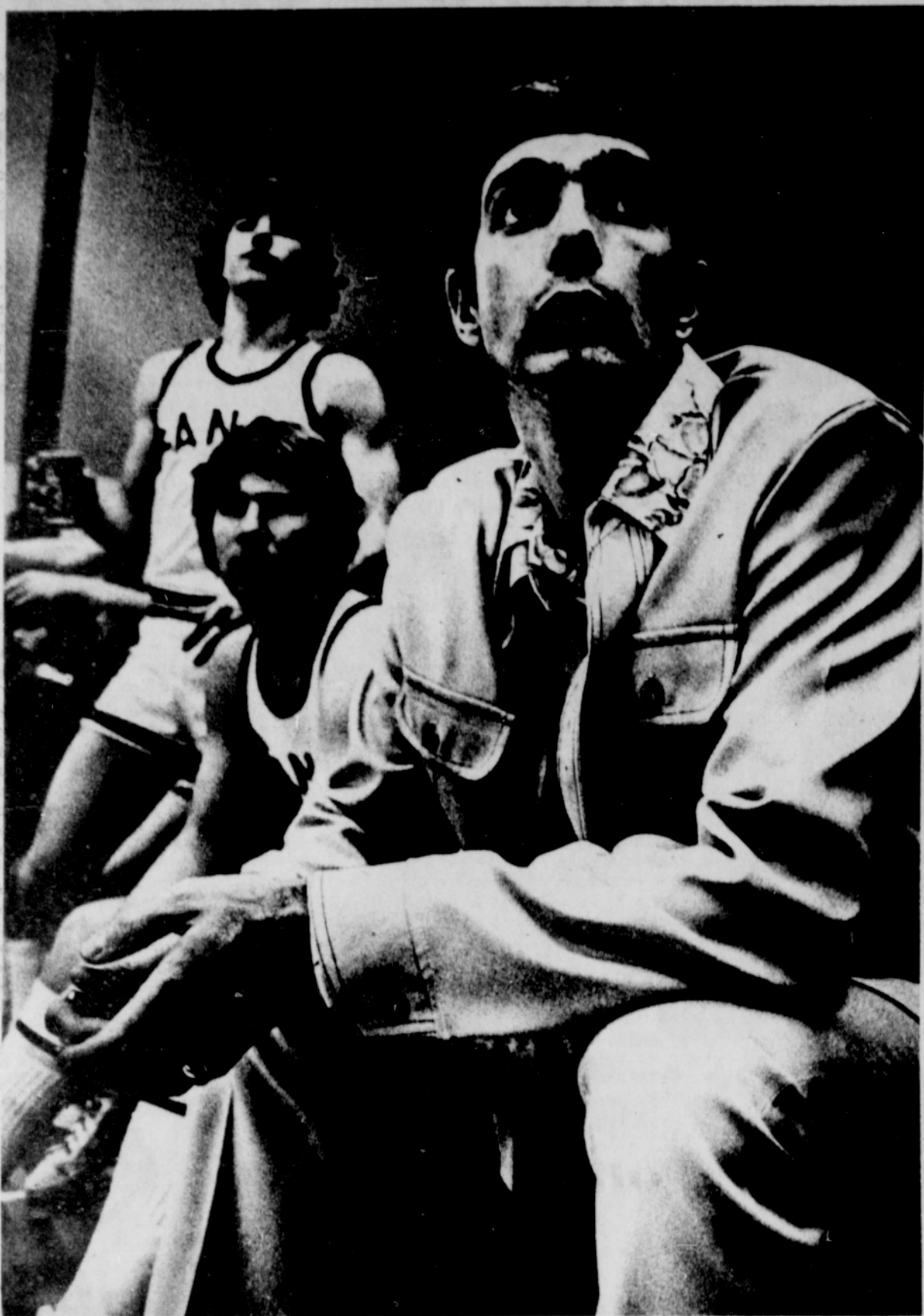


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## Pioneers backslide as Canby, Molalla drill 'em



SANDY COACH Dennis Warren tensely watches the action during a game against Canby. The first year coach has had his problems this year as the Pioneers

have staggered to a 4-17 record. Behind Warren are Mike Martin (standing) and Tim Marjama.

After having fashioned a reasonable streak of respectability with recent wins over Sweet Home, St. Helens and Forest Grove the Sandy Pioneer varsity basketball team did some quick backsliding this past week, losing convincingly to Canby by 65 to 47 and lowly Molalla by a 57-35 ledger.

Tuesday night's loss to the cellar-dwelling Indians was especially embarrassing. Sandy was never really in the game from halftime on as Molalla dominated the Pioneers on the boards. Sandy rarely got more than one shot at the hoop, usually a bad one, as they were out rebounded by the Indians 45-21. Only four Pioneer rebounds came off the offensive boards.

They did the best job of screening us off the boards of any team all year," said assistant coach Bob Keys of the rebounding disparity. "They just flat-out beat us on the boards."

And when Molalla wasn't rebounding, they were shooting free throws. A lot of them. The Indians led at the half 23-18 despite having two fewer field goals. The difference came at the charity stripe, where Molalla had 14 shots to Sandy's none.

For the game Molalla had 35 free throw attempts and 21 conversions to Sandy's meager three of seven.

But it was plain poor overall play that sealed the Pioneers fate.

"It was a case of a team that was a heckuva lot hungrier than us," said coach Dennis Warren. He grimaced as he added up the rebounding figures. "That basically tells the story right there," he said sourly.

"I was very disappointed with our performance," Warren continued. "I thought we were a better ball club at this point in the season."

The Sandy coach blamed a lack of intensity for much of the problem, citing it as a factor both in his team's poor rebounding and stagnant offensive performance.

But he credited the previously 1-4 Indians with a good job against the Pioneers. "They're a much improved ball club," he said. Referring to the

sagging man-to-man defense Molalla employed Warren commented that "if I played us, I'd have done the same thing."

Dan Veley topped the Pioneers with 13 points, while Kevin Peterson had 10.

The story wasn't much different in last Friday's Canby game. That was a day Warren would probably rather forget, as Dan Veley burned his shooting hand in a shop class the morning of the game, then Kevin Peterson sprained his ankle that afternoon.

With omens like that things couldn't possibly have gone well, and indeed they didn't.

Canby put the pressure on early, and by halftime had almost doubled the

Pioneer scoring to lead 35-18.

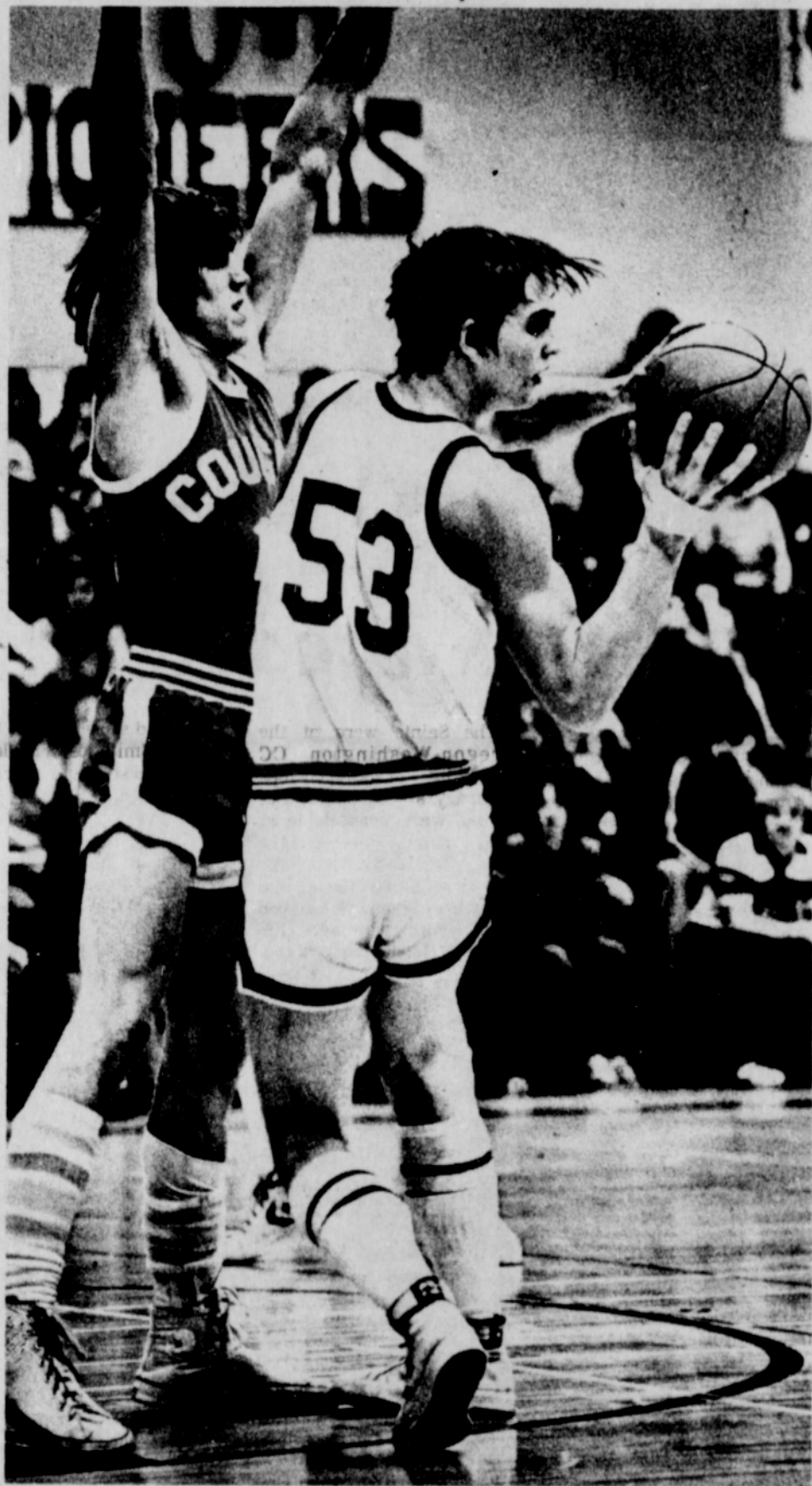
Sandy had a miserable shooting night, picking up just 18 field goals on 47 attempts to Canby's 25 of 56.

"We looked like we did a month ago instead of two weeks ago," said Warren. "We really lacked intensity both offensively and defensively."

Despite the burned hand Veley popped in 18 points, while Peterson picked up 10.

Friday the Pioneers take on tough Estacada on the Rangers' home court, which is no place to try to snap out of a slump. Estacada was a 61-50 victor in the two teams' last confrontation and is currently sitting atop the CVL's East division with a 5-1 record.

Tipoff for the game will be at 7:45 p.m.



SANDY PIONEER Dan Veley finds his path blocked by a Cougar during last Friday's Canby game. The Pioneers had problems like this all evening as the Cougars rolled to an easy 75-47 win over Sandy.

(photos by Douglas Gantenbein)

## Freshmen lose close game to Canby 52-49 in overtime season finale

The Sandy frosh team's dream of a division title fell just three points short last Thursday against Canby as the rooks were defeated in overtime 52-49 in an exciting, hard-fought basketball game.

The Pioneers finished their season with a 9-2 record in league play, with both their losses coming at the hands of the tall, talented and unbeaten Cougars.

But for much of Thursday's game, the Pioneers played equal or superior to the visitors. After leading much of the half, they allowed Canby to take an 18-

16 lead with two minutes to the break but consecutive baskets, one of them off a steal with just three seconds to go, tied the score at 20-all.

Canby came out shooting in the third quarter, quickly running up a 29-22 margin. But the Pioneers retaliated with some big guns of their own, utilizing a half-court press and a ball-hawking defense to take a 34-29 lead.

But then the roof caved in. Canby ran off 10 straight points against the suddenly hapless Pioneers. Coaches Chris Knudson and Curtis Heath hurriedly called a

time out to try and get things back together.

Sandy rallied from that disaster to tie the game at 39-all with a little more than four minutes left. The lead exchanged hands several times, but with a minute left it was still a tie game at 46-46, and Canby had the ball.

Sandy seemed to have a shot at the go-ahead bucket when John Martin stole the ball under the basket, but a Pioneer turnover as the clock ticked down sent the game into overtime.

Baskets again were exchanged equally, but with 20 seconds to go the Cougars got

the tie-breaker to make it 51-49, then iced the game with a free throw to lock up their divisional title.

"We played a good game but it was sure a sad way to end the season," coach Knudson said after the loss. "So much was depending on it."

Gracious in defeat, Knudson called the Cougars "a fine ball club."

But the Sandy coach saved most of his praise for his own troops, complimenting them on their defense of Canby's two six-foot three plus men. Sandy's Ray Lowe fought to a standoff with Cougar Gary

Martenson, matching the big center point for point as each collected 19 to lead their teams.

John Martin also chipped in 14 points along with a fine job at running the Sandy offense.

"I thought we had an extremely good year," coach Knudson said of the freshmen team, which finished the season with a 12-4 overall record. "The kids improved a lot and really worked hard."

"I enjoyed coaching them and I think they're going to be a fine basketball team for the next couple of years."

The freshmen Red team also enjoyed a successful season, finishing with a 5-1 league record to tie Canby for first place in the division.

## Saints top Centralia CC, 82-70

Wins are essential and Mt. Hood Community College's male basketballers delivered a big one by shelling division-leading Centralia CC 82-70 last Saturday.

The Saints could have used another win Wednesday at Highline CC (results

unavailable at press time) and need one more at Lower Columbia CC in Longview, Wash. Saturday at 8 p.m.

Now 7-5 in the Coastal Division, the Saints (16-8 overall) sit behind Centralia at 9-3 and are tied with Highline and Lower

Columbia for second place. Naturally, Hood can sew up at least second and a sure tourney berth in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College (NWAACC) championships with two wins.

Losses could complicate

matters with ties in the standings. A system for breaking all ties will be devised Thursday by the league.

Saint coach Herb Booth figures Centralia has two routes to follow after the loss Saturday.

"It (the loss) will either make them question their ability or fire them up," he said.

The win fired up Mt. Hood. The Saints sat 42-29 at halftime and played the foe even through the second half.

Jack Paola picked up six key first half rebounds and then shot 8-10 from the field the second half. Rich Wilson directed the offense and had 10-15 field shooting, 21 points and nine assists.

Wilson and Rob Holstrom combined for 33 points, 16 assists and only three turnovers in the Saint backcourt.

Hood shot 38-67 from the field (.567) and Centralia matched it at 31-54 (.574). But the opponent failed on the boards where the Saints had a 40-20 edge.

## JV squad blows lead to Molalla

The higher you get, the farther you have to fall might be the motto of Sandy's junior varsity team this week. After defeating an excellent Canby squad last week they completely collapsed in the second half Tuesday against Molalla, blowing a 14-point lead on their way to a 59-38 loss.

Turnovers and poor defense proved to be the main culprits in the loss as Sandy gave the ball up 55 times during ball game and yielded 26 points during the final quarter, scoring only three themselves during that time.

"We were intimidated by a club that was shorter than we and less talented," fumed coach Russ Collins after the loss. "It's the worst game I've seen us play this year."

Indicative of the effect the turnovers had on the Pioneers was the game's shooting statistics, which showed that Sandy outshot Molalla percentage-wise both from the field (48 to 40

percent) and the free throw line (67 to 38 percent). But the Indians just were given too many golden opportunities by bad Sandy passes.

Tom Curtis was the team's "one bright spot," said Collins. The big sophomore got 14 points and hauled down 17 rebounds. Lee Godfrey took scoring honors for Sandy with 16.

The loss was especially startling in light of Friday's

55-52 win over Canby, a team Sandy had previously lost to.

In a hard fought game, Canby nursed a narrow 31-29 lead at halftime but was unable to shake the Pioneers, who pulled away late in the game for the win.

"We had a very consistent, solid basketball game," Collins said.

Sandy had less than 20 turnovers in the game and stayed out of foul trouble throughout the contest.

Godfrey was again high point man for Sandy with 19 tallies. Curtis had 10 and Rick Martin 12 for the Pioneers.

Now 9-9 for the season, Sandy plays the first of their last two games this Friday against Estacada, a team they narrowly beat last month by a 61-60 score.

Tipoff for the Ranger contest will be at 6 p.m. on Estacada's home court.

## Buswell, Blackford top Sandy seeds on eve of district wrestling tourney

Rayth Buswell and Bill Blackford will be Sandy High's top-seeded wrestlers in this weekend's Coast-Valley league district tournament.

Buswell, 166 pounds, and Blackford, 148 pounds, both go into the tournament as second-seeds, which means they'll have fairly easy going

in the first two rounds.

136-pounder Dan Rohweder goes in as third seed and 106-pounder John Sandy rounds out the seeded Pioneers in the fourth position.

The dubious honor of having the toughest opening match goes to Dave Doty in the 123-pound bracket. Doty

goes against Estacada's Chris Taylor, the defending state champion.

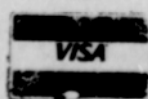
The tournament begins Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Canby High, and continues through Saturday with wrestling beginning at 1 p.m. Friday and noon the following day.

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