



SANDY HIGH freshman Chris Jones keeps the pressure on St. Helens' Bob Peterson in Friday's 40-18 dual meet victory over the Lions. Jones went on to

easily to defeat Peterson 15-2 in the 130-pound match. Eight Pioneers picked up victories in the match as Sandy improved its record to 4-1.

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Sandy grapplers demolish St. Helens 40-18

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The Sandy High wrestling team had a new look Friday against St. Helens but the match turned into the same old story as the Pioneers rolled to a 40-18 victory over the Lions.

The win improved Sandy's season record to 4-1. The Pioneers' only loss was a 30-24 decision at the hands of the Estacada Rangers. Sandy coach Ron Calhoun thought that the St. Helens match would be a close one and juggled his lineup to try to pick up an advantage. He didn't know how well his juggling act would succeed.

"Because of the weather and the number of injuries that we've had, we had to change our lineup a great deal," Calhoun said. "After all the changes, we may have come up with a better lineup."

"I may move Blackford (Bill) and Buswell (Rayth) to a wild card position," he added. "Instead of wrestling at the same weight each week, we'll put them where the competition is."

Buswell, who usually wrestles at 168, moved up to 191 for the St. Helens

match. Wrestling the big boys doesn't seem to bother the Sandy senior much as he pinned Ryan Hinshaw in 1:30 of the first round.

Buswell's pin gave the Pioneers their final points of the evening. Although Calhoun moved Buswell up to face a tougher opponent, the points turned out to be icing on the cake.

The Pioneers picked up some big wins in the lighter weight classes to take an early lead over the Lions and then withstood a brief St. Helens rally to coast to the victory.

Dave Kenison, 98, started things off for Sandy by pinning Rod Fletcher in 3:07. St. Helens came back to tie the score when the Pioneers had to forfeit at 106 after John Sandy couldn't make his weight.

Sandy made up for it, though, by moving up to 115 and gaining a hard-fought 2-0 victory over Otis Chamberlain. Calhoun felt that Sandy's win was one of the keys to victory.

"Going into the match we felt that either John Sandy at 115 or Ray Nelson at 123 had to win for us to come out on top," Calhoun said. "On paper, we had to have one of those matches."

"As it turned out, they both won," he added.

Nelson came through in the next match to decision Mike Hudson 5-2 and give Sandy a 12-6 lead. When Chris Jones out-manuevered Bob Peterson 15-2 in the 130-pound match, it looked like the Pioneers were going to have a field day.

The Lions came back, however. St. Helens' Brent Sharp picked up a decision at 136 and Ty Christie rolled to a 9-2 win over Pat Graham in the 141-pound class. When Ken Parshall edged Sandy's Dave Jensen 5-2 at 148 the Lions were back to within three points, 17-15.

But Sandy picked up a clutch performance by senior Bill Blackford at 157. Blackford kept the pressure on Charles Ingram and rolled to a 16-1 superior decision. Although Blackford was wrestling at his usual weight, Calhoun said that he might use him at 168 in the future if the Pioneers might need the additional points.

One of the reasons Calhoun has considered switching his lineup is the solid contribution some of his junior

varsity squad has been making.

Tim Freeman came up from second varsity and put on an outstanding show, pinning Mark Bezley at 4:10 after leading the St. Helens wrestler 15-0 in the 168-pound match. Freeman's pin gave the Pioneers a comfortable 28-15 lead and Sandy clinched the victory moments later when the Lions forfeited at 177.

After Buswell's pin, another second varsity member competed for Sandy. Luke Forester took St. Helens heavyweight Dan Kimmell to the wire before losing 11-8.

Calhoun was pleased with the victory

and said he was looking forward to the Pioneers' match Jan. 12.

"We've got an important match Friday against Molalla," Calhoun said. "We'll be going the second time for floating trophy, so it's more than just a dual meet for us."

The trophy Calhoun referred to is a memorial for Phil Miller, a Sandy wrestler who was killed in a car accident in 1976. The trophy goes to the winner of each year's dual meet between Sandy and Molalla until one school wins three times and claims the trophy permanently.

Calhoun feels that the match will be a

good one despite the fact that the Pioneers have been riddled with injuries this season.

Sandy has lost three starters for the season. Junior Rick Cherrier was injured in a car accident and is suffering from a bad back; Roger Rolofson broke his hand and Wally McDerned has a separated shoulder. In addition, Frank Kim, a proven performer at 148, has suffered from a sprained ankle and may be lost for the season.

The Molalla match is the next-to-last home encounter for the Pioneers. Action will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the Sandy High gym.

Weather scraps Sandy sports

Even a domed stadium wouldn't have helped Sandy High School this week.

While such structures have ensured year-round sports events in many areas of the country, they would not have helped the several Pioneer teams who saw their athletic contests postponed this week because of hazardous driving conditions.

Deteriorating road conditions forced the cancellation of all events scheduled Thursday, Monday and Tuesday nights. A meeting of the Coast-Valley League's athletic directors will determine if, and when, the contests will be made up.

Thursday's afternoon snowstorm put an end to the scheduled swimming meet between the Pioneers and Newberg at the Sandy pool. A girls basketball game with Sweet Home was canceled as well as the junior varsity contest slated at the high school. The freshmen boys basketball team had its Thursday game with Sweet Home canceled.

The frosh team also had its Monday game with Silverton called off. A trip to Silverton for the girls varsity, junior varsity and freshmen basketball team was postponed due to Monday night's

freezing rain storm.

The storm also put the freeze on the Pioneer wrestling team which was planning a trip to McMinnville Monday.

Tuesday cancellations included an important Coast-Valley League boys basketball game between Sandy and Estacada. Junior varsity and sophomore games were also postponed.

A warming trend is expected to thaw out the Pacific Northwest later this week. And hopefully, the remaining events on this season's calender will be played on schedule.

Basketballers annihilate Lions

COAST-VALLEY LEAGUE

Eastern Division

TEAM	LEAGUE SEASON	W	L	W	L
Sweet Home		2	0	6	3
Silverton		2	1	5	4
Estacada		2	1	4	5
Molalla		2	1	4	5
SANDY		2	1	4	5
Canby		1	1	7	2

The Sandy High boys basketball team put together its best game of the season Friday, burying the St. Helens Lions 83-57 in a Coast-Valley League game.

Sandy upped its league record to 2-1 and its overall record to 4-5.

St. Helens battled the Pioneers to a near-standoff in the first quarter before Sandy's defensive pressure began to force Lion turnovers. The Pioneers capitalized on the St. Helens errors to outscore the Lions 18-11 in the second quarter and take a 36-28 halftime lead.

"We played some pretty good ball in the first half and went up by eight," Sandy coach Dennis Warren said, "but they were shooting the ball well."

"We broke the game open in the third quarter, though," Warren added. "It was just a matter of when our transition game was going to wear them down."

"We took good advantage of them moving the ball down the court," he said.

Sandy combined a variety of zones and pressures in the second half to stymie the Lions, who couldn't handle the pressure well enough to stay in the game.

Warren was especially pleased with the way the Pioneers executed their

zone offense — with crisp and deliberate passing.

"We really had some good basketball plays," he said. "Marjama (Tim) had four assists and Lee Godfrey had two of the best assists I've seen in a basketball game this year."

"It was one of our best games of the year," Warren added. "We put together four quarters of basketball for the first time this year."

The win put added importance on this Friday's contest against Molalla. "Every game is crucial from here on out," Warren said.

"I think at this point in the season I couldn't have asked for a better game — with the exception of a couple of defensive lapses," he added. "Hopefully we've progressed enough to

compete with the teams in our division."

Mike Riley was the Pioneer catalyst against St. Helens. The 6-foot-3 junior poured in a game-high 28 points and picked off 14 rebounds, also high for the game. Marjama added 18 points and Tom Curtis 11 points and nine rebounds.

St. Helens was led by Ed McCarter with 26 points.

SANDY 83 — Mike Riley 28, Marjama 18, Martin 2, Weninger 8, Lowe, Gynther 6, Daugherty 4, Curtis 11, Godfrey 6.

ST. HELENS 57 — Ed McCarter 26, Domenighini 12, Stroh 6, Ames 7, Justice 1, Anderson 5, Moor.

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ST. HELENS 17 11 13 16-57

Ski class offered

An introductory class in cross country skiing is being offered Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. by the Sandy Community School.

Barbara Fox will instruct the one-night seminar which is designed to indoctrinate novice skiers on the art of cross country treks, according to Community School director Judy Sheppard.

"It will just be the basics for people who want to learn

to ski," Sheppard said. "The class is open to all ages."

Instructions will include survival techniques, types of skis, waxing, clothes and what to put in a daypack.

Sid Brewster will also be at the meeting. Brewster is an avid cross country skier who will be arranging a series of trips for beginners.

Registration for the class can be made at the Sandy Community School. A small fee will be charged.



PARKROSE'S PAUL DeKay looks on in disbelief after being called for a foul against Sandy's Tom Curtis (51) in a recent non-league game at the Sandy High gym. Bad weather has

scrapped many athletic contests for Sandy High School this week including the scheduled hoop contest Tuesday at Estacada.

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