

The Sandy Post Sports and Recreation

Canby edged; West Linn next

Steve Palmer scored a season-high 19 points as the Pioneer boys downed Canby in TVL play Friday night.

Sandy trailed most of the first half, but took a 25-24 lead on an inside shot from Bob Nippert with 2:45 left in the first half.

Mitch Paola and Palmer each added a bucket to give Sandy a 30-26 halftime lead.

The Pioneers kept the lead all through the second half, winning 55-52. Coach Dan Brisbin was pleased with the way they played under pressure, saying that they had good shot selection and played under control.

He was disappointed with the free throw shooting in the fourth quarter, as the Pioneers made only five of 13.

Both teams shot about 48 percent from the field, with Canby winning the battle of the boards, 28-21.

Brisbin said that they made a defensive change in the third quarter, from a 1-2-2 zone to a 1-3-1 zone, and during the time it took Canby to adjust Sandy had gained a nine-point lead.

He was pleased with Gordon Brinser, who went in off the bench to grab some key rebounds and play "really good defense."

Friday Sandy will host West Linn

at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm very glad we have them here this half," Brisbin said.

He said that they play a physical, inside game. He said that a team can't get behind because "they'll freeze the ball on you," playing a deliberate game.

The Pioneers will play Oregon City, Sweet Home and Canby on the road the second time around.

He was the leading rebounder against Canby, grabbing 11.

In addition to scoring 19 points on eight of 14 from the field and three of five free throws, Palmer had five assists.

Brisbin said, "If we're going to be a factor in the end, we've got to win on the road second half."

About Nippert, Brisbin said, "Bob's been doing a super job. He's been playing very, very well."

Even though he's a marked man, he always gets the job done, Brisbin said.

SUHS	14	30	46	55
Canby	16	26	37	52

For Sandy: Steve Palmer: 8-3-2-19; Troy Wolf: 2-0-0-4; Mitch Paola: 9-0-1-18; Robert Brader: 0-0-0-0; Bob Nippert: 4-4-3-12; Gordon Brinser: 1-0-0-2; Steve Brader: 0-0-1-0; Totals: 24-7-12-55.
For Canby: Sisul: 1-0-1-2; Tatone: 6-0-4-12; Marston: 5-0-3-10; Herman: 9-2-5-20; Goldman: 1-2-4-4; Wilson: 1-0-1-2; McElroy: 1-0-0-2; Totals: 24-4-18-52.



Steve Palmer slips inside for a shot against Canby Friday. Photo by Scott Newton

Paola represents change at SUHS

by SCOTT NEWTON

In a way, Mitch Paola represents something of a change for Sandy Union High School in boys sports.

Last year the football team was 1-8, and the basketball team was 7-13.

This fall the football team, with Paola at quarterback, had a 6-4 record and advanced to the state playoffs. The basketball team is in the thick of the TVL title chase.

This senior class has some good athletes, Paola said last week. "They've shown a lot more leadership, like in football."

He added, "Last year we had more of a junior team, and were inexperienced. This year we have more of a senior team, and more experience."

Paola, a 6-foot forward, has averaged about 14 points a game through Friday's win over Canby.

In seven league games he's contributed 46 rebounds and 21 assists.

It was the first two league games that stand out most in Coach Dan Brisbin's mind.

A tall West Linn team sagged in on 6-5 senior Bob Nippert. "We gave Mitch the ball, and we let him go a little bit on that one side," Brisbin said, adding that Paola shot about 60 percent from the field.

When Nippert fouled out before the overtime, that left Paola as the only really experienced player (i.e., returning starter) on the court. "He was the leader out there, and he did a tremendous job," Brisbin said.

Paola ended up with 23 points during that overtime win, and scored

another 20 the next night at Molalla.

"He's the main reason we got off to the start we did," Brisbin said.

Paola's scoring average dipped before the Canby game, and he admitted he was in somewhat of a slump.

The slump was compounded by the fact that opposing teams quit playing Nippert so close, and started shadowing Paola.

Nippert found his game them, scoring 25 against Silverton and 20 against Oregon City.

"Their games are really complementary," Brisbin said. "If they get out on Mitch, then Bob's free. If they collapse on Bob, then Mitch has a lot of openings."

Before the Canby game, Brisbin said, "He's going to start shooting well again. He's too good an athlete to stay in a slump very long."

Friday night Paola scored 18, hitting nine of 13 from the field.

Nippert and Paola go back a few years. They played under Brisbin as freshmen, going 11-0 against league competition. They were 15-2 overall, losing those two by one and two points.

About Brisbin, Paola said, "I like him a lot. I think he's a good coach."

"I like his style of basketball. He wants to get the ball up court, run it. I like the running game."

Paola is an ex-guard. So having him in is almost like having three guards in the game, Brisbin said.

"He drives the basket real well,"

Brisbin said. "He's got a pretty good base line shot, from around 15 feet or so.



Mitch Paola

"And, he was getting those shots. Now people are concerning themselves with stopping him."

About Paola's role on the team, Brisbin said, "Primarily, we like him to score."

It's also important for him to help run the offense, set things up, Brisbin said that sometimes things get hectic with the younger players.

Paola "really helps settle them down. He's a real stable ball player. He doesn't make a lot of mistakes."

"He shows a lot of leadership on the court."

Brisbin said, "We look to those two returning starters as team leaders. Those are the guys we go to when we

have to get things done."

About the season so far, Brisbin said, "I think a lot of people are, maybe, surprised."

"We're disappointed we're not better. We feel that we had a chance to beat Sweet Home, and we feel we should have beat Oregon City."

Paola agrees. Against Sweet Home Alan Vasey was hot, scoring 29 points. He said that Sweet Home's hot shooting may have given them a "little scare," and they didn't handle it well.

"Against Oregon City I think we just got pulled out of our offense," he said.

Inexperience may have hurt them a little, he said about the games, which were lost primarily in the fourth quarter.

But even with some tough games on the road in the coming weeks, Paola is optimistic.

He has been involved with a number of successful teams, having a long history of playing organized sports. The highlight may have been this fall, however.

"It was really nice being in the playoffs in football, really nice."

"I'd never been there, and it was fun. I had more fun this year than I have ever had."

"I'm having fun in basketball too, because we're having a winning season."

He smiles, and adds, "You always have fun when you win."

And he's hoping they keep having fun in basketball, all the way through the playoffs.

Boys, girls win swim duals against Barlow

The girls swim team got its record to 5-1 Tuesday with a 81-75 win over Redmond.

The boys are 4-2, having won 83-72 Tuesday.

The boys had nine first-place finishes and eight personal records, while the girls had five first-place finishes and five personal records.

Brian Stamm, Lisa Izer and Shauny Thoreson qualified in additional events for the upcoming district meet.

Coach Mark Smith was surprised the girls won by 12 points over Barlow last week. He'd expected a two-point win, or maybe even a tie.

They won 84-72.

They boys won 84-57 Thursday, and Smith said he continues to be pleased with the team.

He said that Gayle Roth is getting close to all-American qualifying standards in the 50 free.

She turned in a 25.58 performance against Barlow, and all-American consideration is 24.9.

Roth won the 200 IM, which was the

event before the 50 free. Smith feels she can take those tenths of a second off if she goes into the event fresh.

Smith said Friday that Heidi Lamer is doing a good job bringing her times down in the 200 IM. Tuesday she again lowered her time in the event, turning in a 2:40.4.

SUHS boys 84, Barlow 57

200 Medley Relay: Richard Rolph, Jamie Tuttle, Kurt Herzog and Mark Gunderson, 1:56.43.

200 Free: Rick Topfiff, 1:59.88; Rolph, 2nd, 2:01.10; Steve Clark, 5th, 2:27.35.

200 IM: Tuttle, 2nd, 2:22.65; Herzog, 3rd, 2:30.73.

50 Free: Shawn Burns, 2nd, 24.94; Gunderson, 26.66.

100 Fly: Matt Roth, 1st, 55.91; Herzog, 3rd, 1:05.81.

100 Free: Brian Stamm, 3rd, 1:02.57; Clark, 4th, 1:07.08; Darrin Britton, 5th, 1:08.32.

500 Free: Roth, 1st, 5:19.10; Gunderson, 2nd, 5:46.82.

100 Back: Rolph, 1st, 1:06.43; Burns, 2nd, 1:08.08; Stamm, 4th, 1:24.75.

100 Breast: Tuttle, 1st, 1:10.38; Britton, 4th, 1:18.36.

400 Free Relay: Topfiff, Stamm, Burns and Roth, 1st, 3:48.53.

SUHS girls 84, Barlow 72

200 Medley Relay: Gayle Roth, Julie Dasher,

Donna Nelson and Dawn Miller, 1st, 2:10.40; Brenda DuBois, Shauny Thoreson, Lisa Izer and Shelly Erickson, 4th, 2:29.92.

200 Free: Bonita Connelly, 1st, 2:11.78; Teresa Lamer, 3rd, 2:14.79; Izer, 5th, 2:35.92.

200 IM: Roth, 1st, 2:23.83; Heidi Lamer, 3rd, 2:44.28; Kelly Russell, 6th, 3:30.29.

50 Free: Roth, 1st, 25.58; Thoreson, 3rd, 30.47; Miller, 6th, 32.99.

100 Fly: Nici DuBois, 3rd, 1:25.59; B. DuBois, 5th, 1:49.40; Russell, 6th, 1:53.32.

100 Free: Connelly, 1st, 1:06.77; Nelson, 2nd, 1:05.63; Miller, 4th, 1:11.78.

500 Free: T. Lamer, 2nd, 6:02.97; Izer, 4th, 7:00.41; Erickson, 6th, 8:06.56.

100 Back: Nelson, 1st, 1:16.94; N. DuBois, 2nd, 1:18.10; B. DuBois, 6th, 1:28.81.

100 Breast: H. Lamer, 2nd, 1:21.03; Dasher, 3rd, 1:24.59; Thoreson, 5th, 1:27.39.

400 Free Relay: T. Lamer, H. Lamer, N. DuBois, Connelly, 1st, 4:25.35.

Personal records

For the boys: Steve Clark, 200 Free, 2:31.62 to 2:27.35, and 100 Free, 1:26.5 to 1:07.0.

Richard Rolph, 100 Free, 2:01.5 to 2:01.1, Jamie Tuttle, 200 IM, 2:25.0 to 2:22.65, Shawn Burns, 50 Free, 25.7 to 24.96, and 100 Back, 1:09.4 to 1:06.4, Matt Roth, 100 Fly, 56.12 to 55.91, Kurt Herzog, 100 Fly, 1:07.15 to 1:05.81, Brian Stamm, 100 Free, 1:03.68 to 1:02.57, Mark Gunderson, 500 Free, 5:53.31 to 5:46.8, Darrin Britton, 100 Breast, 1:21.29 to 1:18.36.

For the girls: Heidi Lamer, 200 IM, 2:46.6 to 2:44.28, Shauny Thoreson, 50 Free, 30.7 to 30.47, and 100 Breast, 1:28.31 to 1:27.39, Nici DuBois, 100 Fly, 1:27.6 to 1:25.5, Donna Nelson, 100 Free,

1:06.0 to 1:05.63, and 100 Back, 1:17.7 to 1:16.9; Julie Dasher, 100 Breast, 1:26.9 to 1:24.5.

Martin on Shrine team

Dan Martin, a senior at Sandy Union High School, has been selected to play in the 1982 Shrine All-Star Football game.

Randy Carmony, SUHS senior, was selected as an alternate.

Ron Linehan of Sunset will coach the North team, which is comprised of players from the Metro AAA leagues.

The coaches that advance the furthest in the state playoffs from their respective regions are selected to coach the North and South squads. Sunset was eliminated in the semifinals this past season.

Players for the All-Star game are selected by the coaches.

Pioneers compete in Oregon Indoor

A number of Sandy Union High School athletes competed at the Oregon Indoor Invitational track and field meet at Memorial Coliseum in Portland last weekend.

To participate one must have met the qualifying standard in 1981, and have been invited.

Paige Daugherty finished third out of 40 competitors in the shot put with a throw of 37.9 and one-half.

Dale Rasmussen was 10th out of 40, also in the shot put. His best throw was 45.9.

Both Daugherty and Rasmussen are off to a good start for the season, said Coach Randy Hutchinson.

Sam Romey finished 11th out of 30 in the mile run. He ran a 5:03, which is not as good a time as he is capable of, according to Hutchinson. He said that Romey was boxed in at one point, which hurts when one is on a track that is only about 160 yards in circumference (with 11 laps equaling a mile).

The girls mile relay was one of five to be invited to participate in the night meet. The team was comprised of Darby Binder, Laura Stringham, Caryn Fuller and Polly Kelly. They finished fourth in 4:08.

Pioneer boys shoot well as title chase continues

The Sandy boys remain in the league race, having won 63-50 over Molalla Tuesday night.

Coach Dan Brisbin said that he was concerned going into the game as Molalla has been playing well of late.

He said the Indians played well Tuesday, it's just that the Pioneers played better. They hit 18 of 30 from the field first half.

"Troy Wolf was tremendous first half last night," Brisbin said Wednesday. He hit six of seven, all in the 17-foot range.

For the game, the Sandy sophomore hit seven of eight, and three of four free throws, for 17 points.

Sophomore Robert Brader was also credited with playing a "tremendous game." He had nine rebounds and was credited with being primarily responsible for holding Molalla's David Shultz to four points in the second half.

Steve Palmer also hit some long shots, connecting on four of eight first half.

That opens things up inside for Nippert, Brisbin said. He was pleased with the 6-5 center's efforts. Nippert scored 14, had nine rebounds, four steals and six blocked shots.

Mitch Paola scored 10 points and had five assists.

Brisbin said that in the last two games they've had better movement on offense, and are starting to work together as a team.

SUHS	26	36	56	63
Molalla	15	29	33	50

For Sandy: Palmer: 4-3-1-11; Lund: 0-1-0-1; Schaffer: 1-0-0-2; Martin: 1-0-0-2; Wolf: 7-3-0-17; Paola: 4-2-3-10; R. Brader: 2-0-4-4; Nippert: 6-2-2-14; S. Brader: 1-0-2-2; Totals: 26-11-12-63.

For Molalla: Satium: 1-0-1-2; Tallan: 0-2-0-2; Shultz: 6-3-3-15; Friedrich: 3-0-4-6; Banta: 5-0-1-10; Roberts: 2-2-4-6; Vanderwal: 3-1-4-7; Totals: 21-8-18-50.

Pioneer girls ski team gets second meet victory

Even without the team's number one skier, the Sandy girls finished first.

Anne Sarich was in Colorado competing in the North American Ski Association competition (called Nor-Ams). She was one of 15 girls to make the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNASA) team.

Meanwhile, at Multitorp for this weekend, Ulla Pearson tied for first in the giant slalom. Sue Sarich was third, and Charr Bridge finished sixth.

Coach Robert Karsten said that he expects those top girls to do well.

An 11th-place finish by Ingrid Peterson pleased Karsten. It's nice seeing her develop into a good racer, he said.

Nicole Schouten finished 20th. "For a freshman in her first major race, I feel she did well finishing 20th," Karsten said.

Thirty-four Valley League skiers competed in the girls division.

The top two teams in the league go to state, and the Sandy girls, with two meet wins, are in a comfortable posi-

tion.

The boys, however, finished third. They finished fourth in Valley League competition two weeks ago.

"They have the ability to make it to state," Karsten said. "They just have to tie it all together."

Lakeridge won the meet. Lake Oswego was second.

Steve Sarich was second, and Bob Spradling was 11th. Both are going to be real good performers, Karsten said.

"I expect them to be placing higher in the future."

Chris Welch finished 12th, and Mike Wall was 15th.

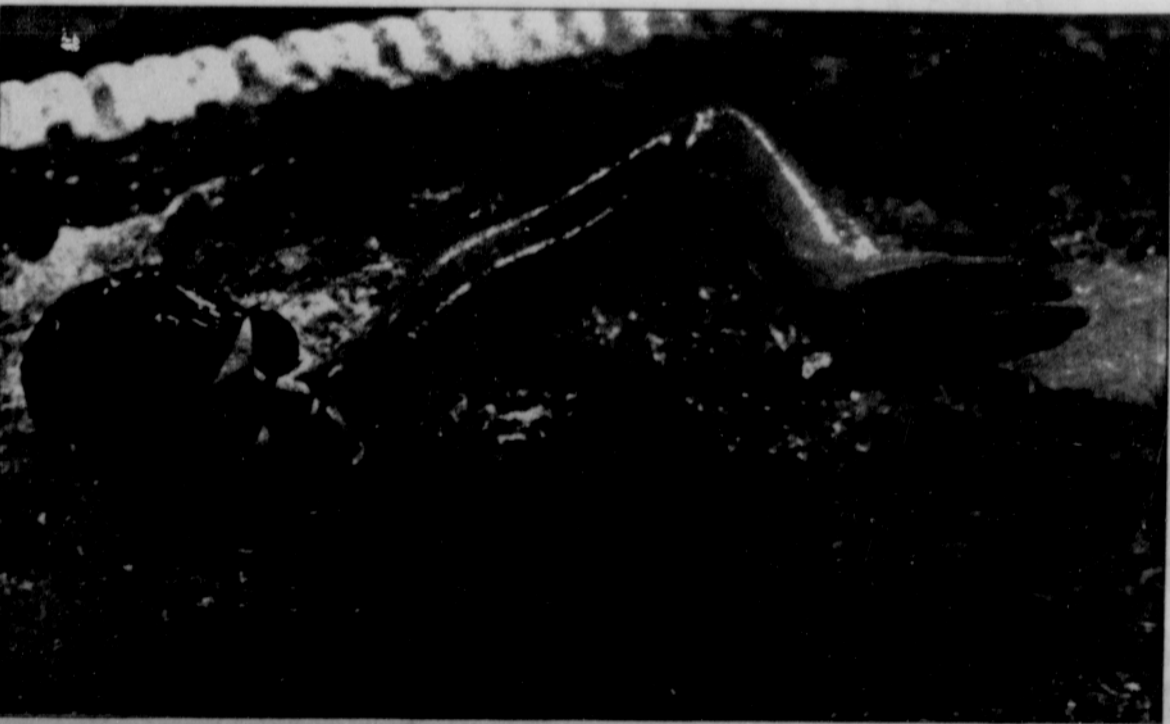
Day finished 25th, skiing well, according to Karsten.

Brian Silvey was 31st. He performed well, but lost a ski, Karsten said.

Thirty-two competed in the boys division.

Tyson Cummings was fifth, out of 22, in the junior varsity race.

Peter Valian was eighth in that race. Billy Van Lanen and Steve Benny finished 15th and 16th respectively.



Shelly Erickson swims in the 500 free during the Barlow dual. Photo by Scott Newton