

Sisters keep volleyball in the family

by SCOTT NEWTON

Cherie Elliott, a sophomore at the University of Oregon and a member of the SUHS Hall of Fame, can understand why people are curious.

She's a defensive specialist on the Duck volleyball team. Meanwhile, her sister Chris, a junior at Oregon State University, is a hitter.

"She's hitting at me, and I'm trying to dig up her spikes. It makes it kind of interesting, I guess," Cherie said.

About playing against her sister, Chris said, "I think it's fun. I like it, but I really don't think about it a whole lot when I play."

"When she's serving and I see her, that's about the only time I think about it."

"We know most of the players on the Oregon team. It's not like she's the only girl I know on the team."

Cherie, a 1981 SUHS graduate, and Chris, a 1980 SUHS graduate, played on the Pioneers' state runner-up team together.

Chris was a second team all-TVL

selection, while Cherie ran away with the honors when she was in high school. Cherie was all-TVL, all-metro and all-state her senior year.

Chris, a starter for two-and-a-half seasons for the Beavers, has been on the winning side in the Civil War games.

"I used to be better than her," Cherie, a two-year starter, said with a laugh.

Sandy coaches Ron Grantz and Gary Curtis, and Athletic Director Mike Kostrba, have made it to the Civil War games in Corvallis, something both women seemed to appreciate.

"That was so neat," Cherie said. "They came last year, too. It was kind of embarrassing. Last year they killed us. This year it wasn't so bad."

Though OSU won in three games (out of five) both times this fall, Chris said they were "really good games."

The Beavers ended up fourth in the Nor-Pac regional tournament. The Ducks won only three conference games.

"We couldn't quite get it together," Cherie said.

She played on a young team, with a senior, a sophomore and four freshmen starting.

The Beavers lost a "really good" outside power hitter, and Chris figures they could have a good team next year.

She called the Nor-Pac League one of the top two conferences in the nation, with the University of the Pacific, Cal-Berkeley and San Jose State the top teams this year.

Chris said she really liked the traveling, though the 10-hour drives through California were tiring. On trips like that one really gets to know one's teammates, she said.

Chris, an industrial engineering major, will be playing on a United States Volleyball Association team this winter.

Her coach, Gerry Gregory, in information provided by the school, calls Chris the team's "best athlete."

"Chris has great endurance and a great desire to improve herself. She is always putting in extra time to work on the little things."

Chris said that Chris has taken advantage of, and benefited from, the good coaching offered at OSU.

Chris said she hasn't been satisfied with the progress she has

made, though she said she's playing better defense. Her play at the net isn't as good as she'd like.

Cherie tried out for the OSU team the summer before her freshman year, but when she didn't make the cut went to UO.

Their father attended OSU. Both are attending school on scholarships.

Cherie is undecided about a major, though it's computer science "this week."

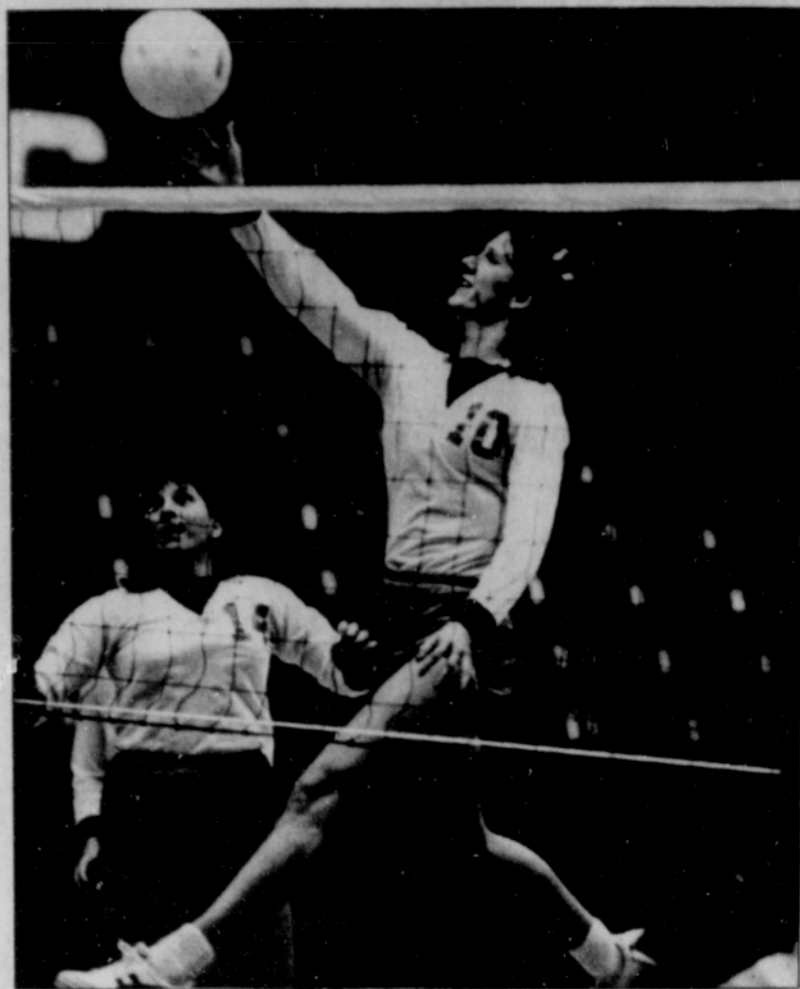
Both agree that the level of competition is what separates high school from college ball. "We work hard. It's great," Chris said.

She said one thing she remembers from her days as a Pioneer was when the seniors taught the freshmen to pass. "I'll always remember that," Chris said, not offering an explanation as to why that was the memory most easily recalled.

"I hardly see anybody from Sandy anymore," she said. Chris and Cherie are fourth generation Redland residents. Chris said they're "isolated in the sticks."

Cherie also said she hasn't kept up on a lot of her friends from Sandy. "I can't believe it either," she said. "I don't see any of those good friends."

She said she especially misses her former coaches. "They were great."



Chris Elliott

OSU photo by Mike Shields

Boys edge Oregon City in basketball opener

The Pioneer boys got the basketball season underway in good fashion with a 47-46 win over Oregon City Tuesday evening.

"Our big question mark was defense, and I was pleased with that," Brisbin said.

The Pioneers had a four-to-seven-point lead most of the fourth quarter, but a few questionable passes, a missed lay-in and a missed one-and-

Romey, Nelson place at Corvallis

On Sunday Sam Romey and Donna Nelson competed in The Icebreaker Runs at Avery Park in Corvallis.

Nelson, competing in the 10-kilometer run, placed second in the womens open division.

Romey took first in the two-kilometer (1.25 miles) and 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) runs.

one opportunity gave Oregon City a chance to tie it up with one second left to play. Oregon City's player missed the second half of the two shot foul, however, giving Sandy a 1-0 record.

"We got a little careless (at the end)," Brisbin said, "but overall, I was really pleased."

Brisbin said Mike Lund, who scored eight points, "really played a good game. He worked the offense well."

"We controlled the game more than the score indicates."

He said the defense will face "a real test" Friday when Sandy takes on Tigard at home at 7:30 p.m.

Tigard has most of its players back from a good team last year. "They're a runnin' and gunnin' team," Brisbin said.

Key Statistics: Robert Brader: 14 points, seven rebounds, seven blocked shots, five fouls; Pat Baird: 12 points, nine rebounds, five fouls; Steve Pettingill: nine points and nine rebounds.

SUHS wrestlers win tournament title

Coach Ron Calhoun would have liked to have given four Outstanding Wrestler awards at the Carey Larson Memorial last week.

Not that Chuck Kearney, who received the award voted upon by opposing coaches, didn't deserve it. It took him only three minutes and 36 seconds to win three matches and take first place in the 191-pound weight division.

It's just that Calhoun felt Larry Toppliff, Hui Choi and Mike Rowhder also turned in "outstanding performances."

Toppliff, a 106 pounder, won two matches by fall and the other 23-3 for first place.

He felt Rowhder, a 148 pounder who pinned both of his opponents, wrestled "extremely well."

And Hui Choi, a 123 pounder, avenged an earlier loss by beating "a

good wrestler" from Molalla.

Several wrestlers made "rather large" weight cuts, and still wrestled well, Calhoun said.

Frank McKinnis, 157-pound weight division champion, John Cox, 98-pound weight division champion, Dave Gibson, 141-pound weight division champion, and Choi, were among that group.

Calhoun was especially pleased with Gibson. "That's not the best wrestling I've ever seen, but that's the best I've seen Dave Gibson. That's a real feather in his cap."

Cox got a win over an Estacada wrestler who beat him pretty soundly last year, and was the top seed in the TVL-District Tournament.

Robert Paul, the 136-pound weight division champion, won 2-1 over a Molalla wrestler who took fourth in the district meet last year.

In the 178-pound weight division, Loren Bateman handily won two

matches for the title.

Sandy won the Carey Larson Memorial, which is named for a former Sandy wrestler who was killed in an automobile accident. The Pioneers had 13½ points. Molalla had 108, Estacada 68 and Reynolds 32.

Sandy's dual against Reynolds counted for a Mt. Hood Conference win.

David Douglas, the Pioneers next opponent, won the Wilson Invitational Thursday. Calhoun figures David Douglas to be one of the top four teams in the league, and said that SUHS and DDHS share a lot of similarities. He added, "If we can beat them we might be in the top four ourselves."

They'll square off tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Varsity wrestling

96: Senior John Cox won by forfeit, by fall (3:35)

and by 5-2 decision for first.

106: Sophomore Tony Barnes won by fall (1:04), was pinned (1:33) and won 11-7 for second.

115: Senior Larry Toppliff won by fall (2:20), by 23-3 decision and by fall (3:05) for first.

123: Junior Hui Choi won by fall (1:40), by 6-0 decision and by forfeit for first.

130: Senior Randy Swanson won by forfeit, lost 0-7 and won by forfeit for second.

136: Senior Dave Gibson won by fall (3:05), lost 8-1 and won by fall (4:20) for first.

141: Senior Robert Paul won by fall (4:50), won 2-1 and won by fall (0:40) for first.

148: Senior Mike Rowhder won by forfeit, by fall (1:59) and by fall (2:22) for first.

157: Junior Frank McKinnis won by forfeit, by fall (1:53) and by 14-5 decision for first.

168: Senior Bob Wantowski lost 8-5, lost 19-18 and was pinned (2:49) for fourth.

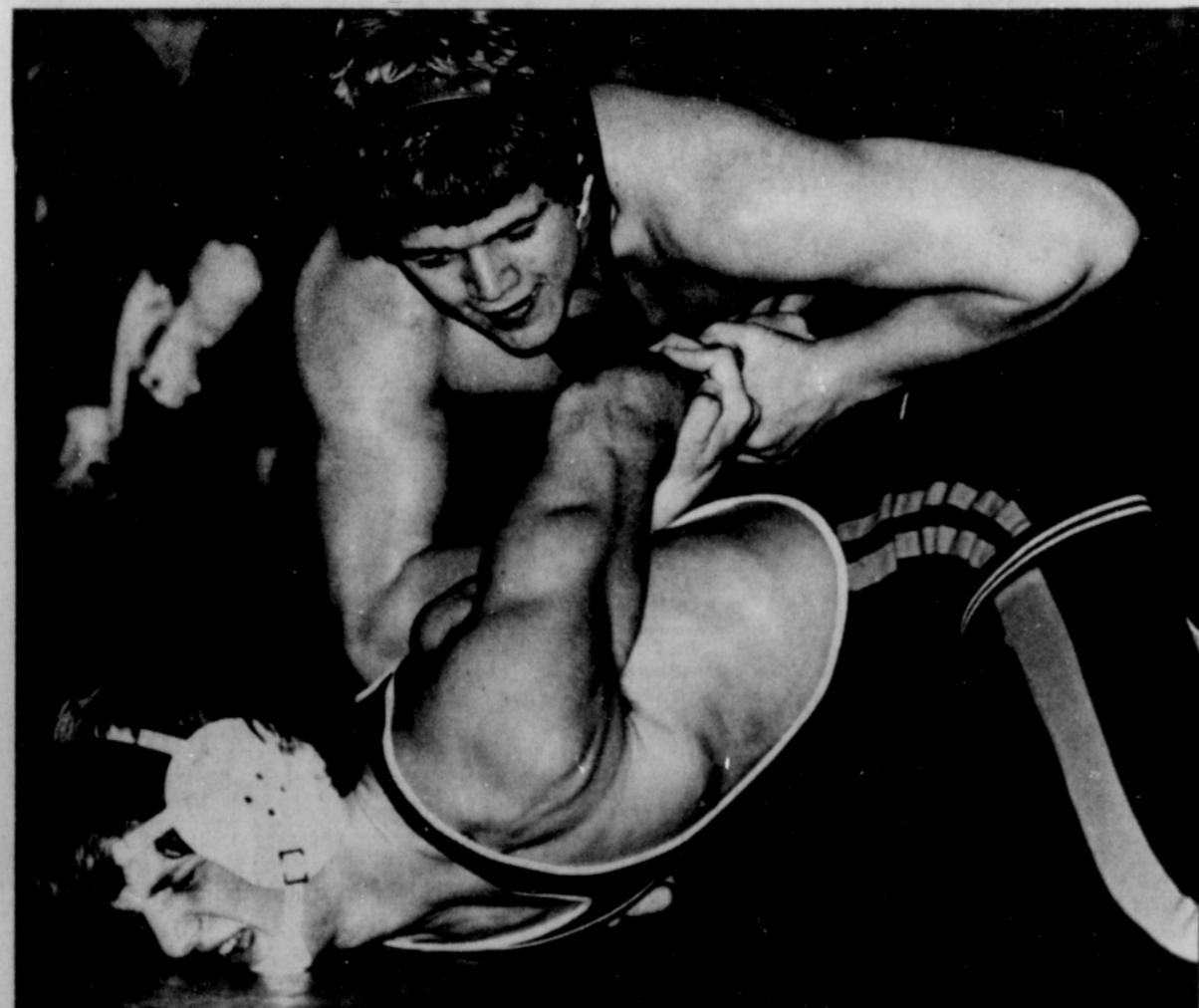
178: Junior Loren Bateman won by forfeit, won 14-0 and won by fall (2:27) for first.

191: Senior Chuck Kearney won by fall (1:30), by fall (1:16) and by fall (0:50) for first. Was voted Outstanding Wrestler.

HVY: Senior Chris Norton was pinned (0:35), was pinned (2:41) and was pinned (0:35) for fourth.

Second varsity

Champions were Dan King (141), Brent Kearney (148) and Chris Davenport (178).



Loren Bateman works for a pin during the Carey Larson Memorial.

Photo by Scott Newton

Girls place fifth at Newberg

Boys swim team wins relay meet

The Pioneer boys swim team finished first in the six-team Newberg Relay Meet last week.

The girls finished fifth out of six teams.

"We should be able to hold our own this year," Coach Mark Smith said about the boys team.

"Overall, I was pleased with the good team effort (of both the boys and girls teams)," Smith said. "But the season has only begun. We have a lot of work to do to be competitive."

Stroke technique and conditioning will be the focus of practices until mid-January. The strength of this team is its early commitment, according to Smith.

Especially good performances were turned in by Matt Roth in the 100 individual medley and the 200 fly, and by John Haugan and Javier Herrero. Haugan and Herrero were moved from the junior varsity to the varsity due to "individual improvement and contributions to the team effort."

Debbie Izer and Kim Howell were also advanced to the varsity team for the same reasons. Terri Hanson, a freshman who set

four personal records, was also credited with swimming well.

Smith said the boys team has the depth and experience to be competitive. The girls have the depth, he said, but lack varsity experience.

The swimmers will be in action again Dec. 14 against Bend and Mt. View. Mt. View had a 400 free relay team finish 13th at last year's state meet, and an individual who placed 20th in the 200 IM.

The Mt. View girls will be anchored by senior Sonja Lee, who was ninth in the state in the 50 free and 11th in the 100 back.

Bend has two girls back from a 400-meter free relay team that finished 11th at state.

Thursday, Dec. 16, the Pioneers will turn around and swim in another home dual (both start at 4 p.m.) against Gresham.

It'll be their first Mt. Hood Conference dual, and they'll do it without the benefit of a few days off.

Smith said the Mt. Hood Conference is "extremely tough," one of the two best leagues in the state.

David Douglas and Parkrose are the two new teams in the league. Otherwise, Sandy has been competing in what was essentially this league. David Douglas has an especially-tough boys team, Smith said.

"There will be no coasting," Smith said. "When we win a meet it'll mean we gave 110 percent."

Varsity swimming

Personal records

Julie Dasher, two; Terri Hanson, four; Donnie Terrill, two; Lisa Izer, one; Heidi Lamer, one; Shelby Dries, two; Kim Howell, three; Debbie Izer, three; Patti Meeker, one; Kathy Weidman, two; Shauny Thoreson, two.

Javier Herrero, two; Matt Roth, three; Kirk Benson, two; Richard Rolph, one; Jamie Tuttle, two; Shawn Burns, two; Brian Stamm, two; John Haugan, three; Mark Gunderson, two; John Rodriguez, two; Kevin Beaudoin, one; Victor Martinez, one; Valer German, one.

Team scores, boys: Sandy, 76; Newberg, 66; Centennial, 66; Oregon City, 56; McMinnville, 48; Barlow, 24.

Team scores, girls: McMinnville, 82; Centennial, 70; Newberg, 68; Barlow, 60; Sandy, 58; Oregon City, 18.

First-place finishes: 400-meter medley relay: Rolph, Tuttle, Roth and Burns, 4:01.32. 400-meter free relay: Tuttle, Burns, Gunderson and Benson, 3:46.9.

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