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Football draft telecast live

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Football widows faced the ultimate in horror this Tuesday when cable television's ESPN presented the first three rounds of the NFL draft. Live.

Selecting some 80-odd football players takes some time, and some of them were, indeed, odd. But even stranger were some of the people in the audience that ESPN interviewed.

There were few surprises in the first round. South Carolina's Heisman Trophy winning back, George Rogers, went to the Bum Phillips-coached Saints of New Orleans. The New York Giants, picking second, took linebacker Lawrence Taylor of North Carolina.

So far, so good. But the N.Y. Jets raised a few eyebrows by selecting UCLA running back Freeman McNeil as the number three pick and the show took off from there. Eyebrows were raised because the Jets were a decent offensive club last year, but woefully shy on defensive talent. A powder puff team could have piled it on the Jets.

McNeil's selection was also something of a surprise because there were a couple of other backs still available who were rated higher by a majority of the scouts.

But that disturbance was nothing compared to the tremor which shook The Big Apple following the Jet's second pick. In the second round, the Jets chose another back, Marion Barber of Minnesota. Yes, THE Marion Barber.

That one raised the roof. The show, and the draft, originated from New York and there were a lot of Jets fans in attendance. Not only that, but ESPN had live coverage in a few local establishments where some, shall we say spirited, fans were voicing their opinions.

No one, absolutely no one, wanted the Jets to take another offensive player, much less a second back. The booing began and lasted a good five minutes. Several chants began, not the quietest of which was a song wishing farewell to the Jets' coach.

The draft lacked the excitement of last year's selection. There were few surprises and very little suspense. It seems that most teams chose players which the media had already matched them up with. There were few significant trades, like last year when the Jets traded with San Francisco for the second selection.

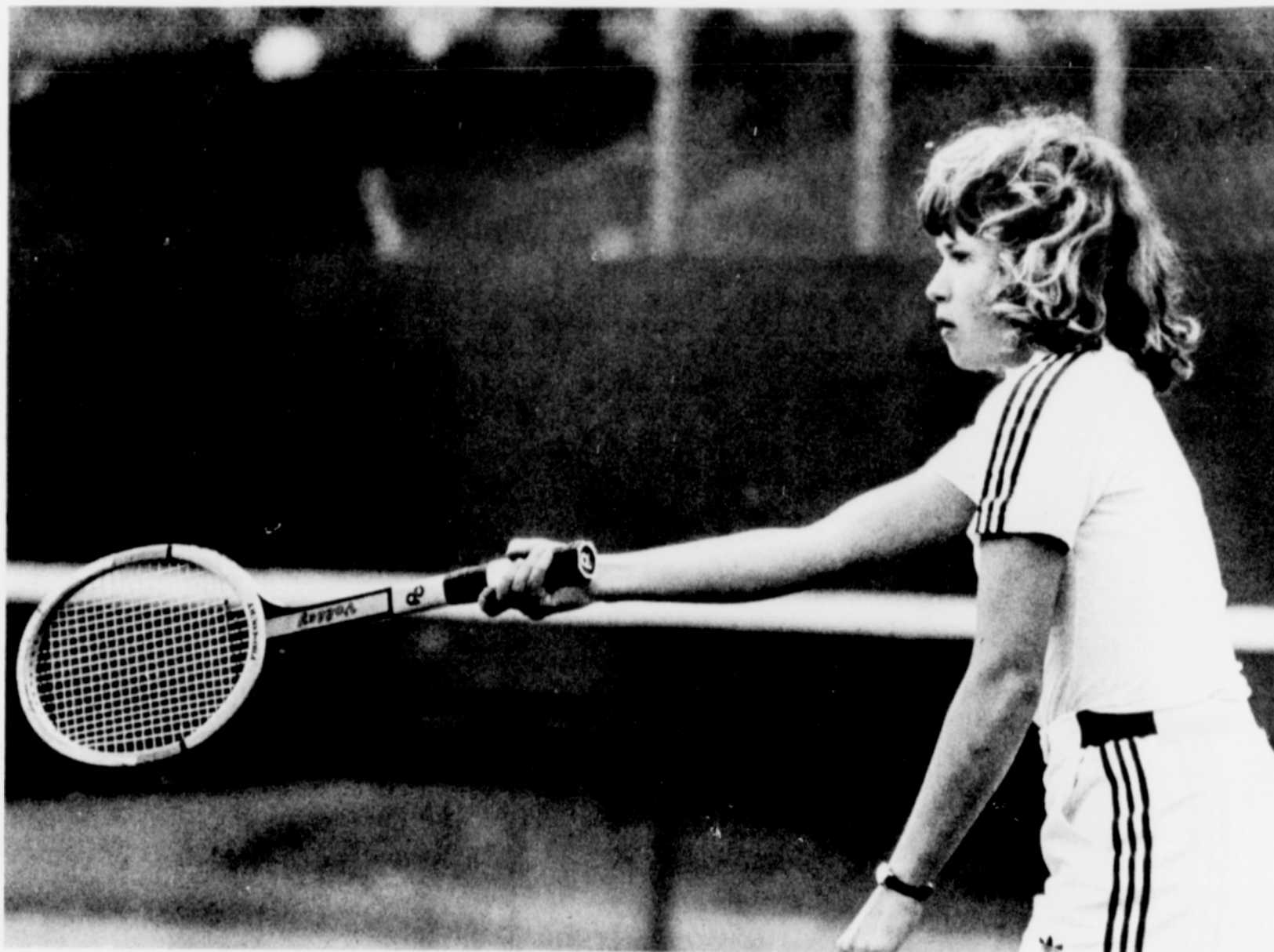
There some disappointments, locally. Portland's State's Neil Lomax was not chosen until the second round, 33rd in the draft, a position which won't help his financial bargaining. However, he couldn't have been picked by a better team. St. Louis has an aging quarterback in Jim Hart, who can teach Lomax all he knows in the year or two he'll remain with the Cards. Also on the team is former PSU receiver Dave Stief, a favorite target of Lomax two years ago.

Absent in the first three rounds was the selection of any University of Oregon players, even standout Vince Goldsmith. Goldsmith would be a blue-chipper, if he was three to four inches taller. Even with his "small" stature, it is surprising that no team took a shot at him — every opposing coach in college raved about him.

Defensive players were highly sought, too. In fact, 15 of the 28 first round picks were defensive players — many of them backs. That's unusual in the first round, which is usually filled with players in the glamor positions — quarterback and running back.

But there were few QBs in the draft and just one, California's Rich Campbell, was tabbed in the first round.

First round selections did include eight Pac-10 players. Two UCLA players, McNeil and defensive back Kenny Easley, were among the top four. USC had three in the first round, showing the strength of the Los Angeles schools. Pac-10 champ Washington had one as did Stanford and California.



Zina Seal, returning a serve, teamed up with Tracy Tool, Thursday, in a match against Sweet Home. The Sandy High duo lost to Stacy Hillis and Kelly Stafford 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 in the No. 3 doubles match. Sandy also lost the team match as the host Huskies claimed a 4-3 win.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Sweet Home hands Sandy double loss

Despite some strong Sandy singles play, the Sweet Home Huskies dealt the Pioneers a pair of losses in Timber Valley League tennis Thursday.

Sweet Home won the first match 4-3, then juggled its lineup and won an afternoon makeup match 6-1.

The Pioneers won all of the singles matches in the opening contest. Sandy Yantes topped Cindy Bramlett 6-0, 6-2; Tami Shafer whitewashed Erin Ford 6-0, 6-0 and Jody Robbins took care of Debbie Hand 6-3, 6-2.

But Sweet Home came back to sweep the doubles matches and claim the team win. The Huskies' No. 1 doubles team of Marcy VavRosky and Patty Basham, one of the state's top duos, blanked Julie Coleman and Sandy Shreeve 6-0, 6-0. Julie Hotchkiss and Barb Howard followed suit with a 7-5, 6-0 win over Sandy's Becky Rodrigues and Pat Wesselink.

The other doubles matches were close, but Sweet Home won them in three sets. Stacy Hillis and Kelly Stafford edged Zina Seal and Tracy Tool 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 and Mary Buhn and Tammie Volz nipped Denise Shokey and Alice Schoppert 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Sweet Home split up VavRosky and Basham, put them in singles and made the second match a runaway. VavRosky beat a stubborn Yantes 7-6, 6-1; Basham topped Shafer 6-1, 6-0; and Hand came back to upend Robbins 6-3, 6-4.

The new lineup gave some confidence to Shreeve and Coleman, however, and the

Sandy duo played a strong match, beating Bramlett and Ford 6-3, 6-3. But the Huskies won the rest.

Hotchkiss and Howard beat Rodrigues and Wesselink 6-1, 6-3; Hillis and Stafford beat Seal and Sue Hartke 6-1, 6-0; and Buhn and Volz topped Tool and Schoppert 6-2, 6-4.

"It was a long ride down there," Sandy coach Debbie Hunter said. "I was pleased with our singles — they played very well. Our doubles just didn't play as well. First doubles (Shreeve

and Coleman) played one of their better matches of the season the second time around, but other than that, there wasn't much action."

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Sixth inning rally lifts Sandy baseball team

Sandy came up with two big runs in the sixth inning to deal visiting Molalla a 5-4 loss in Timber Valley League baseball Thursday.

The Pioneers also suffered a 6-1 defeat to league-leading West Linn last week.

Sandy took a 2-0 lead against Molalla in the third inning. Troy Bangs led off with a single and went to second on a sacrifice by Matt Falgout. Mike Lund drew a walk and Mitch Paola sent

both runners home with a long double over the right fielder's head.

Sandy got another run in the fourth when Keith Powell singled, moved to third on a single by Dave Kirkland and scored on Bangs' squeeze bunt.

The Indians fought back with a run in the fourth and two in the sixth, tying the game at 3-3. But the Pioneers came back in the sixth with a two-run rally

that featured just one base hit. Mike Contreras led off with a walk and Powell singled. Bangs also drew a walk, loading the bases for Falgout. Falgout then drove in a run the hard way, catching a breaking pitch in the face. The Sandy senior suffered a broken nose on the play.

Paola then walked, forcing in what turned out to be the winning run.

John Martin picked up the

win for the Pioneers, going six innings. He got some relief help from Randy Martin, who came on to pitch the final inning and pick up the save.

Sandy's 6-1 loss to West Linn was a moral victory, if nothing else. The Lions had pounded Sandy pitchers for 14 runs and 18 hits in their last meeting, but the Pioneers buckled down and made it a game.

Pioneer pitchers allowed the Lions just six hits and

Sandy committed only one error in the ball game. But West Linn got a strong performance from pitcher Mitch Williams, who stopped the Pioneers on one hit.

That hit was a fifth inning double by Mo Contreras, who scored Sandy's only run, stealing third and scoring on a throwing error by the West Linn catcher.

Randy Martin pitched for the Pioneers and kept the game close, yielding just one extra base hit.

"Randy threw one heck of a ball game," Sandy coach Curtis Heath said. "He had the West Linn players struggling up there. We played some good defense behind him and came up with the big plays when we needed them."

Sandy's record now stands at 3-7 in TVL play, 5-12-1 overall. The Pioneers will host Estacada Friday at 4 p.m. and travel to Centennial, Saturday, for a 12 p.m. non-league doubleheader.

calendar

- TRACK**
April 30 - Sandy at Sweet Home 3:45 p.m.
May 1 - Sandy at Barlow Invitational (MHCC) 3 p.m.
May 7 - Molalla at Sandy 3:45 p.m.
- SOFTBALL**
May 1 - Sandy at Molalla 4 p.m.
May 4 - Sandy at Canby 4 p.m.
- BOYS GOLF**
May 1 - Sandy at Molalla 4 p.m.
May 4 - West Linn at Sandy 4 p.m.
May 5 - Sandy at Sweet Home 4 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
April 30 - Oregon City at San-

- dy 4 p.m.
May 7 - District meet (TBA) 9 a.m.
- GIRLS TENNIS**
April 30 - Sandy at Oregon City 4 p.m.
May 7 - District meet (TBA) 9 a.m.

- BASEBALL**
May 1 - Estacada at Sandy 4 p.m.
May 2 - Sandy at Centennial (DH) 12 p.m.
May 5 - Sandy at Oregon City 4 p.m.



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Safety procedures and hunting etiquette will be discussed at the classes.

For more information, contact the Sandy Police Department.

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is 667-6633

Prep of the Week:



CHRIS JONES

PAOLAS PIZZA BARN
Sandy On Hwy. 26.

Sandy High junior Chris Jones recently won a spot on Oregon's cultural exchange wrestling team. He won a freestyle tournament earlier this year, then beat the winner of a Challenger's Try last Sunday in two straight matches. The Pioneer standout will travel with the state team to Canada and the midwest this July. Congratulations, Chris!