

# Local man sets record on Rose City track

by SCOTT NEWTON

Terry Fisher, 20, just might have a knack for driving.

He finished the 1982 season third in the Rose City Racing Association standings. With a total of about 900 points, he was four points out of second place.

Fisher got started racing two summers ago. He noticed a 1957 Chevy sitting at Mt. Hood Auto Body. Fisher works for his father and partner in racing, Earl, at Mt. Hood Muffler and Mt. Hood Welding, located nearby. He purchased the car for \$200 and "part of an exhaust job."

Said Fisher, "I had a hot rod engine sitting around here, and I put it together and about a \$1,000 later we went racing."

He started the season about six races behind, but by the end of the summer was 11th out of about 30 cars.

Recalling the first race, he said, "We got there about three hours early because I'd never been on a track before. The car broke, and I never got to take one lap until timing."

"Then I turned the third-fastest time for the B main. It really surprised me."

Although Fisher kept the number 57, for '57 Chevy, last season he started driving a '77 Chevelle, "an old Grand National car that John Keeper used to race up and down the West Coast."

Said Fisher, "We mainly stayed consistent with it." Though he couldn't stay with the "fast Camaros" in the A main, he was at the top of the B class, and won seven trophy dashes.

He managed to stay in third in the standings. He'd finish lower than some of the good cars in the A main, but his additional points in the trophy dashes and heat races kept his total up.

And then, at the end of the summer, he purchased a 1980 Camaro, won the main event and set a track record at the Rose City Speedway.

The Camaro, tested and streamlined in the Boeing wind tunnel in Seattle before the Fishers bought it, was owned by Chuck Flora. "Any time he'd come down to our track he'd just clean up," Fisher said.

"It handles so nice on the corners. That's where a race is won, mainly."

"Most of your cars will handle in the low (or inside) groove. That car that I bought will handle the whole track. You can go as fast through the second groove as you can through the first."

About his interest in racing, Fisher explained, "I've been around cars for a long time. I've got in a lot of trouble with 'em. I've had a lot of fun with 'em. I figured this would be a good way to keep out of trouble."

Fisher pointed out that around the Mt. Hood Muffler shop one can "jump out of one toy into another."

Fisher raced in Eugene recently, and won the A trophy dash. Starting out 22nd and racing on a three-eighths track, it took him 10 laps to get the lead in the main event.

He led for 20 to 25 laps. On one lap there was a driver, in his car, facing down on the track. There was room for Fisher to get by him, but when he got close the man drove down and into the lane, catching the right front wheel of Fisher's Camaro.

"I don't know what he had on his mind but I could have killed him," said Fisher, who went into a fence and was knocked out of the race. "To win was \$600, and that was on lap 35. It was a 50-lap main."

There was a driver on his tail, so Fisher won't say that he would have won. That \$600 would have come in handy, though.

Tires, which wear out after two or three races, run about \$320 to \$350 all

the way around. And the Cam II 120 octane fuel costs from \$3.60 to \$4 a gallon.

There's a lot of money to be made, but it takes a lot of money to get there, Fisher said.

They are, by the way, looking for a sponsor.

Fisher also had good success with the Camaro in a race at the Shasta Speedway near Redding, Calif.

He started out in the 21st position. "I can't qualify worth a dang," he said. "The only time I can race is when there are cars on the track with me."

He ran in the second fastest heat, and won (25 laps), and then took seventh out of 66 cars.

These are the "really fast cars," he

said. To show how competitive it was, the first 45 cars qualified within a second of each other.

"So when you're in the back of the pack, that doesn't give you much room to pass," he said.

All of the cars that finished ahead of him had "the big engines." Fisher's \$12,000 Nascar is a beefy 500 to 550 horsepower. Some of the cars at the Shasta Speedway were equipped with what is called a D-stroke 400, or a 400 cubic-inch engine with a short stroke, which gives them in the range of 670 horsepower.

The engine in the Camaro "is a good, strong engine for a short track. But that track at Anderson (Shasta Speedway) was a horsepower track. I mean, it was banked. It was like

driving inside of a bowl. It was really nice.

"You could go into the corners twice as fast and when you'd come out you'd stick like glue. It's hard to explain. You'd just have to drive one."

It's not unusual for Fisher to take a corner at, for example, 60 miles per hour. That's a corner that might be marked at 15 to 20 miles per hour on the street.

The danger associated with a sport like car racing doesn't bother Fisher. "It's safer on the race track than it is on the street," he said.

He pointed out there are numerous roll bars, and drivers are strapped in.

People on Fisher's pit crew include

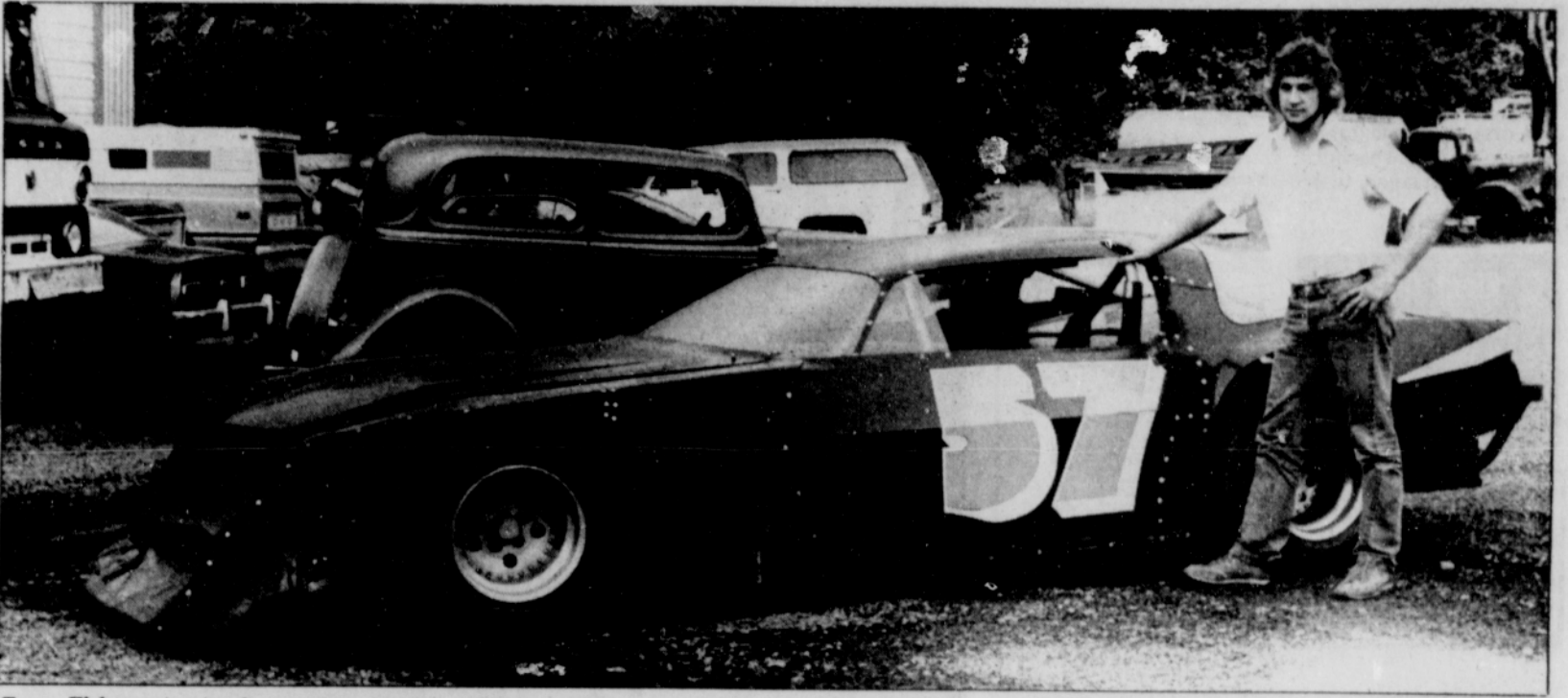
Dennis and Lee St. Clair, Randy Martin, Steve Veley and Marilyn Leathers.

Fisher admits that he's had enough of working on his \$25,000 car for a little while. He'd often work during the day at Mt. Hood Muffler, and then would work, often with members of his pit crew, until midnight or later.

But when the next five-month-long racing season begins next spring he'll be on the track again.

"If the economy gets worse we'll just have to drop down to a lower bracket and run jalopies or something," he joked.

Though Fisher may have a knack for driving, he's not quite satisfied. "I know I have a lot to learn," he said. "And I'm willing to learn."



Terry Fisher set a track record at the Rose City Speedway in his \$25,000 Camaro.

Photo by Scott Newton

## Harrier coach expects close dual meet

Sam Romey's 15:18 for 5000 meters was termed "outstanding" by Scott McMullen, cross country coach.

"But look at these Wilson guys," he said, holding the final tabulations of the Aloha Classic, held this weekend. "It's like having five Sam Romeys," he said of their loaded roster.

Wilson handily won the 18-team meet, placing five runners in the top 13. Aloha won the 17-team girls competition. The Sandy boys were 14th. The girls were 10th.

It was a "learning experience," McMullen said. Though Romey ran his fastest first mile, at 5:03, the leaders ran the first one in 4:44. Romey finished eighth.

Phil Burks, who finished 39th, was credited with running well.

McMullen was also pleased with Donna Nelson, who finished ninth. "She realized she wasn't tired," he said.

Next time they'll be no strategy, McMullen said. He'll expect her to grind it out all the way, with no holding back.

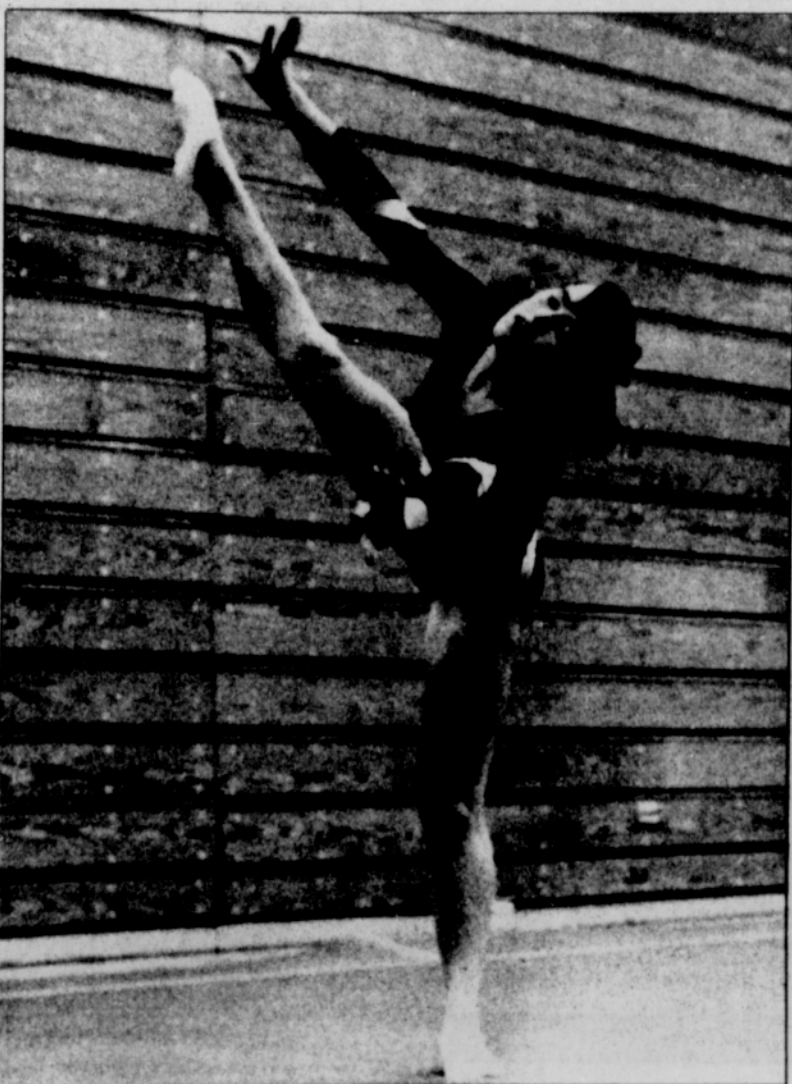
"She's at the level she can do that," he said.

Sharon Jensen, who finished 23rd, was credited with doing "a fine job," and McMullen was also pleased with senior Shelby Dries, who moved up to the third position on the team, taking 59th.

Both the boys and the girls remain in the Mt. Hood Conference title chase (though both are in second place), with a close meet expected Friday at David Douglas for both teams.

David Douglas fell to the Reynolds boys by a single point recently, while Sandy and Reynolds tied earlier this season. The Sandy-Reynolds deadlock, however, was settled in Reynolds' favor by the finish of the

sixth man. "It's not physical. It's a mental game. It's obvious we're both the same physically," McMullen said.



Jodie Dahlager is pictured in the floor exercise. The Pioneers fell to Barlow last week. Dahlager was third as an all-around, and won the balance beam competition.

Photo by Scott Newton

## Swim committee gets fund to \$4,000

Through continued effort and positive response the Committee to Reinstate Sandy Swim Teams is rapidly nearing its goal of \$5,175.20.

The money will be used to fund the high school swim teams, which were cut from the budget when the "B" ballot was defeated Sept. 21.

Over \$4,000 has been raised since the committee was organized three and a half weeks ago, according to committee members. The swimmers sold pepperoni sticks, sponsored a dance at the high school Friday, and served a dinner at Paola's Pizza Barn Tuesday night.

Parents and friends have organized the drive for donations within the community, which has included contacting service

organizations, businesses and individuals.

Tomorrow, Oct. 22, a chili feed will be held at the east end of the high school football stadium for the homecoming game with Centennial. They will begin serving at 6:30 p.m.

The final amount must be raised before Nov. 3.

Those interested in making a tax deductible contribution should make their checks payable to the Sandy Kiwanis Club for the Reinstatement of the Sandy Swim Team, Sandy Kiwanis Club, 38462 Hood Street, Sandy, 97055.

Anyone with questions may contact Nick or Shirley Roth at 668-6225, Roxie Burns at 668-6341, Marcus Smith at 668-6049.



Lisa Izer, left, and Heidi Lamer strike a pose at a fund raiser for the swim teams Tuesday evening.

## Hikers, others warned about thefts in area

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The Oregon State Police are warning hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts who leave their vehicles parked for extended periods of time at trailheads to beware.

Car thefts, or "car clouts," are one of the recreational hazards of the area. They happen any season of the year, occur sporadically and come without warning.

Such was the case last weekend at the Mirror Lake parking area, west of Government Camp on Highway 26.

Car clouts claimed five victims that weekend, according to Sgt. Dan E. Wolf of the state police. The losses included a car stereo system, two wallets, a radar detector, and even school books.

"The cars were left there unattended for a couple of days," Wolf said, "and someone decided to relinquish the owners of them."

Car clouting periodically strikes the area, Wolf said, but prosecutions are rare and difficult.

"Usually," he said, "you have to

see them do it or catch them with the goods in their possession, which doesn't happen very often."

The thefts at Mirror Lake, said Wolf, marked the first sign of problems in the area for a long time. In each case the cars were locked but thieves got in by breaking out a side window or jimmying the window open.

During the summer and fall seasons the problem areas are parking areas at the trailheads of Mirror Lake, Ramona Falls and at the new Salmon River Trail. Campgrounds are also problem spots.

During the winter problem sites are the parking areas favored by cross-country skiers who generally leave their cars for long periods of time, said Wolf. These areas are Trillium Lake, Frog Lake, White River, Hood River Meadows and Barlow Trail.

The best prevention against car clouting, said Wolf, is not to leave valuables unattended in the car. Other than that, he said, there is little a person can do.

## SUHS net team just lucky

Maybe it's because the reputation of Sandy volleyball is alive and well. Or maybe the girls are just lucky.

Regardless, Coach Ron Grantz has been told four times this season by head coaches that their teams have played their best against Sandy.

And Columbia was not the exception last week as the Chargers downed the Pioneers 5-15, 15-9 and 15-9.

"It was one of the few times we've played pretty decent," Grantz said.

Because they played well, and had some good rallies going, they faced some situations they haven't been in all season.

"They blocked us well," he said. "We didn't adjust and that hurt."

In the first game Linda Mosbrucker served 12 points.

The Pioneers, with a 5-4 record, remain in the chase for a district playoff spot.



Carrie Byrd scoops up a shot against Columbia. Michele Fleischman is also pictured.

Photo by Scott Newton

## Boys tie top MHC squad

The Pioneer soccer team tied one of the two top teams in the Mt. Hood Conference Tuesday night, 1-1.

Sandy Coach Lon Welsh, for a change of pace among other reasons, moved his offensive players to defense, and vice versa. Some of his fastest players had been on offense.

"If we win the next two games (the final two games of the season) I'll wish we'd done it sooner," Welsh joked.

Victor Martinez, a senior exchange student from Spain, scored for the Pioneers about 20 minutes into the second half. Columbia (tied for first with Gresham) scored midway through the first half.

Tim Zimmerman, a defensive player, "took on their best player several times and beat him." Pete Schmutz and Tim Pullen were also credited with playing well.