



Todd Byron, left, and Pat Baird close in on Columbia's quarterback during the Pioneer victory.

Photo by Scott Newton

Harriers edged by Reynolds

It took a tie-breaker to do it, but the Reynolds boys edged Sandy last week in what may have been the Mt. Hood Conference showdown.

Coach Scott McMullen said a few seconds taken off the right runners' times would have tilted the scales in Sandy's favor.

Also, the Pioneers were without fourth-man Brian Buhler, who is injured.

Usually only the places of five of the six varsity runners count toward the score. After the first tally,

the score was tied 29-29, with Reynolds' sixth man finishing 11th overall.

The girls won handily, with Donna Nelson leading the way. Sam Romey also took first for the boys on the course at Blue Lake.

The girls also are second in the MHC, having fallen recently to Centennial.

The boys and girls both won Monday in a triangular on the Sandy course. The boys didn't have much trouble with Columbia or The Dalles.

For the girls, it was a blowout.

"I am totally excited with Donna Nelson," McMullen said. "She was just flying. She went like a machine the whole way."

"She went out hard and she held it. She knows pace."

The girls had a perfect score, with a 1-2-3-4-5 finish

by Nelson, Sharon Jensen, Laura Stringham, Lisa Hassett and Patty Groombridge.

Sandy girls: 15. The Dalles, 48. Columbia, inc.: Individuals: Nelson, 1st, 11:06; Jensen, 2nd, 11:48; Stringham, 3rd, 12:30; Hassett, 4th, 12:31; Groombridge, 5th, 12:36; Petra Beasman, 7th, 13:00; Shelby Dries, 8th, 13:15.

Sandy boys: 18. The Dalles 37; Sandy 23, Columbia 35. Individually: Romey, 1st, 16:30; Phil Burks, 4th, 17:34; Brian Reick, 5th, 17:55; Audie Ellis, 7th, 18:47; Tyson Cummins, 9th, 18:58; Phil Ayers, 14th, 19:42; Bernie Romey, 18th, 20:32.

JV netters victorious, cruise to 8-2 record

The junior varsity volleyball team has an 8-2 record, having won 15-6, 15-7 over Parkrose Tuesday night.

"This is probably the best group of junior varsity players I've had," said Gary Curtis, who is in his seventh season as junior varsity coach.

Curtis said he's had some outstanding individuals in the past, but this group is "kind of like a family."

Renee Rueschenberg has cost Curtis two hamburger dinners. Curtis treats players to a hamburger dinner when they get 10 consecutive serves in a game. "She's done it twice," Curtis said. "Now I take her out at nine."

Other starters include Chris Muff, Wendy Heckard ("She puts the ball where they're not"), Heather Kostrba, Tracy Thompson and Linda Hilliard.

Curtis pointed out they're running a "sophisticated" 6-2, the same offense as the

varsity.

A 6-2 offense utilizes different people as setters, depending upon their position in the line-up.

The spikers are hitting in the 70 to 80 percentile, and they're passing at over 80 percent and getting in about 90 percent of their serves.

"I'm pleased with the effort," said Curtis.

SUHS girls 19, Reynolds 33

Donna Nelson, 1st, 11:19; Sharon Jensen, 3rd, 11:43; Laura Stringham, 4th, 12:16; Shelby Dries, 5th, 12:23; Patty Groombridge, 9th, 12:29; Lisa Hassett, 11th, 12:34; Petra Beasman, 12th, 12:52.

SUHS boys 29, Reynolds 29

Sam Romey, 1st, 17:06; Brian Reick, 2nd, 17:14; Phil Burks, 4th, 17:24; Audie Ellis, 10th, 18:12; Tyson Cummins, 12th, 18:53; Phil Ayers, 13th, 19:35; Bernie Romey, 14th, 19:45.

Gymnasts fall in squeaker

The Sandy gymnastics team lost a squeaker last week, falling 100.4-98.6 to Columbia.

The Pioneers improved in all events but the bars, competing about even in the balance beam and the

vault. Sandy had a 27.8-23.25 advantage in the floor exercise, but Columbia scored six points better on the bars.

The people competing in floor exercise for Sandy "looked nice," said Coach

Molly Knudsen. Knudsen said the Pioneers are strong on the dance portion of the floor exercise, and work to execute "clean" tumblers, though their tumbling is "not exceptional."

The Pioneers also do well in floor exercise because four of the five competing have experience. They including Kim Parmenter, Jodie Dahlager, Sandy Sexton and JoEilyn Murillo.

"I felt everyone did real well, except for that one event," Knudsen said, referring to the bars.

Knudsen seemed especially pleased with the improvement on the beam, where the Pioneers had faltered earlier.

Competing as an all-around, Kim Parmenter scored a 7.7 in the floor exercise, 7.5 in the vault, and 5.8 on the beam and uneven bars.

Dahlager scored a 7.85 in the floor exercise, 6.85 in the vault, and 5.65 on the beam and the bars.

Murillo contributed a 6.6 in floor exercise, and Cindy Parmenter scored a 6.7 on the vault.

Knudsen also reports the "rookies" are showing improvement as the season progresses.

Netters down Parkrose

The Pioneer volleyball team got its record to 5-5 in the Mt. Hood Conference with a 15-2, 15-9 win over Parkrose.

"The things they don't do well we do awfully well," said Coach Ron Grantz.

He explained that Parkrose wasn't able to "serve us tough." They gave them some "free balls" as well.

Give us free balls and "we'll hit 'em to the floor," Grantz said.

He added, "It was a good team victory."

Grantz said he substituted freely, and that Parkrose would probably not have scored nine points in the second game if he hadn't made some substitution errors.

They have a key game Thursday about 5 p.m. at the SUHS gym against Columbia. Barlow, Gresham and David Douglas are at the top of the league standings, with Sandy holding the upper hand in a pack with Columbia and The Dalles.

Volleyball outing 'less than successful'

The Pioneer volleyball team was "less than successful" at a jamboree in Corvallis this weekend, though Coach Ron Grantz said "some positive things came out of it."

The caliber of play was tough, with six of the eight teams ranked in the top 10 of the state.

Although their 1-6 record in the one-game round robin tournament jamboree doesn't show it, Grantz said they did play up to the level of competition.

In addition, "we learned about the competitiveness of certain players," he said.

Grantz has been playing everyone on the roster, but said now he's "moving toward more of a set line-up."

At about midway in the season the Pioneers were

4-5, and tied for fourth in the Mt. Hood Conference. They've played Sam Barlow High School twice, falling 15-1, 15-4 last week.

Said Grantz, "They are the best team in the state, I think."

The opinion was formed after the Corvallis jamboree, where the Pioneers downed Corvallis 15-9.

Corvallis, ranked number 2 in the state, recently won its 100th consecutive game, and has three consecutive state titles to its credit.

Two other teams also defeated Corvallis in the tournament.

The Pioneers have six league games remaining (One was played Tuesday night. See related story). "We have the ability physically to win all those games," Grantz said.

Hawks win three divisions

The Cinder Hawk cross country team got three firsts at a meet in Eugene this weekend.

The 10-11 girls, with a key fourth-place finish by Danielle Jordan, took first, as did the 7 and under boys and the 7 and under girls.

Eddie Haggstrom, running in the 10-11 boys division, was also credited with having run well.

1st, Danielle Jordan, 4th, Shawna Patterson, 7th, Nichole Galvin, 8th, Kim Yankauskas, 11th, Angela Bean, 19th.

12-13 girls (2nd): Cindy Roth, 4rd, Shaune Gilchrist, 5th, Angela Benedetti, 8th, Robin Ermatinger, 11th, Corky Phoenix, 13th.

14-15 boys: Adam Ermatinger, 3rd.

7 and under girls (1st): Gracie Pankey, 1st, Christy Hartney, 2nd, Shannon Schneider, 3rd, Star Bean, 5th.

7 and under boys (1st): Iaral Matz, 1st, Andy Norman, 2nd, Blaine Caudle, 3rd, Ben Matz, 4th, Andrew Schneider, 5th.

9 and under girls (2nd): Audrey Krause, 4th, Nichole Gatchell, 7th, Rosey Pankey, 8th, Halo Bean, 18th, Cody Proctor, 19th.

Individual results
9 and under boys: Marty Romey, 6th.
10-11 girls (1st): Karla Harrison,

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