

Swimmers nab sweep at Relays

The Sandy High swim team went into Friday's Wilco League Relays to find out something about the new district the Pioneers were thrust into this year. But it was the rest of the district that did the learning.

For the first time in the history of the eight-year meet the same school won both the boys and girls competition. That school was Sandy.

The Pioneer boys won by 10 points, defeating powerful Reynolds. Sandy had 72, the Lancers 62, Gresham was third with 54 and Oregon City fourth with 35.

Sandy's girls had a slightly closer time of it, winning with 60 points. Oregon City was second with 54, Gresham third with 51 and Centennial fourth with 40.

"I was extremely pleased with everyone's effort," Sandy coach Mark Smith said. "It was our first relay and our swimmers were really up for it. They wanted to show the Wilco teams that Sandy would be competing well in the new district. And they did just that."

Another thing that greatly pleased the Sandy coach was the fact that his swimmers recorded 45 personal bests among them. The Pioneer boys won three of the nine relays and took second in four others. The Sandy boys won the 200-medley relay in 1:51.83, more than three seconds ahead of second place Oregon City.

Sandy also took first in the boys 200-meter freestyle relay and the 200-meter breaststroke relay.

The Pioneer girls won three of the nine events and placed second in two. The Sandy girls won the 400-meter freestyle relay (2x200), the 200-meter freestyle relay and the 400-meter (4 x 100) freestyle relay. In the latter, Sandy won by nearly five seconds over second place Centennial.

"The relays gave me an indication that it will be wide open among the girls between Oregon City, Gresham and ourselves for the district title," Smith said. "In the boys, it looks like Reynolds, Gresham and ourselves."

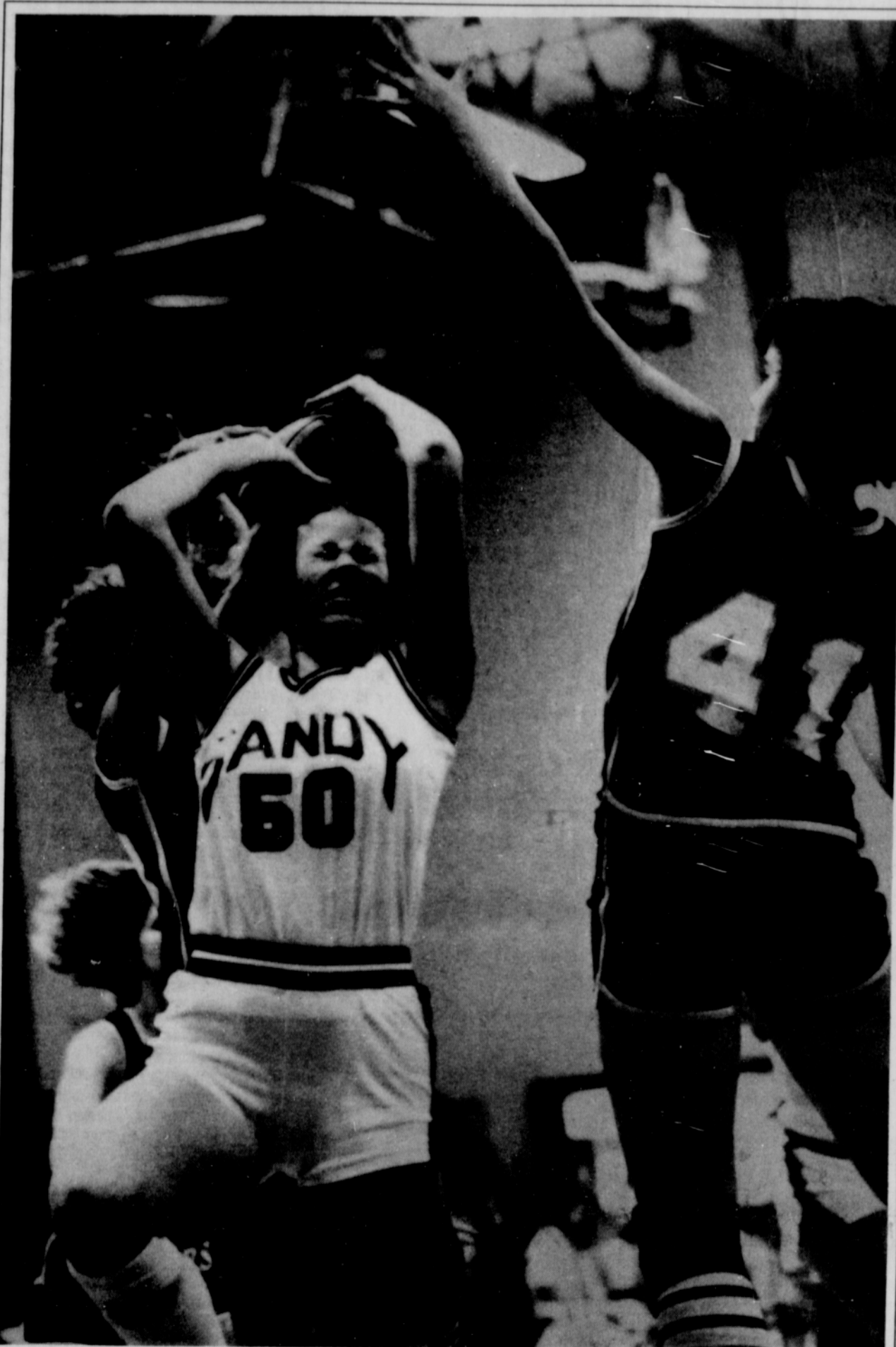
"We have 30 swimmers out and I believe that a lot of our dual meets will be won with depth," Smith added. "Our freshmen have already shown that they will be able to handle pressure at the varsity level and that's extremely important in regards to the girls. They're made up entirely of freshmen and sophomores."

"We now need to put our efforts into dual meets and work hard on that phase of our training," Smith said. "We'll go through the hard work phase then hit the tapering process in early February — just before district and state."

Smith also feels that the Relays helped him to figure out where many of his swimmers will compete this year. He was also pleasantly surprised to learn that in many of the events, such as the boys 200-medley relay, Sandy is stronger than at first suspected.

The Pioneers will be at home Thursday for a dual meet against powerful McMinnville beginning at 4 p.m. The Grizzlies defeated the Sandy boys 90-81 last year in one of the most exciting dual meets of the season.

"It should be a really exciting meet," Smith said. "They've lost some swimmers to graduation, but they return some excellent people. Our best chance is to win one or two races and take second, third and fourth in the others."



Dawn New (50) finds out that getting off a shot against Canby can be a tougher proposition than at first anticipated. The 5-foot-11 Sandy High center had this shot

blocked as the Cougars went on to top Sandy 15-12 in Saturday's jamboree.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Sandy pulls jamboree upset

The jamboree at Sandy High School Saturday went along pretty quietly until sometime in the middle of the second contest. Then things livened up a bit.

Playing 12-minute games, the jamboree began with Canby disposing of host Sandy 15-12. The Cougars took on favored Newberg next and fought back from a four-point deficit in the last few minutes to earn an 11-11 tie.

A bit upset, the Newberg girls took it out on Sandy to the tune of a 12-2 lead. Feeling better, the Tigers eased off and allowed Sandy to score 11 straight points and upset heavily favored Newberg 13-12.

There was no winner at the jamboree, but the three coaches learned some interesting things. Canby coach Lin Howell found out that he sorely misses his two star guards — Julie Iverson and Brenda Rauch — both are out with injuries.

Newberg coach Ed Wiesehan learned that his team can't let up once they get a lead, even against teams with lesser talent. And Sandy coach Chris Knudsen found out that his team had a lot of character, coming back from a 10-point deficit and holding Newberg scoreless over the last six-minute period.

"We really dug ourselves into a hole against Newberg," Knudsen said. "But we just kept plugging away at them and it was the best basketball we played all year."

When Sandy narrowed the gap to 12-8 with 30 seconds left, Newberg put starters Linda Hughes and 6-foot Teri Shaffer back in the ball game. But the Pioneers had momentum by then. Sue Wilson hit the front end of a one-and-one, then missed the second. Dawn New grabbed the offensive board and tipped it in.

Hughes forced up a bad shot, then

the Pioneers' Kelly Dowell hauled down the rebound and was fouled. She coolly sank both ends of the one-and-one and the Pioneers had a slim one-point lead.

Newberg forced up a last second shot that wasn't really close and the Pioneers had completed one of their greatest comeback efforts in recent memory. Unfortunately, it won't go into the record books as an official win, but Knudsen and the Pioneers came off the court with some badly needed confidence.

"We showed some real character coming back from that large a deficit," he said. "We showed that we have the potential to become a good ball club. The mistakes that we make can be corrected."

"One thing to our advantage is that we have eight pre-season games and it gives us a chance to work on things before league starts," he added.

Second half barrage lifts Pioneer cagers past Eagles 58-48

by MARK FLOYD

Recovering from a sloppy first half performance, the Sandy High boys basketball team regrouped at the intermission and chopped down Centennial with a second half barrage to claim a 58-48 win Friday.

By all rights, the Pioneers should have been buried by halftime. Sandy had 20 first half turnovers, yet trailed by just three going into the locker room. Cutting down their turnovers to seven, the Pioneers hammered Centennial 36-23 in the second half and walked away with their first victory of the season.

"We had a long discussion at halftime about beating ourselves," Sandy coach Dennis Warren said. "Then we came out in the second half and had just seven turnovers. We played more intelligent basketball and showed poise holding off their rally at the end."

The rally was Sandy's one low point in the second half. After the Pioneers had taken their biggest lead of the game, 48-37 on an inside bucket by Lee Godfrey, Centennial's Jeff Fenske put on a one-man show.

Fenske put a move on Godfrey and drew a foul, sinking both free throws. Godfrey and Scott Weninger countered with three from the charity stripe, but in the meantime, the 5-foot-10 Eagle guard hit from 22 feet, stole the ball for a solo, then hit again from near the 25-foot mark. Centennial teammate Don Brake also hit a long bomb during the streak and the Eagles drew to within four at 51-47 with 1:10 left in the game.

Warren wisely called time to settle his charges down a bit and the Pioneers

immediately cooled Centennial's rally. Alan Lowe got open on the inbounds play and hit a layin to stem the tide a bit then Weninger iced the game with a breakaway layin. Godfrey finished out the scoring at the charity stripe after being fouled twice on the defensive boards.

"Overall, I was very pleased with our performance in the second half," Warren said. "We played with a little more mental discipline and took care of the basketball a bit more. They were pressing us and we took advantage of some of their errors and showed some poise at the free throw line."

"I was also pleased with our guards in the zone defense," Warren added. "They did a good job of keeping Fenske from penetrating. The defense has improved a whole lot but we've got to do a better job on the wings — we're giving up the baseline too much."

The baseline seemed to be the one vulnerable area in the Pioneer zone. Fenske got underneath all too often and came out with an easy shot or a free throw. But it was also the zone that forced many Centennial turnovers as well as some bad shots.

Sandy needed all the help it could get in the first half. Centennial put some pressure on the Pioneers in the opening frame, but it was more a matter of some careless passing that led to 20 Sandy turnovers.

Sandy led 3-0 after a Tom Curtis free throw and a Paul Daugherty offensive board, but Fenske and Scott Kai hit twice for the Eagles, leading Centennial to a 10-7 first quarter lead.

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Technicality lowers grapplers to second

by MARK FLOYD

Sandy High's wrestling team became a victim of the rules Thursday, but when you host the tournament, you can't complain too loudly.

The Pioneers finished second in their own tourney behind David Douglas. The Scots had 116 points, Sandy 112, Fort Vancouver 60 and The Dalles 53. But were it not for an unusual twist in the 123-pound class, the Pioneers would have had a victory.

Sandy's Ray Nelson won all three of his matches in the round robin competition, yet finished second. He opened with a 6-3 decision over Fort Vancouver's Tony Marchionni, nipped Stacey Wilson of David Douglas 3-2 then thumped Mitch Jaros of The Dalles 9-1. Nelson may have beaten Marchionni too badly because the Fort wrestler dropped out of the competition. That gave David Douglas wrestler Wilson more "good marks" and the result was a one-half point edge over Nelson in the standings.

"That match made an eight-point difference in the team scores," Sandy coach Ron Calhoun grimaced. "We lost by four and if we would have gotten first, we would have won. I feel real bad for Ray, he's been pointing for this for the last four years and he

thought he had it won. When I told him he had second place I don't think he believed me."

"It was a real fluke and it won't happen again," Calhoun added. "There should be a provision to say that if a wrestler wins all three matches he wins that weight class. He deserves to. Other tournaments have that clause, but I've never seen the situation come up before, so we never really thought about it."

It was an unfortunate blow for the Pioneers because they were seemingly dominating the meet in every way possible. In dual meet scores, Sandy even beat David Douglas 33-28. They also topped Fort Vancouver 37-18 and The Dalles 44-28. Second varsity scores were also added and the Pioneers won all three of those duals too.

Calhoun was still shaking his head after the meet, especially after his wrestlers claimed four individual titles and tied for a fifth, but still ended up second.

The biggest surprise had to be Mike Rohweder. The Sandy 98-pounder is a freshman and was in his first competition as a varsity wrestler Thursday, but when it was over, he had earned his wings. Rohweder hammered Doug Cox of Fort Vancouver 17-2, pinned Mike Helmick of David Douglas and got a forfeit from The

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Dodgers' cool-headed Sutcliffe joins elite group

THE TIME WAS April 8, 1979, the place, Dodger Stadium. The Dodgers, defending National League champions, were in big trouble. The San Diego Padres, of all people, had wiped out an early Dodger lead, and tied the score, 5-5. They did this largely on the philanthropy of Dodger relievers, who issued more free passes than the boat show.

In the dugout, Manager Tommy Lasorda watched in growing horror. More than a game was going up in flames. The season was. A team without a bullpen is like a guitar without strings. It can't play.

In the bullpen was one lone survivor. Richard Lee Sutcliffe was on the team, but not of it. He had one foot in the bullpen, and the other on a bus to Albuquerque. He had one more "option," which, in baseball's revolving door system of player-training, meant he could be sent down to the minor leagues one more time with impunity, i.e., without being thrown into the player draft, subject to claim by any other club.

Lasorda didn't want to start the season on a forfeit. So, he summoned Sutcliffe to the mound, and then covered his eyes. He didn't so much want Sutcliffe to save the game as to just end it.

Sutcliffe did both. He didn't seem to find the San Diego lineup as awesome as his predecessors did. They seemed to think they had been called upon to subdue the 1927 Yankees.

Sutcliffe threw strikes at these Ping-Pong hitters. He gave them his best "Here, hit this, turkey!" pitches. He didn't see Babe Ruth standing there, just Ozzie Smith.

IN THE 11TH INNING, the Padres loaded the bases with two out. Dave Winfield, everybody's choice as "the next Henry

by JIM MURRAY



Aaron," came to bat. By now, Winfield was used to walks from Dodger relievers, who would rather milk a rattlesnake than pitch to Winfield. Dodger catcher Steve Yeager ambled out to the mound to test his rookie for nerve. "What are you gonna do with him?" he asked. "If he hits it, he'll deserve it," Sutcliffe told him.

Winfield struck out on three pitches. Right then and there, Rick Sutcliffe became a major leaguer. He won the game in the 12th inning, his first major league win, and the first of 17

that season. But, more importantly, he won a place in the Dodgers' rotation.

Almost the next day, the Dodgers scattered the bullpen that had scattered all those bases-on-balls. Lance Rautzhan was sent to Milwaukee. Gerald Hannahs was given Sutcliffe's bus ticket to Albuquerque. Pete Broberg was released outright at a cost to management of \$50,000.

Sutcliffe didn't win his place so much with his arm as with his stomach. The Dodgers like people who challenge Dave Winfield.

Last week, Rick Sutcliffe won another contest. He was chosen National League Rookie of the Year over a blue-ribbon field.

CHOOSING ROOKIE OF THE Year is a press box lottery. It is a distinguished company of athletes and it would sometimes behoove the authors to leave blank a year when there were no certified candidates. The first award, 1947, was won by Jackie Robinson, no less. Willie Mays won it. So did Pete Rose, Johnny Bench, Tom Seaver and Willie McCovey.

Nevertheless, Henry Aaron never won it. Nor did Roberto Clemente. Bob Gibson was overlooked.

Seven Dodgers have won it. Jackie Robinson went on to the Hall of Fame. Don Newcombe parlayed his Rookie of the Year award into MVP and Cy Young honors. Jim Gilliam

never won an MVP award but he should have won a dozen of them. He was the Dodgers' real MVP seven years in a row.

Dodger infielder Teddy Sizemore won it and went on to a career taking pitches so Lou Brock could set the all-time base-stealing record. Later, Teddy became a kind of traveling troubleshooter for incomplete infields around the league.

Frank Howard won it but Big Frank, while performing usefully as a power source for the old Washington Senators, never did quite become the Babe Ruth he was expected to be. Jim Lefebvre, a solid hitter but lacking in speed, ended his career in Japan.

Only a couple of prehistoric Dodger pitchers won more games as rookies than Rick Sutcliffe did. The only modern-day hurler to do it was the storied Dazzy Vance.

WHEN YOU JOIN a club that includes Jackie and Frank Robinson, Richie Allen, Pete Rose and Willie Mays, you tend not to want to be an embarrassment to it. Sutcliffe has a major league fastball, with a clocking in the 92 mph range, a curveball he can throw for strikes, and, at 6-feet, 7-inches, he is halfway to the plate when he lets go of the ball. But being a major league pitcher is 10 percent throwing it up, and 90

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