

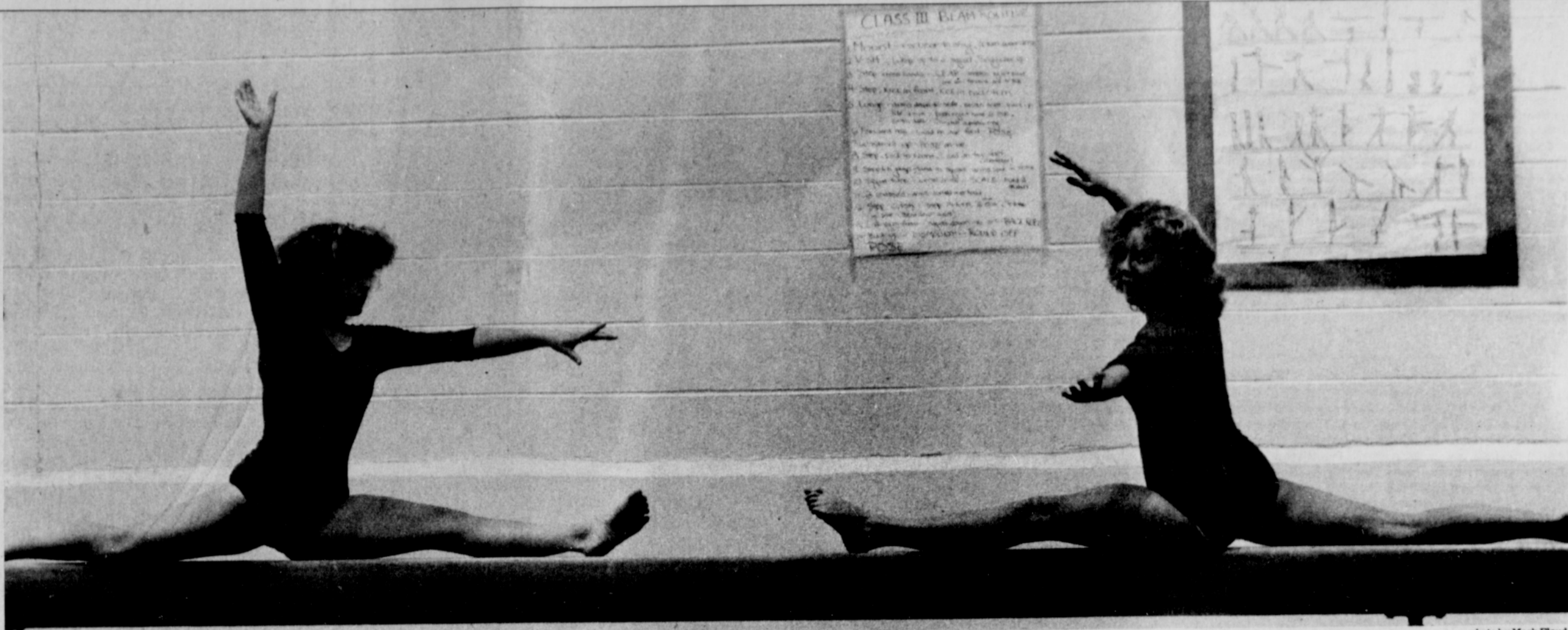


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DEBBIE JACKSON (left) and Kathy George practice their routines on the balance beam in preparation for the state gymnastics meet for grade schoolers. The two Sandy Upper

Gymnastics future in the balance

Grade School athletes are part of a new breed of gymnasts beginning to appear in Sandy's elementary school system. Local gymnasts are now beginning to receive instruction at a

much younger age which should make a bright future for Sandy High teams in years to come. For story and additional photos see page 3.

Gophers stop Pioneer rally to win 71-62

by MARK FLOYD

The Gresham Gophers used some long distance shooting in the first half and the tough inside play of forward Jim Brinkerhoff in the second to post a hard-fought 71-62 victory over the Sandy High Pioneers Tuesday night.

Brinkerhoff's 27 points offset a sterling Sandy comeback which saw the Pioneers rally from 18 points behind with 3:42 remaining to score 10 straight points.

Gresham appeared to have the game in the bag when coach Dennis Warren inserted a few fresh players and went to a trapping full court press.

Rick Fry was fouled while driving the lane and picked up two free throws, Lee Godfrey pumped home an 18-foot jump shot and Fry hit again from 15 feet.

Alan Lowe began to pressure the Gresham guards and picked up two steals and Tim Marjama capitalized with a pair of buckets to bring Sandy within eight points at 66-58 with 1:08 remaining.

But the press that had brought the Pioneers close to the Gophers enabled Gresham to pick up some easy inside hoops as Brinkerhoff hit three straight points to put the game out of reach.

"The kids we had in there at the end

were all guard types," Warren said. "Gresham picked up a few buckets inside, but our kids never quit."

Gresham jumped out to an early 10-4 first quarter lead on howitzers by Brinkerhoff, Ben Cubbison and Steve Lemon. The Gophers' deadly outside shooting brought Sandy out of its zone which allowed Gresham to work the ball inside.

The Pioneers cut the margin to two points on medium range jumpers by Godfrey and Mike Riley, but Gresham hit three free throws to take a 15-10 lead at the quarter.

The Gophers stretched the lead to 34-

23 at the half as they began to pick up several second shots off the offensive boards and nailed down a half dozen free throws.

Marjama and Tom Curtis came off the bench to keep Sandy in the game. The two combined for 10 of Sandy's 13 second quarter points, mostly on driving layins and short jumpers.

Sandy began to play a little more aggressively on defense in the third quarter, but couldn't cut the margin to less than 11 points. Paul Daugherty returned to the lineup to hit three hoops, but Gresham countered with some good passing to get open for 8-10 foot shots.

The fourth quarter saw Gresham creep ahead on the offensive rebounding of Brinkerhoff and Jim Belmore before Sandy made its last-ditch rally.

Marjama was the catalyst for Sandy in the fourth quarter. The six-foot wingman hit for a team-high 14 points in the games and came away with five steals and four rebounds.

"Tim Marjama kept us in the game with some good hustle and his anticipation," Warren said. "He also kept the ball alive several times when he couldn't get the rebound."

Riley also hit the double figure mark, pumping in 11 points and pulling down

10 rebounds.

But Warren was not pleased with the overall defense of his club.

"We had trouble matching up size-wise, and when that happens you had better block off well," he said. "We didn't."

"We are going to have to improve 100 percent defensively," Warren added. "We've given up over 70 points a ball game for our first three games, and we'd have to score a lot of points to overcome that kind of a defensive effort."

Warren said that he did note some improvements in the club Tuesday night. The Pioneers cut down on their number of turnovers and they ran the press well.

What kept Sandy out of the game was a lack of rebounding and some poor shooting. The Pioneers made only 27 of 79 field goal attempts, a 34 percent clip.

"Tuesday was the first night that we've had our zone offense tested in a game situation," Warren said, "and our kids were a little unfamiliar with it."

"But Gresham is a good ball team," he added. "Still, if we would have played better defensively, it would have been a better game."

Brinkerhoff led all scorers with his 27

points. Jim Woolsey also chipped in 12 points for the Gophers. Marjama and Riley were the only Pioneers in double figures, with 14 and 11 respectively.

"We're going to win a lot of ball games," Warren said. "It's going to be a matter of how fast we develop defensively and stop making foolish fouls."

"We got them into an early penalty situation in the first and third quarters and that hurt," he added.

The loss drops Sandy's season record to 1-2. The Pioneers will try to even their record Friday when they host Jackson at the Sandy gym. Tipoff time is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

box score

SANDY 62 — Tim Marjama 14, Martin, Fry, 6 Weninger, Peterson 7, Lowe 2, Gynther 6, Daugherty 6, Riley 11, Curtis 4, Godfrey 6.

GRESHAM 71 — Jim Brinkerhoff 27, Abraham 2, Stewart 6, Krupke 2, Lemon 8, Cubbison 6, Oslund, Woolsey 12, Clark, Urbanowicz, Belmore 8, Woods.

Gresham 15 19 16 21 — 71
Sandy 10 13 16 23 — 62

Sandy splits hoop openers

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde showed up in central Oregon last weekend disguised as the Sandy High boys basketball team.

The Pioneers did just about everything wrong in losing to Bend Friday night, but came back Saturday to upend Redmond 77-76.

"We wrote the Bend game off as a quick learning experience" coach Dennis Warren said of the 72-53 defeat. "The execution of our break was good but we couldn't connect on our shots."

"We should have pulled out of the break, but we're trying to run this year," he added. "You can't back down at the first sign of trouble."

Sandy was in the Bend game for most of the first half, and trailed by only three, 28-25 with 1:30 remaining on the clock. But Bend ran off seven consecutive points to give it a commanding 10-point lead at the intermission.

The Pioneers made one run at Bend in the second half as they opened the third quarter with two quick baskets, but some critical defense errors enabled Bend to run away with the game.

"Tom Curtis did a decent job on the boards (seven rebounds), but our overall team effort was not good," Warren said.

It was a different story against Redmond, a team which Warren said is actually better than Bend.

"Redmond is a better basketball team which makes the Bend loss that much harder to swallow," Warren said. "They're quicker, they execute better and they shoot better."

Fortunately for Sandy, the Pioneers played better than they had against Bend. Paul Daugherty and Mike Riley exploded for 42 points and 20 rebounds in a game that wasn't as close as the 77-

76 score might indicate.

The two Pioneers had combined for only seven points and seven rebounds against Bend.

"Mike Riley did a good job and we got a good performance out of Paul Daugherty," Warren said. "He had been sick the night before."

"I'm pleased to see him make the transition from football to basketball," he added.

Sandy and Redmond battled to a 20-20 standoff at the end of the first quarter, before the Redmond squad took a two-point edge at the half.

But the Pioneers came out in the second half and took over the game, using some strategy borrowed from University of North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

"We controlled the tempo against Redmond by going into a four-corner offense at times," assistant coach Bob Keys said. "And we scored almost every time we went into it."

"But the real key to the Redmond game was cutting down on foolish fouls," he added.

Using the four-corner, the Pioneers jumped ahead of Redmond in the third quarter and held on to post the victory. Redmond outscored Sandy 7-0 near the end of the game to make the final score close.

Riley led the Pioneers with 28 points, 11 rebounds and two assists. Daugherty had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Sandy shot an impressive 53 percent from the field and a sizzling 82 percent from the free throw line. The Pioneers also shot well from the line against Bend, 70 percent, but could manage only 29 percent from the field.

Warren was pleased with the Pioneers' performance against Redmond and especially the way his squad

retained its composure despite some questionable calls by the officials.

"Allen Lowe was brutally knocked to the floor five times with offensive charges and the refs didn't call it," he said. "Then they even called a technical on him for acting."

"He's got a floorburn on his rear end the size of a grapefruit," Warren added.

Grapplers host tourney

The Sandy High wrestling team opens its season today (Dec. 7) by hosting a tournament at the high school gym.

Sandy, Sunset, Cleveland and Sprague will enter two teams in the tourney. Separate competitions will be held for first and second varsity but the points will be added together to determine team placings.

The following Pioneers will compete in the first varsity meet: Dave Kenison, 98; John Sandy, 115; Ray Nelson, 123; Chris Jones, 130; Dave Doty, 136; Mike Martin, 141; Frank Kim, 148; Bill Blackford, 157; Rayth Buswell, 168; Steve Veley, 178; Roger Rolofson, 191 and Leon Wilson, heavyweight.

In the second varsity competition, Sandy has entered Bill Matthews, 98; Kip O'Connor, 106; Dean Fischer, 115; Karl Rohweder, 123; Dan Martin, 130; Gary Jensen, 136; Pat Graham, 141; Dave Kensen, 148; Tim Freeman, 157; Frank Sacosky, 168; Andy Hannig, 178; Bryan Dillard, 191 and Luke Forrester, heavyweight.

The first matches will begin at 4 p.m.

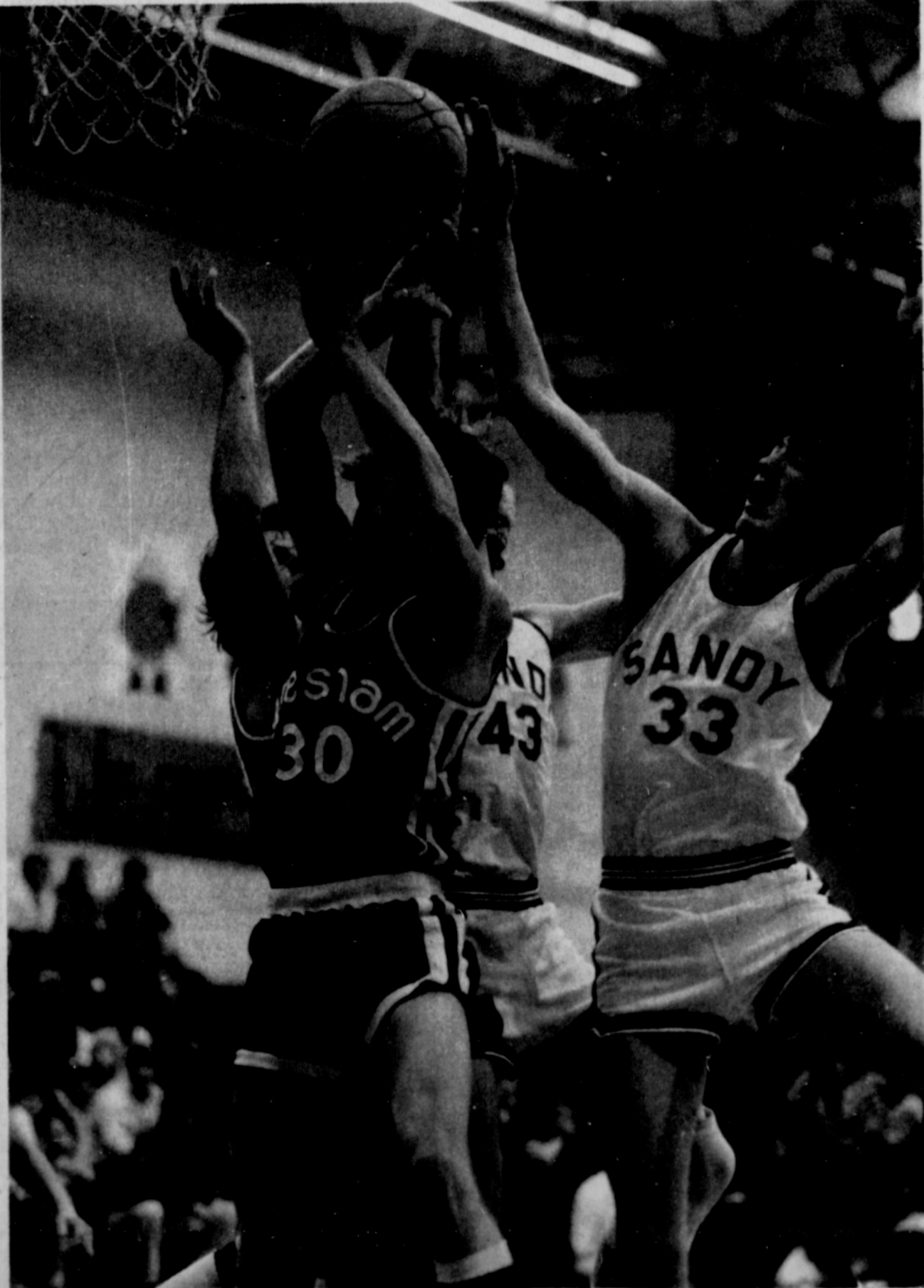


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Mike Gynther (33) battles for the rebound