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# Sandy boys 'wild' about beating Gresham

by SCOTT NEWTON

Christmas came a little early for the Sandy boys swim team. They downed Gresham 61-54 in dual-meet action last week.

When Gresham left the Sandy Aquatic Center Coach Mark Smith let out a "victory yell," and everybody "just really went wild," said Shawn Burns, a senior and team captain.

Beating Gresham is a goal of most Sandy teams, with the rivalry between the aquatics squads being common knowledge.

Though members of the swim team were happy, Burns doesn't think it really carried over that much at the high school.

"We're kind of apart from the high school," Burns said. "They're up there and we're here," he said, seated at Smith's desk at the Aquatic Center.

Burns and Heidi Lamer were co-chairmen of the committee to Reinstate Sandy Swim Teams.

The committee raised about \$7,000

to keep the swim teams going after the SUHS board of directors put the pool fund on the "B" ballot.

"It struck us as funny they'd abolish swimming," Burns said. He said there was "definite resentment," though not focused on any one person, and "disappointment" over the decision.

He said that by raising the money he hopes they showed that the community does support swimming. He said it would be difficult for any organization to raise \$7,000 year after year.

The fund raising "brought the team a lot closer together, I think," Burns said. "In the clinch, everybody pulls through. I don't know why that is."

Burns said hard work has been part of the Sandy program as long as he's been there. Friday, for example, Smith set up a particularly tough workout, and then told team members "only the tough could complete it. It's an eye of the tiger type situation," Burns said, in reference

to the movie "Rocky III."

As for Burns' season, he said it's going "pretty good, nothing to write home about."

His right calf has been cramping, but he hopes he has the problem taken care of. He finished second in the 200 and 500 free, and the 400 free relay team, of which he is a member, also finished second. In the 200 and 500 he competed against Gresham's Kenny Fitch, an "excellent" swimmer, according to Smith.

Sandy's loaded sophomore class came through, with Matt Roth taking first in the 100 fly and the 100 back. Richard Rolph won the 200 individual medley and the 100 free. Jamie Tuttle won the 100 breast.

Senior Kirk Benson contributed a win in the 50 free, and swam with Roth, Rolph and Tuttle on the winning 200 medley relay team.

About the 1:49.40 finish of the relay team, Smith said, "I was very pleased with that." They swam in the 1:46 range at state (with Rick Topliff in-

stead of Benson) last season.

Smith said the 61-54 victory was "a tremendous win. We were red hot and rolling."

He added, "No one individual on the boys team did more than anyone else. Everyone gave 110 percent."

Depth did turn out to be important. When the Pioneers didn't win an event, they usually took second and third, with every point counting.

The win provided "a strong uplift," which the boys need considering the power of David Douglas, a team they'll face after Christmas break.

Both the girls, who are rebuilding, and the boys "are more mature than many of the teams I've had in the past," Smith said.

"They are able to recognize and accept the discipline in training needed to be successful."

"They're out there and they're working hard. There's no coasting."

Nine boys set 12 individual records Thursday, and five girls broke seven personal bests in their 70-45 loss.

Smith described their rivalry with

Gresham as friendly, not bitter. He said they have "fun, competitive meets with some good races."

Gresham Coach Scott McKechnie reportedly has said publicly that he sets a line-up to lose, and then it's up to the swimmers to prove him wrong.

This time, Smith said, the Pioneers were glad to help him lose.

"We read him like a book," Smith said of the line-up.

The last time the Sandy boys beat Gresham was in 1976.

Burns realizes the boys aren't home-free yet. "I think they're going to be ready for us at district. I don't think they were prepared for that loss at all," he said.

### SUHS boys 61, Gresham 54

200 medley relay: Richard Rolph, Jamie Tuttle, Matt Roth and Kirk Benson, 1st, 1:49.40; John Haugan, Victor Martinez, Kevin Beaudoin and John Rodriguez, 3rd, 2:16.56

200 free: Shawn Burns, 2nd, 1:57.38; Mark Gunderson, 3rd, 2:06.04

200 IM: Rolph, 1st, 2:17.44; Tuttle, 2nd, 2:19.88

50 free: Benson, 2nd, 24.82; Javier Herrero, 4th, 26.66

100 fly: Roth, 1st, 55.41; Gunderson, 3rd, 1:04.96

100 free: Rolph, 2nd, 54.60; Benson, 3rd, 56.66

500 free: Burns, 2nd, 5:23.81; Brian Stamm, 3rd, 6:01.45

100 back: Roth, 1st, 59.42; Haugan, 3rd, 1:14.00

100 breast: Tuttle, 1st, 1:07.73; Herrero, 4th, 1:18.74

400 free relay: Gunderson, Herrero, Burns and Stamm, 2nd, 3:35.47

### SUHS girls 45, Gresham 70

200 medley relay: Shauny Thoreson, Heidi Lamer, Terri Hanson and Donnie Terrill, 2nd, 2:17.56; Patti Meeker, Julie Dasher, Kathy Weidman, Kelly Russell, 3rd, 2:32.05

200 free: Hanson, 1st, 2:21.02; Debbie Izer, 4th, 3:00.31

200 IM: Lamer, 2nd, 2:40.75

50 free: Terrill, 3rd, 30.27; Shelby Dries, 4th, 32.23

100 fly: Hanson, 1st, 1:11.31; Lisa Izer, 2nd, 1:25.39

100 free: Lamer, 3rd, 1:05.97; Thoreson, 4th, 1:11.27

500 free: L. Izer, 2nd, 7:04.23; Kim Howell, 4th, 7:58.88

100 back: Terrill, 3rd, 1:24.61; Russell, 4th, 1:33.69

100 breast: Dasher, 2nd, 1:24.84; Thoreson, 3rd, 1:27.98

400 free relay: Howell, D. Izer, Dries and L. Izer, 2nd, 5:09.62; Russell, Meeker, Lisa Sheppard and Dasher, 4th, 5:37.20

## SUHS wrestlers win premier tournament in Washington

The Pioneer wrestling team dominated what is considered the premier collegiate-style tournament in the state of Washington.

"It's such a big tournament I think they train for it kind of like they would for the state meet," said Coach Ron Calhoun. "It's a beautiful way to end of the first half of our season."

The Pioneers handily won team titles in both the varsity and second varsity competitions, and won the team trophy for most falls.

In addition, Hui Choi was "very spectacular" in the 122-pound weight division, pinning his way to first place and winning the trophy for most falls by an individual.

Choi pinned all three of his opponents in the first round.

Larry Topliff, at 108, "dominated, and ended the tournament with a pin over their state champion in the finals," Calhoun said.

"real powerful kid" and lost 8-1 for second place.

Mike Rohweder, a 148 pounder, lost in the finals 9-3 to last year's defending champion.

And Loren Bateman, at 178, fell 11-3 in the finals. Bateman and Scott Skipper have been fighting colds or the flu.

Skipper pinned his first opponent, and then ran into the number one seed, and got pinned. Skipper, who narrowly missed a trip to the state meet last wrestling season, only recently joined the team. He's been conditioning and lifting weights as a state javelin title is a goal.

Conditioning wasn't a problem, Calhoun said, "but his timing is yet to come," and "straight power" wasn't enough second round.

Calhoun added, "The more he wrestled the better his timing was, and by the time he got to the consola-

Last year at Tacoma Sandy had 11 wrestlers in the finals, but only five champions.

Champions this year included freshman 101-pounder Rod Smith; sophomore 108-pounder Tony Barnes; junior 122-pounder Jeff Smith; freshman 136-pounder Scott Kearney; junior 141-pounder Dan King; sophomore 148 pounder Brent Kearney; and junior 168-pounder Joe Betschart.

The Pioneers also had "a very classy evening" Thursday against Columbia, winning their third straight conference match.

Sandy won 63-6, with the Pioneers winning all three close matches.

Versus Columbia—98: Cox won by fall, 1:06; 106: Barnes won by forfeit; 115: Topliff won by fall, 2:52; 123: Choi won by forfeit; 130: Swanson won by forfeit; 136: Frey was pinned, 3:26; 141: Paul won 5-2; 148: Rohweder won 9-5; 157: McKinnis won by fall, 2:25; 168: Bob Wantowski won by fall, 1:18; 178: Bateman won 8-4; 191: Kearney won by fall, 1:22; HWT: Skipper won by fall, :22

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Robert Paul, at 141, "quite easily" won his first two matches, and then won by fall (1:16 in the first) for an individual championship.

Frank McKinnis, a 157 pounder, handily won in the first two rounds, and won an individual title with an 11-7 victory in the finals.

Chuck Kearney, at 190, "had no problem decisioning himself to a second Cardinal Classic championship," Calhoun said.

"Decisioning" himself to a title? In general, Calhoun said, the wrestlers in Washington were "big and strong, and looked district ready." They were "lean and powerful."

Kearney won 24-8 in the finals.

One factor that also pleases Calhoun is that though Washington wrestlers may treat this tournament like a state tournament, Sandy does not. Not all Pioneer wrestlers are at their lowest weight or exhibiting their best form.

Others in the finals included John Cox, a 101 pounder, who ran into a

tion finals he wrestled very well in winning third place."

Calhoun said, "Having him out is a real mental plus for the attitude of the whole wrestling team."

Brad Emerson, at 115, also took third, with a 15-2 win in the consolation finals.

Randy Swanson, at 129, lost second round to the eventual Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament, but won 4-0 in the consolation finals for third.

Destry Frey, wrestling up from 130 on the second varsity, took fifth in the 136-pound weight division.

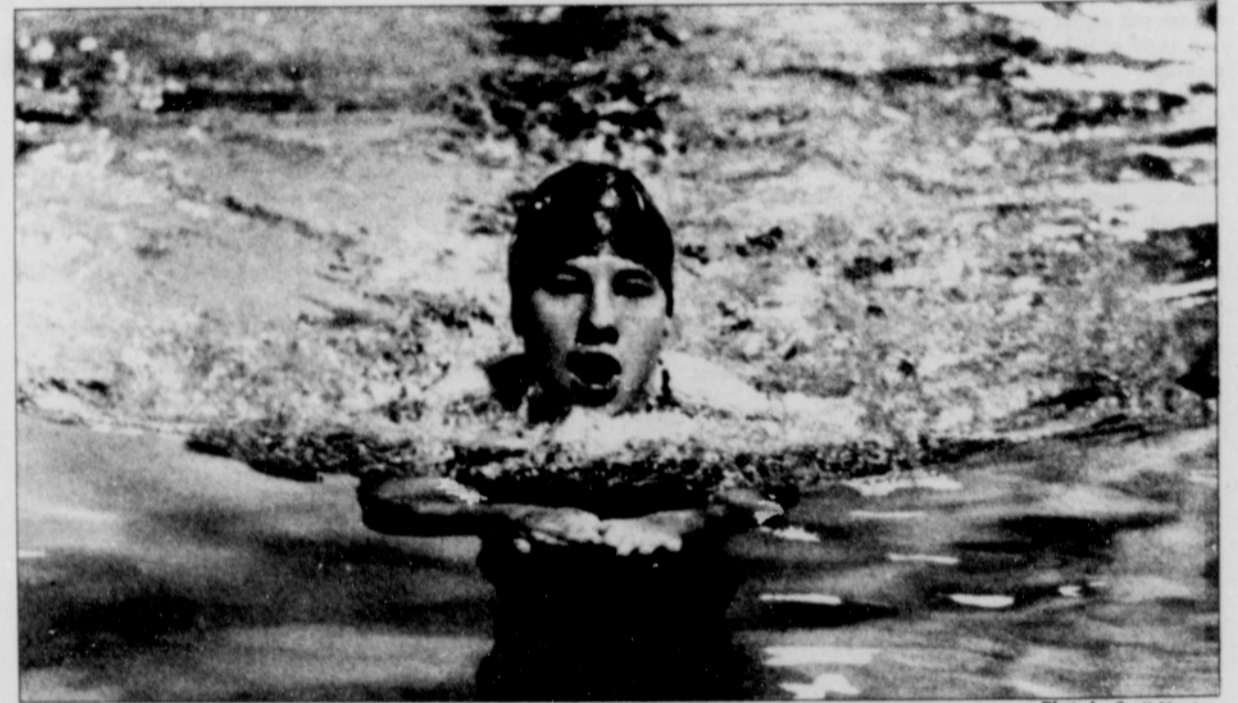
The wrestlers were up at 6 a.m., weighed in at 7, and trophies weren't given out until about 11:30 p.m., making it a long day in Tacoma.

As far as team scoring, Sandy had 227.5 points, to 159.5 for Elma, 148 for host Franklin Pierce and 128.5 for Timberline. Eight teams participated.

The second varsity also dominated. Seven wrestlers qualified for the finals, with seven winning championships, "which is very unusual."



Larry Topliff works for a fall against an opponent from Columbia.



Julie Dasher en route to a second-place finish in the breast stroke against Gresham.

## Boys take 5-0 record into break

The Sandy boys swim team downed Oregon City and Redmond Tuesday,

getting their record to 5-0 going into the Christmas break.

The boys downed Redmond, a team traditionally strong in swimming, 66-50. They won 72-44 over Oregon City.

The girls are 1-4, having downed Oregon City 71-37. Redmond edged the Pioneers 59-56.

Coach Mark Smith said he's "happy with the continued improvement" the girls are making. Ten personal bests were recorded Tuesday, continuing a trend. With additional seasoning, the girls will win some duals, Smith said.

Freshman Kathy Weidman "is doing excellent in the 100 fly," he said, improving every time she swims it. She finished third in the event.

Two other freshmen, Donnie Terrill and Kim Howell, each set two personal records. Another freshman, Terri Hanson, was second in the 100 fly and 100 back, and swam on the second-place 200 medley relay team.

Senior Lisa Izer won the 500 free and senior Heidi Lamer won the 100

breast and the 100 free.

Jamie Tuttle broke his personal record in the 100 breast, taking second with a 1:06.8. He swam a 1:07.2 at the district meet last season. Smith feels he can swim in the 1:05 range.

The 200 medley relay team, comprised of Tuttle, Matt Roth, Richard Rolph and Shawn Burns took first, turning in a 1:49.4. The state qualifying time is 1:47.1, and Smith said he's pleased they're swimming so well so early.

Burns also took first in the 200 and 500 free. Burns is bringing his times down this season, though he's not breaking personal records yet, Smith said.

Roth won the 100 back and the 100 fly.

Rolph was first in the 200 individual medley.

The boys turned in two personal bests, with Brian Stamm turning in the other, showing an improvement of 5.4 seconds in the 500 free. Stamm was second with a time of 5:57.59.

## Sandy girls down Columbia

The SUHS girls basketball team got in the win column Tuesday night with a 42-36 win over Columbia.

Coach John Smith said the first quarter "was the best quarter I've ever seen a Sandy girls team have."

Smith is in his fourth season as head coach. "Superb defense, excellent ball handling and an outstanding fast break" combined to give the Pioneers a 20-5 start.

They kept the lead throughout, and

went into a delay with about three minutes left and a "10 or 11 point" lead.

They failed to connect on the front ends of two one-and-ones, but Smith said a victory "was never in doubt." Columbia scored a basket in the closing seconds.

"We're getting better," said Smith. "We had a slow start. But we have a

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