

# Volleyballers take 2nd in tourney

The Sandy High girls volleyball team took on some of the top teams in the state last week and proved that it can compete with the best of them.

The Pioneers traveled to Dallas Thursday and blasted the Dragons out of the gym 15-4, 15-12. Sandy then placed 2nd in a tournament it hosted at the Pioneer gym.

"Most everyone picked Dallas as the team to beat in the other division," coach Ron Grantz said. "They've got just about everyone back from last year, including Kathy Hill who was all-league for two years.

"But Dallas wasn't quite as strong as I thought," he added. "It was trying a more complicated offense—much like ours when we started this fall—and their girls were a bit confused.

"They're at the same point we were last winter when we first looked at the offense," Grantz said. "They were out of place on the court."

Saturday's tournament brought together a strong field including Marshall, generally regarded as the top team in the state, Gresham, also ranked in the top five, and Ashland, which knocked the Pioneers out of last

year's state tournament.

Bend and Hillsboro, favored to win their respective leagues, rounded out the field.

The two-part tournament began with a round robin competition and concluded with the top four teams having a showdown for the championship.

Sandy emerged from the 10-game round robin as the top seed with a 9-1 record. Marshall and Gresham finished with 7-3 marks, Hillsboro was 3-7 and Bend and Ashland were 2-8.

As the top seed, Sandy then played 4th seeded Hillsboro,

winning 15-13, 15-10. Marshall defeated Gresham 15-5, 15-13 to set up the final between the top-rated team in the state and the Pioneers.

Marshall won the finale, but just barely, as the Portland school had to go three games to edge Sandy 15-7, 14-16, 15-10.

The double format enabled coaches to try different combinations of players in the round robin and use the most effective lineups in the elimination events. And the amount of volleyball played (15 games for Sandy) gave coaches a good indication of how their teams are doing.

"We seemed to alleviate a lot of our early season problems—we knew where we were on the court," Grantz said. "Our team has tremendous speed and some of the girls were diving at balls that not many other people would try for.

"Our hitters really came alive," he added. "Michelle Cleland was really smashing the ball, and so was Jeanne Duff and Esme Jensen.

"We're working hard at getting forearm passes to our setters," Grantz said. "It's a difficult skill, but if we keep improving, we're going to have an exceptional team."

# Sandy freshmen gridders beat Astoria in opener

The Sandy High freshmen football team got off on the right track last Thursday, derauling the Astoria frosh 14-0 in both squads' season opener.

Brian Noe scored the first Pioneer touchdown, a 5-yard fullback plunge in the first half. Halfback Ray Vincent picked up the two-point conversion to give Sandy an 8-0 lead.

The final Pioneer score came in the second half as quarterback Dan Martin scampered around right end on a keeper for a 5-yard

touchdown run. The conversion attempt failed.

But it was the defense which ultimately decided the contest. Sandy limited Astoria to five first downs in the game; only one in the second half.

"Naturally, I was pleased that we won," coach Randy Hutchinson said, "but the game definitely showed our weak points.

"It was sort of a struggle for both teams," he added. "There were a lot of mental errors."

Hutchinson felt that his team didn't know the offense well enough, missing several assignments and jumping on the wrong snap count.

The Pioneers picked up eight encroachment and motion penalties in the game. The coach said that the team's blocking also needs some work.

"There was no second effort in the blocking," Hutchinson said. "They don't realize that they have to block until the whistle blows."

# Fish and Wildlife Department makes 1979 recommendations

Staff biologists with the Fish and Wildlife Department have prepared recommendations for changes in the 1979 angling regulations. The proposals will be presented to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in a public meeting Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Portland office of the Fish and Wildlife Department, 506 SW Mill Street. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

The commission welcomes comments from the public on rule change proposals or on any other aspect of the angling regulations. It is preferred that written suggestions or proposals be submitted prior to the Sept. 23 hearing so each commission member can be sent copies. However, both written and oral testimony will be taken at the hearing.

Anglers and sportsmen's clubs are urged to submit their recommendations as early as possible in order to allow the commission and staff time to evaluate them. Final adoption of regulations will take place at a public meeting on Oct. 21. At that hearing the commission would like to take testimony on proposals already under consideration. New proposals presented on Oct. 21 may be deferred until consideration of 1980 regulations.

**Department Proposals**

Proposed opening dates for general trout seasons are April 21 for most lakes and streams and May 26 for coastal streams, streams of northeast Oregon, and a few other waters. The second or delayed opening is to protect migrating young salmon and steelhead or delay angling until water, weather, or access conditions are more suitable. The second proposed opening would be a week later than it was this year.

Under a new policy adopted earlier this year by the commission, three streams have been proposed by the staff for the exclusive management of wild fish. Management plans for these waters will also be presented to the commission on Sept. 23.

The three stream courses are the Klamath and Williamson rivers in Klamath County and Threemile Creek west of the Steens in Harney County. The Klamath and Williamson rivers are both popular and productive streams with good potential for exclusive wild fish management and Threemile Creek is a source for pure redband trout needed to provide eggs for the Department's propagation program in waters throughout southeast Oregon.

The staff was also asked to prepare a management plan for wild trout and other salmonids in the lower 100 miles of the Deschutes and this plan will also be submitted and discussed on the 23rd.

A major angling rule change proposed this year relates to hook regulations. For the past two years a complex set of rules has been in effect for waters with runs of salmon and steelhead. Their purpose was to try to reduce illegal snagging. Department staff and the commission have concluded that these rules have been unnecessarily complex and often ineffective.

New proposals deal with individual problem areas and in many instances only during the parts of the year when snagging is a problem.

The Pacific Ocean is broken out as a separate zone in the regulations for 1979 to make it easier for anglers to find these rules.

Highlights of staff recommendations for changes to 1978 rules are listed below according to species and zone.

**SALMON AND STEELHEAD REGULATION PROPOSALS**

**Ocean Zone**  
All salmon of legal size to be

considered adults and entered on the salmon-steelhead catch record card. Rule to prohibit removal of heads or tails or other mutilation of fish in the field or in transit so size and species cannot be determined.

**Zone 1**  
Fall Creek (Aalse system) closed to salmon angling May-August to protect remnant run of spring chinook.

Tioga Creek, tributary of South Coos River, opened to steelhead angling. Adds five miles of open water for hatchery-originated steelhead.

Dam hole on Trask River closed to all angling Sept. 1 - Dec. 15. Has long been a problem snagging spot during fall salmon runs.

**North and South forks of Trask and Wilson River above Lee's Camp** closed to all angling during summer to protect spring chinook which have been severely depleted under former regulations.

**Zone 2**  
Lower portion of Eagle Creek opened to salmon angling in April and May to provide opportunity to fish for expected large return of hatchery spring chinook.

North Fork and River Mill

Reservoirs on Clackamas River closed to all angling in winter season to protect juvenile steelhead and salmon which rear there. Sandy River opened for salmon angling until July 15 to permit harvest of steadily increasing numbers of spring chinook. Restriction on angling from floating device to be dropped.

**Zones 3 and 4** — no major changes

**Zone 5**  
Deschutes River steelhead bag limit of 1 hatchery fish (those with fin clips) per day and 2 per week. No wild harvest in 1979. All rainbow trout over 20 inches to be classed as steelhead and included in steelhead bag limit.

**Zones 6, 7, and 8** — no major changes

**Zone 9**  
Season for salmon and steelhead won't be set until later in year after run strength determined. Poor run expected and season doubtful.

Rainbow trout 20 inches and over are considered to be steelhead in the Snake River from Sept. 1 to March 31, and the entire year in its tributaries below Hells Canyon Dam.

**TROUT PROPOSALS**

**Zone 1** — no major changes

**Zone 2**  
Seven additional waters

opened to year around angling. They are Benson Lake, Canby Pond, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Fern Ridge Pond, Mount Hood Pond, Timber Lake, and Trail Bridge Reservoir.

**Zone 3** — no major changes

**Zone 4**  
Open Lost Creek Reservoir to year around angling.

**Zone 5**  
Change minimum trout size on Deschutes to 8 inches to provide additional protection for migrant steelhead smolts.

**Zones 6 and 7** — no major changes

**Zone 8**  
Fishing in Mann Lake restricted to flies and artificial lures only with catch and release fishery for Lahontan cutthroat. Lake is maintained with plants of hatchery fingerling trout and there were few available one year ago, meaning a shortage of three-year-old fish in 1979 needed for egg source. Parsnip Reservoir and Threemile Creek closed to angling. Both are managed to provide egg sources for native redband trout.

**Zone 9** — no major changes

**Zone 10**  
Trout bag limit of 5 fish 12 inches and over proposed to reduce harvest of salmon and steelhead smolts. Rainbow trout 20 inches and over classed as steelhead.

**OTHER FISH**  
Permit angling for sturgeon 24 hours a day.

**SHELLFISH REGULATIONS**  
Extend ocean season for taking Dungeness crabs one

month until Sept. 15, the same as for commercial crabbers in the ocean.

**INTERTIDAL ANIMAL REGULATIONS**  
No major changes proposed.

# Cross country teams 4th at Invitational

Both Sandy High cross country teams finished fourth in Monday's Coast Valley League Invitational at Champoeg Park.

The boys were led by Ken Urban who placed 3rd in the 5,000 meter race in 15:33. Kit Howell finished in 17:04, Roger Hill in 17:21, Mitch Elgin 18:27 and Jerome Choate in 18:42.

The girls were paced by Sue Wilson who finished eighth in 11:55. Laura Edgren was

timed in 12:26. Renee Hess 12:28, Carrie Yankauskas 12:45, Teresa Caba 13:33 and Martha Wardy 13:55.

Astoria won the boys competition in 79.00 minutes. Canby was second with 82:55, Sweet Home third in 87:00 and Sandy fourth in 87:07.

Canby won the girls event with 65 points. Sweet Home was second with 73, Forest Grove third with 80 and Sandy was fourth with 102.

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**Deer**

Deer hunting conditions in Malheur County are a complete turnabout compared to last year's drought. Good distribution of water and forage has big game widely dispersed. Large concentrations of deer in any one area are almost nonexistent. Yearling forked-horn bucks that contributed substantially to a better than average deer season a year ago will be noticeably fewer this year due to low survival of last year's fawn crop.

The outlook is somewhat better in the other two 4-point areas, Steens and Beatys Butte units, where there is a fair number of 4-point bucks. But there are also a lot of large-antlered 3-point bucks in these units, so hunters should look carefully.

Silvies and the western half of Malheur River units should provide good hunting with quite a few bucks present. Juniper Unit has a low population of deer and relatively few bucks

available for hunting this year.

Although there was a good carryover of bucks in Warner and eastern Interstate units, yearling production is down. Overall, hunters can probably expect a season comparable or slightly improved in Warner Unit and a bit slimmer than last year in the eastern part of the Interstate Unit.

Fort Rock and Silver Lake units will have fewer bucks available than last year but a good carryover should provide a few more mature bucks.

year. Farming operations and crop harvesting at time of the season opening will have a strong effect on available pheasant cover and hunting conditions. Best prospects should be in the general area south from Cairo to Big Bend.

Valley quail populations in Malheur County are the same or a bit better than last year.

Chukar production is much improved over last year when populations were severely reduced from effects of the drought. Numbers are still below normal however, and this combined with a wide distribution of birds this year will probably mean difficult hunting.

Harney County quail populations look good this year and should provide good hunting along brushy creek bottoms and on agricultural lands. Chukar populations on the Steens, Beatys Butte, and Malheur River units will provide good hunting. Better areas include the South Fork to the Malheur from Riverside to Crane and from Denio north to Crowley. Broods are large but many are still smaller than normal due to a late hatch.

Quail populations in Lake County are down compared with last year but there are still good numbers of them available and relatively few quail hunters. Pen-raised

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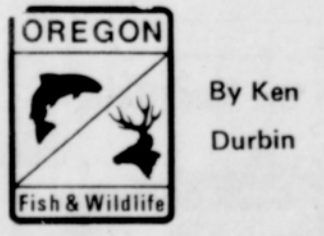
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Prospects in Beulah Unit are substantially down from those of last year. A low buck ratio following last year's season and poor fawn production and survival will mean substantially fewer available bucks.

Deer are widely dispersed through the Owyhee Unit and, although buck populations are fair, finding them will be a challenge.

Poor to fair is the rating for Malheur River Unit where deer are also very widely scattered due to terrific water and food supplies.

Whitehorse Unit is again limited this year to hunting for buck deer with at least four points on a side. This regulation has increased overall buck numbers but the carryover of large adult bucks this year is low. Success will probably be substantially less than it was last year. Hunters are cautioned to be careful and avoid shooting sub-legal bucks. A large portion of the bucks in the unit will probably be three points.

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