

Undeclared in league

Sandy Frosh in midst of 18-game win streak

by MARK FLOYD

Sandy High School may have fallen on lean times of late in the sport of basketball.

But that famine may very shortly turn into a feast.

The reason—an outstanding crop of freshmen boys who can do it all. They can shoot, pass, rebound, play defense, and most important, they can win.

Pioneer freshmen coach Dan Brisbin says that this year's team is the best group he's had since he's been at Sandy.

"This team has more depth and can do more things," Brisbin said. "In certain situations, a lot of guys can go in and do something for us in a game from off the bench. For example, Ron Muck went into a recent game for us and we weren't running the offense. He got it going and made six steals as well. Those are the kind of things that make us tough."

Sandy, has indeed, been tough. The Pioneers lost their first two games of the season, non-leaguers to Reynolds and Barlow. But since that time, Sandy has gone undefeated and currently owns an 18-2 record. You don't need a mathematician to tell you that the Pioneer frosh are in the midst of a solid 18-game win streak.

Brisbin and the Pioneers would love another shot at Barlow and Reynolds, but they'll be satisfied with going through the Timber Valley League with an unblemished mark.

"Those first two games, the kids had come from different schools and weren't really with it," Brisbin said. "Since then they've learned to play together."

Sandy has everything it takes to make a successful basketball team. The Pioneers have height, speed, finesse and a desire to do well. They also have that certain chemistry which allows all the individuals to blend together as a team.

The catalyst of the Pioneers is Troy Wolf, the quickest boy on the team and also the scoring and assist leader. Wolf usually leads the break for Sandy from his guard position and can always be counted on to come up with a handful of steals each game. "We go to him a lot when we need a basket," Brisbin said. "He reads the court well. If a guy gets open, Troy's got the ability to get him the ball."

Wolf's backcourt mate is Dan Paola, a good ball handler who also penetrates well. The two give Brisbin a varied attack against all defenses and can handle any full court pressure. "Teams have trouble pressing us," Brisbin admitted.

The big man is Robert Brader, a 6-foot-4 center. Brader is the envy of his teammates because he is probably the only freshman in the school who can dunk the ball. Not only does he have the spring, Brader also owns a deft shooting touch around the basket. His biggest drawback thus far has been a bad back, which has kept him out of a few ball games.

"Robert is 6-4 now, but I think he'll get up there at 6-6 or 6-7," Brisbin said. "He's got pretty good jumping ability and some real finesse around the basket. He needs to work on strength and aggressiveness. He's got a real advantage, though, because he can work with his back to the basket or go out to about 15 feet. That makes him pretty tough to guard."

Teams cannot gang up on Brader inside, because strong forward Steve Pettingill will eat them alive. Pettingill, at 6-2, is the leading rebounder for the Pioneer frosh. In fact, he has had games where he has pulled down 25, 23 and 19 rebounds. And he also scores in double figures.

Pettingill also draws the toughest defensive assignment and is really "an all-around ball player."

The other starting forward is Doug Rathke, perhaps the scrappiest player on the team. "Rathke's game is mostly aggression and hustle," Brisbin noted. "He does best in a wide-open, physical game. He's really improved his shot with a lot of work and gets most of his points off the transition game."

Those five starters are as good as any freshmen in the league but Sandy also has a good bench and Brisbin won't hesitate to call on any of the Pioneers.

The first two guards off the bench are Ron Muck and Mark Shelton. Muck is one of the better defenders on the team and Shelton is the steady influence, a good shot and tough defensive player.

When Brisbin needs a forward, it's usually Brian Prosser who "doesn't realize how good he could be." Prosser has the best vertical leap of the Pioneers and is the second quickest behind Wolf.

Others off the bench include forwards Dave Stafford, Ryan Coombs, Paul Williams and center Dave Bennett.

"Our basic strength is that we pass better than any team," Brisbin said. "We also rebound well because we have two or three kids who can control the boards. We're basically an unselfish team. The kids aren't all out to score 10 or 15 points a game. They take just as

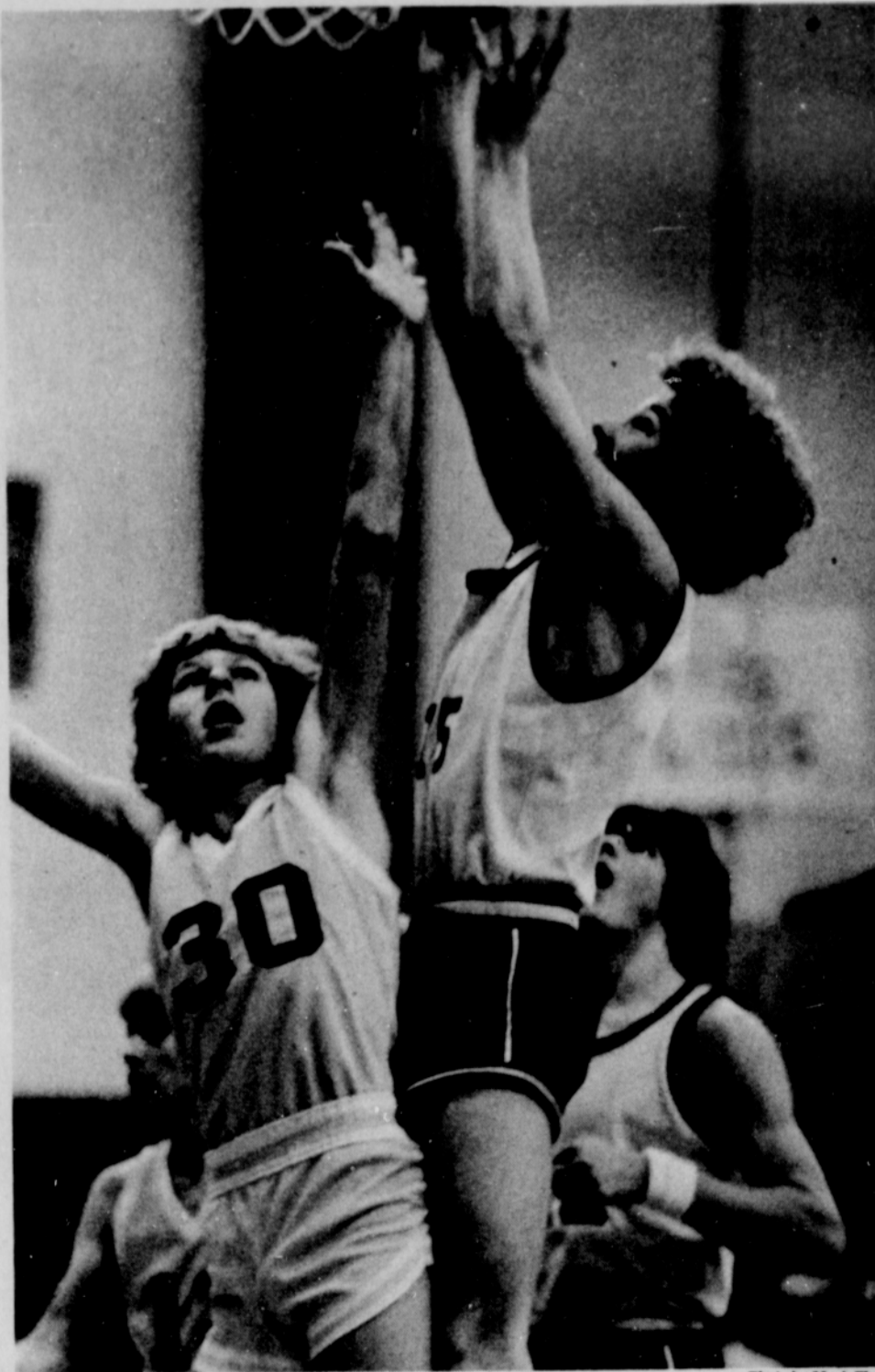


Photo by Mark Floyd

One of the big reasons for the success of the Sandy freshmen boys basketball team has been big Robert Brader. Brader, 6-foot-4, has a good touch around the basket and can shoot from 15 feet. Brader and the rest of the Pioneers have rolled up an 18-game winning streak.

much pride in rebounding or making a pass. That's a big key.

"This group really has potential to go somewhere," he added. "They just have to keep at it and work on their skills during the

offseason. We're trying to get the whole group to a camp. It's been a fun year and a good group to coach. A few of them get upset when we don't practice on Saturday.

"I've never had a group that's done that before."

Hot Drones knock off Swimmers

The second half of play began last week in the Sandy Recreation League.

The first half winner in the "A" Division, the Funny Farm, drew a bye, but the champ of the "B" Division, the Swimmers, were upset by the Drones, the hottest team in the league.

Drones 38, Swimmers 34

Ron Norquist pumped in 14 points to lead the hard-charging Drones, winners of their last three games, to the win over the defending champs.

Ron's No Place 56, P&C Construction 50

Terry Blasko fired in 19 points to lead Ron's to the win and put the tavern team into an early tie for the league lead.

Dairy Queen 47, Sandy TV 34

Dairy Queen also gained a tie of the "B" Division lead as John Rohr knocked in 14 points to pace the winners. Sandy TV was led by Rick Carey with nine points.

Schoppert's Loggers 93, Wooden Hutch 66

Two of the top teams from the first round squared off in a final first round game and the Loggers scored a surprisingly easy win. Dan Turin fired in 28 points for the Loggers and teammate Ray Perkins added 24. Wooden Hutch was led by Al Smallen, who had a game-high 29.

Schoppert's Loggers 86, Reliable Realty 59

Schoppert's showed that it may be a force in the second half of league play as it easily defeated a good Reliable Realty team to start the second round. Mike Gynther poured in 19 points to lead the Loggers.

Deli Barn 72, Pleasant Home 66

Deli Barn started the second half on the right foot, as Mike Armstrong scored 22 points to pace the win. Curt Newman led losing Pleasant Home with 20.

SANDY RECREATION LEAGUE

"A" Division				"B" Division			
Team	W	L	Points	Team	W	L	Points
Schoppert's Loggers	1	0	93	Drones	1	0	38
Deli Barn	1	0	72	Dairy Queen	1	0	47
Reliable Realty	0	1	59	Ron's No Place	0	1	56
Pleasant Home Mobil	0	1	66	Sandy TV	0	1	34
Funny Farm	0	0	0	P&C Construction	0	1	50
Clockamas County Bank	0	0	0	Swimmers	0	1	34
Wooden Hutch	0	0	66				

Tuesday's games		Wednesday's games	
Loggers 93, Wooden Hutch 66		Drones 38, Swimmers 34	
Thursday's games		Ron's 56, P&C Construction 50	
Loggers 86, Reliable 59		Dairy Queen 47, Sandy TV 34	
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Durbin

Historically, the creek has supported populations of resident trout, steelhead and sometimes salmon. Its abundant streamside vegetation hosted populations of gamebirds, furbearers, nongame wildlife and both black-tailed and mule deer.

As human numbers began to increase in the area, the land began to change. The valley bottom was cleared for crop production and livestock grazing, reducing or eliminating streamside vegetation. Winter runoff from the dryland wheat fields carried tons of sediment into the stream channel.

Intensive timber management and harvest in the

headwaters combined with the annual cultivation of much of the lower watershed resulted in increased peak flows and reduced summer flows. Low summer flows were reduced even more by irrigation withdrawals, which resulted in higher maximum water temperatures further aggravated by lack of streamside shade.

Two major floods within a 10-year period finished the job man started. They severely eroded banks and fields and removed most of the remaining streamside vegetation.

The first struck in 1964, causing extensive damage to homes, farm buildings,

equipment and acres of valuable cropland. After that, the Soil Conservation Service worked with landowners to solve the flooding and erosion problems. The accepted practice at the time was to straighten the channel to speed the passage of flood waters and to remove streamside vegetation to avoid potential debris jams and associated problems.

But the "improved" creek channel required fixing after each winter's flow. The straightened channel speeded the stream velocity and increased the destructive forces.

A second major flood in 1974 left landowners and

others looking for a more permanent solution to their problems. Various agencies worked to develop a stream recovery plan. The plan called for sloping vertical cut-banks and seeding with a grass mixture, armoring the vulnerable sites with rock riprap, construction of check dams to reduce stream velocity and fencing of the stream corridor to exclude livestock except at controlled crossings or watering

points. Landowners were approached and most agreed to the project. A \$700,000 federal grant was received and in the spring of 1974 work began. The stabilization work was completed the following year. After completion of the bank sloping and rock riprap placement, sportsmen from The Dalles chapter of Northwest Steelheaders seeded more than 10 miles of streambank

to help speed the revegetation of exposed soil. Sportsmen, Boy Scouts and several landowners planted hundreds of trees and willow cuttings to hasten growth of shade-producing stream cover.

The final step was to fence the stream corridor. This resulted in 16 miles of new fence which also needed maintaining. Landowners took care of part of this burden and assistance was

also provided by the Fish and Wildlife Department. Effective maintenance of protective fencing was essential to recovery and survival of streamside vegetation as has become evident in the few unmaintained sections.

In the maintained areas, recovery has been phenomenal. Alder, cottonwood and willow growth along the stream in some sections forms nearly con-

tinuous hedge-like bands from 15 to 20 feet high. In some parts, a complete canopy has formed over the stream providing needed shade and terrestrial insects for the fish, which have now begun to recover as well.

Grasses, sedges and legumes have armored previously exposed banks and this ground cover has not only provided protection, but has stimulated the natural bank rebuilding.

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