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Beavers ready for NCAA

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That big thud you heard the other day was the Oregon State Beavers coming to earth.

After 26 consecutive wins, the Beavers were soundly whipped by a fired-up Arizona State team 87-67. And the game was in Corvallis.

Arguments will go on till time stands still as to whether or not a loss in such a situation is a good thing. Undefeated teams are said to feel more pressure going into NCAA tournament play and the loss certainly took away that problem.

But it is hard to say a 20-point loss can be encouraging.

If the Beavers had come back in the second half and cut the gap to three or four, OSU would have had a moral victory. But the final margin was the same as that terrible halftime deficit and the Sun Devils loved every minute of it.

The loss may not hurt the Beavers if they buckle down and work to regain their form, and composure. You can bet that coach Ralph Miller isn't about to let the Beavers' attention wander much during the next few days.

OSU was lucky in the draw, remaining in the West, by far the easiest bracket. But the Beavers have had a history of losing to opponents who aren't highly regarded and the draw may not be a good one after all. OSU, with the exception of the final game, seems able to rise to the occasion for big games. But against the Washingtons and the Stanfords, the concentration just isn't there.

Perhaps the Beavers look ahead to the tougher opponents. They shouldn't, not after Lamar and Nevada-Reno.

This year's team is different. Even the loss to the Sun Devils was excusable because it didn't mean that much. OSU had the conference title in the bag. It didn't earlier in the year when the Beavers came from behind to top Stanford, Washington and Arizona.

They rise to the occasion. There was ASU at Tempe in the opener, UCLA at Pauley and St. Johns in the east. All were important and all were Beaver victories.

Now the important thing is to convince OSU that it must rise to the occasion for every game in the NCAA tournament. Other teams will be fired up and there are no more upsets in sports than in the NCAA playoffs.

Steve Johnson may get a break since there won't be Pac-10 officials refereeing his games and they seem to watch him rather closely, to say the least. But every official in the country will know his problems and he may not get the break he thinks he will. Even playing in the Northwest, the Beavers haven't been toiling in obscurity.

The key to the Beavers' hopes may be Ray Blume. Blume is the floor leader of the Beavers and the senior guard usually establishes the tempo. That is important for any team, but especially the Beavers, who rely on a precision passing attack to dissect opposing defenses. When OSU, and Blume, can't get the passing going (like the ASU debacle) they are a rather mediocre team.

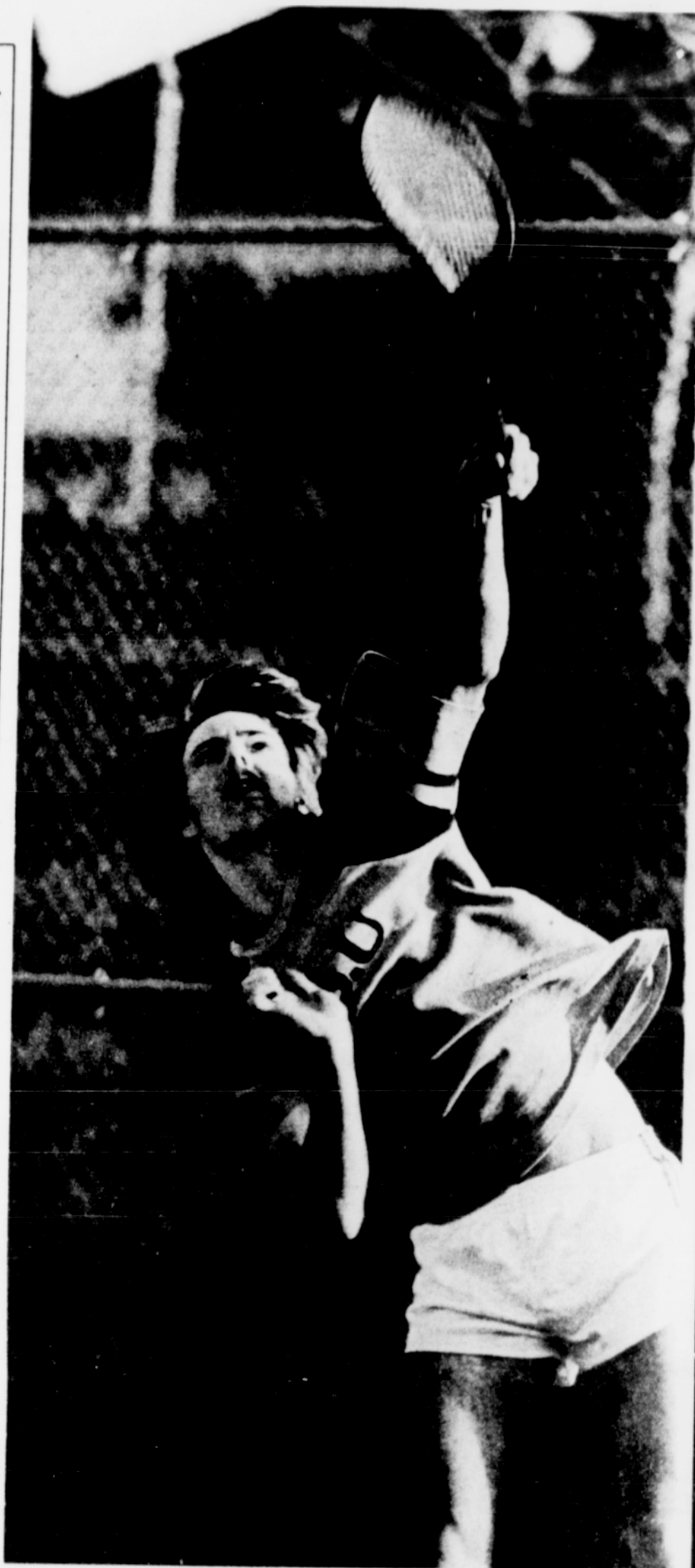
OSU is also going to have to make a concerted effort to attack the boards because rebounds are going to be a crucial factor in the tournament. That means that Charlie Sittton, Johnson and one other player, probably Lester Conner, are going to have play tough.

How will OSU do in the tournament? If the Beavers can play their game and retain their composure, they could do quite well. Other ranked teams will, or should, have tougher brackets and may be beat up by the time they get to Philadelphia.

If the Beavers stay in their game plan, they will get to the Final Four. They should.

And, if OSU can play its game, and keep Steve Johnson on the court for 30 minutes an outing, the Beavers will win it all.

That is quite a big if, however.



Senior Steve Frost returns at the number one singles position for the Pioneers. The hard-hitting lefty hopes to qualify for state this year.

Boys tennis

Pioneers eye improvement

After just one week of practice, the Sandy High boys tennis team will make its season debut against Gresham today.

The match is scheduled for 4 p.m. on the SUHS courts.

"We've spent two days inside and two days out," said coach Terry Chung. "That's not enough time. The weather has not been cooperating and they've had basketball inside. It's tough to get a program started."

The Pioneers will carry a dozen players this season and hope to improve on last year's last place finish at district. They should have a good shot at it.

Returning at number one singles is senior Steve Frost, who should be able to hold his own with most players in the Timber Valley League. The left-handed Frost is also a threat to finish in the top three and qualify for the state meet.

"He could make it, it depends on who is coming back," Chung said. "Sweet Home and West Linn have some good players. If Steve works at his game, he could be a force to be reckoned with. He's got the strokes, he just needs to learn to control

his power." At second singles is another experienced senior, Damian Bollermann. Frost and Bollermann should give Sandy a fairly potent one-two punch in the singles department.

The other Pioneers with any significant experience are Scott Bender and Pat Spriggel, a pair of juniors who teamed up in doubles last year. Chung may have them at first doubles this season, but they may also split up and try singles.

"Both are pretty steady and this is their third year," Chung noted. "They've shown a lot of improvement."

Senior Harvey Hazelett, with one year of experience, returns and may play some singles and doubles.

Chung also has three returning sophomores, Mark Gunderson, Randy Swanson and Alex Brewster.

Four newcomers add a little depth to the Pioneers, sophomores Peter Kallen and Brian Buhler, and freshmen Eric Jones and Eric Frost, brother of Steve.

Chung said that Kallen has been a pleasant surprise and that "if he continues to show

good play, he might be at third singles."

The Sandy coach isn't yet sure of his starting lineup for the Gresham match, but will likely have Frost at first singles, Bollermann at second singles and Spriggel and Bender at first doubles.

Challenge matches during practice will fill the rest of the positions.

Chung figures that Sweet Home will be the team to beat in the TVL this year with Oregon City and West Linn also fielding strong teams.

"We hope to be a little improved over last year," Chung said. "It will depend on how the new people come on. We lost our number three singles, Jim Pierson, who was very steady for us. I'd like to see us send at least one representative to state in singles and doubles. That would also put us up there at district."

The top three from district qualify for state.

The Pioneers will also play Friday, traveling to Barlow for a 4 p.m. match with the Bruins. Sandy's first league match will be March 24 when it hosts Silverton.

Baseball, softball registration set

The final sign-up for Sandy Youth Baseball and Softball will be held this Saturday, March 14, at the Sandy High baseball field.

Baseball is open to boys ages eight to 14; softball to girls ages eight to 18.

The registration will be

from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tryouts for boys 10-and-under will be Tuesday, March 24, at the high school field. Boys 11-14 will have their first practice Saturday, March 21 at the high school.

Girls will be notified by their coaches when first

practices will be held.

Family fees are available. Assistant baseball coaches and umpires are needed.

For more information, call Bob Gedde, 668-5309; Marie Rudisill, 668-5178; or Carol Powell, 668-5349.

SUHS opens baseball season

The Sandy High baseball team will open its season, weather permitting, today against Reynolds.

The Pioneers will host the Lancers at 4 p.m. in the non-league game.

Sandy will play a non-league doubleheader Tuesday at Lake Oswego, the first game of the Pioneers' spring vacation slate. The game is scheduled to begin at 12 p.m.

Extra vacation swim set

The Sandy Swim Center is offering an additional public recreational swim during spring vacation.

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