

stuff shots

Matmen show much promise

by MARK FLOYD
Sports Editor

After a disastrous fall season, it's refreshing to see a successful boys sports program at Sandy High School.

The Pioneer wrestlers are making waves around the state. Already, they have finished ahead of state champ Barlow in a tournament and beaten other state placers from a year ago. Sandy has a 3-1 league record and the Timber Valley League is widely regarded as one of the toughest, if not the toughest, conference in the state.

The other might be the Metro League, and Sandy topped defending Metro champ Aloha 35-30 this past Saturday.

How good are coach Ron Calhoun's Pioneers? As a dual meet team, Sandy is pretty good. As a big tournament team, the Pioneers are excellent.

Translated, Sandy has a number of excellent individuals who can take on most anyone in the state. But it has a few weak weight classes where opponents can score big in dual meets. In bigger tournaments, however, those points are usually divided among several opposing wrestlers.

Sandy has had its ups and downs this year, but it looks like the Pioneers are finally starting to jell. There are two reasons for the improvement — first, the return to the lineup of Dan Martin and, second, the switch of Mike Rohweder from 115 to 106.

Martin was undefeated when he was struck down by a shoulder injury and missed a month. He just returned to the lineup and took the 157-pound division at the Hood River tournament.

Rohweder was surprisingly tough at 106 last year as a freshman. But he had been getting hammered this season at 115. He decided to cut down and had no trouble making weight. He is also undefeated since making the cut.

If Rohweder can continue strong at 106, Sandy is going to be tough to beat. Larry Toppliff is 19-3 at 98 pounds and the Pioneers have a potent one-two punch at the start of every match.

From 115 to 130, Sandy is vulnerable. But all of those wrestlers are capable of coming through with a win, especially Robert Paul at 123. The Pioneers' strength, though, begins at 136. It's a murderers' row.

Scott Quick is a senior who is starting to come on at 136. He owns an 11-4 mark and is in every match. Another senior, Mike Russell, is 19-2 at 141 and a winner at the Pacific Tournament in preseason, one of the best meets in the Northwest prior to the state tournament. Chris Jones is 18-2 and owns a win over the defending 148-pound state champ. Martin is up to 12-1, his only loss coming at the hands of an Estacada wrestler.

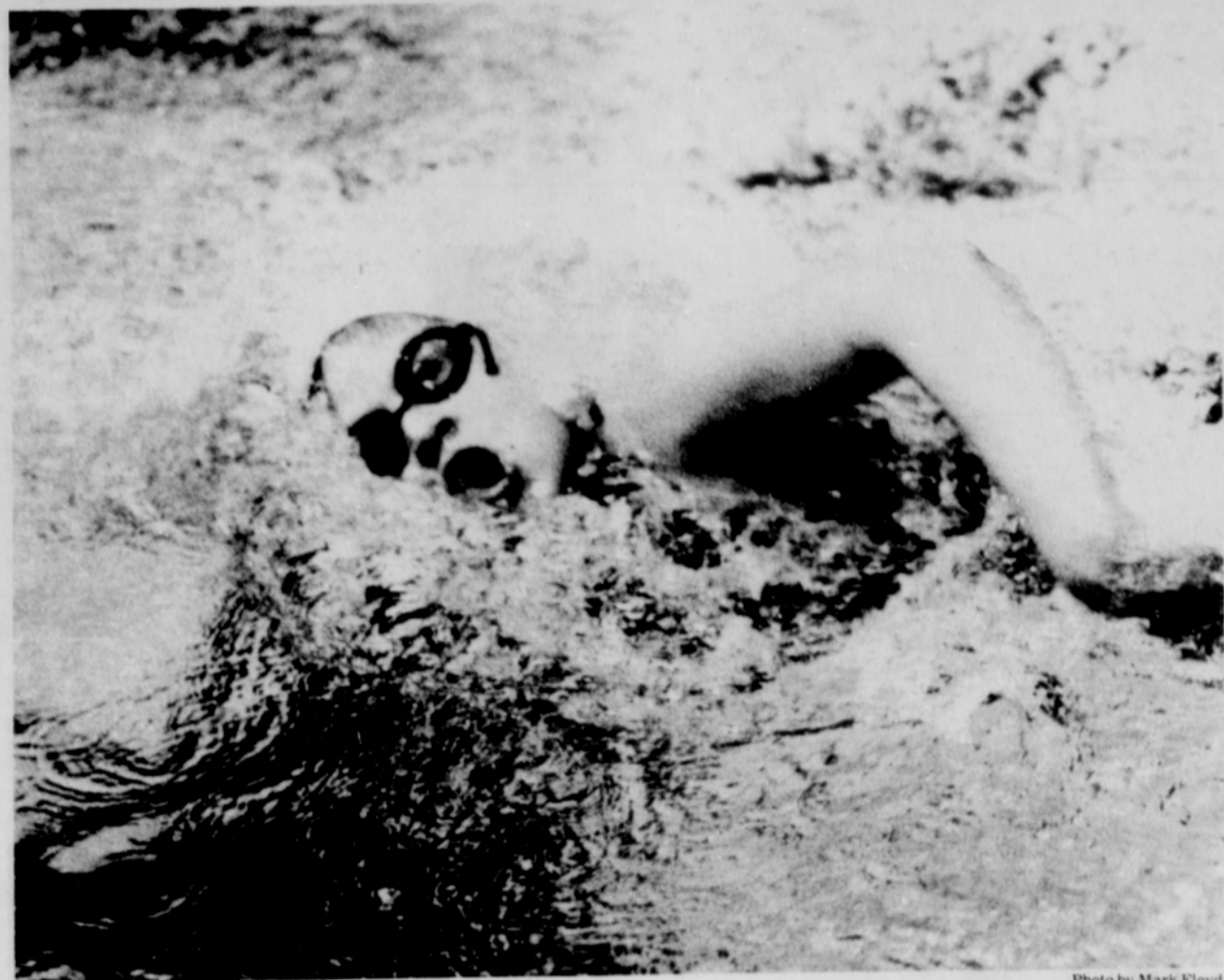
Russell, Jones and Martin should all be in the district finals if things go well for Sandy, and all could place on the state level. Toppliff and Quick could also do well, and Rohweder may find new life at 106. Another hope at district is Tim Sytsma, who has moved into the heavyweight position to take over for Allan Fry, out for the season with an injury. Sytsma has a 15-6 record, but that should get better when he moves back to 191, his natural weight.

The best thing about the Pioneers is that, no matter how good things are this year, they should be even better next season.

Russell and Quick are seniors, but everyone else will be back. Martin, Jones and Sytsma are juniors; Rohweder and Toppliff are sophs.

A number of other underclassmen are on the verge of breaking through and being studs, including Scott Skipper at 178, Paul at 123 and Mo Contreras on the JV team (136). All are sophomores. A few juniors and other good crop of freshmen should give Sandy its best team ever next season.

But first there's this year's district and state.



Lisa Izer came up with some personal best times Thursday and helped the Sandy High girls swimming team to an 80-74 win over Barlow. Barlow had beaten both Reynolds and

Gresham, and Sandy's victory make the Pioneers the favorite going into the district meet next month.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Swimmers

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district."

Although the Sandy boys lost, Smith was greatly satisfied with the effort the Pioneers turned in. Barlow won 86-60, but the Pioneers were swimming with just five boys. A couple of swimmers left the team and another was dropped for disciplinary reasons.

But the five boys left put on quite a show. They won all nine events they entered and Barlow's only win came in the 400-freestyle relay, the last event. Sandy simply didn't have anyone left to win. The Pioneers also turned in nine personal best times. It was depth of the Bruins that won the meet for them.

"We've got some quality kids left and I'm very proud of these guys," Smith said. "They did a heck of a job out there. They really showed me some class. Every one of them will place in

the top six at district and give us a bundle of points."

Bret Crane, Rick Toppliff, Harry Hazelett and Glenn Izer combined to win the meet's opening event, the 200-medley relay. They were timed in 1:52.29.

Shawn Burns won the 200-freestyle with a personal best 1:59.77, then came back to win the 500-freestyle in 5:18.96.

Toppliff took the 200-individual medley in 2:18.3 and the 100-butterfly in 1:00.73. Both marks were personal bests.

Izer took the 50-freestyle in a speedy 23.98, and also won the 100-free in a blazing 51.09. Both of those marks were personal bests.

Hazelett took the 100-breaststroke in 1:10.98, another best time.

The Pioneers weren't quite as close to Lake Oswego last week. The Laker

girls ripped Sandy 102-52 and the boys claimed a 107-45 win over the Pioneers.

It wasn't that Sandy had such a bad meet — quite the contrary — it's simply that Lake Oswego is a very powerful team and one of the best in the state.

The Pioneer girls had a dozen personal bests and the boys picked up a few as well. But wins were a little harder to come by against the strong Lakers.

Roth nabbed Sandy's only victories for the girls, winning the 50-freestyle in 26.2 and the 100-free in 58.2.

Izer was Sandy's only winner in the boys competition, winning the 100-free in 52.5.

The next meet for the Pioneers will be this Thursday, Jan. 29 against Tigard and Lakeridge. Tigard is another of the top teams in the state and Lakeridge is not far behind. The first event will begin at 4 p.m.

Sandy jayvees win 62-12

by MARK FLOYD

The once-tough rivalry between the wrestlers of Sandy High and Estacada has become a little one-sided. And from the looks of things, it may stay that way for a while.

Sandy ripped Estacada 45-10 on the Rangers' mat Thursday, then rubbed it in the hosts' faces as the junior varsity scored a 62-12 win.

The Pioneers went into the match as favorites, though not many people thought that they would win by 35 points in the varsity contest. But a few

key things happened in the lower weights and before Estacada knew it, Sandy was up 23-0.

For one, Mike Rohweder moved from 115 to 106 for the first time this year. What a difference a weight makes. Rohweder was a freshman sensation for the Pioneers last year, but he grew a shade too much. Or, so the coaches thought. Regardless, Rohweder found 115 a bit too heavy for his liking and decided to cut weight. Suddenly, the sophomore has found himself back on top of his game.

And when Rohweder teams with 98-pound Larry Toppliff, Sandy has a very strong opening duo of sophomores. Toppliff scored a pin over Jeff Goodrich in 4:42. In a near carbon copy, Rohweder pinned R.J. Irvine in 4:24. Boom, 12-0 for Sandy.

Junior Bill Mathews moved from 106 to 115 and scored a 20-7 superior decision over Gregg Pinkerton. Robert Paul had a little easier, he won by forfeit at 123.

Estacada finally got on the board at 130 when Vince Taylor scored a 4-1 decision

over Paul Gagner and the Rangers' hopes must have flickered as Billy Hash blanked Carey Larson of Sandy, 8-0, at 136. But the meat of the Sandy lineup was coming up and Estacada wouldn't see too many more points.

Mike Russell topped Doug Hunter 10-2 at 141, Dean Fischer scored a 7-2 win over Brian Schaffer at 148 and Chris Jones manhandled Jeff Brown, 12-2, at 157. Sandy increased its lead to 33-7 and had the match under control.

At 168, there was an upset of sorts. Estacada's Todd

Stiles scored a 5-4 win over Sandy's Dan Martin, giving him his first loss of the year. Martin was wrestling in just his second match since coming off a shoulder injury and may have been a little rusty.

Sandy got the points right back as sophomore Scott Skipper scored a 10-4 win over Gordon Moore at 178. Randy Carmony scored four points in the final period to outlast Dale Frally 10-9 at 191. And Tim Sytsma put the icing on the cake for the Pioneers, pinning Estacada's Randy Potter at

4:32 of the heavyweight match.

Conditioning may have been the deciding factor. Sandy outscored Estacada in the third period of nearly every match.

The Pioneer junior varsity absolutely pummeled Estacada, 62-12. And the Rangers didn't score until the final two matches. John Cox, Randy Swanson, Dave Kenison, Mo Contreras, Loren Bateman and Frank McKinnis all scored pins for Sandy.

Kenison got his in just 29 seconds.

calendar

SANDY HIGH
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Jan. 29 Sandy at Silverton 7:45 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Jan. 29 Sandy at Silverton 7:45 p.m.
WRESTLING
 Jan. 29 Silverton at Sandy 7 p.m.
 Jan. 30 Sandy at 5. Salem tournament 4 p.m.
SWIMMING
 Jan. 29 Sandy and Lakeridge at Tigard 4 p.m.
BOYS JV BASKETBALL
 Feb. 3 Silverton at Sandy 5 p.m.
BOYS FROSH BASKETBALL
 Jan. 29 Portland Christian at

Sandy "B" 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 29 Estacada at Sandy "A" 4 p.m.
 Feb. 2 Sandy "A" at Sweet Home 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 3 Sandy "B" at Gresham 3:45 p.m.
 Feb. 5 West Linn "A" and "B" at Sandy 4 p.m.
GIRLS JV BASKETBALL
 Jan. 29 Sandy at Silverton 6 p.m.
 Feb. 2 West Linn at Sandy 6 p.m.
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GIRLS FROSH BASKETBALL
 Jan. 29 Sandy at Silverton 6 p.m.
 Feb. 2 West Linn at Sandy 6 p.m.
 Feb. 5 Gardiner at Sandy 6 p.m.
SKIING
 Jan. 31 Slalom at Multnomah (depending on weather) 8 a.m.
REC LEAGUE
 "A" Division
 Jan. 29 Deli Bar vs. Reliable

Realty 6:45 p.m.
 Jan. 29 Funny Farm vs. Wooden Hutch 8 p.m.
 Feb. 3 Schoppert's Loggers vs. Pleasant Home 6:45 p.m.
 Feb. 3 Funny Farm vs. Reliable Realty 8 p.m.
 Feb. 5 Clackamas Bank vs. Deli Barn 6:45 p.m.
 Feb. 5 Pleasant Home vs. Wooden Hutch 8 p.m.
"B" Division
 Feb. 4 Drones vs. P&C Construction 6:45 p.m.
 Feb. 4 Dairy Queen vs. Swim

mers 7:45 p.m.
 Feb. 4 Sandy TV vs. Ron's No Place 8:45 p.m.
BLUE MARLINS
 Jan. 31 BMAC at Columbia Aquatic Club for Age Group Invitational "A", "B", "C" (all day)
 Feb. 1 BMAC at Columbia Aquatic Club Invitational (all day)
 Feb. 4 BMAC at Tigard 4:30 p.m.

CEDAR RIDGE
WRESTLING
 Feb. 3 Lynch Terrace at Cedar Ridge 3:30 p.m.
 Feb. 5 Cedar Ridge at Redland 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Jan. 29 Corbett at Cedar Ridge 3:45 p.m.
 Feb. 3 Cedar Ridge at Redland 3:45 p.m.
 Feb. 5 Boring at Cedar Ridge 3:45 p.m.

bowling

SANDY EARLY BIRDS
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Toni's	12	8
Eagle Foundry	12	8
Sandy Lbr	11	9
Deane's Auto Rpr	11	9
Zig Zag Inn	9	11
S. J. Pounder	9	11
Alpine Hut	9	11
Brightwood Store	7	13

High Game: Darlene Hollenbeck 195
 High Series: Clarene Smith 507
 Team Game: Eagle Foundry 779
 Team Series: Eagle Foundry 2,196

Prep of the Week:

Sandy High senior Jeff Yoder recently paced the Pioneer varsity to a 67-54 win over Estacada, the Pioneers' first league victory. He scored 17 points against Estacada and 29 points against Sweet Home. Congratulations, Jeff!



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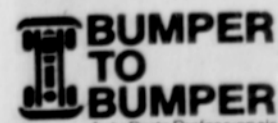
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