

Class of 1971-72 defends alumni title

The Class of 1971-72 successfully defended its championship in the second annual Sandy High School Alumni Basketball Tournament, beating the 1977 team by a 77-61 score.

It was the second straight win for 1971-72, which has dominated both years Sandy has hosted the tournament. Two players, Rick Zimmerman and Ray Perkins, were named to the All-Star team and Zimmerman was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Other first-teamers were Jack Paola (1977), Tim Veley (1976) and Rick Martin (1980).

The second team of the All-Stars was comprised of Mick Hoffman (1961-66), Ron Verdoorn (1967-68), J. Gynther (1973), Randy Bryant (1973) and Mike Gynther (1979).

Randy Keller was voted Most Inspirational Player.

In the championship game, the

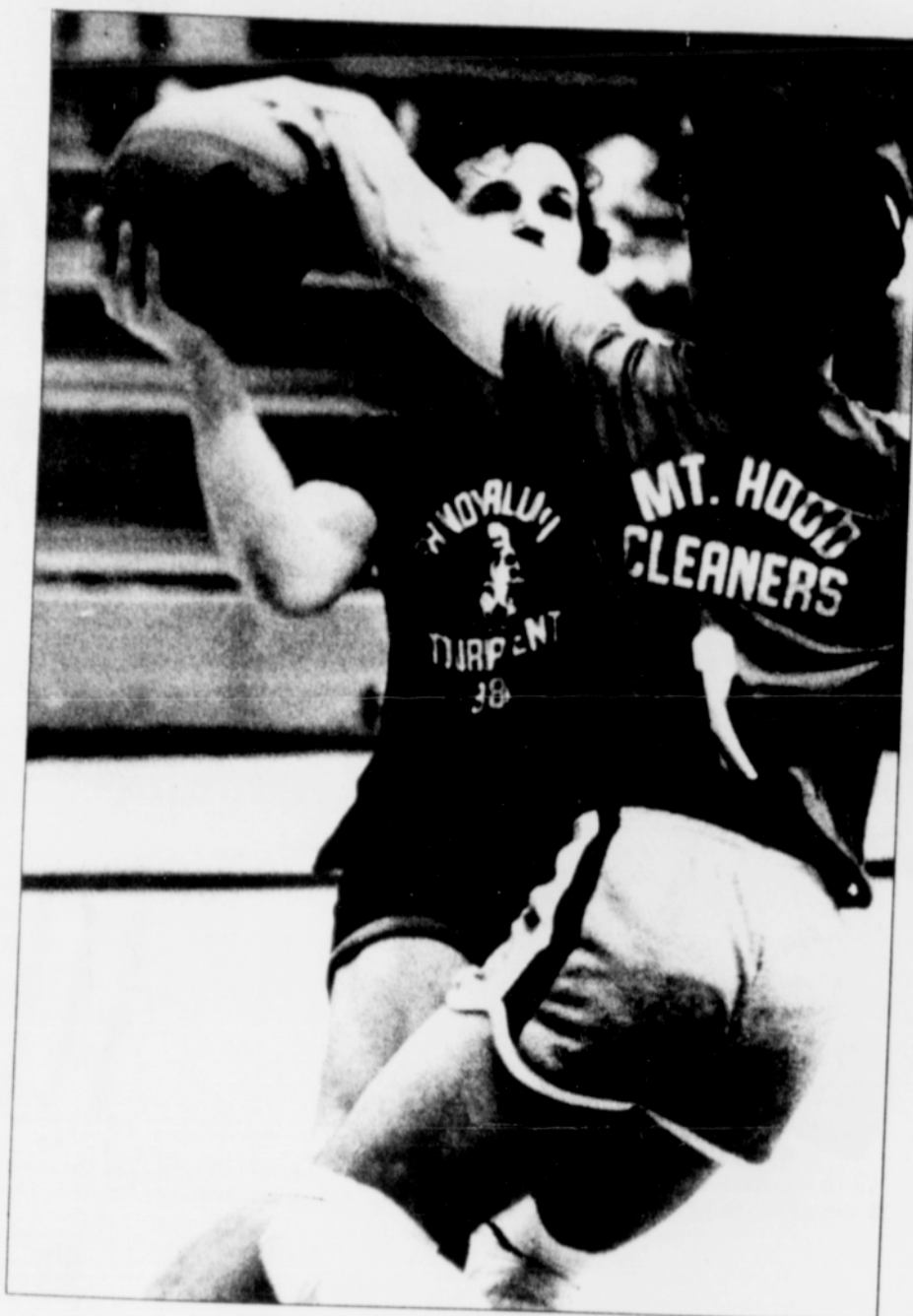
1971-72 team broke open a close game in the second quarter, outscoring the '77 squad 25-15 in the second quarter to take a commanding lead. The teams played even in the second half and it was a second straight trophy for 1971-72.

Dean Dickinson led the champs with 22 points, while Zimmerman added 21 and a game-high 13 rebounds. Jack Paola scored 27 in a losing effort.

Third place in the tournament went to the 1976 team. The squad from 1980 was fourth and the 1978 team won the consolation title.

Several new records were set this year. The team of 1980 exploded for 102 points in one game, erasing the old mark of 96. Ron Verdoorn scored 36 in one game, erasing Alan Nippert's mark of 34. Kent Reick sank 11 of 12 free throws for another record and Verdoorn hit four of 11 three-point field goals, breaking Paola's mark of three.

photos by Mark Floyd



Coleman blast paces Sandy to 13-5 win

With a late inning explosion, the Sandy High girls softball team ripped Estacada 10-0 Tuesday in a Timber Valley League game.

The Pioneers broke open a fairly tight contest in the top of the sixth inning, scoring three runs to go up by six. Sandy then put a little icing on the cake with four more in the seventh and final inning.

The win raised Sandy's league mark to 3-2, a far cry from last year's record. And the win which pushed them over the .500 mark was never really in doubt, despite playing on the road, on an insect-infested field.

Patty Gray and the rest of the Sandy defense just never allowed the host Rangers to mount a serious threat. Gray continued her solid pitching, going the distance for the Pioneers and allowing just two hits and four walks. She fanned four Ranger batters.

Sandy got on the board in the second inning, as Kathy Bath singled, Jill Dahlager reached first on an error and Sabrina Leathers walked. That set the stage for Cindy Coleman, who poked a two-run single to put the Pioneers on the board.

Sandy got a single run in the third when Chris Coleman singled, stole second and scored on Bath's single.

The Pioneers iced the game in the sixth. Gray singled and stole second to start the rally. Allison Carpenter singled her home, then stole second herself. She advanced on Debbie Rudisill's single, then both runners scored when Chris Coleman's line drive was bobbed by a Ranger fielder, who threw the ball away.

Sandy poured it on in the seventh. Dahlager and Leathers singled, then Cindy Coleman walloped a tape-measure home run that might still be rolling. It was Coleman's first home run of the year, and the three-run blast gave the Pioneers a 9-0 lead.

Carpenter kept it going with a single, advanced to third and scored on Rudisill's sacrifice fly.

Cindy Coleman ended up the batting ace. She slapped a single and a home run and drove in five of Sandy's 10 runs.

"It was an excellent team effort," Sandy High coach Gary Curtis said. "I was very pleased with our attitude, hustle and conduct on the field. Now we're going to concentrate on the little things, tying up the loose ends."

Sandy was to have played Oregon City in a non-league game Wednesday at Kelso School. Results were not available at press time.

Pioneer netters nab first win

After a bundle of defeats and several rainouts, the Sandy High boys tennis team picked up its first win of the season, Tuesday, dumping host Silverton 4-3.

The Pioneers swept the singles matches and got a win at second doubles to claim the Timber Valley League match.

"Our doubles teams are starting to develop," Sandy coach Terry Chung said. "They've improved overall two or three-fold. The most improved are our two new players, Brian Buhler and Eric Jones."

The key to the victory over Silverton, however, came at No. 2 doubles where Harvey Hazelett and Alex Brewster dealt John Tigges and Mike Jones and 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 loss. The Sandy pair faced elimination in the second set, trailing five games to one. But they rallied to take that set 7-5, and won the final set to claim the match.

At No. 1 singles, Sandy's Steve Frost outlasted Joe Armstrong 6-7, 6-1, 6-2. Damian Bollermann continued the strong Pioneer singles performance with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Dave Sonner.

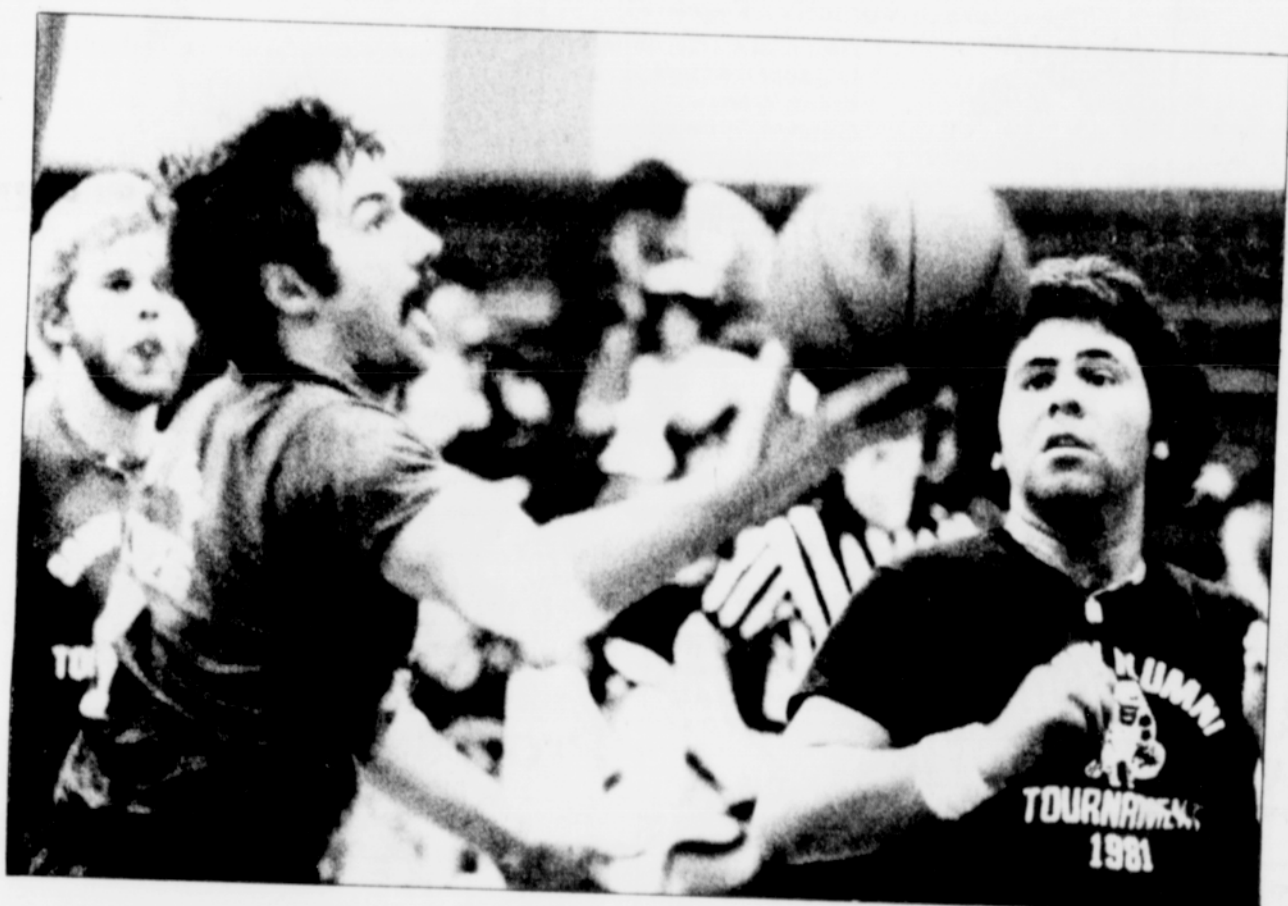
Sandy sophomore Peter Kallen made it a clean sweep in singles, taking a 6-0, 6-0 win over Dan Stevens at No. 3 singles.

Molalla won the other three doubles matches. Byron Gehring and David Blankowsky took a 6-2, 6-4 win over Sandy's Scott Bender and Pat Spriguel at No. 1 doubles; Tom Preston and Ted McCagg topped Buhler and Eric Frost 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles; and Dave Ball and John Parenteau scored a 6-3, 6-3 win over Jones and Randy Swanson in the No. 4 doubles match.

Sandy suffered two shutout losses in other Timber Valley League matches this week. Molalla and Oregon City both posted 7-0 wins over the Pioneers.

The Molalla match was closer than the score indicated. The Pioneers lost four matches that went three sets.

Gary Brown of Molalla nipped Spriguel at No. 3 singles, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1; Clyde Burton and Dan Beyer beat Sandy's Frost and Bollermann, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles; Dale Satrum and Mark Lucht of Molalla edged Hazelett and Brewster 2-6, 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles; and Randy Schoonover and Mike Schmader scored a 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 win over Jones and Swanson at No. 4 doubles.



(clockwise from top) Randy Keller (1977) defends against a driving Leon Verdoorn; Keller, driving for a layin, was voted the tourney's Most Inspirational Player; Don Schneider (1969) screens out Ron Jensen (1977) for a rebound; and Dave Turin drives on Craig Lundy.

