowing several rallies from both teams. Indicative of the quality of play was the fact that not one of the 60-plus serves made during the match was called foul.

"That was the best match we'd played in two weeks," Grantz said. "We weren't totally disappointed with our performance."

Grantz added that his girls should still secure a berth in the tournament by winning their last four regular season matches.

Last Thursday the Pioneers were at Estacada's home court, and although the final results were the same it was quite a different game.

Sandy lost the match, 15-11, 15-5, but the play of both teams was hampered by tight officiating, Grantz said.

While the varsity lost both matches with the Rangers the jayvees gained a split, winning 15-1, 15-10 and 16-14 there while losing 15-9, 15-11, 15-12 on their home court.

Gary Curtis's junior varsity girls, renowned for their come-from-behind victories, appeared ready to pull off another cardiac caper Tuesday as they let the Rangers get ahead 11-3 in the deciding game before storming to within three at 14-11.

But the Pioneers couldn't close that final gap and suffered their first loss of the season as a result.

"I'm not ashamed to share the (division) title with them," Curtis said afterwards of Estacada. "They're a fine team."

On the freshmen level, Suzie Kuwahara's kamikaze kids continued to blow the socks off everybody as they knocked off Estacada in successive matches over the last week.

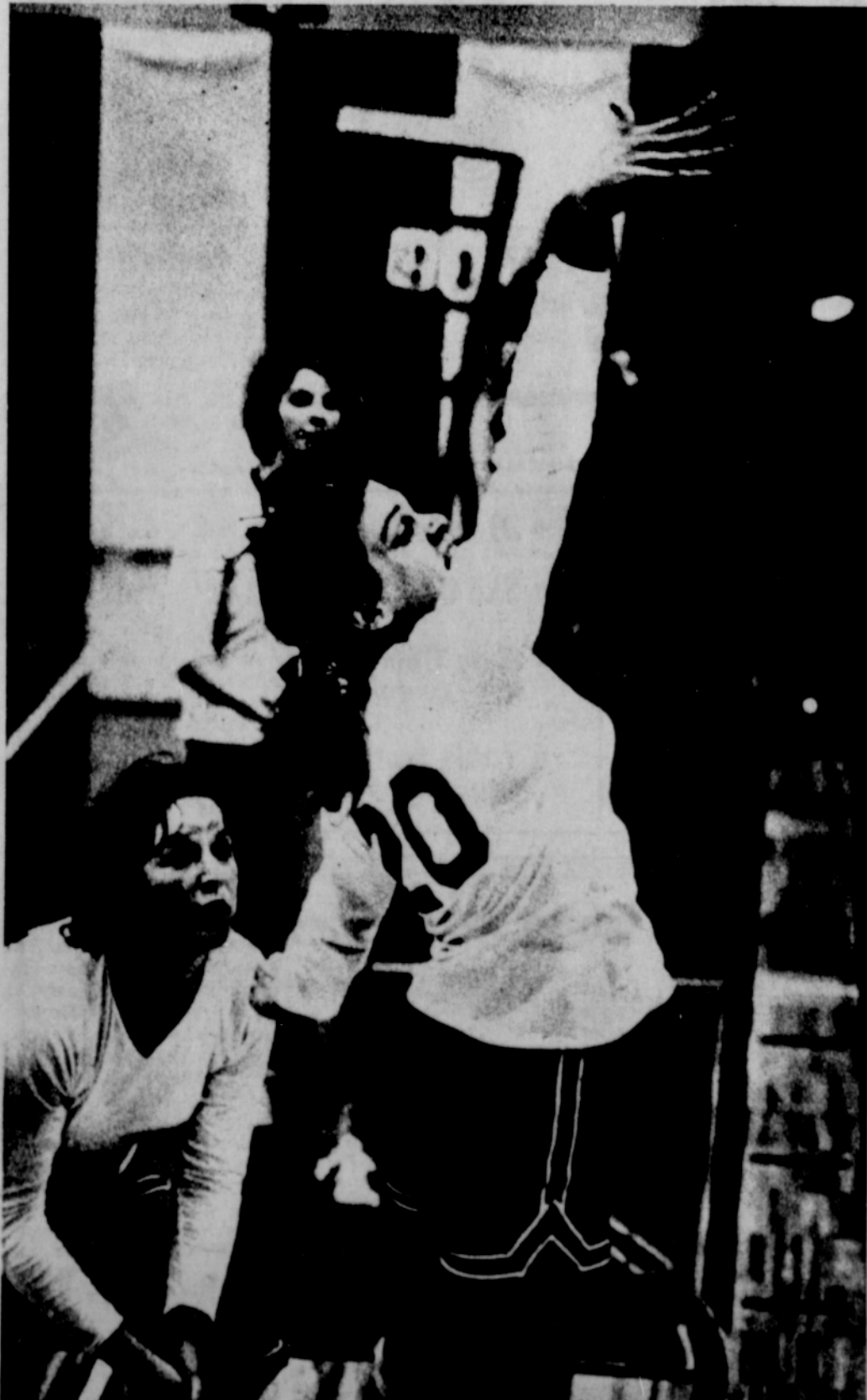
So dominant have the freshmen been that they lost their first single game in six matches just this Tuesday, dropping the second game, 15-9. They won the first and third games by whopping margins of 15-6 and 15-2.

The Sandy netters travel to Molalla Thursday to play a team they have already faced, and beaten, once this year.

In fact, the Pioneers have already beaten all of their next four opponents at least once this year.

"The biggest problem now will be getting them ready for the next four games," Grantz of his team and their upcoming opponents. Game time Thursday is set for 4 p.m.

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ESME JENSEN pops a return to the Estacada Rangers during a match

Tuesday, Estacada, one of the top teams in the state, defeated the Pioneers 15-6, 15-3.

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