Marlins eighth at Forest Grove

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club placed eighth at the Forest Grove Invitational last weekend and showed signs that it might be a team to be reckoned with before the season is over.

The Marlins recorded an 85 percent mark in personal bests for the meet, its highest total in several years, according to coach Gary Hidle.

The meet was won by the Tualatin Hills Swim Club but the Marlins had some outstanding individual and relay performances.

Huie Hazelett placed first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:05.5. He was competing in the senior division.

Doug Crane nabbed a first place in the 9-10 boys 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:17.3. Crane was also 3rd in the 100-yard freestyle, 1:06.7; third in the 50-yard freestyle, 29.8; third in the 50-yard butterfly, 34.0; fourth in the 50-yard backstroke, 36.7 and fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke, 42.3.

Troy Hilstad was the other big winner for the Marlins. Competing in the boys eight-and-under division, he finished sixth in the 25-yard backstroke, 19.8 and grabbed five second places: the 50-yard freestyle, 34.7; the 100-yard individual medley, 1:26.9; the 25-yard freestyle, 15.6; the 25-yard butterfly, 17.0 and the 25-yard breaststroke, 20.9. Hilstad broke Blue Marlin records in the last three events.

Hilstad also competed on the boys eight-and-under 100-yard freestyle relay team which finished third in 1:13.6 and the 100-yard medley relay team which was second in 1:23.0. Other team members on the two relays were Paul Hoepner, Rhett Carlile and Matt Woodfield.

The 9-10 girls 200-yard freestyle relay team of Terri Hanson, Donnie Terrill, Becky Hewgley and Noelle Patton placed sixth with a time of 2:26.5.

The boys 9-10 200-yard medly relay team finished fifth in 2:37.8. Team members were Crane, John Tuttle, Mike Woodfield and Dean Haines.

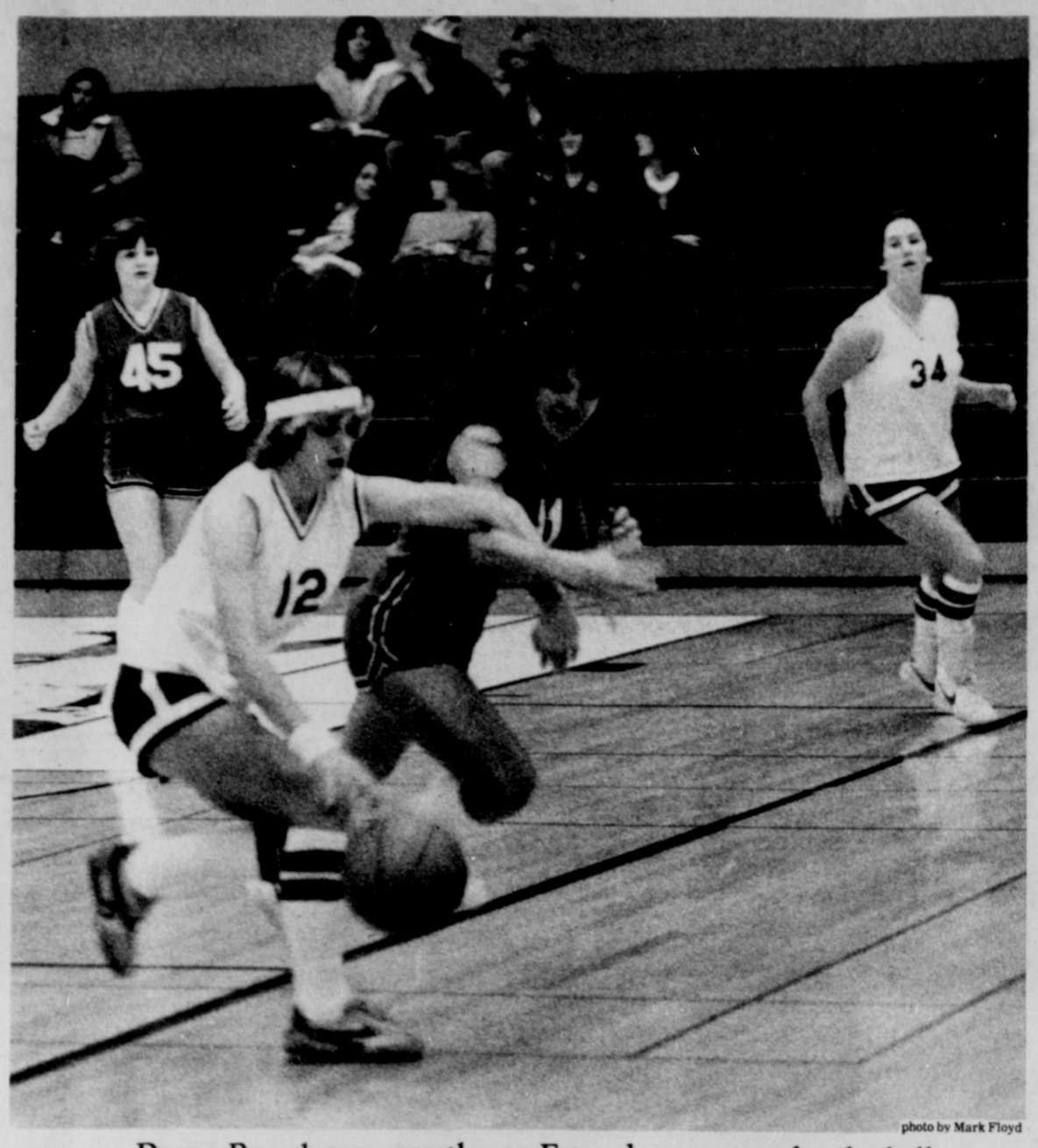
Matt Roth placed sixth in the 100-yard backstroke for 11-12-year-old boys with a time of 1:13.9. He also came in fifth in the 100-yard freestyle, 1:01.9; fifth in the 50-yard freestyle, 28.3 and third in the 100-yard butterfly, 1:07.7.

Gayle Roth placed fourth in the 13-14 girls 100-yard backstroke, 1:10.7 and third in the 50-yard freestyle, 26.7.

"We had about 85 percent best times and you just can't do much better than that," Hidle said. "We've only been in the water for three weeks."

The Marlins will host the Longview YMCA Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. Longview was the only club to defeat the Marlins last year in dual meet action.

The Washington club is helped by the fact that it can use senior swimmers in its meets. The Marlins can't use high school swimmers because of an OSAA ruling which prohibits such action once the high school season has started.



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Deena Pursel arm-wrestles an Estacada opponent for the ball.

Girls take jamboree, but . . .

The Sandy High girls basketball team has had an up and down season — and the season is only a week old.

The Pioneers surprised everybody by winning the Silverton Jamboree Friday with a 3-0 record, but got buried by LaSalle on Saturday 53-16.

Defense won the jamboree for Sandy Friday, but it was one of the reasons that the Pioneers lost to LaSalle, according to coach Chris Knudsen.

"Defense and hustle won the jamboree for us," he said, "but against LaSalle we had very poor transition from offense to defense.

"They fast-breaked us to death," Knudsen added.

Sandy opened the jamboree by hanging on to defeat Forest Grove 11-9 in its first quarter of play. Forest Grove had rallied from a three-point deficit to tie the Pioneers when Deena Pursel came off the bench to save the day.

The Sandy High junior ran the full length of the court to make a leaping block of a Viking layup then came back on the other end of the floor to chip in two free throws to clinch the victory.

Defense was the key in the Pioneers' second quarter triumph over Estacada. The Sandy girls limited the Rangers to only three points in the 9-3 victory to set up the final match with Silverton, which also won its first two games.

Senior Colleen Flach took over the Silverton game for Sandy scoring six points and controlling the ball against the double-teaming Silver Foxes as the Pioneers rallied for a 9-8 victory.

Sandy finished with a 3-0 record followed by Silverton at 2-1, Forest Grove at 1-2 and Estacada, 0-3.

Susie Veley led the Pioneer attack with 12 points and some strong rebounding while Flach added 11 in the jamboree. Knudsen also praised Pursel for her hustle and Tammy Tallard for some excellent defensive work.

Knudsen didn't have many good things to say about Sandy's game against LaSalle.

"Their defense killed us," he said. "They had excellent quickness and started with a full-court press.

"We'd break the press but they'd put it on again past halfcourt and we couldn't get into our offense, but succumbed to the LaSalle fast break as the visitors took a commanding 16-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, and stretched it to 30-6 at the half.

The Pioneers came out in the third quarter a little tougher, outscoring LaSalle 7-6 but could only manage three points the rest of the game.

"We got a little tired late in the game," Knudsen said, "especially the starters — they played a lot on Friday.

"Susie Veley pulled a back muscle on Friday and she didn't score for us Saturday," he added.

Flach, Sue Maloney and Sue Hartke led the Pioneers with four points apiece against LaSalle. Sandy shot a dismal 15 percent for the game, connecting on only 6 of 38 shots from the field.

The Pioneers did shoot well from the charity stripe, 57 percent, but shot only seven times hitting four.

Sandy's frustration against LaSalle reached a peak when Knudsen complained a little too vehemently about the officiating and got tagged with a technical.

NFL playoff picture hazy

by MARK FLOYD
Sports Editor

This has to be the craziest season in NFL history.

Who would have thought before the season started that the Oakland Raiders would be in danger of not making the playoffs for the first time since 1971?

But after Sunday night's 21-6 loss to Denver, the Raiders appear to have a pretty tough row to hoe if they hope to see some post-season action, even with the addition of an extra wild-card team.

The extra berth will put 10 teams in the playoffs; the six division winners and two wild card teams from each conference.

With two weeks remaining a lot of teams still have a shot at the playoffs. Los Angeles and Dallas have clinched titles in their respective divisions in the National Conference; Green Bay and Minnesota are tied with 8-5-1 records in the Central Division. Both have tough encounters for their remaining two games; Minnesota is on the road to Detroit and Oakland while the Packers visit Chicago and Los Angeles.

Minnesota has to be given a slight edge. The Vikings have the experience and a seasoned quarterback in Fran Tarkenton. Green Bay has been a surprise this year, but it has yet to defeat a team with a winning record.

Should Minnesota win the Central, the wild card berths would be up for grabs.

Washington and Philadelphia have 8-6 records in the Eastern Division and Atlanta has an identical record in the West.

Philadelphia has to play Dallas, and Washington and Atlanta will clash. The Redskins also have to take on Chicago while Atlanta is at St. Louis.

Washington should win its two remaining games to clinch one berth. If Green Bay can salvage a split, it would probably get the other since Philadelphia and Atlanta will be heavily favored to lose at least one more game.

Two weeks from today look for the National Conference playoff teams to be Dallas, Los Angeles, Minnesota, Washington and Green Bay.

Pittsburgh has clinched the Central Division in the American Conference with a 12-2 record, tying its best season ever.

Denver leads the Western Division with a 9-5 mark with Oakland and Seattle at 8-6. Denver will probably hang on to win the division since it has defeated the other two teams twice, although the Broncs have a season-ending date with Pittsburgh.

Oakland must still visit Miami and tangle with Minnesota, two teams that have definite playoff hopes and will be more emotionally involved than the Raiders.

Seattle has the best schedule of the three, visiting San Diego and hosting Kansas City, but even a Seahawk sweep combined with a Denver split would only tie the two teams and Denver would go on the basis of two regular-season victories over Seattle.

New England leads the Eastern Division with a 10-4 record, followed closely by Miami at 9-5. New England will take on Buffalo this weekend while Miami tangles with Oakland. The following weekend the Dolphins and Patriots will meet to decide the title.

Regardless of which team takes the title, both will probably make the playoffs. The remaining berth will be up for grabs between the N.Y. Jets, 8-6; Houston, 9-5; Oakland, 8-6 and Seattle, 8-6.

The Raiders' schedule puts them in trouble right off the bat, especially since they have to win two and hope that everyone else loses two.

New York can dump Cleveland this week but it will have to take on Dallas in the season finale. Houston is at New Orleans and San Diego, a relatively easy schedule while Seattle tangles with Kansas City and San Diego.

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—city league scoreboard—

A DIVISION TEAM	W	L
Schopperts Lgrs.	7	1
Coaches	5	1
Sandy Swmrs.	4	1
Sheep	5	2
Golden Garter	4	3
Paola Piz. Brn.	3	3
Corbett	2	4
Ron's No Place	2	5
Naylor & Co.	2	5
Griffs Rest.	2	5
Sycor Corp.	1	7

B DIVISION TEAM	W	L
Clack. Cty. Bank	7	0
Sandy TV & Appl.	4	3
Cejka Hardware	3	4
Sandy Jaycees	0	7

A DIVISION

Schopperts Loggers 87, Griff Restaurant 52

Swimmers 90, Naylor and Company 83

Golden Garter 112, Sycor Corp. 52

Griffs Restaurant 58, Golden Garter 56

Sheep 69, Corbett 61

Paola Pizza 85, Coaches 80

B DIVISION

Cejka Hardware 91, Sandy Jaycees 45

Clackamas County Bank 76, Sandy T.V. 42

Clackamas County Bank 73, Sandy Jaycees 30

Cejka Hardware 66, Sandy T.V. 60

—bowling scoreboard—

SANDY MEN'S LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
The Mafia	26	10
Deckers	20½	15½
Sharon's Pntry.	18	18
Smith Mtrs.	18	18
Sandy Rexall	17	19
Sheppard Constr.	16	20
Clack. Cty. Bnk.	15½	20½
Fire Dept.	13	23

HIGH GAME: Ken Kautz 253

HIGH SERIES: Ken Kautz, 574.

TEAM GAME: The Mafia 1,006

TEAM SERIES: Smith Motors 2,850

MT. HOODERS

TEAM	W	L
Wms. Thriftway	27	9
TPT's	20	16
Sandy Travel	20	16
J. Welches	19	17
Pioneer Real Est.	18	18
Michael Precast	15	21
Calico Country	13	23
Sheppard Constr.	12	24

HIGH GAME: Fern Hunter 207

HIGH SERIES: Barb Johnson 560

TEAM GAME: Williams Thriftway 915

TEAM SERIES: Jennie Welches 2,613

EARLY BIRDS

TEAM	W	L
SJ Pounder Rlty.	30	18
Sandy Shoe Rep.	28	20
Eagle Foundry	25	23
TJ's	25	23
Sandy Lumber	24	24
Alpine Hut	24	24
Zig Zag Inn	19	29
Kicki-Doll Fash.	19	29

HIGH GAME: Tinker Hutchins 194

HIGH SERIES: Tinker Hutchins 498

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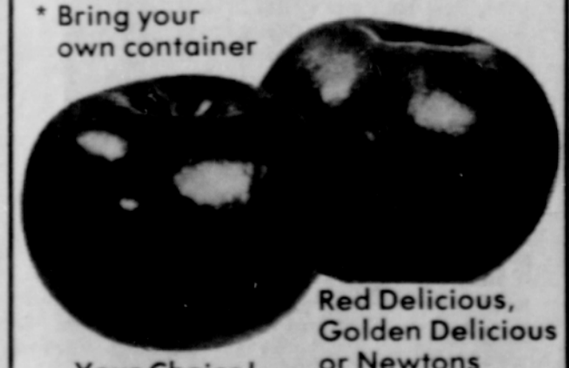
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