



Sandy High sophomore Scott Skipper shows off his winning form in the shot put Thursday. Skipper won the event with a put of 48-9, his personal best and a sophomore school record. He also won the javelin with a 199-5 effort.

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Oregon City veterans hand Sandy track defeat

by MARK FLOYD

A veteran Oregon City track team dealt the young and inexperienced Sandy Pioneers a double jolt, Thursday, sweeping a Timber Valley League dual meet.

Oregon City took the boys meet, 102-43, and won the girls competition 79-48.

It was the first TVL dual meet loss for the Sandy girls in three years.

"We weren't mentally prepared for the meet," Sandy coach Randy Hutchinson said. "They (the Oregon City teams) came in here highly touted and out for revenge after last year. They have pretty much the same team back and they're very strong in terms of depth. They were pumped up and ready

to go.

"We have a lot of sophomores and freshmen who don't know yet what a tough meet it was," he added. "You have to prepare for it and give a superior performance against a team like that."

The Pioneers did get some good individual performances and they were mostly from the people who did well last year.

Sophomore Scott Skipper set two personal records, two SUHS sophomore records and closed in on two school records as he won both the javelin and the shot put. The versatile Skipper began with a 48-9 effort in the shot, which is one of the better marks in the TVL this year.

The win pumped him up for the javelin and Skipper cut loose with

several throws past the 180-foot mark, the longest measuring out at 199-5, just seven inches off the school record.

Sandy's best performance on the track came from junior Steve Metelak, who continues to make impressive drops in time. Metelak went up against Oregon City's Dan Fund and Scott Isaac, two of the TVL's premier distance runners, and beat them both handily in the 800 meters. Metelak was timed in a personal best 2:01.5.

The only other win for the Sandy boys came from Bob Nippert, who won the high jump at 5-8. Nippert won easily and as soon as he cleared his winning height, raised the bar all the way to 6-1, where he barely missed.

Freshman Sam Romey placed second behind Isaac in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:26.3. Doug Baucom was right behind Nippert in the high jump at 5-6;

Russell Fork was second in the 400 meters in 54.4; Steve Brader turned in a solid 42.9 in the intermediate hurdles for second; and Nippert placed second in the triple jump with a 38-8½ effort.

Oregon City won 13 of the 17 boys events, taking both relays and dominating the sprints. Dan Doherty turned in a fine 43-8½ leap to win the triple jump and Rich Gaiser had a solid 148-1 mark to win the discus.

The Sandy girls went into the meet as underdogs and lost a few early chances to pick up points. Nevertheless, Hutchinson was pleased with some of the performances which indicate that the Pioneers are beginning to come around in their training.

Near the top of the list is Stephanie Hagstrom, who won the javelin with a throw of 129-1, her best throw of the

year. She is the top-ranking, returning thrower in the league this year.

Laura Stringham turned in her best performance of the year, winning the 800 meters with surprising ease over Oregon City's tough Tricia Sliger. Stringham won with a personal best time of 2:27.6.

Renee Hess was an easy winner in the 3,000 meters with a time of 11:57.2. In the field events, the Pioneers got a win from Paige Daugherty in the discus with a strong 110-9 throw.

But Oregon City picked up 11 big wins as well as a number of second places to make the meet a runaway.

The host Pioneers did come up with some good performances for second places, however. Donna Nelson showed she is working into shape as she took second behind Sliger in the 1,500 meters with a fine 5:12.6 time. Daugherty was

second in the shot put, 32-11, and javelin, 106-8; freshman Sharon Jensen was second in the long jump, 15-11½; Sandra Peterson was second in the 200 meters, 27.7; and Lori Shelton was second in the intermediate hurdles, 54.3. "We had some good individual performances and competed very well considering the opposition," Hutchinson noted.

The Sandy girls won the junior varsity competition by a 52-50 score. The best marks were turned in by Peterson, a winner in the 100 meters with a 13.4 time, and Jacqui Pullen, with a winning 18.7 in the high hurdles.

Oregon City won the boys junior varsity meet by a 63½-54½ score. Don Bennett won the long jump with a fine 19-0 leap and Steve Pettingill took the discus with a throw of 123-5 to lead the Pioneers.

Timber Valley teams defeat Sandy netters

The 1981 season has been a long series of learning experiences for the Sandy High boys tennis team.

The Pioneers dropped two more matches this week and saw their record slip to 1-12 for the season. Sandy's only win was a 4-3 defeat of Silverton two weeks ago.

The Sweet Home Huskies handed the Pioneers a 6-1 defeat last Thursday and came out on the short end of a 5-1 score against Canby the following afternoon.

Sandy fared pretty well in the singles against Sweet Home, although the Huskies won two of the three matches. Damian Bollermann played well for Sandy at No. 1 singles, but lost to Chuck Hooper by a 6-2, 7-6 score. Hooper won the second set in a tiebreaker, 9-7.

Chris Andrade of Sweet Home won at No. 2 singles, nipping Scott Bender 2-6, 7-6, 6-4. Pat Spriggel got Sandy on the board in the No. 3 singles match, topping Bob Bishop 6-2, 6-0.

The Huskies dominated the doubles competition, winning all four matches. Ken and Eric Kaufman beat Alex Brewster and Peter Kallen 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1 doubles. In the second doubles match, Rick Peargin and Tim Livezey knocked off Harvey Hazelett and Mark Gunderson 6-1, 6-1.

Randy Swank and Doug Christenson toppled Sandy's Eric Frost and Brian Buhler 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 3 doubles match and in the final contest, the Huskies' Marty McFarland and Phil Olszewski beat Eric Jones and Randy Swanson 6-1, 6-2.

Bollermann came back on Friday and beat his Canby opponent at No. 1 singles. The SUHS senior ripped Troy Winklebleck 6-2, 7-6.

Pete Hooper of Canby beat Bender at No. 2 singles 6-3, 6-1. At the finals singles match, Dale Anderson beat Spriggel 6-2, 7-6.

At No. 1 doubles, Jim Markin and Scott Bass held on to beat Kallen and Brewster 6-1, 6-7, 6-3. Jon Marston and Tim Cerami beat Frost and Buhler 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles and at No. 3 doubles, it was Canby's Todd Stutzman and Mike Patterson over Jones and Swanson by a 6-0, 6-2 score.

There was no fourth doubles match.



Sandy High third baseman Chris Coleman wins a race to the bag, putting out an Oregon City runner with a force. Oregon City, using a no-hitter from pitcher Rhonda Haun, dealt the Pioneers a 12-0 defeat at the Kelso School field.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Haun no-hitter halts Pioneers

For the second time this season, the Oregon City girls softball team dumped Sandy and for the second time, they used a no-hitter by Rhonda Haun to do it.

Haun's gem Friday gave Oregon City a 12-0 win over Sandy and kept the visitors atop the Timber Valley League with an unblemished record. Sandy dropped to 3-3, good for third place and still within range of a playoff spot.

The game was actually nothing unusual. Haun has more than a half-dozen no-hitters to her credit this season and she is one of the premier pitchers in the state. And Sandy batters haven't touched her in two outings this year.

"We're getting closer and closer to hitting her," sighed Sandy coach Gary Curtis. "She's just unreal. We got the bat on the ball better this time, but it

was always to someone. She had 11 strikeouts last time and only seven this time. And no one struck out more than once."

Two Pioneers reached base on walks, ruining Haun's chance for a perfect game. But they were quickly stranded and a close game became a runaway after Oregon City picked up three runs.

"You could see a mental letdown by us after they picked up a couple of runs," Curtis said. "But we helped out by committing six errors. It was probably our worst defensive performance of the year."

Patty Gray went the distance for Sandy and suffered control problems. She gave up a half dozen or so hits, which isn't bad, but walked twice that many and Oregon City capitalized. Cathy Gorton stroked an RBI single and dou-

ble to pace the visitors at the plate.

Sandy did get a fine defensive performance from catcher Allison Carpenter, who blocked several errant pitches at the plate and came up with a spectacular grab of a foul ball, crashing into the backstop.

Sandy trails second place Canby by a full game in the standings; the Cougars are 4-2. Both teams have four games remaining. Sandy must play Estacada, Molalla and Silverton within the week. Should they win all three, it would set up a season-ending finale against Canby for the TVL's second playoff berth.

That game is scheduled for Monday, May 4, at the Kelso School field.

The Pioneers were to have played Estacada Wednesday, and will face Silverton Thursday and Molalla Friday.

Pioneer glovemen pin 6-5 loss on Huskies

Sandy High's rapidly improving baseball team dealt visiting Sweet Home a 6-5 setback Tuesday afternoon. It was the Pioneers' third league win in five games.

Mike Contreras slapped down a perfect bunt single in the sixth inning, scoring Mitch Paola from third, then scored on a triple from Troy Bangs. The two-run inning gave Sandy a 6-3 lead and the Pioneers held on to beat the Timber Valley League's third place team.

Contreras had three hits in three at bats and pitched solidly in relief of Kraig Gifford. Gifford started for Sandy and got the win, improving his league mark to 3-0.

"Kraig did a tremendous job out there for four innings, but tired some in the fifth," Sandy coach Curtis Heath said. Contreras came in to relieve and John Martin came in to pick up the save.

"We played very well," Heath said. "Matt Falgout had a tremendous game for us at third base with no errors and there were some shots hit at him. Keith Powell and Mike Contreras made some good plays, too."

"We've been pretty consistent the last five games," he added. "I think the turnaround was two weeks ago when we had four long road trips in one week and won two of them. We've played well since."

Sandy upped its record to 4-7 in league and moved into a tie for fifth place with Canby. The top four qualify for league playoffs, but Sweet Home and Silverton have just four losses apiece.

"It would take a minor miracle to get in there, but we're playing good ball," Heath said. "We need a couple of losses from other teams to have a chance, but we're playing good ball. It's very heartening."

Chris Jones named to Cultural Exchange team

Sandy High junior Chris Jones has won a spot on Oregon's Cultural Exchange wrestling team.

Jones earned the spot by winning the state freestyle tournament earlier this spring then defeating the winner of the Challenger's Tournament Sunday.

Jones scored a 13-3 decision and a pin over Sunset's Joe Giacomina in the 154-pound division to earn the spot.

The Challengers' Tournament is open to any state placewinner on the Class A, AA or AAA level.

Jones will accompany the Cultural Exchange team for three weeks, first traveling to Canada to attend some pre-Junior World Olympic training camps and to watch the tournament. The group will then head east through Canada and drop down to Iowa for the United States Wrestling Federation (USWF) national championships, which is the national high school

freestyle tournament.

Sandy's Larry Topliff won the 105-pound division of the Challengers' Tournament, but lost his two-out-of-three match to freestyle champ Veri Miller of La Grande who earned the Cultural Exchange berth.

Another Pioneer wrestler, Dan Martin, finished third in the Challengers' Tournament, although he defeated the champ of the 154-pound division, Giacomina.

Both Topliff and Martin earned a berth on a second Oregon team that will compete at the USWF national championships in Iowa, however. Topliff will wrestle at 98 pounds by virtue of his state freestyle championship and Martin earned the nod at 154 by placing third in both events.

The Pioneers will have a total of three wrestlers at nationals, scheduled for mid-July.