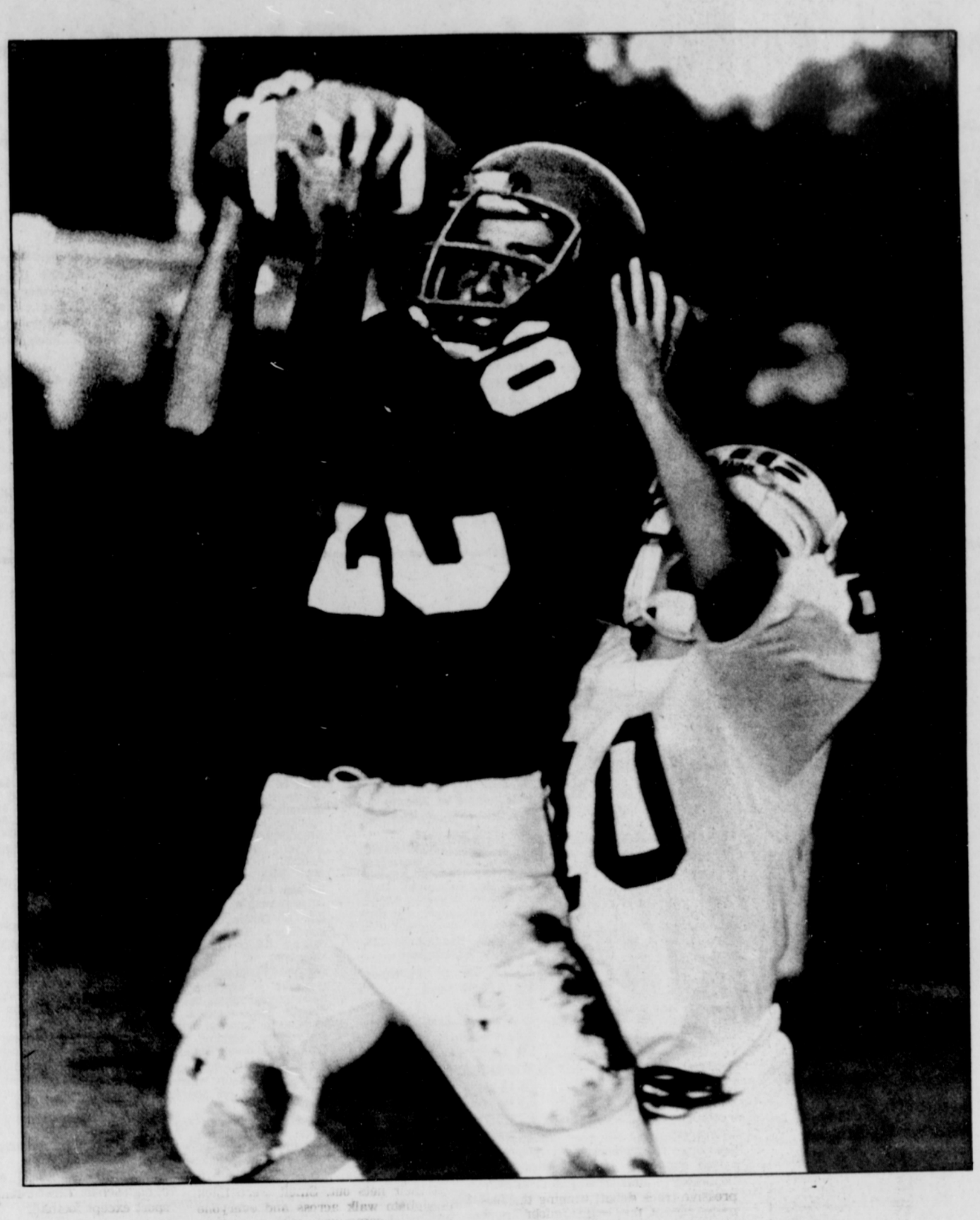

1980

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Sue Wilson helped her State team gain a split with Metro in the All-Star Basketball series.

Cleland sparked her Metro team to a five-game win over State in the All-Star Volleyball series.

Mike Martin claimed an 8-2 win over Robert Arbuckle of North Bend in the 157-pound division of the All-Star Wrestling Series.

Mike Sheppard took second place in the U.S. Cycling Federation district race and qualified for nationals, despite having ridden competitively for just three weeks.

JULY

Chris Jones took first place at 149 pounds in the Northwest AAU regional wrestling championships, qualifying for nationals.

Paola's Pizza Barn Legion team pulled off its best win of the year by claiming a 2-1 win over Putnam. Putnam had won last year by a 38-3 score.

Sid Christie of Gresham won the annual Almost 10-Kilometer Run, a part of the Sandy Mountain Festival.

Troy Hilstad, Doug Crane and Michelle Crane all placed at state for the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club.

David Janzen and Jennifer Trenwith qualfied for the nationals in freestyle roller skating.

Coast to Coast won the Midget Federal League basketball title.

AUGUST

The Sandy Blues placed fourth in the state in junior girls softball.

Coast to Coast placed fourth in the state in baseball.

A record number of entries and the best purse ever highlighted the Clackamas County rodeo at the end of the summer.

Paola's Pizza Barn won the state title in men's slow pitch softball in the "D" division.

Wooden Hutch claimed the city title in slow pitch softball with a pair of wins over Ron's No Place.

Fall practice began for Sandy High teams and O'Meara began his duties as football coach.

SEPTEMBER

The season began slowly for the Sandy gridders who went through the month with a win. Jackson blanked them in the season opener, 26-0.

The Sandy volleyball team faced some of the top teams in the state and got off to a slow start.

Things were brighter on the soccer field where Sandy won a pair of preseason games after going O-14 a year ago.

Also impressive was the girls cross country team, but the boys struggled.

OCTOBER

Deer hunting took precedent around the state with mixed reports of success and frustration.

Kathie George rewrote the record book for the Sandy High gymnastics team, leading the Pioneers to wins in October. She was helped by freshman Jacqui Pullen.

The girls cross country team continued to defeat everyone in sight while the boys improved gradually.

The soccer hopes began to fade and the football team still searched for its initial victory. That win finally came on Halloween night against Molalla. Sandy won 14-0.

NOVEMBER

For the second straight year, the Sandy girls cross country team won at district. Gayle Roth, Laura Stringham and Donna Nelson led the way and Sandy went on to place sixth in the state meet.

The Sandy volleyball team had to struggle to make the state playoffs, then posted a big upset over second-ranked Beaverton. The Pioneers lost a squeaker to Corvallis, the UCLA of girls volleyball, and finished fourth in the state. Cherie Elliott and Colene McDonald gained all-star honors.

DECEMBER

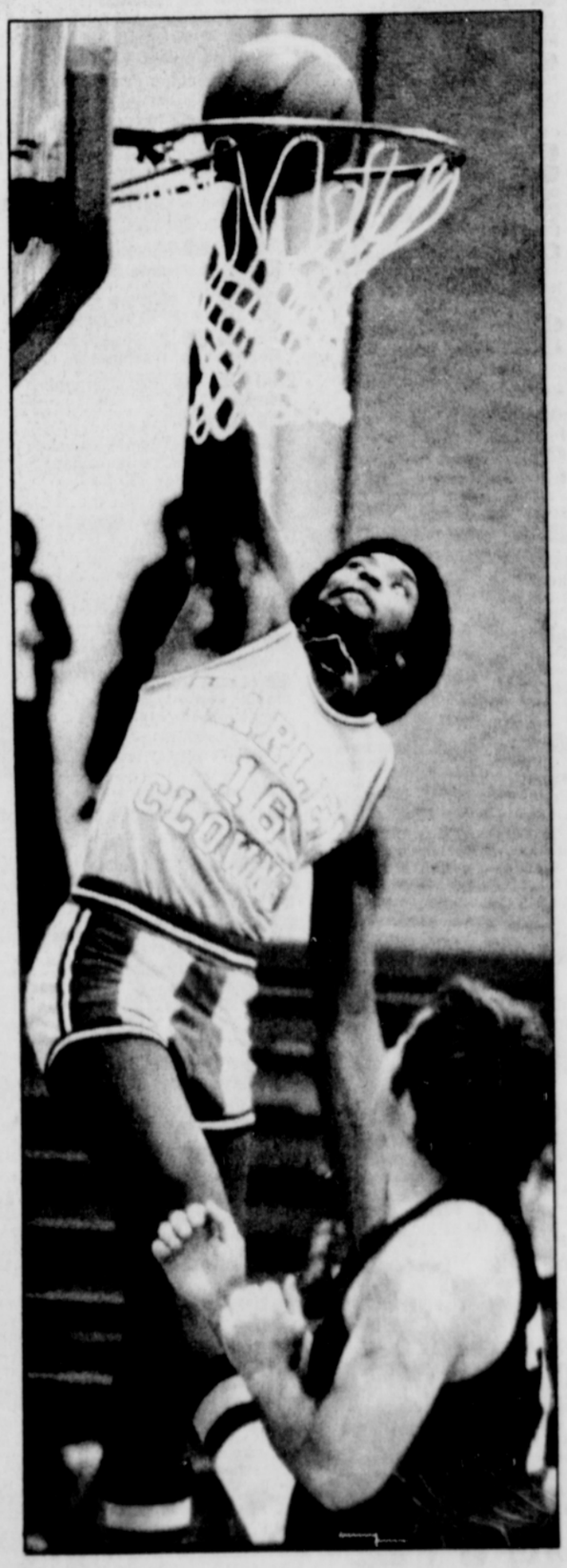
One of the oldest barnstorming basketball teams in the country came to Sandy when the Harlem Clowns made an appearance in the Sandy gym.

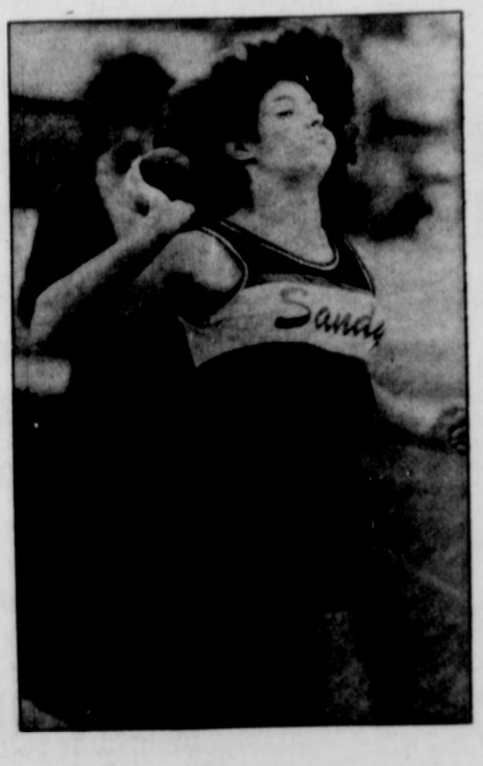
A new winter sports season opened as the Sandy girls basketball team rolled to a surprising 3-1 start.

Inexperience hurt the Sandy boys who returned just one letterman, 6-foot-4 Bob Nippert. Sandy opened to the tune of a 2-4 record.

Wrestling promised to be the strong boys sport again as Mike Russell, Dan Martin and Chris Jones all started impressively. Jones defeated state champ Kris Pihl 6-4.

1980 was a rough year for the Sandy High varsity football team, but the Pioneers had one of their best freshmen teams in recent history. One of the keys to success was the outstanding receiving ability of No. 20, Dan Paola (above). After a couple of lean years, winter resort operators were relieved when 1980 turned out to be a year of heavy snowfall. Also happy with that fact is six-year-old Chris Van Daam (right) who got out his sled a couple of weeks ago at Summit in Government Camp. The Harlem Clowns visited the Sandy gym in December and quickly gave the SUHS faculty, and football coach Greg O'Meara, a lesson in how to dunk the ball (far right). Three of Sandy's grittiest competitors also made the news this year (below, left to right). Michele Cleland took second in the state shot put and discus for Sandy and was named a prep All-American. Jami Brittle led her softball team of 10-year-olds to a regional title. Paige Daugherty helped the Sandy volleyball team to a consolation trophy at state, the second straight year the Pioneers have been in the top four.





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