

## In home game with Silverton

# Offense key to Pioneer win

The offense came through Friday night to secure a Sandy victory with a touchdown in the last 16 seconds of the game against Silverton.

The 32-20 score doesn't really tell how close the game was. The Foxes, aided by a penalty, scored with 3:17 left in the game on a one-yard run by Silverton senior Scott Long. Long completed a pass to junior Jeff Brockamp for the two points, getting the score to 26-20.

But the Pioneer offense got fired up, having been a little upset about the penalty that allowed Silverton to score.

"We decided the best way to get them back was to score one more time," senior Dan Martin said.

It was obvious that something was going on out there, as the Pioneers dominated the last three minutes.

After taking the ball near the 40-yard line after the on-side kick that followed Silverton's touchdown, the Pioneers at first seemed content to be running out

the clock with their ball-control offense.

In fact, John Smith, assistant coach, was keeping track of the seconds and was having quarterback Mitch Paola wait to start plays until just before their 25 seconds were up.

One time, however, it didn't work, and a delay of game penalty was called.

"How long do we have," Smith asked. The referee told him 25 seconds.

"We got it off in 20," Smith said, holding up his wrist and showing his watch. "I have a Timex that never stops ticking."

They quit waiting the extra five seconds after that, and at the end of the game were going to the air looking for the score.

Steve Contreras, who also has taken over as extra point kicker and connected on two for the evening, caught a 12 yarder for the final score.

Todd Byron was on the receiving end of a 26-yard scoring strike from Paola. Chuck Kearney scored on two short runs and Bryan Noe scored on a nine-yard run.

Junior Bill Bowman recovered an on-side kick in the second quarter, after Noe's first diving touchdown got Sandy a 7-6 lead. The Silverton turnover was capitalized on, and the Pioneers pretty much stayed in control until the Foxes final touchdown.

"The offensive line did a tremendous job," O'Meara said. He was pleased, overall, with their offensive effort. He said they'd be working on defense this week.

He credited Dale Rasmussen, Martin, Randy Carmony, Locke Christman, Roland Aumueller and back-up Tim Sytsma with doing "an excellent job blocking."

He was also pleased with the blocking and running of backs Kearney and Noe. Kearney carried the ball 18 times for 91 yards. Noe carried the ball 16 times for 98 yards.

O'Meara was also pleased with Paola, who completed six of nine passes for 79 yards, throwing one interception. The Pioneers will travel to Molalla Friday, where a win would get their 4-3 record safely over the 500 mark.

Although Molalla has been on the wrong side of some lopsided games, O'Meara said that they've improved some in the last couple of weeks, with Sweet Home getting by them 7-0 last Friday.

"It's an important game for us," he said. "We've got to concentrate and really play disciplined (ball)."

## Water polo teams having a hard time

The boys and girls water polo teams fell to Gresham Tuesday afternoon.

The Pioneer girls fell 10-2, with Bonita Connelly and Dawn Miller making the goals for Sandy.

The boys fell 22-2 to Gresham, the top-ranked team in the state.

For the most part, Coach Carl Neuenfeldt said, they just weren't able to move up and down the pool as fast as Gresham.

The girls are now 2-7, and the boys are 1-8.

Neuenfeldt said that Connelly, Teresa Lamar and Becky Rodriguez have been performing consistently for the girls. He said that Rick Topliff and Matt Roth have been turning in good performances of the boys team.

## Pioneer harriers set records

Things just couldn't be going much better for the SUHS cross country teams.

The girls, without injured Donna Nelson, came through in the league showdown Tuesday, and have most likely secured the Timber Valley League roving trophy.

West Linn, Sweet Home and the Pioneers were all undefeated going into the triangular (against league competition), but Coach Scott McMullen was concerned about a few problems they've been having, including Nelson's injured foot.

Sophomore Sharon Jensen, however, came through for the Pioneers, setting a school record on the 3,050-meter course with an 11:23 timing.

While Jensen knocked 37 seconds off her best time on Sandy's course, Darby Binder, a senior, went from a 12:01 her last time at home to 11:36 Tuesday.

"It was just remarkable," McMullen said, obviously pleased.

Jensen and Binder finished second and third respectively, with West Linn's Kathy Nichols taking first with a time of 11:09.

Now McMullen figures Nichols could be the fastest prep female runner in Oregon, which says a lot for Jensen and Binder.

In all the excitement over the girls, one has to be careful not to overlook sophomore Sam Romey's accomplishment.

He finished first on the 4,700-meter course in a time of 15:29.

He already held the school record for the fastest time on Sandy's course, but Tuesday he took the course record (it was incorrectly reported last week that he had beaten Fred Sproul's time of 15:47).

That Romey took the course record by almost 20 seconds pleased McMullen, but there were others that also did well.

Phil Burks knocked 43 seconds off his previous best time on the Sandy course, finishing fourth in 16:10.

"He really helped us," said McMullen. The boys lost to West Linn but downed Sweet Home.

If all that wasn't enough, consider this: Freshman Andy Romey is turning in better times than Sam, his brother, was last year.

Sandy girls results: Jensen, 2nd, 11:23; Binder, 3rd, 11:36; Laura Stringham, 7th, 12:01; Shelby Dries, 9th, 12:25; Petra Bessman, 14th, 13:06; Patty Groombridge, 15th, 13:18; Kelly Douglas, 19th, 14:07.  
Sandy boys results: Romey, 1st, 15:29; Burks, 4th, 16:10; Brian Resick, 9th, 16:51; Andy Romey, 11th, 16:59; Andy Edgren, 14th, 17:10; Brian Buhler, 16th, 17:19; Brad Tebo, 19th, 18:04.



Junior Ann Sarich makes the play for the junior varsity volleyball team during the SUHS-hosted freshman and junior varsity tournament held this weekend. St. Mary's won both divisions, with neither Sandy team having a lot of luck. The freshman, however, are 9-1 in league play after a win last night over Molalla.



At left, senior Janice Hawkins shows her form in the floor exercise. Above, she reacts favorably when her score is announced. And with good reason. She got her highest score in the floor exercise to date, which got her all-around honors for the dual with Canby. Her 32.6 points weren't enough, however, as the Pioneers fell 112.75 to 112.2.



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Junior Stu Hoffman finds open spaces for the Pioneers.

## Sweet Home victory damped by team's loss to Silverton

The SUHS volleyball team got itself in good position for district playoffs with a win over Sweet Home a week ago, but their hopes were damped somewhat by a 15-10, 7-15 and 4-15 loss to Silverton Tuesday night.

The win at Sweet Home gave them a 6-3 record and a good shot at third place in the league, and a playoff spot.

Needless to say, Coach Ron Grantz's spirits were low Wednesday morning. When he talked to The Post about Pioneer-Husky game, he had reason to be optimistic.

Sweet Home had an 8-0 league record going into the Sandy game, and hadn't lost a home game in two years. The team that beat them at home two seasons ago, by the way, also happened to be Sandy.

"We played real well," Coach Ron Grantz said about the 15-7, 9-15 and 15-10 win. "It's been so tough. We've had so many different line-up changes because of discipline problems and in-

juries and everything."

They had things worked out at Sweet Home. The seniors played especially well, Grantz said.

"Dawn (New) had 19 kills, which means she either hit it or tipped it to the floor 19 times," he said.

Julie Coleman had 13 kills. Grantz was also pleased with Paige Daugherty's passing. She is credited with 13 good passes, which is tough against a team that serves as well as Sweet Home, Grantz pointed out.

Grantz, when asked, said that the team is not coming along like he'd like for them to.

"Every year that we have done well, it's been something that we started at ground zero and worked our way up. This year we've started at ground zero about four times."

He said that they're going to have to improve a lot more in a shorter period of time than they have in the past if they're going to be competitive against district competition.

## Junior varsity football team rolls past Silverton Foxes 20-0

The junior varsity football team, with a 2-5 record, play Molalla tonight at 5 p.m. at Pop Rannow Stadium. It is their next-to-last game.

Last week they got a 20-0 win over Silverton. "Super defensive play" was a major factor, according to Len Eaton, who is assisted by Dan Brisbin.

Silverton had minus yards rushing, and only completed two passes for yardage, Eaton said.

Quarterback Troy Wolf connected with Steve Pettingill, a tight end, on a 35 yarder for the first score. Pettingill caught a 15-yard pass for the Pioneers second touchdown, with Pettingill dragging tacklers to the end zone. "Super determination and effort" got the 6-3 sophomore in for the score, Eaton said.

The final touchdown came in the fourth quarter, with tailback Dan King running the ball 30 yards. Fullback Loren Bateman was credited with doing a good job of blocking on that play.

All in all, King carried the ball five times for 78 yards.

Starting tailback Ryan Coombs carried 12 times for 96 yards. Wolf passed for 150 yards.

"A fun game for us as everyone was able to contribute and we executed very well," Eaton said.

Frank McKinnis had eight unassisted tackles. Linebacker Joe Betchart and defensive tackle Wally Nicholson also played well, according to Eaton.

Two weeks ago Sandy fell to Oregon City, 27-2. Eaton said they played better than the score indicates. They fumbled three times within four minutes, all of them inside their own 35-yard line with Oregon City capitalizing each time.

The game was played in the rain and the mud.

The week before that they had an "excellent" running and passing attack, and played "super" defense, to

down Estacada 28-0.

Other junior varsity scores: David Douglas 22, Sandy 14; Central Catholic 28, Sandy 0; Sweet Home 16, Sandy 6; Canby 16, Sandy 14.



At right, Brent Kearney gains yardage for the freshman football team. Above, from left to right, are Steve Grable, Kearney, Greg Hill, Pat Fry (making the tackle), and Jim Sandvik. The freshmen downed Silverton 18-0 last week to get their record to 4-2.

