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Pioneer cagers have future

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Those of you who have given up on the basketball programs at Sandy High are making a big mistake.

Sure, the records of the Pioneer teams, both boys and girls, is not exactly glittering. It wasn't expected to be. But there is a lot of promise there.

Take the boys team. Through the weekend, Sandy had a 4-13 record; 2-7 in league play. But only two of those seven losses were one-sided, the rest were close. And one of those losses was a 40-39, double overtime heart-breaker to Oregon City.

With a few breaks and a little luck, Sandy could very well be 6-3 right now and in the thick of the Timber Valley League playoff picture.

But teams have to make breaks for themselves, and the Pioneers have not done that this season. The teams that make things happen are usually experienced, senior-laden teams. Sandy is definitely not in that category.

In fact, the Pioneers usually start four juniors. Only Jeff Yoder, who swings between guard and small forward, is a senior.

Even more significant is the fact that just one of the Sandy players, 6-foot-4 junior Bob Nippert, had any varsity experience coming into the season.

The Pioneers are not an exceptionally tall team, nor are they exceptionally quick. Sandy has better outside shooting than in past years, thanks to Yoder and junior guard Mitch Paola. Both can fill it up from the outside.

Nippert is as good an inside player for his size as there is in the TVL. He can play offense, defense and rebound.

That just leaves a couple of gaps to fill before the Pioneers become a league contender. And wouldn't you know it? Sandy has what may be the best freshmen team in the school's history.

There are two or three freshmen who have the potential to play varsity ball next year, giving Nippert help and adding a third guard to the junior team of Paola and Marvin Schaffer.

The future of the Pioneer girls is just as bright. Sandy has improved each of the last three years and this season, under new head coach John Smith and assistant Mike Blair, the Pioneers have compiled a 6-10 record.

That won't win any league championships, but Sandy has shown marked improvement. The Pioneers play good defense and have learned to control the ball much better. Where they used to get up to 30 turnovers a game, the Pioneers have now cut that total in half.

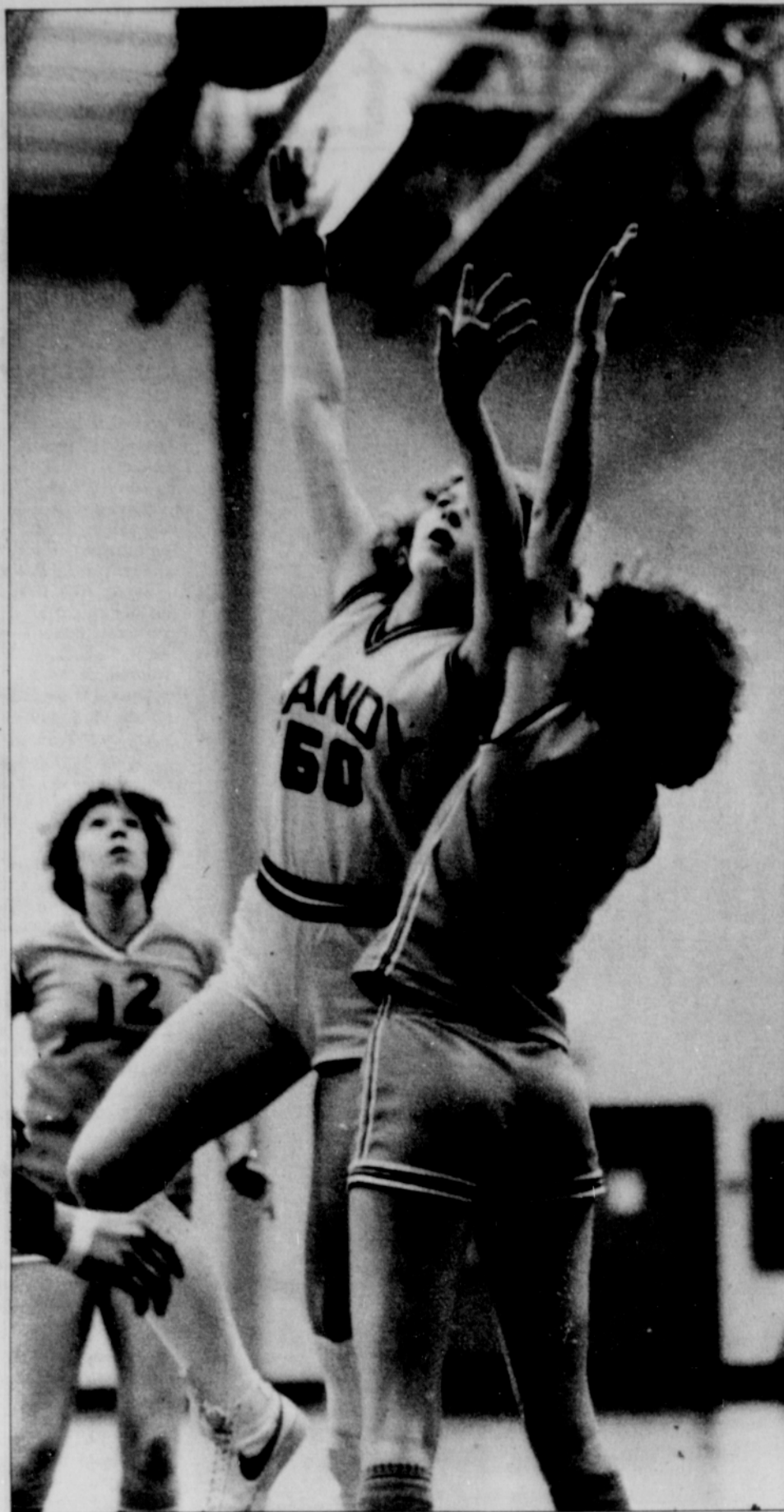
The offense is centered around 6-foot Dawn New, a junior. Other Pioneers who have started at times this year and will be back include sophomore guard Linda Mosbrucker, junior forward Cindy McCoy and junior point guard Nancy Rohweder. Those are four pretty solid returners.

Sandy will lose its best outside threat, senior Char McKinney, to graduation as well as current point guard Sandy Yantes. But the Pioneers will be in good shape.

New should be the best center in the league next season, especially if she would realize how good she is and begin to assert herself. McCoy is the most improved player on the team and may be the best at establishing rebounding position. Mosbrucker is one of the three quickest players in the entire league.

And Sandy has the top freshman in the TVL. Sharon Jensen has the speed of Mosbrucker and some solid basketball instincts. She needs only to sharpen her ball-handling skills and shooting and she may see a lot of playing time on varsity next season.

This hasn't been the best season in Sandy history, but it hasn't been the worst for basketball fans, either. As the old Brooklyn Dodgers used to say, "Wait 'til next year."



Six-foot Sandy center Dawn New fires up a hook shot over the Molalla defense Thursday as the Pioneers won 41-25 in a Timber Valley League girls game. New sank 11 of 17 shots and wound up with 22 points to lead the Pioneers to their best win of the season.

Marlins place at Corvallis

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club placed 11th in the Corvallis Invitational "A" and "B" swimming meet last weekend and came up with some good individual performances.

The Marlins scored 101 points in the meet, which was won by the Multnomah Athletic Club with 472 points. Corvallis was second, 457, and Salem third, 187.

Doug Crane placed first for Sandy in the 100-freestyle for 11-12 boys with a time of 55.4, a personal best. He also had a PR in the leadoff leg of the 200-freestyle relay. His time in the leadoff leg was a blazing 24.61, which is the second fastest time in the state history for that age group. Charlie Singleton of Tigard holds that mark with a 24.47.

Needless to say, the Marlins won the relay with a 1:59.4. Other swimmers on the relay were David Quiett, John Tuttle and Troy Hilstad.

The BMAC also won the 200-medley relay with a time of 2:15.7. Crane, Tuttle,

Hilstad and Dean Haines swam on that team.

Crane also had a number of other high places. He was third in the 100-breaststroke with a personal best 1:17.82, and took second in the butterfly and fourth in the individual medley and 200-freestyle. He also swam exhibition in the senior 50-freestyle race and clocked a 25.16, which would have placed him fourth. Crane is just 12 years old.

Also in the 11-12 age group, John Tuttle placed sixth in the breaststroke and Hilstad was eighth in the butterfly.

The eight-and-under Marlins also had a good meet. Michelle Crane was eighth in the 50-free, fifth in the 50-backstroke and sixth in the 50-butterfly.

Damon Hodge was fourth in the 50-free with a 36.2 and fourth in the 50-butterfly.

Travis Hilstad was second in the 50-butterfly. His time was 43.27.

Jamie Tuttle took sixth for the BMAC in the 13-14 boys 100-breaststroke. His time

was 1:14.08.

The 10-and-under boys 400-freestyle relay team placed fifth. Ian Hodge, Steve Haines, Damon Hodge and Travis Hilstad were timed in 2:34.25.

Blue Marlin coach Carl Neuenfeldt was pleased with the number of personal best times his swimmers turned in and said that Steve Haines, Ian Hodge and Terry Hanson had exceptional meets for the Marlins.

Hanson either broke or came close to breaking personal marks in all her swims. She competes in the 10-and-under category.

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Sandy girls rip Molalla, but get ripped by Canby

by MARK FLOYD

You could call it the Jekyll and Hyde syndrome, night and day, black and white or, maybe, on and off.

Whatever the name, it was certainly two different Sandy High girls basketball teams this week.

The Pioneers played their best all-around game of the year Thursday, dismantling a pretty fair Molalla team 41-25. Sandy played tough, unrelenting defense and shot better than 50 percent from the field. The Pioneers could do no wrong.

But against Canby Monday, Mr. Hyde made an appearance. The Pioneers shot a woeful 17 percent from the field and were embarrassed 38-14 by the Cougars.

"The difference in the two games was that, basically, against Molalla our shots just went in," Sandy coach John Smith said. "We ran our offense well and had the shots against Canby, they just didn't go. A lot of them, especially in the first half, were in and out."

The Pioneers may have been spoiled after Molalla. Four different people got into the scoring act in the first quarter as Sandy jumped out to a 10-5 lead over the visiting Indians. Molalla scored with about 1:30 left in the period, a significant time because the Pioneers held the Indians without another point for nearly nine minutes. That's defense.

Sandy wasn't exactly putting on an offensive show, but the Pioneers rode their defense to a 15-7 halftime advantage.

In the second half, 6-foot center Dawn New took over. She shot over, around and through the Molalla defense and ended the game with

22 points on 11 of 17 from the field.

In fact, all the Sandy stats were good that game. The Pioneers were 17 of 33 from the floor, 515, and seven of 11 from the line, 636. Point guard Nancy Rohweder had eight assists, which is undoubtedly a school record and Char McKinney came up with six steals and seven rebounds.

But then came Canby. As good as the Pioneers were against Molalla, they were bad against the Cougars.

"We just got down when things weren't going for us and we couldn't get back up," explained assistant coach Mike Blair. "We took good shots, they weren't forced, but they just didn't drop. It wasn't so much Canby's pressure as us just missing."

The Pioneers sank just two of 17 first half shots and went into the intermission trailing 17-5. A 12-point deficit isn't insurmountable, but after the Pioneers sank just three points in the third quarter, the outcome was history.

"Cindy McCoy and Becky Rodrigues worked hard for us against Canby," Smith noted. "They've really been doing a job out there. Cindy was in the right place at the right time and got some big offensive rebounds and Becky hustled well and played good defense."

Offensively, there wasn't much to talk about. McCoy was the leading scorer with five points; New added four. The numbers don't get too high when you score just 14 points as a team.

The next game for Sandy will be this Thursday against Sweet Home. Tipoff time in the Pioneers' gym will be at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Grapplers claim tourney

Sandy got a tougher struggle than coach Ron Calhoun had counted on Saturday, but nevertheless, the fourth-ranked Pioneers claimed the championship of the Reynolds Invitational wrestling tournament.

"I thought McMinnville was third or fourth in the Willamette Valley League, then I got over there, talk to the coaches and find out that they are the darn champions," Calhoun said. "And boy, were they tough."

Fortunately, Sandy was just a little bit tougher. The Pioneers won the four-team tournament with 48 points. McMinnville was second, 41; Reynolds third, 14; and Sprague fourth, 11.

Sandy won its dual meets against all three teams. The Pioneers walloped Reynolds 66-4; hammered Sprague 55-5; and outmuscled the tough Grizzlies of McMinnville 40-25.

The Pioneers crowned six individual champions at the meet and there were a few surprises. As expected, Larry Topliff, 98; Mike Russell, 141; Chris Jones, 148; and Tim Sytsma, heavyweight, turned in their usually stellar performances, going 3-0 for their titles. But Sandy also got championships from recent varsity addition Carey Larson, 136; and Randy Carmony, 191.

Topliff continued his string

of domination, pinning all three opponents at the tournament. The Sandy sophomore has now pinned his last 12 opponents.

Bill Mathews, 106; Mike Rohweder, 115; Dan Martin, 157; Cal McKinnis, 168; and Frank Sacoskey, 178, all picked up second places for Sandy with 2-1 records. Robert Paul, 123, was also second with a win, a loss and a draw to his credit.

Larson picked up a pair of pins and a forfeit win for his title. Russell had a pin and two decisions; Jones a pin, a forfeit and a decision; Carmony two pins and a forfeit; and Sytsma had three pins.

Sandy also won the junior varsity meet with 26 points.

Sandy frosh nab district wins

Team scores were not kept at the Timber Valley League freshmen district wrestling meet, but individual places were and Sandy High came up with three champions last week.

Ken Jepsen, 106; Jeff

Smith, 111; and Frank McKinnis, 168, all took home first place ribbons for the Pioneers.

Second places went to Ray Smith, 98; Willie Schall, 106; Tony Ward, 119; Dan King, 136; and Pat Hall, 178.

Sandy got third places

from Musaddig Nazeeri, 98; Hui un Choi, 119; Joe Betschart, 148; and Loren Bateman, 168.

Fourth places went to Del Starks, 92; Scott Brown, 103; and Wally Nicholson, heavyweight.

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Prep of the Week:

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