

# Sandy cyclist Sheppard keeps fast company

by SCOTT NEWTON

As a second varsity wrestler at Sandy Union High School Mike Sheppard has a 10-0 record, but it is in cycling that his mentors feel he has the most potential.

Sheppard, who was recently honored at a banquet in Portland, got interested in cycling after seeing the movie "Breaking Away."

He gave touring a try, and fell behind the group he was with, although it didn't take him long to catch up. His friends made the observation that he is pretty fast, and it encouraged him to try racing.

As it turns out, Sheppard's friends on that first tour were correct in their observation. Sheppard was second in the Oregon State Championships last summer in omnium, which is a collection of track events.

He was third in pursuit, a

3,000-meter event that derives its name from the way the event is run, with a bicycle rider on each side of the track.

Sheppard was eighth-hundredths of a second from finishing second.

He was fifth in a 57-mile road race (all the events are sanctioned by the United States Cycling Federation), with mechanical difficulties playing a disappointing part in the race.

He finished very well considering the many difficulties, said Robert Burney, a Reed College student and the 1981 Oregon Senior Road Racing Champion (a 107-mile race).

Burney and Doug DeSoto, members of Mojavy of Oregon, a Portland racing club sponsored by Craft Cycle, were in Sandy Monday training with Sheppard.

Despite Sheppard's successes over the past couple

of years, "He needs instruction, still," Burney said.

Burney, who feels that cycling will come of age in the United States in the next five years, said that Sheppard has the potential to become a national caliber racer.

DeSoto, who owns his own business, American Art, agrees. "Michael's a good all-around rider," he said, pointing out that track racing and road racing are not mutually exclusive, although some people tend to specialize.

However, a lot of obstacles are in the way of an invitation to the Junior World Trials, which will be held in Colorado Springs this summer.

Even if Sheppard does well in the Oregon and national championships, he won't be invited to the World Trials unless he's been scouted racing against some of the best Southern California has to offer, according to Burney and DeSoto.

And, traveling expenses are just part of the problem. Sheppard also needs

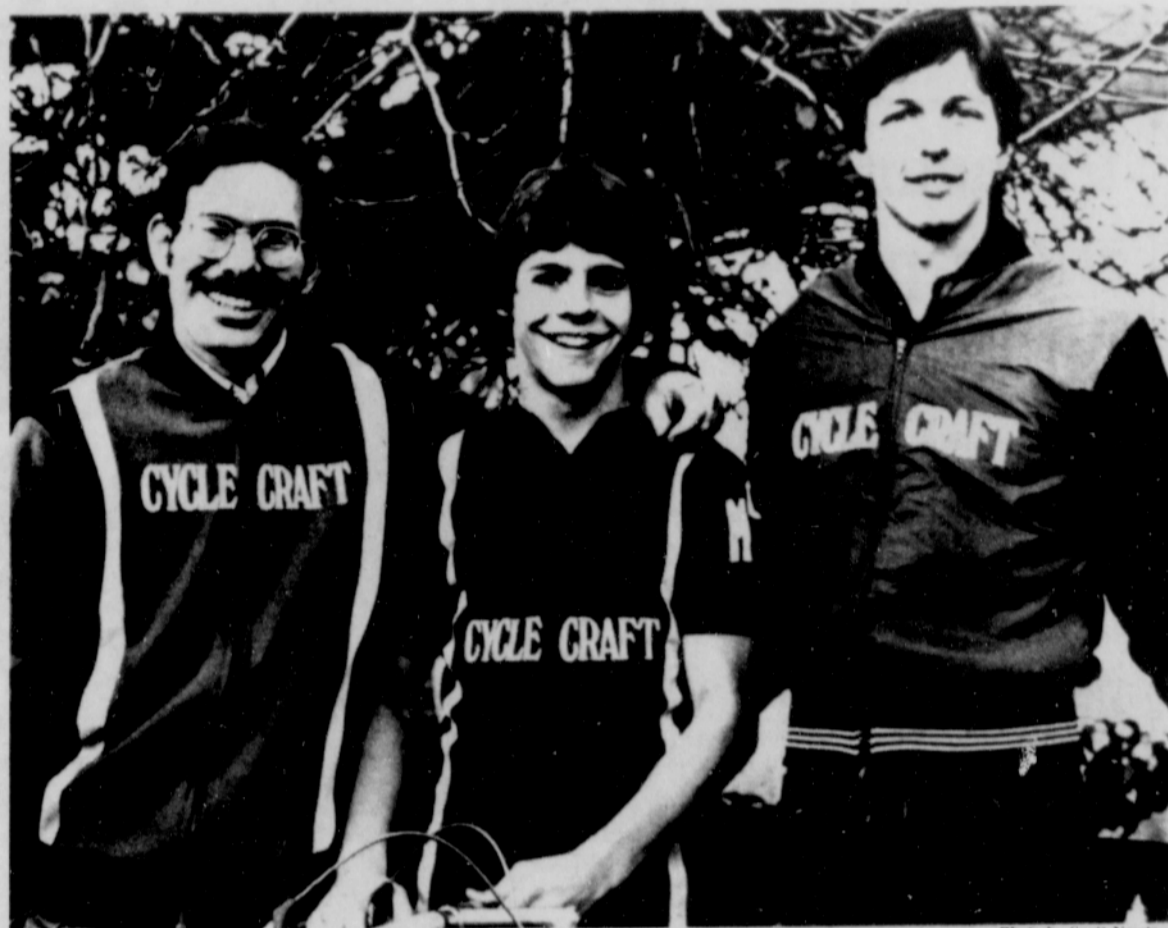
another bicycle for track racing. He borrowed one last summer.

"I've been actively trying to get a job," Sheppard said. As an honor roll student, a wrestler (and winner of three tournament titles so far this season) and a cyclist who intends to put in about 1,500 miles before serious competition begins, one wonders where Sheppard will find the time.

To help reach his potential, Sheppard plans on competing against senior division cyclists a good part of the season.

Regardless of how well Sheppard does this summer, the 16 year old, who is capable of peddling 30 miles an hour for an hour (that translates into two-minute miles for those who think in "runner's terms"), is a good addition to the Mojavy Club, according to DeSoto.

He said that they want people who will represent the club well, and Sheppard, the first junior division racer allowed in the club, does that, he said.



Doug DeSoto, Mike Sheppard and Robert Burney

Photo by Scott Newton

## Public no help in fish management

by KEN DURBIN  
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Management of fish populations for public angling is a complex business, complicated both by intricate natural processes and by the wishes and actions of people.

Oregon's fish resources are diverse and so are the kinds of angling sought by an equally diverse public.

In practice the process of managing fish is far from perfect, thwarted by economics, biological problems, politics and the actions of irresponsible individuals.

Ray Temple, a warm-water fish management specialist with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, amplifies on that last complication—the actions of irresponsible people.

The following comments are from a letter in which Temple explains how anglers who take it upon themselves to "help" the department by unauthorized fish stocking in public waters may be doing far more damage than good.

In paraphrasing the law, Temple writes that the department is charged to provide and maintain the maximum population of game animals, game birds, game fish and furbearing animals compatible with available wildlife habitat and food, and to permit an orderly harvest of surpluses in a manner that will produce the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people.

Within those broad directives and many other legal guidelines, the department manages the fish resources of the state. One of its methods is the requirement of a permit to move live fish from one location to another.

The intent is to prevent establishment of fishes or their diseases in areas where harm to existing populations could occur. Permits are issued to the public, usually for stocking a home pond, after review by district and staff biologists.

Problems arise, however, when people undertake to improve fish populations by the indiscriminate releases of

fish, especially in public waters.

This is done by a few individuals without the benefit of professional review of the consequences.

It is ironic, Temple says, that the public appears to bear little malice toward the person who releases a bucket of perch and bluegill in his favorite lake, while condemning the poacher.

In terms of fish management money unnecessarily spent, and angling opportunities lost, it is the man with the bucket who robs the public most deeply.

A current example of those costs is the planned chemical treatment of Henry Hagg Lake, an impoundment near Forest Grove which is managed for trout with fingerling releases.

Prior to the discovery that bullhead catfish had been introduced, estimated chemical costs to remove rough fish species were \$24,480. The increased concentrations needed to eradicate catfish have boosted the estimate to \$32,700.

The list of waters where unauthorized introductions have been found is long, and the number of locations discovered seems to be increasing annually.

Temple suggests that anglers considering the stocking of any fish to visit with a local district fish biologist.

## FFA to sponsor wrestling

Rocky Johnson of North Carolina will take on Matt Borne of Milwaukee, Ore., Jan. 3 in a pro wrestling match at the Sandy Union High School gymnasium.

Bell time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for ringside seats, \$6 for general admission and \$4 for those under 12.

At least three preliminary matches are scheduled.

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It was the third time this season the 168 pounder has won a tournament title. He has a 10-0 record.

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