

# 1981: A good year for the Sandy Pioneers

## SKI CONDITIONS ARE NOT GOOD

Holiday skiers were disappointed last year at this time because of the lack of snow.

"One of our biggest seasons is over Christmas, and we were hurt financially. That's where we get most of our funds for summer improvements," said Kathleen Wiscavage, marketing assistant at Mt. Hood Meadows.

Only 10 people were working at Multitorpor-Ski Bowl, where the snow was completely gone. They can use as many as 150 at peak times.

At Timberline Lodge the Palmer lift was opened for the first time. "We had Palmer open, summer style," joked Timberline Director Dick Kohnstamm. "It's been a great help and the crowds have been good."

In Sandy Union High School girls basketball, Char McKinney sank a 15-foot jumper with 46 seconds left to give the Pioneers a 36-34 win over Silverton. The victory got the girls off to a 1-0 start in league play.

Oregon City's Dennis Wheatley sank three free throws in the second overtime of a game with Sandy for a 40-39 Timber Valley League win in early January.

The Pioneer wrestlers finished second, by a point, in the tough Barlow Invitational Tournament. Larry Toppliff, Randy Carmony, Chris Jones and Mike Russell all won individual titles.

Doug Crane, at the time a 12-year-old seventh grader at Cedar Ridge, won three events at the Tualatin Hills Invitational and finished the meet with six personal records. He was competing for the Blue Marlins. The meet featured the best swimmers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

After a disappointing loss to Sweet Home earlier in the month, the Pioneer wrestlers got back on track with a TVL win over Oregon City, a state-caliber team. The 29-22 win gave the Pioneers a 2-1 dual record in mid-January.

The SUHS boys got its first TVL win with a 67-54 win over Estacada.

Senior forward Jeff Yoder scored a career-high 29 points during the Pioneers' 64-55 loss to Sweet Home.

The Pioneer wrestlers were doing well at the end of the month. They ripped Estacada 45-10, and then won the Hood River Invitational, with Metro League champion Aloha in the field.

The Sandy girls swim team re-established themselves as a team to content with, beating Barlow 80-74 in dual competition. The Bruin girls had beaten Gresham and Reynolds, two of the league's stronger teams, and came up with a number of wins, personal bests and a big victory in the final event of the meet, the 400-freestyle relay.

Jean Crane, Lisa Izer, Dawn Miller and Nici DuBois comprised that winning relay team.

The Sandy wrestlers won the South Salem Invitational the last weekend of the month. They downed Central of Monmouth 55-6, South Salem 56-9, and Marshall 66-1. "Larry Toppliff had to be our outstanding wrestler of the meet," Coach Ron Calhoun said. "There were two undefeated wrestlers in his bracket and he pinned everybody."

The Pioneer girls swim team, paced by Teresa Lamer and Gayle Roth with two first-place finishes apiece, downed Aloha and Redmond. Bonita Connelly also had a first-place finish.

The boys split, winning over Aloha but getting edged by Redmond. Rick Toppliff had two first-place finishes, and Shawn Burns finished first in the 200-individual

medly and anchored a first-place relay team. Glenn Izer picked up a pair of wins, and got a first and two seconds.

The Pioneer ski team opened up the season in good fashion, with then-freshman Ulla Pearson winning the girls slalom. Scott Graham won the boys race, with the Pioneer boys finishing second as a team.

## TWO WRESTLERS WIN STATE TITLES

In February the Pioneer girls ski team handily downed other Valley League schools in a meet at Mt. Hood Meadows. The eight-second victory in the short giant slalom run was, in the words of Coach Bob Karsten, "just incredible."

Sophomore Anne Sarich, competing in her first meet as a Pioneer, won her race by 2.3 seconds.

"Anne's time was just astounding," Karsten said. "You just don't win by two seconds. She skied very well."

Senior Scott Graham won the individual race for the second week in a row, as the Sandy boys again finished second to Lakeridge.

The wrestlers, ranked fourth in AAA, downed West Linn 60-3. And, they claimed another tournament title, the Reynolds Invitational.

Larry Toppliff, Mike Russell, Chris Jones, Tim Systma, Carey Larson and Randy Carmony were all champions.

By mid-February the SUHS freshman found themselves with an 18-2 record, and an 18-game winning streak.

Robert Brader, Troy Wolf, Dan Paola, Ron Muck, Steve Pettingill, Doug Rathke, Mark Shelton, Dave Stafford, Ryan Coombs, Paul Williams and Dave Bennett were all part of that team, coached by Dan Brisbin, now the varsity coach.

In girls basketball, Char McKinney hit two free throws in the clutch as the Pioneers won 31-29, on the road, over Estacada. The win gave them a 4-9 record.

The swim team gave a memorable performance at the district meet, setting 22 personal records. The boys reached its team goal of beating Barlow, although they had six swimmers, compared to 20 for the Bears.

"It was just a terrific individual effort on everyone's part, and I mean everyone," said Coach Mark Smith.

The Pioneer girls placed second. Gayle Roth, Bonita Connelly and Teresa Lamer all earned a trip to the state meet. Jean Crane joined those three in the 400-freestyle relay team, which also earned a state berth.

Larry Toppliff, Mike Russell, Chris Jones, and Dan Martin earned a trip to the state tournament by winning individual district titles near the end of February. Dean Fischer, Tim Systma and Mike Rohweder also earned the honor of qualifying for the state meet.

Led by Gayle Roth's third-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, the girls swim team finished 16th in the state AAA swim meet. She also placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. The 400 freestyle relay team, comprised of Roth, Bonita Connelly, Jean Crane and Teresa Lamer, set a school record with a time of 3:56.0, which placed them 10th.

The last week in February was a good one for the wrestlers as they finished fourth in the state tournament, with Dan Martin winning the 157-pound division championship and Chris Jones winning the 148-pound division. "It's been 20 years since Sandy had a champion," Coach Ron Calhoun said. "I hope that's not a trend or cycle." Larry Toppliff finished third in the 98-pound division.

**PIONEER GIRLS WIN STATE**

## SKI TOURNAMENT

For the third time in the last four years Sandy Union High School has brought home a state skiing championship. The girls won the trophy in 1981. "I didn't expect the kind of lead we ended up with, but it was nice," said Coach Bob Karsten. "The girls did well, real well."

Anne Sarich, a sophomore then, finished second in individual competition. As a freshman, Ulla Pearson was eighth.

The Pioneer boys finished 10th in the state tournament that same weekend.

Julie Coleman and Sandy Shreeve posted wins as the SUHS number one doubles teams as the Pioneers downed Gresham and Barlow in dual tennis action.

Larry Toppliff, a 98 pounder, and Chris Jones, a 148 pounder, won Oregon Freestyle titles at a meet in La Grande, which featured wrestlers from the three high school divisions.

## 1971-72 TEAM DEFENDS SUHS ALUMNI TITLE

The Sandy girls track team finished second in the Timber Valley League Relay meet. They boys placed third.

After a bad first inning, the Pioneer girls got it together for a 13-5 win over Molalla, with Patty Gray pitching a one-hitter.

Mitch Paola and John Martin slugged home runs to pace the Pioneers to a 9-5 win over Molalla.

Larry Toppliff, wrestling in the 105-pound division, won the Oregon Open Freestyle title, and was voted the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

The class of 1971-72 successfully defended its championship in the second annual Sandy High School Alumni Tournament, beating the 1977 team 77-61. Rick Zimmerman and Ray Perkins, of the '71-72 team, were first-team all-star selections, along with Jack Paola (1977), Tim Veley (1976) and Rick Martin (1980). Zimmerman was also the Most Valuable Player.

The second team all-star selections included Mick Hoffman (1966), Ron Verdoorn (1968), J. Gynther (1973), Randy Bryant (1973) and Mike Gynther (1979). Randy Keller was voted Most Inspirational Player.

Mike Lund, then a sophomore, got five hits in nine at-bats as the Pioneer baseball team downed Canby 3-2.

The SUHS girls tennis team topped Molalla 5-2 and downed Canby 6-1, with number one singles player Sandy Yantes winning both her matches.

The Pioneer girls track team won 87-40 over Canby, taking 13 first-place finishes out of 15 events.

Paige Daugherty scored wins in the discus and the shot put. Stephanie Hagstrom won the javelin throw. Gayle Roth was a multiple winner, taking first in the high jump, the 200-meter run and the 110-meter high hurdles. Sharon Jensen won the long jump and the 400-meter run. Then-freshman Crystal Caulkins scored an upset victory in the 100-meter run, and Renee Hess won the 1,500 meters. Donna Nelson and Laura Stringham tied for first in the 3,000.

Steve Metelak won three events for the boys.

Chris Jones earned a spot on Oregon's Cultural Exchange wrestling team by winning a state freestyle tournament and then defeating the winner of a Challenger's Tournament.

Scott Skipper, then a sophomore, won the javelin and the shot put in the Oregon City dual, setting two personal record and two sophomore records.

Mike Contreras laid down a perfect bunt in the sixth inning of a game with Sweet Home to score

Mitch Paola. Contreras later crossed the plate himself as the baseball team got a 6-5 win. Sandy upped its record to 4-7 in the league.

## SEVEN QUALIFY FOR STATE TRACK MEET

Patty Gray pitched the first no-hitter ever for SUHS as the Pioneers won 10-0 over Estacada. Subsequent losses, however, knocked the girls out of the playoff picture.

Donna Nelson set a school record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:58 at the Barlow Invitational.

Pitcher John Martin fanned 10 Estacada batters and gave up only two hits as the Pioneers stayed in the playoff picture with a 14-0 win.

The SUHS freshman baseball team had compiled a 10-1 record by the start of May. "We've got nine or 10 kids who should go on to play varsity," said frosh coach Joe Kniser. The freshman had a robust .335 team batting average. Pitcher Jerry Bennett had a 2-0 record, both being shutouts. And, Tony Kaufman was 5-0 and Jerry Byers was 3-1.

Sandy freshman Sam Romey set a freshman record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:34.9. He also holds freshman records in the 800 and 1,500 meters.

Mike Sheppard, then a sophomore, won the first Sandy High bicycle race, covering 10 miles in 25 minutes.

Senior Sandy Yantes paced the girls tennis team to a fourth-place finish in the TVL District meet. Yantes placed fourth in number one singles, narrowly missing a berth to the state meet.

Although a late-season bid for a playoff spot fell through, the Pioneer baseball team ended its season on a high note, nipping Silverton 6-5 in extra innings. John Martin, who got on base in the eighth with a two-out single, scored the winning run on a wild pitch. "Of all the people I'd like to see score the winning run in extra innings in the last game of the year, it was John," said Coach Curtis Heath. "He was really happy about it and it was a good way to end his senior year."

Sandy had several winners in the Timber Valley League freshman meet. Steve Pettingill set a district record in the discus with a 133-9 throw.

West Linn claimed the TVL girls track title, and Oregon City took the boys title, but young Sandy teams also made a good showing.

The girls were not far out of second place and the boys weren't far out of third. "We competed really well," said Coach Randy Hutchinson. Seven Pioneers qualified for the state meet. Stephanie Hagstrom will throw the javelin, and Paige Daugherty will toss the shot and javelin. Gayle Roth qualified in the 800 meters and the 300 intermediate hurdles. Donna Nelson qualified in the 3,000, and Roth, Sharon Jensen, Darby Binder and Sandra Peterson qualified in the mile relay.

Qualifying for the boys was Scott Skipper in the javelin, Locke Christman in the discus and Sam Romey in the 1,500.

Skipper, with a sore arm, came from behind for a first-place finish, setting a district record with a toss of 193-5.

Hagstrom was also a district winner in the javelin throw.

## ROTH PLACES SIXTH AT STATE MEET

After a grueling day of preliminaries, Gayle Roth saved enough for Saturday to earn a sixth-place finish in the 800-meter run at the Class AAA state meet. She earned the lone point for the Pioneers. But, four juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen

made the trip.

In all, 36 Pioneers were named to Timber Valley League all-star teams for the 1980-81 school year. Gayle Roth and Laura Stringham were first team in cross country, with Renee Hess, Donna Nelson, Darby Binder and Sharon Jensen on the second team. In boys cross country, Sam Romey was on the first team and Steve Metelak was on the second team. Matt Falgout was all-league in water polo. Cherie Elliott and Colene McDonald were first team volleyball all-stars. Wrestlers Chris Jones, Dan Martin, Mike Russell and Larry Toppliff were district champions, and thus first teamers. Tim Systma and Dean Fischer were second team. In basketball, Bob Nippert was second team, as was Dawn New.

First team swimming awards went to Roth and Glenn Izer. Bonita Connelly and Teresa Lamer earned second-team honors. Scott Graham was first in skiing, an Sue Sarich was a second teamer for the girls. Mitch Paola and John Martin were first team baseball players. Mo Contreras was second team. Debbie Rudisill was first team in softball. Track athletes with first-place honors include Scott Skipper, Stephanie Hagstrom, and Paige Daugherty. Second team honors went to Roth, Romey, Nelson and Locke Christman. Of the 41 places, 31 were won by underclassmen.

## BLUES OUTSCORE OPPONENTS 98-7

The Sandy Blues went on an offensive rampage last summer, outscoring four opponents 98-7. The four wins gave the Blues a 7-0 record.

Thaddeus McCanaut of Portland won the Sandy Mountain Festival run, covering the 5.2-mile course in 29:06. Connie Case repeated as the women's champion, winning in 29:22. Both wins set course records. Sharon Jensen finished second in the women's division.

Ian Hodge, 10, qualified for the state meet in two events, competing as a Blue Marlin.

The Sandy Blues, with a 16-0 record, won the Tri-County girls district softball tournament at the end of July.

Ron's No Place won the Sandy Slow Pitch Softball Tournament. Ron's No Place defeated Dodson's 12-5 in the final game.

## GTE TAKES TITLES IN SANDY WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

GTE won the Sandy Women's Softball Tournament title, to go along with its regular season league title.

His golfing partners joked that it took him 45 years to do it, but regardless, Ted Osborn of Sandy shot a hole-in-one on Aug. 21 on tricky hole 12 at the Mountain View Golf Course.

## PIONEERS OPEN GRID SEASON WITH UPSET WIN

The Pioneer football team opened its season in a good way, upsetting favorite Jackson 8-6 at Civic Stadium.

Every single runner on the cross country team set a personal record during the Sandy Invitational in mid-September. The boys won the triangular.

Meanwhile, the gymnastics team downed Barlow by 45-100ths of a point in dual action.

The Pioneer girls again brought home all new and lower times as SUHS won the Early Season League-District meet.

## OCTOBER

The football team evened its record at 3-3 with a 32-20 win over Silverton. Todd Byron was on the receiving end of a 26-yard strike, thrown by Mitch Paola, while Chuck Kearney scored on two short runs and Bryan Noe con-

tributed a nine-yard touchdown run.

"Dawn New played very well," said Coach Ron Grantz after the volleyball team downed West Linn in an away game. Grantz said that he felt the girls were starting to come around.

Lineman Bob Weyer picked up a fumble and ran 38 yards for a touchdown as the football team handily downed Molalla, 43-6.

Dan Martin intercepted a pass in the end zone as the Pioneers downed West Linn in a 7-6 thriller. Winning the Mud Bowl put Sandy in a three-way tie for third in the TVL. A principals' vote gave the Pioneers the nod, a playoff berth.

## SEVERAL PIONEER TEAMS MAKE STATE PLAYOFFS

Junior Kevin Fabryski and sophomore Tim Pullen were selected to the Timber Valley all-star soccer team. The Pioneers were 3-8, but Coach Lon Welsh, with two skilled players returning, is optimistic about the future.

The volleyball team turned in an uneven performance against Molalla, but the important thing is that they qualified for the state playoffs with the win. Thus, the Pioneers were one of 24 teams with a season remaining.

The Pioneer football team ended its season with a 34-13 loss to Reynolds, a team with an 11-0 record. Although Sandy got off to a shaky start, it was a well-played second half. Coach Gregg O'Meara, who in his second year guided the Pioneers to a 6-4 record, was pleased. "I feel we've had a real fine year. We had some individuals that did a real fine job," he said. "We've got some kids I'll hate to lose."

Like Bryan Noe, who carried the ball for over 500 yards. Junior Chuck Kearney rushed for nearly 800 yards.

Making the all-star team in football was Dan Martin, a guard and linebacker, and Randy Carmony, first-team center. Dale Rasmussen, Locke Christman, Cal McKinnis and Kearney were second-team all-stars.

Three Sandy runners qualified for the state cross country meet. Sophomore Sam Romey, the district champion, and Darby Binder and Sharon Jensen all earned berths.

Romey ended up finishing 29th on the course at Eugene, while Jensen was 16th. Binder finished 119th.

Although the SUHS water polo team didn't have an outstanding regular season, things went well as the playoffs rolled around, with the Pioneers finding themselves in the state meet.

Bonita Connelly and Teresa Lamer earned co-MVP honors at the district meet, while Sandy finished second to Gresham. Connelly and Lamer were also Wilco League all-stars.

Success materialized for Janice Hawkins, who put it all together near the end of November to finish fifth in the balance beam at the OSA State Gymnastics Meet. Hawkins said she turned in her best performances ever, and she set a school record, with a 9.0 judge's rating, to prove it.

## WRESTLERS HANDILY DOMINATE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

The SUHS wrestlers handily dominated the Carey Larson Memorial, the Roosevelt Wrestling Tournament, and the Cardinal Classic in Tacoma, Wash.

To top it off, wrestler Dan Martin, who's also involved in nearly everything else at the high school, was honored by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame as the scholar-athlete award recipient.

# The time of year when nature culls her crop

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The pinch has arrived for wildlife. For several years we have had open winters, to an extent, and this type of stress has not been as apparent as it is starting out to be this year.

This is the time of year that nature culls her crop.

Some creatures, such as birds, escape the process by migrating to warmer climes. But even at that, the winter mortality brought on by natural causes is a major factor controlling population numbers.

Another group of creatures, such as the marmot and some of the other rodents, turn off the winter world and go into hibernation.

Burrowed into the ground, they curl up and take a long snooze. During this time the heart beat slows down, the breathing rate slows, and fat is utilized.

Incidentally, bears are not true hibernators, despite many storybook tales to the contrary.

If the weather warms or if they get hungry, they will get out of their dens and scrounge for food during the snowy winter months.

So, if you discover a dened bear in the winter, he may be rather sluggish, and the best move is away, quickly and quietly.

In addition to the lengthy migrations of the birds, we find other wild animals, such as deer, carrying out vertical migrations.

As the name suggests, they move from the high country, where they

spend the summer and autumn, down to the lower winter ranges.

These are the ranges the wildlife manager is greatly concerned about.

Past studies have shown that in some portions of the state east of the Cascades, deer from 1,000 square miles of summer range will concentrate into 100 square miles of winter range.

It is obvious why this type of habitat is so important.

In addition to providing the animals important high energy winter food, the winter range habitat must also provide a degree of thermal cover so the animals can get out of the cold wind and snow somewhat.

But despite all of the things the various species do to protect themselves from winter, nature does her culling.

It has been found that in the small bird populations—the ones that don't migrate—there is a 75 to 80 percent turnover in the population every year.

Depending on the year, this may run higher or lower, but visualize in your mind the difficulties faced by the quail, robins, juncos and all of the other birds looking for food in the winter.

In the case of big game the weaker animals go first during prolonged periods of deep snow and cold weather.

In the deer herds, this may include some of the older bucks who have been run down by the rutting activities during the breeding season and haven't rebuilt their bodies before the winter hits.

The young animals usually suc-

cumb next, with the healthier does holding on until last.

But this is nature's way. Despite all of the flowery wonderland shown in cartoons and movies, all animals must die, and often it is a lingering, cold death.

Hunting seasons that take place in the fall are designed to allow the hunter to take some of the naturally-produced surplus without jeopardizing the breeding stock that is necessary for the continuation of the species.

But hunting seasons or not, nature does her culling job.

The hunter takes but a small portion of the surplus, especially in the case of game birds.

In the case of big game, it is possible in many cases to crop the animals down closer to the carrying capacity

of the winter ranges.

But even with big game the occasional cold, deep snow will take its toll.

When considering winter mortality in wildlife, a relatively new factor has entered the scene.

It is man's trespass on wintering grounds.

It is true that man has been mixing with animals during the winter for many years. However, the development of the snowmobile and the popularity of cross country skiing has put people onto winter-weakened animals in greatly increasing numbers.

In some cases we have heard reports of individuals savagely chasing and harassing animals with snowmobiles. Fortunately, such individuals seem to be in the minority.