

Big plays key Gopher win

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vious Kearney's teammates approved.

It was to be one of the few things Sandy fans had to cheer about. An interception at the Gopher 22 ended the drive.

Gresham ran four plays and punted the ball away, but this time the Pioneers, who had the ball on the Sandy 49, lost a fumble in the backfield.

On the next play Gabe Gomez was on the receiving end of a 38-yard pass play, and with 2:29 left in the first quarter the Pioneers were down 7-0.

On the first play of Gresham's next possession Gomez ran around the end on a reverse, scoring from 42 yards out.

"It took the wind right out of us, I think that's the main

thing," said John Rohr, defensive coordinator.

It wasn't the last the Pioneers saw of player number 7. Gomez scored again in the second quarter. He caught four passes for all of the Gophers' 73 yards in the air. They gained another 359 yards on the ground.

For Sandy, Kearney gained 98 yards on 24 carries. Scott Skipper contributed

another 59 yards on 12 carries.

Skipper paced the defense with 14 tackles. Pat Beard contributed 12, Frank McKinnis nine and Kearney seven.

Bill Bowman ran two kickoff returns back for a total of 49 yards.

"I'm glad we don't have to play them again," Coach Greg O'Meara said.

"It shows what good public support and a good feeder program can do."

Centennial, the Pioneers' Friday night homecoming opponent, is 4-2 in Mt. Hood Conference play. They played in a jamboree against Clackamas and Forest Grove last weekend.

O'Meara said that they'll be watching for 6-3 and 180-pound receiver Matt

Fischer.

Also, he said the Eagles have a good quarterback in 6-1 and 165-pound senior Mark James.

"We'll have to put the pressure on him," O'Meara said.

In other MHC action Reynolds downed Columbia 35-6, The Dalles defeated Parkrose 12-0 and Barlow downed David Douglas 35-8.

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