



Photo by Scott Newton

Sandy senior Bob Nippert puts up a shot during a game with Silverton.

Honors secondary for Nippert

Although Bob Nippert was a unanimous choice for all-TVL honors, his senior year didn't go as well as he would have liked.

"All I wanted to do was get in the playoffs," Nippert said last week.

"I guess sometimes it doesn't happen."

His coach, Dan Brisbin, although disappointed, said, "I felt we made some

gains.

"I felt that we showed improvement all the time and played pretty well at times against some pretty tough teams."

It may have been the four-overtime loss at Oregon City that marked when the season took a turn for the worse.

"That was an awful tough loss for this team to

take," he said.

Brisbin said they'd been thinking about that game for some time.

"Some things went badly at the end, and we lost the game. I think that set 'em back for the next one."

Another disappointment, which came after the season had ended was when Mitch Paola didn't make the all-TVL team.

Paola, a senior forward, was the seventh-leading scorer in the league with a 13-point-per-game average.

"I felt he did a lot for our ball club," Brisbin said. He added that it would have been tough for Paola to have made the first team, but that he thought he would have been on the second team.

He really hurt some other teams at times, Brisbin said.

As for Nippert, Brisbin felt the honor was well-deserved.

"Some teams really played to stop him," Brisbin said. "He made other people look good. He was very unselfish."

work on that a lot more in college. It's a different ball game.

"It's much more physical. I think he'll probably adjust to that, and probably like that."

"He seems to do pretty well when it gets physical in there."

Girls complete good year

Coach John Smith said that he considers the 1981-82 season successful for both Dawn New and the program.

New, a first team all-TVL selection, averaged 17 points, nine rebounds, and over six blocked shots per outing.

The statistics for the pro-

gram also were an improvement over years past. The varsity was 11-11, the junior varsity 11-9, and the freshmen 13-3.

"We have the most girls returning in the five years of the program," Smith said.

Although he has some "exceptional players" coming up, a lack of height will be a problem, especially with the loss of New, a six-foot center, and Cindy McCoy, a 5-10 center-forward.

Smith, of course, was disappointed McCoy didn't receive all-league honors.

"She was a very solid player for us this year," he said.

"It's a shame sometimes that they look at points as being the significant factor. While Cindy's points were adequate, she was one of the top five rebounders in the league."

New and McCoy both hit well from the field, which contributed to the fact that this was the best shooting team Smith's had.

As a team, the girls hit 41 percent from the field, which, although "not super," it's better than the 30 percent average they had last year.

With the loss of the double post, the Pioneers could look a lot different next

year.

"I'm going to be looking around this spring and summer for offenses that will suit our personnel. I wouldn't be half surprised if we aren't running a five-guard offense next year."

Others to make the TVL first team include Stephanie Coughlin of Oregon City, Tina Rappin of Sweet Home, Dawn Bonvicino of Molalla and Debbie Wolcott of West Linn.

Nippert, who scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds a game, said that he is interested in playing college ball.

Having played post, he knows he'll have to make the adjustment to playing outside.

"I prefer forward, to tell you the truth," Nippert said.

Hull runs

1st marathon

Brian Hull, a sophomore at Sandy Union High School, complete his first marathon this weekend.

He completed the 26.2 mile course in three hours and 53 minutes, placing 1,206 out of almost 1,700 finishers in the Trails End Marathon at Seaside.

Swim center hours set

The Sandy Swim Center will be open for additional recreational swimming from 1 to 4 p.m., March 15 through the 20th, during the spring vacations at the grade schools.

Carpet Care edges O & C, 55-53

Obriest and Cunningham almost pulled out its second straight "B" division upset, sending Mt. Hood Carpet Care into overtime, before losing, 55-53.

Center Mike Strickler scored 23 points for Obriest and Cunningham, while Dave Turin scored 14 for the victorious Mt. Hood Carpet Care.

The Sandy Stingers, behind Larry Dixon's 17 points, took care of slumping S.T.C., 54-36. Excessive fouls doomed S.T.C. despite 22 points by Lionel Martinez.

"B" division standings

Don Carpenter Excavating	10	1
State Farm Insurance	9	2
Mt. Hood Carpet Care	7	5
Sandy Stingers	3	2
S.T.C.	5	8
Obriest & Cunningham	3	7
A.D.P.	1	11

Pleasant Home Mobil

Castile Construction	5	7
Velej RestorationCountry	3	7
Flavor-Pact	2	7

Bowling

Mt. Hooders

William's Thriftway	12	9
Sheppard's Construction	11 1/2	9 1/2
Jennie Welch Antiques	11	10
Pioneer Real Estate	11	10
Accent Hair	10 1/2	10 1/2
Dirt & Aggregate	10	11
Micahael's Pre-cast	9	12
Town & Country	9	12

Individual Game: Carol Outforth, 217; Individual Series: Jill Long, 351; Team Game: Accent Hair, 782; Team Series: Pioneer Real Estate, 2174.

"A" division standings

Schoepert's Loggers	11	0
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Staff photo

Members of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club who participated in the USA-Oregon Short Course Junior Olympics, include, on the front row from left to right, Damon Hodge, Ian Hodge, Terri Hanson, Michelle Crane and Coach Carl Neuenfeldt. Back row, from left to right, are Jon Tuttle, Jamie Tuttle, Doug Crane and Richard Rolph.

Blue Marlins 13th at state meet

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club finished 13th out of 40 clubs at the USA-Oregon Short Course Junior Olympics, the Oregon state championships.

Damon Hodge took high-point honors in the eight and under division. He won all six events.

Doug Crane, in the 13- to 14-year-old age group, earned two silver medals, and Richard Rolph, competing in the same age group, placed in the top eight in each event.

The boys 200 medley relay finished second. Crane, Rolph, Jamie Tuttle and Jon Tuttle competed on that team. They also comprised the 400 free relay team, which finished third.

Michelle Crane finished seventh in the 200 IM. Others competing included Ian Hodge and Terri Hanson.

Teams records

Doug Crane, 100 fly, 56.73; 200 fly, 2:15.51; and 200 free, 1:55.80	and 200 breast, 2:30.57
Jamie Tuttle, 100 breast, 1:47.76	Richard Rolph, 100 back, 1:03.36; and 200 back, 2:18.05
	Damon Hodge, 25 breast, 19.79

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