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# Sandy spikers in good shape for next year

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At first glance, the Timber Valley League district track meet was just as expected, with Oregon City and West Linn fighting it out for the titles.

Sandy finished a respectable third in the girls and fourth in the boys.

But insiders will tell you that Sandy was one athlete away from taking it all.

The Pioneers got blanked in all the events which require sprinting of any kind. They got no points at all in the 100, 200, 400 or high hurdles. Sandy was also shut out in the triple jump, long jump, pole vault, boys intermediate hurdles and short relays.

That statistic is staggering. One sprinter, with a third place finish in the 100, 200 and short relay would have lifted Sandy to the girls title. The Pioneers have several prospects, but they are all freshmen and sophomores who haven't had time to develop.

What the district meet should do is serve as a warning to the rest of the league. Sandy could very well go on to win both the boys and girls district titles next year.

That may be going out on a limb, but then again, look at another fact. Sandy's girls, with 89 points, were third in the league behind West Linn (102) and Oregon City (95). Of the Pioneers' total, 88 were scored by undergraduates. The only senior to score was Renee Hess, with a sixth place finish in the 3,000 meters.

The Pioneers dominated the throwing events with sophomore Paige Daugherty and junior Stephanie Hagstrom. Gayle Roth, Donna Nelson, Sharon Jensen and Laura Stringham are solid from 400 to 3,000 meters. A group of young sprinters could develop by next season and Roth and Jensen lead another solid group in the jumps.

With just one point missing, the Pioneers should be looking forward to next year with glee. And so should the Pioneer boys.

Sandy placed fourth with 46 points behind Oregon City, 166; West Linn, 112; and Estacada, 74. All of Sandy's points were scored by undergraduates and the Pioneers were missing Steve Metelak, a junior who suffered an injury just before district. He had the TVL's second fastest time in the 800 meters at the time.

Scott Skipper has potential to win all of the throwing events next year, if he can get past his own teammates. Dale Rasmussen, Locke Christman, Mike Marleau and Richard Doering are all among the league's best already in the three events and will do even better next year.

Freshman Ryan Coombs made the finals in the 100 meters at district, the first Sandy frosh in years to do so. He could be the sprinter the Pioneers need. Bob Nippert should score points in the jumps, freshman Sam Romey is demolishing the SUHS frosh record book and Metelak will be back.

If all this sounds a bit optimistic, it should. The Pioneers have what may be their deepest freshmen class ever and their group of sophomores is small, but oozing with talent. Next year's team will also be young, but with the added season of experience, Sandy will be tough to beat.

The Pioneers fared well at district, but if ever a season ended with optimism for next year, this was it. The rest of the league should consider itself warned.

## Registration next Saturday

# Soccer club prospers in Sandy area

The Sandy-Cascade Soccer Club is growing by leaps and bounds and is still looking for new members.

Registration will be held next Saturday, June 6, at Griff's Restaurant from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the teams. Boys and girls ages 5 to 13 are eligible to play and the season will begin some time in August.

At a pre-registration meeting recently, club president Bob Espenel received nearly 400 names of interested kids, so the club is

prospering.

"We formed a club in January of this year," he said. "Before that we were with Gresham. For the past several months we've been writing by-laws, organizing and looking for sponsors. We'd like to get as many youths as we can."

The club will form several Sandy teams, at least one for each age group, 5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13. The group will still compete in the Gresham league, but hopes to have enough interest to form a

Sandy league in the near future.

Registration fees will be \$12.50 a person or \$25 for a family. Persons unable to register June 6 may pick up a form at Griff's and turn it in later.

Persons seeking additional information should call 668-6722, 272-3471 or 637-3197. Griff Collins is in charge of securing sponsors for teams; volunteers should call him at the restaurant.

The club is also seeking soccer coaches. Interested persons should call Espenel

at 668-5352.

The season will begin with a jamboree Aug. 6. Games will be held beginning Aug. 15 and practices should start at the end of July.

The club and league are open to boys and girls. An all-girls team may be formed if there is enough interest, but coed teams were numerous in the league last year.

There will be a soccer game between the parents of the kids June 6 after registration at Sandy High School. It will begin at 2 p.m.

## Coast to Coast wins Midget Federal game

Sandy Coast to Coast broke into the win column this week with a 12-11 win over Reynolds in the Midget Federal Youth Baseball league.

Both teams benefitted from several bases on balls. But it was a string of base hits in the fifth inning which put Sandy on top to stay. Gary Copher singled to start the rally and moved to second on a walk by Ty Beckley. Back-to-back singles by Sandy scored two runs.

Coast to Coast came out on the losing end of a 7-6 game to Lynch last week. Sandy gave up all seven runs in the first two innings.

In Junior Federal League action, Lynch scored a 5-3 win over Sandy. Lynch scored its first three runs without a hit, taking advantage of eight Sandy walks. Matt Novotny and Morgan Emrich kept the Sandy Bruce Cook Insurance team in the game by swatting two hits apiece.

## Marlins 10th at Vancouver meet

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club placed 10th in the Vancouver Swim Club A-B Invitational swim meet last weekend.

A total of 15 teams competed. Host Vancouver ran away with the team title, piling up 820 points. Tualatin Hills was second with 350. The Marlins had 50 points for their 10th place finish.

"We had a pretty good meet, considering," Sandy coach Carl Neuenfeldt said. "It was not a fast pool and there weren't many good times by anyone. The little kids did pretty well, though."

Leading the way was Michelle Crane, who scored

well in the girls eight-and-under division. Crane was the top point-producer for the Marlins, placing in five events.

She was second in the 50-yard freestyle, 37.4; second in the 25-breaststroke, 21.2; second in the 25-butterfly, 21.0; third in the 100-individual medley, 1:37.4; and third in the 25-backstroke, 20.4.

Another Crane, Doug, scored for the Marlins in the 13-14 boys division. Crane won the 100-freestyle with a personal best of 54.1. He also took second in the 100-butterfly, 1:00.8, and fifth in the 200-freestyle, 2:03.9.

In that same division,

Richard Rolph placed sixth in the 200-backstroke, 2:32.2, and sixth in the 100-backstroke, 1:09.4.

Terri Hanson placed fifth for the BMAC in the 13-14 girls division of the 200-butterfly. Her time was 2:43.25.

In the 11-12 boys division, Dean Haines placed in two events for the Marlins. He was second in the

50-butterfly, 33.4, and sixth in the 100-individual medley, 1:20.8.

Neuenfeldt also had praise for BMAC swimmers Stephanie Colby, Mark Rolph and Steve Haines, who failed to place, but scored a number of personal bests in the meet.

The next meet for the Marlins will be June 6-7 at the Tigard Sextathlon.

## Pool registration set

Registration for summer classes at the Sandy Swim Center will take place June 2-5 at the pool.

Classes will include Red Cross Swim Instruction, Adult classes, Pre-

Competitive, Lifesaving, Swimastics and Tiny Tots. Registration for persons living within the Sandy High district will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Prep of the Week:



PAIGE DAUGHERTY

Sandy High sophomore Paige Daugherty recently won the Timber Valley League shot-put competition for girls with a distance of 37.0 feet. She also placed second in javelin in league competition. Earlier, she played volleyball and basketball for the Pioneers. Congratulations, Paige!



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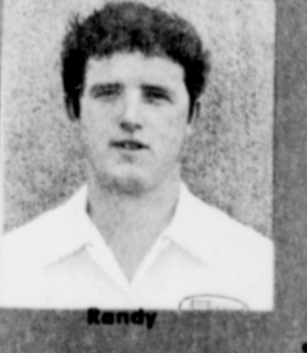
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