

Winter sports

The Pioneers, competing in basically the same league, were 6-1 in girls competition, with the boys 5-2. Both teams placed second in District 3, behind Gresham. The girls were 14th in the state, the boys 26th.

Only one girl returns from last year's 10th-place 400 free relay. She is senior Heidi Lamer, a breast stroke specialist who will be moved around to the team's best advantage.

She'll be joined by senior Lisa Izer, junior Shauny Thoreson, sophomore Julie Dasher and freshmen Terri Hansen and Donnie Terrill.

The boys team is pretty much intact, having lost only a quality sprinter to graduation.

Sophomores Jamie Tuttle, Matt Roth and Richard Rolph were members of last year's 200 medley relay team. They took ninth at the state meet, certainly an accomplishment for a group of freshmen.

Other returning lettermen include senior Shawn Burns, a distance swimmer, and Junior Mark

Gunderson, a butterfly specialist.

Others with potential include senior Kirk Benson, junior John Haugan, sophomore Kevin Beaudoin, and seniors Valez German, Victor Martinez and Javier Herrero.

David Douglas has a "perennially strong" team, with the boys possibly the league favorites. The girls title is probably up for grabs, he said.

Competition to be tough

Said wrestling Coach Ron Calhoun, "I feel that we have as tough a varsity schedule as I've seen a team have. We have a chance to met, literally, every team that has excelled at wrestling the past two years."

He added, "I think that's super."

A tough schedule might not do wonders for one's record, but he feels it will ultimately make them better competitors.

At the Oregon City Invitational (in January) the top 12 teams in the state (as determined by the state tournament) grace the 16-school bracket.

Calhoun would "only speculate" about the conference race, but said Barlow, Gresham and David Douglas will be tough.

Sandy and Centennial also have teams that have been "traditionally" competitive.

The lack of an experienced heavyweight could make the difference this year. Senior Scott Skipper has chosen not to participate, though Calhoun feels he could be one of the five best heavyweights in the state.

"As a consistent optimist, I still have hopes he'll change his mind," Calhoun said.

On Sandy's roster are six experienced seniors, and Calhoun pointed out that experienced seniors tend to win their share of matches.

They include John Cox, a 98 pounder; Larry Topliff, a 106 pounder who's placed

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twice at state; Randy Swanson, a 130 pounder; Robert Paul, a 141 pounder; Mike Rohweder, a 148 pounder who's been to state twice; and Chuck Kearney, a 178 pounder and triple crown winner.

Seniors Bob Wantowski (168 lbs) and Dave Gibson (136 lbs) should also contribute as first-year starters.

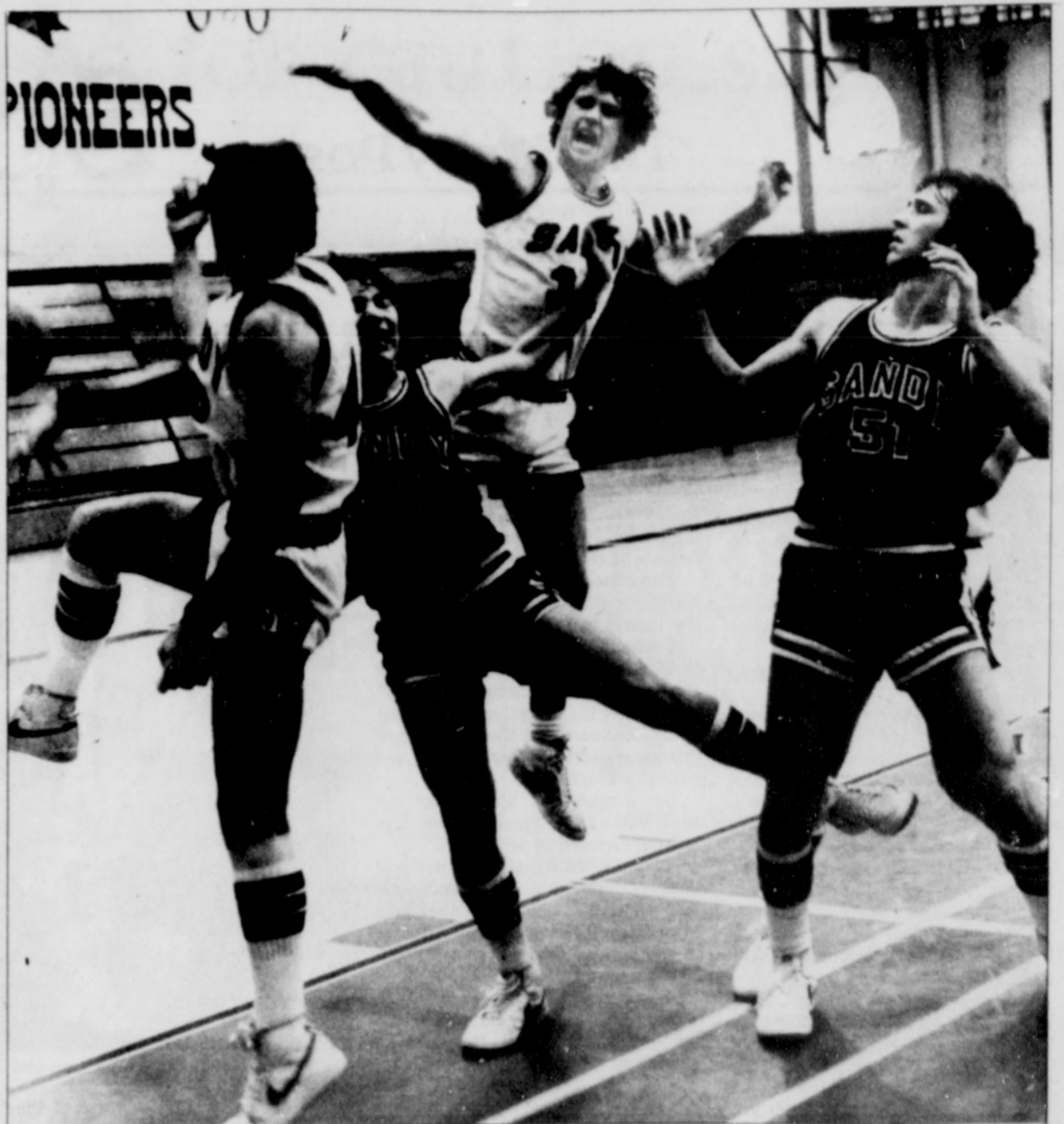
Senior Mo Contreras is out with a head injury suffered during the last football game.

Juniors Loren Bateman (178 lbs) and Frank McKinnis (157 lbs) should also contribute. Bateman earned a trip to state last season, and McKinnis earned a 23-0 record on the second varsity.

Mel Gedde (115 lbs) and Destry Frey (130 lbs) are two more seniors that could contribute.

Junior Hui Choi (123 lbs) and sophomore Tony Barnes (106 lbs) also appear to have made the varsity.

The lineup can change due to the outcome of challenge matches, and weight changes. The wrestlers will be in action today through this evening, with the Carey Larson Memorial being run off at the high school.



Mike Marleau rejects a shot during the Pioneers' intrasquad scrimmage.

Photo by Scott Newton

State Farm downs Flyers

State Farm Insurance, picking up where they left off last year, went out strong in the first basketball game of the new season, and whipped The Flyers, 65-43.

Led by Mike Fitz's 12 points, State Farm broke the game open in the second quarter, outscoring The Flyers 16-6. The Flyers' high scorer was Tim Delaney, who pumped in 10 points.

In other Sandy Recreation league basketball, Mt.

Hood Cleaners had to go to the last seconds of their game in order to beat Williams Thriftway, 51-50.

Thriftway's Rob Daniels poured in 22 points while Mike Suhr bucketed 17 for Mt. Hood Cleaners, in-

cluding eight points in the last quarter.

B division basketball	
State Farm Insurance	1 0
Mt. Hood Cleaners	1 0
Scenic Fruit Co.	0 0
Swartz Moving	0 0
Williams Thriftway	0 1
The Flyers	0 1

SRD plans winter volleyball league

The Sandy Recreation Department is planning a winter volleyball league, to

run from January through March.

The games will be held Monday evenings at the Sandy Elementary School gym and some Wednesday evenings at the Weches Grade School and/or Boring Grade School gyms.

There is no cost to join as awards will not be offered to first- and second-place teams.

Contact Bill at the Sandy Recreation Department, 668-5569, to ensure a place in the league for your team.

Mt. Country Realty secures tie for 1st

The Zig Zag Rollers, playing their best volleyball of the season, won two "B" division matches against two tough opponents in Sandy Recreation Department league play.

In the first contest they beat Calamity Jane's 14-16, 15-1 and 15-9. Then they knocked off Wy'East, though the Rollers needed two overtime games in order to win, 16-14 and 17-15.

Wy'East came from behind to hand Calamity Jane's a loss, 3-15, 15-9 and 15-11.

Only one "A" division match was played, with Mt. Country Realty securing a tie with Godfather's Pizza for first place by upending Wuv's, 15-6, 15-3.

Final "A" division	
Mt. Country Realty	8 2
Godfather's Pizza	8 2
Wuv's	3 7
Rippling River Resort	1 0

"B" division	
Mt. Hood Cleaners	7 1
Carlson Chevrolet	6 2
Wy'East	7 3
Zig Zag Rollers	3 7
Weches Fearless Faculty	2 6
Calamity Jane's	2 8

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