

Track teams boast good distance runners

Distance runners and javelin throwers offer the Pioneer boys and girls track teams the best opportunities to score points.

Junior Scott Skipper, the district champion last year in the javelin, is expected to score points regularly for Sandy.

"He's going to be a significant factor in the league this year for us," Coach Randy Hutchinson said.

Richard Doering is probably the second best javelin thrower in the league, according to Hutchinson.

"He's been doing real well so far," he said, adding that he's been throwing in the 170- to 180-foot range.

Skipper was third in the shot, and is backed up in the throwing events by Locke Christman, Dale Rasmussen, Roland Aumueller, Mike Marleau, Steve Pettengill and Doering.

"Those kids are all varsity athletes," Hutchinson said.

This is the seventh season for Hutchinson, and he said that he has his best distance team ever.

One person expected to score a lot will be sophomore Sam Romey, the 1981 district cross country champion.

Hutchinson is also pleased to have seniors Craig and Clark Watts out.

"I've been trying to get them out for four years. They're both just loaded with talent."

"They're going to be a real factor for us. They've made us strong."

Others out include Phil Burks, a 3,000-meter candidate, Steve Metelack, Brian Reick and Andy Romey.

There are also a lot of freshmen and sophomores that are expected to contribute.

"It looks to be a real good crew. We've got about 14 distance runners. We usually have five," he said.

"So we're really pleased with the group of kids we have out. There's a lot of leadership. There's some great potential there."

"I think we're going to get some real significant points out of these

guys. They're starting to mature, physically and mentally. Mentally is the most important thing. They're handling their workouts better, and their attitudes are improving.

"The boys distance team just has a real good attitude. They're really responding well to training so far. I'm excited about 'em."

Although the distance and throwing events hold the potential for the most points, the boys also have an improved crew of sprinters.

Five of the Sandy runners have turned in .55 or better 400-meter runs.

"Gosh, that's great," Hutchinson said. "Last year we didn't have any."

Metelack was one of the five. Others include Skipper, junior Russell Fork, and sophomores Ryan Coombs and Brian Prosser.

"We might even have a mile relay team this year that consists of all sprinters," Hutchinson said, explaining that he's used distance runners in the mile relay for several years.

"We still don't have that hundred speed, you know, that you need to break up a lot of points, but I think we're going to be able to develop a couple of 200 runners, and we'll be really strong in the 400."

Senior Steve Brader may be on that mile relay team, and will also run the intermediate hurdles.

"I think I'll see some good things out of him this year. I'm kind of excited about him. He's really starting to come along."

In the high jump, senior Doug Baucom cleared 5-10 regularly last year, and freshman Hank Grenier shows a lot of promise.

"They'll be pretty effective in the high jump," Hutchinson said.

Senior Chris Crabtree pole vaulted in the 11-foot range as a junior.

And, Skipper might vault also. "It wouldn't surprise me to find out that he can do that, too," Hutchinson said.

Oregon City and West Linn are the teams to beat, both for the girls and

for the boys, Hutchinson said.

The girls won the league two years ago, and he considers last year, when they finished third, an off season. The boys also finished third last year.

There are three girls that have turned in sub-60 400s. One is an 800-meter runner, the other a 1,500-meter person.

"That detracts a little bit from your sprints," Hutchinson said.

There are seven girls on the team that can run a .63 400, although that isn't the kind of speed that will earn them great numbers of points in the 100 or 200.

Hutchinson said that they will try to develop the sprinters so that they peak at the district meet. Therefore, he said it's kind of hard to tell "where we are."

Hutchinson is hoping that Margaret Blackburn and Sandra Peterson do the job. Blackburn is also an intermediate hurdler.

Polly Kelly, a transfer from Centennial, has turned in a 59.6 400. Other sprinters include Crystal Calkins, Lisa Hassett, Shelby Dries, Karen Fuller and Tammi Lindsay.

"Out of that group, I think we're going to develop some really outstanding runners," Hutchinson said.

Peterson was a member of the mile relay team, which won the district title.

Also on that relay were Darby Binder, Gayle Roth and Sharon Jensen.

"I feel we've got the best distance team in the state," Hutchinson said. "I've felt that all along."

"It just remains to be seen the maturity of those girls, how they mature through the season. They have all the potential."

Jensen, a sophomore, finished second at the district cross country meet last fall, and was 16th at the AAA state meet.

Roth, a senior, was the 800-meter district champion last year, and finished second in the 300-meter

hurdles.

She finished sixth at the AAA state meet in the 800.

Binder, who finished fifth at the district meet, is versatile enough "to run anything from the 400 up."

Laura Stringham was described as "an excellent 1,500-meter runner. She has all the potential to be a great, great runner."

Another proven distance runner will be Donna Nelson in the 3,000-meter run. She was second in the district last year, and finished eighth at state.

Hutchinson said that the competition for the mile relay team, "almost a sure bet for the state meet," will be fierce.

"Ideally, that's what we would like to see," Hutchinson said. "We would like to see the intrasquad competition being our most stressful situation, and then the meets being a lot of fun."

"Hopefully, we can generate that. We haven't been able to do that for

awhile and this year we'll have that opportunity again.

"A lot of this depends on the emotional maturity of the kids. They have to realize that the type of competition we want is a very healthy kind, not a negative thing."

In the long jump, Jensen, Peterson and Lorrie Shelton will be expected to contribute.

Roth is capable of earning points in the high jump, and Shauny Thoreson and Shelby Dries are also expected to contribute.

Like the boys, the girls are also strong in the throwing events.

Junior Paige Daugherty is the returning district champion in the shot put, and finished in the top 15 at the state meet.

She set a personal record by tossing the shot 37 feet at state. She threw 37-7 at the Oregon Indoor Invitational.

"So, things are looking real good," Hutchinson said.

"Greg (O'Meara) does a real good job with those people. Taking 'em to state is a tradition in the weight events."

Sophomore Denise Proctor also is doing well, and Hutchinson said there are a couple of freshmen that could be helping out as well.

Daugherty also is a good discus thrower, as is senior Stephanie Hagstrom and Proctor.

Hagstrom, the district champion in the javelin, had the sixth best throw in the state last year. Daugherty was third in district competition last year.

Discussing Oregon City's feeder system, and comparing it to Sandy's, which is almost non-existent, Hutchinson said, "We kind of start from ground base zero and see what we can do with it."

"We have some super kids who put in a lot of time, a lot of time."



Roland Aumueller, left, and Scott Skipper will be depended upon to score points for the boys in throwing events. Skipper is also a sprinter.

Offense baseball team's main strength

The Pioneer baseball team is due to arrive back today after opening the season with a trip to Klamath Falls.

They went into the games, a game with Klamath Falls on Tuesday (a 14-13 loss, see next story) and a double header with Mazama (the other high school in Klamath Falls) with less than two weeks of practice time behind them.

"This trip to Klamath Falls should be a real indicator for the program," Coach Curtis Heath said last week.

The Pioneers finished well last year, winning three of their last four, and finished fifth in the league.

They ended the 1980-81 season with an extra-innings win over Silverton, a team that went on to earn the second TVL state playoff spot.

"I think West Linn will be the team to beat in the Timber Valley this year," Heath said.

Heath, in his third year as head coach, hopes to see the kind of progress he saw when coaching at Bonanza, an A division school.

His first year there they won one game, but in his fourth year they made it to the state finals, losing the championship to Regis, 7-5. That was in 1974.

"It takes a period of time to build character, pride and class in a program. It's starting to come about slowly," Heath said.

"The trouble is," he joked, "I don't have a lot of patience, the older I get."

Missing from last year's team will be John Martin, a first-team all-league selection, and Troy Bangs and Matt Falgout.

Key people returning include Mo Contreras, a second team all-TVL catcher, senior Mitch Paola, a first team all-league second baseman, and senior Craig Gifford, an honorable mention pitcher.

Pitching will most definitely be a key, according to Heath.

Gifford hasn't been allowed to throw yet because of tendonitis. It is hoped that he'll be healthy by the time league play gets underway.

"He did a good job, won several key games for us last year," Heath said. "He could be a contributing factor again this year if he comes on."

Other pitchers include senior Randy Martin, sophomore Jerry Bennett and senior Keith Powell. Also, Contreras and sophomore Troy Wolf could be called upon to do mound duty.

Bennett was described as a "big kid, a strong kid," who throws the ball "extremely hard."

Right now the team's top pitcher, most likely, is Martin. He throws the ball hard and has good quickness, Heath said.

On top of that, he's "wild enough to make hitters respect him."

Powell "did a really good job for us last year and can play just about any position," Heath said.

Besides pitching, his main duty will probably be as a third baseman.

Another senior on the team is Dave Kirkland, an outfielder who started at times last year. He has good quickness and is a good contact hitter, according to Heath.

"All my seniors, basically, are going to contribute a lot," he said.

Pitching and defense are important at any level of baseball, Heath said. A lot of the team's pitching success last year can be attributed to John Rohr, assistant coach, Heath said.

"He's done a good job of pulling the pitchers together—to help them become a little more confident up there on the mound."

If they can keep runners from opposing teams off the bases, Heath feels they have the offensive power to win games.

Last year Contreras hit in the .360 range, while Paola hit about .310. Powell hit well at the close of the season, he said, hitting .295.

Bennett hit over .500 on the freshman team last year, and Wolf hit .290.

About Wolf, who also plays shortstop, Heath said, "He's got the tools to do a real fine job."

Other varsity players include Mike Lund, Mel Gedde and Gordon Briner.

"They will, with time, do a lot of contributing to the team," Heath said.

Lund filled in at second base and in the outfield last year, and "sparked" them during a win over Canby.

Pioneers edged in opener

Coach Curtis Heath was pleased with the way the Pioneers' baseball season got underway, although he would've liked to have gotten in the win column.

The boys fell 14-13 to Klamath Falls Tuesday, in part because of an error by the hometown statisticians.

In the fourth inning, with a 9-0 lead

and two outs, Sandy put a player out at first. The Klamath Falls statistician gave KUHs a run on that play (they had a player on third), and the Pioneers didn't notice the error until near the end of the game.

Despite the error, Heath was pleased. "Everyone contributed, all the way down the line," he said Tuesday night in a telephone interview.

Stu Hoffman was two-for-five at the plate, doubling twice and earning two RBIs.

Dave Kirkland was also two-for-five, with two RBIs.

Randy Martin was one-for-four with two RBIs, and Mike Lund was one-for-three with two RBIs.

Heath said they played well, especially considering it was their first outing. For example, they turned two double plays.

Also, they only made one error. Pitching was a weakness, but Heath said he expected that. He said they gave up too many walks. Jerry Bennett takes the loss, which Heath said isn't really fair as he pitched pretty well.

Heath said that Klamath Falls has a good program, and so he feels good about the showing.

A double header was scheduled, but the weather caused a change in plans. Heath said they warmed in a hail-snow storm. It blew over by game time.

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Tourney plans underway

Plans are underway for the third Alumni Basketball Tournament.

Persons interested in playing should contact Len Eaton, tournament director, at 668-8011.

Two divisions have been set up this year. There will be eight teams in the A division and four teams in the B division.

Games will be held in both the upstairs and the downstairs gyms at SUHS.

The tournament will begin on Thursday, April 15, with the championship games on April 17.

On Thursday, teams will play at 6:15 and 8 p.m., with a total of four games played. Only A division teams will need to play Thursday night.

Friday six games will be played, with games at 5:30, 7:15 and 9.

Twelve teams will be in action

Saturday, with games at 4:45, 6:30 and 8:15 upstairs.

Games downstairs will be at 4, 6 and 8 p.m., with the B division final game at 6 and the A division championship game at 8.

Tickets are \$2.

Money raised from the tournament goes to the boys basketball team. Also, the Future Farmers of America sponsor a barbecue on Saturday afternoons, which benefits that organization.

The rally squad sells concessions.

The 1971-72 team has won the tournament both years.

The Sandy High School Booster Club will sponsor an alumni dance following the championship games Saturday. Music will be provided by the SUHS stage band.

SUHS girls start season with win over Clackamas

The Pioneers girls got the softball season underway with an 11-3 win at Clackamas Tuesday.

Although the season started right, the game didn't. Coach Gary Curtis said they had the bases loaded and no outs in the first inning. Then, three girls in a row struck out.

Curtis said that when they'd make that last swing they'd be turned facing him, as he was coaching at third, and they could "see the smoke."

All in all, however, it was a good game, Curtis said, adding that they found out what they need to work on.

Patty Gray was the winning pitcher, throwing a no-hitter.

She struck out four and walked ten. The Pioneers had 11 runs on eight hits and committed four errors.

Clackamas got three runs on no hits and committed six errors.

Maureen Beckett snagged two "screaming liners" at third, Curtis reports.

Gray helped her own cause by doing a good job at the plate. She hit a "very nice triple" and a single.

Curtis was also pleased with two junior varsity pitchers, Carrie Watt had seven strikeouts and six walks, and Cindi Ewing had six strikeouts and six walks, for a 22-10 win.

Mighty Mite ski team wins Buddy Werner championship

The Mighty Mite ski racing team won over 14 other teams from Oregon, Washington and Idaho to take the 1982 PNSA Buddy Werner Championship.

This is the first time in 11 years that the Mt. Hood racing club has won the Buddy Werner championship. The Bogus Basin, Idaho, team has won the meet for seven- to 12-year-old boys and girls six of the past 10 years.

The meet was held at Mission Ridge, Wash.

Duane Bridge of Sandy, who along with Matt Greenslade of Portland, is co-founder and co-director, said that Lee Inglesbee, head coach, and Bill Gunish, Jeff Jarmer and Mike Greenslade, his assistants, "have done an excellent job."

Holly Sarich, 12, of Government Camp was the top finisher for the girls. She won the slalom and was third in the giant slalom.

Andy Nygard, 11, of Portland won both races last weekend.

The Mighty Mites are comprised of boys and girls from Portland to Government Camp. Of the 52 members, nine boys and six girls competed at Mission Ridge.

Bridge said that the win was a team victory. "Every one of the kids contributed," he said.

He said that the people at Timberline and Multnomah Ski Bowl have been cooperative in working with them.

Inglesbee is a former U.S. National Ski Team coaching staff member.

Team members, girls: Holly Sarich and Kim Brock, Government Camp; Amy Schrader, Sunnyside, and Amy Larson, Susie Miller and Shelli Greenslade, Portland; Boys: Mark Bruun, Happy Valley, and Andy Nygard, Huntly Morrison, Roy Anderson, John Kimberly, Dawson Farr, Brett Snyder and Todd Bruun, all of Portland.



Tim Zimmerman

Zimmerman 22nd at chess meet

Tim Zimmerman, a junior at Sandy Union High School, finished in a tie for 22nd at the OMSI Oregon Chess Federation chess tournament this weekend.

Forty-eight competed in the high school reserve division.

He scored two-and-a-half points, out of a possible five, in the five rounds of play.

He won one of the 24 regional qualifying tournaments. Teams from all over Oregon, and counties in Washington bordering the state, competed.

At the high school level as many as 10,000 competed at one time or another in the different levels of competition, which included individual school playoffs, according to Clay Kelleher, who helped run off the meet.

This was the 12th annual OMNI chess tournament.