

## Softball team chases TVL title

After a good week, the Sandy softball team is in the thick of the TVL title chase.

The girls are 3-1, tied for first with Canby and Oregon City.

Tuesday night it was the outfielders who got a workout as Sweet Home can hit the ball, according to Coach Gary Curtis.

A little fielding practice after the long bus trip must have paid off as

the Pioneers caught those fly balls.

Sweet Home took a 3-0 lead, "but we settled down and played some good ball," Curtis said. Sandy won 6-3.

Patty Gray was again credited with an "excellent" day on the mound.

Mo Beckett was credited with playing well at third base. She also contributed two hits.

Another key was aggressive base running, Curtis said.

It was the team attitude that most pleased Curtis. "They didn't give up," he said, referring to their comeback.

Last week the girls beat Silverton 8-1. Anne Sarich was three-for-four in that game.

Tammi Edwards was credited for playing good defense, and was praised for a one-hopper throw from right field to home plate, which was good for an out.

Catcher Allison Carpenter made two tags at home plate.

Shelley Petrie, Dawn New, Cindi Coleman, Wendy Heckard and Gray all had singles against Silverton.

Friday at Oregon City the girls suffered their first TVL loss. Julie Sleeper did the damage, according to Curtis. She struck out 10.

Beckett was credited for hitting a "nice" double.

A key matchup for the Pioneers will be Friday when they take on Canby at 4 p.m. at Kelson School. Diane Baker is quite the pitcher, according to Curtis.

## Baseball team sets 2-2 mark

The SUHS boys baseball team is 2-2 in the TVL race, or tied for third.

"I think anything can happen, still," said Coach Curtis Heath.

A five-run fourth inning allowed Silverton to get past the Pioneers Tuesday, 8-4.

Sandy had 10 hits, but they weren't spaced right. Mike Lund was three-for-four with three RBIs. Stu Hoffman was also three-for-four, with one RBI and one run.

Randy Martin takes the loss, but pitched well, according to Heath.

Friday the Pioneers traveled to Estacada, winning 16-12. Sandy had 18 hits and three errors.

Keith Powell was five-for-five, knocking four runs in and scoring two himself.

Mitch Paolo was three-for-five, and Troy Wolf, Mo Contreras, Lund and Hoffman each had two hits.

"We needed every run and every hit we could get our hands on," Heath said.

Powell did the job on the mound, Heath said, taking over in the third inning with nobody out and the bases

loaded. Chris Bennett takes the save, having pitched the seventh.

Monday the Pioneers fell to Oregon City 6-5 in eight innings. Oregon City tied it up in the seventh, winning it in the extra inning.

Sandy was ahead 5-2 going into the seventh and "kicked it away."

"I feel we should have won," Heath said. "There are no excuses to be made. They've got a good team and you can't let 'em up."

Heath said that Contreras, their catcher, has been doing an especially good job. He's been playing despite suffering from the flu.

## Track team wins dual, takes 2nd

The Sandy track team downed Estacada Thursday, and finished second at a triangular at Columbia last weekend.

They boys won the Estacada dual 106-39, while the girls won 69-58.

At Columbia, the Sandy girls finished with 81 while Lebanon had 88 and Columbia 20. The Sandy boys ended up with 72, with Lebanon winning again, this time with 92 points. Columbia ended the day with 48 points.

The boys 1600-meter relay set a personal record Saturday with a second-place finish. Steve Brader, Steve Metelak, Tyson Cummings and Russell Fork comprise that team. They ran a 3:32.9.

Stephanie Hagstrom set a personal record in the discus Saturday with a toss of 111-8, which earned her first-place honors.

Caryn Fuller set a personal record with her 54.6 time in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. She finished fifth.

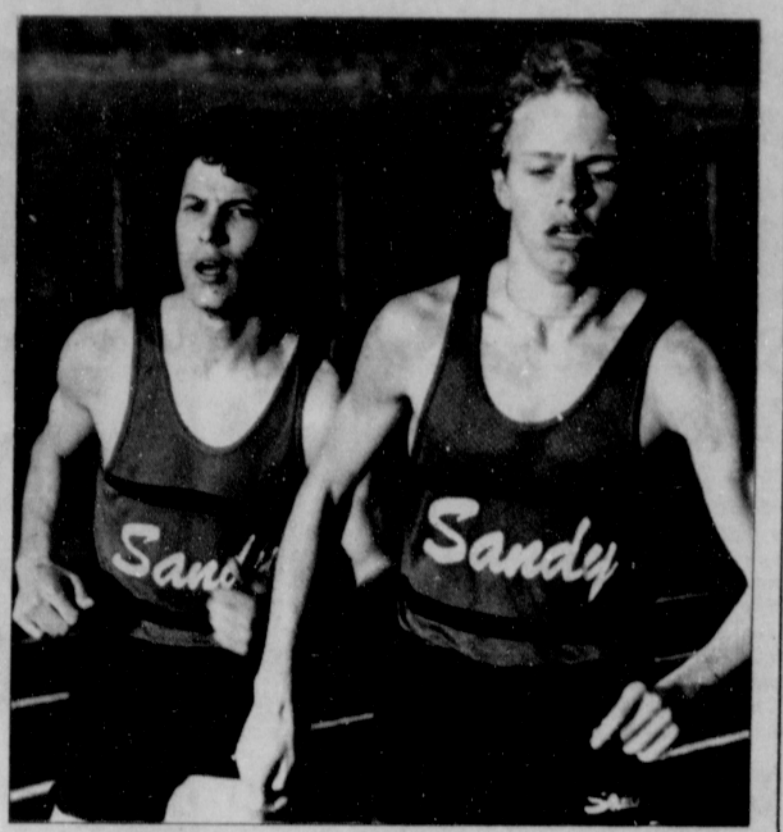
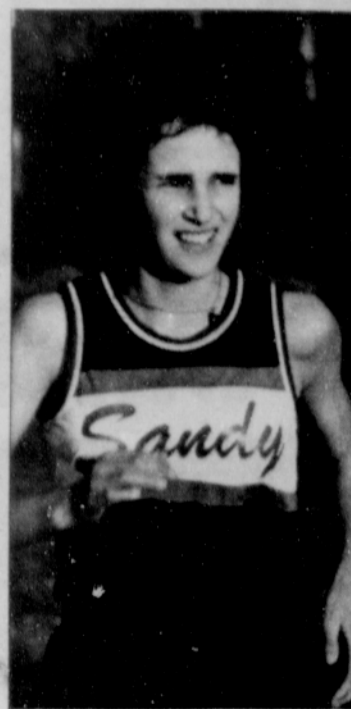
Donna Nelson turned in a season best in the 3000, winning it with a time of 11:07.4.

Good times were also turned in by Polly Kelly in the 400 (first, 1:00.9) and by the 1600-meter relay team (first, 4:09.9).

The relay team is comprised of Gayle Roth, Lisa Hassett, Sharon Jensen and Kelly.

Coach Randy Hutchinson said that Kelly has been doing a good job for them.

The Pioneers will be in action today at 4 p.m. in a home dual against Oregon City.



Above: Patty Groombridge at the Estacada dual. At right: Phil Burks, left, and Brian Reick.

## Nippert selected for series

SUHS senior Bob Nippert has been selected to participate in the Metro-State All-Star Series.

He'll play at David Douglas on June 11 and at Churchill High School

in Eugene on June 12th. Both games are at 8:30 p.m.

Nippert was a unanimous choice all-TVL selection this winter, averaging 15 points and 10 rebounds an outing.

## Kearney 2nd at tourney

SUHS junior Chuck Kearney added a second-place finish at an international meet to his list of accomplishments this weekend.

Kearney and Cal McKinnis qualified in March at an AAU-sponsored tournament for the Oregon exchange team.

McKinnis elected not to go. Kearney made the trip to Joliet, Ill., finishing second in the Joliet International Tournament.

He lost to a two-time state champion from New Jersey in the finals,

and said he doesn't feel he wrestled well in that match.

He won by fall or had matches called because of the 12-point rule all the way through to the finals. He competed in the Elite Division Freestyle in the 165-pound weight class.

The Oregon team had its best finish ever, taking second.

In a related item, Kearney's father, Chuck Sr., has been selected to coach an AAU-sponsored team that is traveling to Germany this summer.

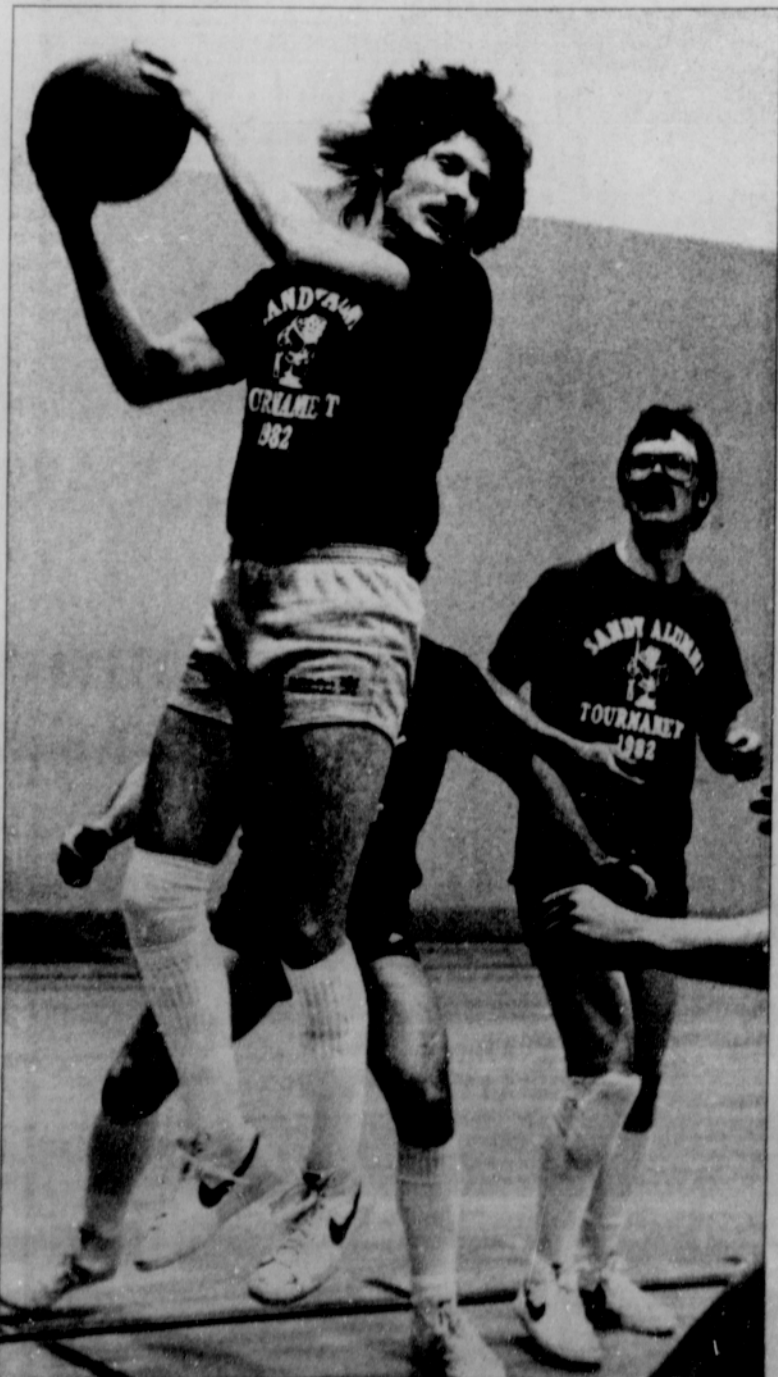
## Sheppard 5th, 6th in race

SUHS junior Mike Sheppard finished fifth in points and sixth in time in a bicycle race in the Eugene area this weekend.

The racing series covered 192 miles

in four days. Sheppard's best finish was a third place in a six-mile time trial.

About 30 competed in the 15- to 17-year-olds division.



Above: Jack Paola grabs a rebound for '77. At left: Scott Craven, also of '77, grabs a rebound. Gary Schwartz of '73 is also pictured. Craven and Paola will play on the all-star team. They'll be taking on the Blazer Oldtimers Friday night.



SUHS senior Rick Lambert points the way for a drive.

## SUHS golfers split duals

The Sandy golf team downed Estacada 171-175 at Mountain View last week, and then lost in an away dual with Oregon City Tuesday, 155-173.

SUHS freshman Kevin Beaudoin shot a one-under 35 Thursday against Estacada. Rich Castile shot a 41, Rick Lambert a 46 and Darrin Nash a 49.

Against Oregon City Beaudoin and Lambert shot 41s, and Castile shot a 42.

## Blazer Oldtimers here Friday

## 3rd time no charm, '71-'72 again takes title

The third time wasn't a charm for the class of 1977.

Three times they have met the classes of 1971-72 in the finals of the Sandy Alumni Basketball Tournament. They lost for the third consecutive time Saturday night, 71-70.

This, however, was the closest game, with '71-72 winning on a short jumper by Rick Zimmerman with two seconds left on the clock.

The game was close most of the way, with '71-72 gaining a nine-point halftime lead. By the end of the third quarter the class of 1977 had a one-point lead, 52-51.

It appeared that '77 was on its way to a championship, with a five-point lead and two minutes to play.

They began to hold the ball a little, but Steve Buhler intercepted a pass and made an uncontested layup.

The class of '71-72 scored again after a missed foul shot by '77's Randy Keller.

Scott Craven then missed the front end of a one-and-one for '77, with '71-71 getting the rebound.

With the ball inside, Zimmerman took an eight-foot turnaround jumper. He missed, but followed the shot, grabbing the rebound and putting it in from about four feet out for the winning bucket.

With two seconds left the class of '77 took a timeout. Ron Jensen got a shot from the top of the key, but it didn't go down.

The class of '71-72 won 77-61 this year, and 89-70 the first year of the tournament.

Jack Paola, class of '77, set four alumni tournament records.

He broke his own scoring record (87 points in 1981) with 102 points in three games.

He had the most three-pointers in one game, with five, and he had the most field goal attempts in one game, with 29. He had the highest single game with 46 in the second round.

The classes of '67-70 won the "B" division tournament, winning 68-55 over the classes of '60-66.

Doug Moffet had 13 points and Scott Winchester 12 for '67-70 in the championship game. Milt Marcy scored 10, Butch Woodward 13 and Mick Hoffman 20 in the losing effort.

Those on the all-tournament team include Paola, '77, Zimmerman, '71, Al Nippert, '74, Dean Dickinson, '72, and Ray Perkins, '72.

Those on the second team include Steve Konell, '74, Dan Turin, '74, Mike Riley, '80, J. Gynther, '73, and Mike Gynther, '74.

Paola was the "A" division's most valuable player. Larry Dahrens, '74, was the most inspirational.

Mick Hoffman, '63, was the "B" division's MVP, with Scott Winchester, '68, the most inspirational.

Friday night the championship team will take on the Central Catholic alumni championship team at 6 p.m. at the SUHS gym.

After that the all-stars will take on the former Trailblazer all-stars.

An autograph session will be at 7 p.m. Ex-Blazer greats include Geoff Petrie, Danny Anderson, Rick Adelman, Greg Smith, LeRoy Ellis, Darrel Imhoff, LaRue Martin, Shalar Halimon and Dale Schlueter.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, plus a can of food for Project Sharing, for needy families.

The Blazer Oldtimers-SUHS alumni all-star game will also benefit the boys basketball program.

Petrie was co-NBA rookie of the year in 1971. He leads in all-time minutes played, and is the leading scorer with 9,732 points. Twice against Houston in 1973 he scored 51 points, another team high.

In the first round of the alumni tournament last week Paola scored 29 to get '77 past '73, 70-58. Nippert scored 24 to get '74 past '76, 91-51. Rob Daniels, '76, had 17 points in the losing effort.

Mike Riley scored 23 and Rick Martin 19 as '80 edged '79, 62-60.

Highlights of the second round includes Paola's record 46 points in '77's 86-77 win over '80. Riley scored 28 for the losers.

Dickinson had 26 as '71-72 downed '74, 77-69.

Nippert scored 26 and Konell scored 22 as '74 downed '80 for third place. Riley scored 21 points in that game.

### Championship game

1977	18	34	52	78
'71-72	16	43	51	71

For 1977: Kevin Jensen, 1-0-1-2; Randy Keller, 5-4-4-11; Ron Jensen, 1-0-2-2; Jack Paola, 10-2-3-27; Brad Puhack, 1-2-0-4; Dave Turin, 1-0-0-2; Scott Craven, 8-3-3-19.

For '71-72: Rick Zimmerman, 15-0-2-36; Ray Perkins, 7-0-2-14; Mike Sutton, 1-0-2-2; Rick Bell, 1-0-1-2; Steve Buhler, 2-4-2-8; Randy Ackers, 2-0-3-4; Dean Dickinson, 4-1-5-9; Terry Nolan, 1-0-1-2.