



Kecia Harris, a Sandy freshman, powers through the water on the way to a sixth place finish in the 100-yard butterfly.

Photo by Mark Floyd

# Swimmers fall short of Gresham in title chase

by MARK FLOYD

Both the boys and girls swim teams of Sandy High finished second behind Gresham in the Wilco League District championships Saturday at Mt. Hood Community College.

The meet went pretty much as expected. The Gophers were favored to pull the sweep with their depth and strong individuals and they did. Gresham won the girls title with 215 points; Sandy was second with 180, Oregon City third with 153 and Centennial fourth with 135.

The Gophers took the boys title with 255 points, followed by Sandy with 210, Reynolds with 194 and Barlow with 104.

District was abruptly switched to a one-day meet after freezing rain aborted Friday's action. The double duty on Saturday probably didn't affect the team standings much, but it did

hold down some individual times.

Only one record was set and that was by Sandy sophomore Gayle Roth. Roth sped to a 25.13 in the preliminaries of the girls 50-yard freestyle to eclipse the mark of Hermiston's Kim Sherrell. Sherrell's record was 25.3.

Roth went on to win the 50-free, clocking a 25.37 in the finals Saturday evening. The Sandy speedster won by a whopping 1.5 seconds over second place Kris Johnson of Reynolds.

The margin of victory was similar to the one Roth posted in the 100-free. Roth picked up her second victory in that event with a personal best of 57.05. Gresham's Debi May was a distant second at 58.29.

Roth capped her day's performance by anchoring the Sandy 400-free relay team. Roth, Bonita Connelley, Jean Crane and Teresa Lamer finished

first in the district with a 4:02.35 time, far ahead of second-place Gresham at 4:09.52.

Crane was the only other Pioneer besides Roth to qualify for the state meet in an individual event. Also just a sophomore, Crane finished second in the girls 500-free with a 5:49.32 time. The 500 was won by Centennial's Julie Rognie in 5:39.38.

Sandy finished second in the girls team race with a bundle of points from third, fourth and fifth places. It was a surprisingly strong performance by the girls in the powerful Wilco League, especially considering that Sandy had just nine girls entered — four of them sophomores, the rest freshmen. Sandy coach Mark Smith was honored by his colleagues and awarded Wilco League girls coach of the year.

Four of those girls, Nicole DuBois,

Heidi Lamer, Kecia Harris and Kim Haney combined in the 200-medley relay team to finish fifth in 2:22.48. The race was won by Gresham in 2:00.93.

Harris made the finals of the 100-butterfly and finished sixth. Her time was 1:19.07.

Connelley made the finals of the 100 and 200-free. The Sandy soph was fourth in the 100 behind Roth with a 58.96 time and fourth in the 200 with 2:09.42. The 200 was won by Putnam's Leslie Wallace in 2:02.09.

Teresa Lamer finished fifth in the 200 for Sandy with a time of 2:15.10. She was also fourth behind Crane and Rognie in the 500-free with a time of 6:00.37.

Crane was also in the finals of the 200-individual medley where she placed fifth in 2:32.56.

No other Pioneer girls made the

finals, but freshman Heidi Lamer won the consolation finals of the 100-yard breaststroke. She was timed in 1:21.64.

Sandy failed to qualify any boys for state in individual events, but the Pioneers' 400-free relay team earned a berth by placing second in 3:31.13. Gresham won the relay in 3:25.13. Glenn Izer, Rick Toppliff, Matt Falgout and Mark Mayfield comprised the Pioneer relay team.

The Pioneers' 200-medley relay team just missed a state trip with its surprising third place finish. Bret Crane, David Falgout, Herb Hazelett and Hank Hazelett clocked 1:51.08 behind Gresham's winning time of 1:46.24.

Mayfield may be the most disappointed Pioneer following Saturday's

swim. Mayfield finished third in both the 50 and 100-free and only the top two in each event go to state. The 100 may have been the most painful, because that important second spot was taken by Mike Zogg of Barlow, a former Sandy High swimmer. The 100 was won by Gresham's Clay Dawson in 51.04; Zogg was second in 51.09 and Mayfield was third in 51.36.

In the 50 Mayfield went 23.24 but finished behind Doug Robertson and Dawson, both of Gresham. Robertson won in 23.03 while Dawson was second in 23.07.

Sandy placed three boys into the finals of the 200-free. Glenn Izer had the best finish, taking third in 1:56.23. Rick Toppliff was fifth in 1:59.84 and Shawn Burns was sixth in 2:01.29. The 200 was

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## Blazers fine, official tells Sandy chamber

Personnel problems and poor play hopefully behind them, the Portland Trailblazers look forward to a backdoor playoff spot.

At least that's the diagnosis of Blazer Promotions Director Wally Scales who addressed the Sandy Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday.

Scales also forecast no Blazer payback to the Clippers as adjustment to the Bill Walton compensation.

Throw in club efforts toward a better 'fan plan', and the Blazer picture looks brighter than the 28-33 season record.

"The way San Diego's playing," reasoned Scales, "we expect to make it to the playoffs anyway." Portland is just half a game behind the Walton-led Clippers in a race for the sixth and final playoff spot in the west.

"How can anyone say the compensation (for Walton) was not just and equitable when we're both (Blazers and Clippers) fighting for that last spot," Scales said.

He said he didn't expect the Blazers to lose anything to the Clippers as adjustment to the Walton compensation.

Despite the team's record, Scales expects more fans will be enjoying Blazer games in the future, due to club efforts to develop more closed-circuit theater outlets and cable television deals — possibly nationwide.

"We're working slow on this," Scales said of cable television possibilities, "and have been for five years now. One reason is because we want to keep it in-house."

Cable now reaches some 2,700 homes in Salem plus various homes on the Oregon coast.

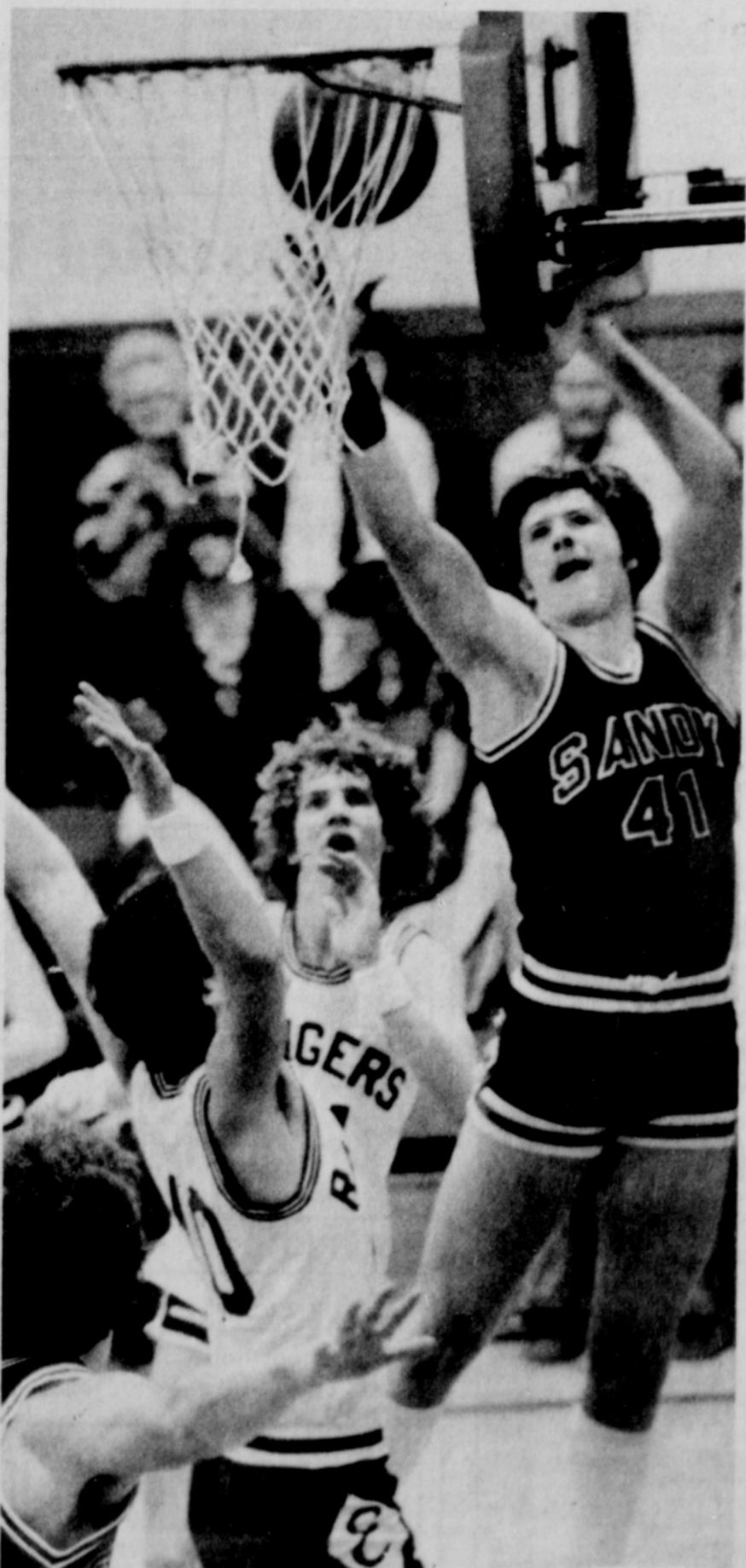
"We're talking to cable companies now," Scales said, adding that Blazer Broadcasts — the club's own network — would handle cable arrangements.

The team has all but discarded plans to expand Memorial Coliseum by 2200 more seats at the top of the building, since the Blazers as building tenants have been asked to pay half of the \$11 million price tag.

But to improve the team itself, Scales said, the Blazers must look for a take-charge guard and a versatile center in the draft.

Scales expressed concern for injured Larry Steele's future as a Blazer, too.

"We see no significant improvement in Larry Steele. It's a day-to-day situation," Scales said of his medical condition.



Taking the baseline, Sandy's Paul Daugherty (40) goes past Tony Gach and over Pat Kiggins of Estacada on a move to the hoop. Sandy won 67-52 in the Ranger gym.

Photo by Mark Floyd

## With win over Sweet Home

# Cagers boost playoff chances

TIMBER VALLEY LEAGUE  
Boys Basketball Standings

	W	L
West Linn	12	0
Oregon City	7	5
Sandy	7	5
Estacada	7	5
Canby	7	5
Silverton	5	7
Sweet Home	3	9
Molalla	0	12

by MARK FLOYD

The Sandy High boys basketball team took a giant step toward making the Timber Valley League playoffs Tuesday, but the Pioneers will probably have to win one of their two remaining games to gain a berth.

Sandy survived some poor shot selection in the fourth quarter and held on to down Sweet Home 64-55 in the Pioneer gym. The win raised the Pioneers' league mark to 7-5 and put Sandy in a four-way tie for second place with Oregon City, Canby and Estacada. West Linn is alone in first at 12-0.

The Pioneers now face a tough road game at West Linn Friday and wind up the regular season at Canby Tuesday night. If Sandy is unable to upset the Lions, and no league team has done that this year, the season may boil down to the final game of league play. The Pioneers topped Canby earlier in the year, but that game was in Sandy and the Cougars have improved since that time. Next Tuesday's game is scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. in the Canby gym.

Sandy's win over the Huskies Tuesday night was a crucial one. It was also pretty sloppy. The Pioneers had more than one chance to bury the visitors but some questionable shot selection and some less-than-perfect ball handling kept the game in doubt until the final 30 seconds.

The Pioneers blew a 10-point halftime lead and allowed the Huskies to creep back into the game with 1:37 left when Sweet Home's Russ Burger sank both ends of a one-and-one. That cut Sandy's lead to two, 56-54.

The Huskies then pressured Sandy and Tucker Seiber fouled the Pioneers' Lee Godfrey. Godfrey made one of two to give the Pioneers a little breathing room then teammate Rick Martin came up with a big steal with 56 seconds left and the Huskies were forced to foul again.

This time Tom Curtis made one of

two to put the margin at four. Burger missed the front end of a one-and-one for Sweet Home, Paul Daugherty rebounded and hit Curtis with a length-of-the-court pass for a layin. From that point on, it was a question of how many free throws the Pioneers would convert and Sandy went four-for-four the rest of the way.

Curtis picked a good time to cut loose. The 6-foot-4 wing had been hampered by injuries early in the season and his playing time had been somewhat limited of late. But Curtis dominated the boards Tuesday against the shorter Huskies. The Sandy senior had a game high 17 rebounds and added 11 points as well.

The Pioneers needed every one of those rebounds because the 3-9 Huskies put up a game battle. They cut Sandy's seven point lead in the second quarter to one on a Burger free throw. But Sandy put on a 14-5 spurt the rest of the

way and went into the intermission with a 35-25 lead.

Daugherty hit a pair of howitzers from outside and scored on a shovel shot at the buzzer to spark the rally. The Pioneers also got some good guard play from Alan Lowe off the bench.

The Huskies slapped on a full court press to open the third quarter and the Pioneers burned them twice with long passes. But Sweet Home also picked up a couple of steals along the way and crept back into the game. The Huskies were helped by the fouling of the Pioneers. Godfrey and Daugherty picked up three fouls apiece by the third quarter and Kent Reick had four.

Daugherty ended up with 16 points for the game and added 10 rebounds. Reick had 13 points and Rick Martin, who led the Pioneer fast break all night, had 11. Curtis also had 11 and Godfrey added nine in the well-balanced Pioneer scoring attack.

## Grapplers eye district

The seeding meeting that went on Tuesday night for the Timber Valley League district wrestling meet may have been more competitive than any of the matches will be. And when it was over, Sandy coach Ron Calhoun felt that his team came out pretty well.

"It should be an interesting meet," Calhoun added. "The coaches were really buzzing — we're not giving anyone the nod; there are a lot of teams that could take it. If we do well, we could be in the top three."

The Pioneers have two top seeds. Chris Jones is seeded first at 136 but is battling with a bad knee at the moment. The Sandy sophomore has a 7-0 league record and is 18-1 overall. Tim Freeman is also seeded first at 157 with a 7-0 record. He is just above teammate Mike Martin who is seeded second at 157 with a 6-1 mark.

Freshman Mike Rohweder is seeded third at 98 pounds and senior Frank Kim is seeded second at 148. The Pioneers' best draw may have been at 123 where senior Ray Nelson was seeded second. Nelson lost twice and the two wrestlers that beat him are in the other bracket.

Mike Russell, with a 2-1 record at 130, didn't have enough matches under his belt to be seeded, but he drew into the best position possible, Calhoun said.

The Pioneers will enter 18 wrestlers at district and Calhoun feels that the



Senior Ray Nelson

small number may hurt Sandy somewhat.

"They key to the meet may be who has the most depth," he said. "A lot of teams have 26 kids entered and even if nine of them pick up a point and go out, they're that much ahead."

"We have the meat and potatoes kids that are going to pick up points," Calhoun added. "I'm just afraid everyone else is going to throw a lot of sauerkraut at us."

The district meet will be held at Oregon City High School this Friday and Saturday.