

# The Sandy Post Sports and Recreation

## 4 from Sandy take state honors in 1982

Highlights of 1982 in Sandy include Kim Rasmussen's state cutting title, Chuck Kearney's triple crown, Mike Sheppard's Outstanding Junior Cyclist award and Ulla Pearson's state ski title.

In addition, Dodson's Bargain Store, both the mens and womens teams, won Sandy Area Softball Association titles.

In approximate chronological order:

Eight swimmers qualified for the state meet in February. Three freshmen, Matt Roth, Richard Rolph and Jamie Tuttle, and then-senior Rick Topliff, won the 200 medley relay at the district swim meet. Topliff also qualified in the 50 free, setting a school record with a time of 22.98.

The 400 free relay team finished first. Bonita Connelly, Teresa Lamer, Heidi Lamer and Gayle Roth comprised that team. Roth also took first in the 50 free and the 100 free.

The Pioneer chess team earned the Timber Valley League dual-meet championship in February, but finished second to Oregon City in the league tournament.

Tim Zimmerman was first board champion. Pete Watkins was the second board champion and the-

McKinnis in the finals, with both wrestlers advancing to state.

Randy Carmony, at 191, won in overtime for a district championship. Heavyweight Tim Sytsma took a 22-0-1 record into the district meet, but lost his overtime finals match.

A surprise was then-sophomore Loren Bateman, who pulled an early-rounds upset and finished third, earning a trip to state.

The girls basketball team won 50-43 to clinch fourth in the TVL, and then won 54-50 over Silverton in the first round of the playoffs. They lost a berth in the state tournament when they fell 56-38 to West Linn.

Meanwhile, a key loss to Canby ended the season for the boys. Bob Nippert was a unanimous choice for all-TVL honors. He scored 15 points and nabbed 10 rebounds per outing. "Some teams really played to stop him," Coach Dan Brisbin said. "He made other people look good. He was very unselfish."

Nippert at the time was unimpressed by the honors. "All I wanted to do was get in the playoffs," he told The Post. "I guess sometimes it doesn't happen."

Nippert's teammate, Paola,

Then-freshman Steve Sarich tied for first in the boys competition.

The Blue Marlins took 13th out of 40 teams at the USA-Oregon Short Course Junior Olympics.

Damon Hodge won the eight and under championship, taking first in all six events.

Doug Crane, in the 13-14 division, took two silvers, and Richard Rolph, in the same age group, placed in the top eight in each event.

Don Carpenter Excavating, with 15 points from Larry Daherns, won the Sandy Recreation League "B" division title with a 61-56 win over State Farm Insurance.

A long, very fast course was to the Pioneer girls advantage at the state meet as they made up 8.4 seconds to win their second state title.

Karsten was the Oregon Interscholastic Racing Association coach of the year, and Ulla Pearson was individual state champion.

Pearson won the slalom, and finished sixth in the giant slalom. She won the state title by over seven seconds.

Anne Sarich won the giant slalom, which was her second state giant slalom title.

Sue Sarich, despite a serious knee injury, finished in a tie for third in the giant slalom, and Charr Bridge tied for fourth-place combined honors.

Others to contribute included Ingrid Peterson, Marcy Huff and Kris Van Steenis.

Though Anne Sarich won the giant slalom, she had trouble in the slalom. She said, "I fell the second run. I hooked a tip and had to hike."

Sue Sarich perhaps summed it up best for the entire team. "We try to help each other more than anything. We all want to do well together. We'd all just as soon tie for first."

Williams Thriftway won the Sandy Recreation "C" title with a 48-28 win over P. C. Construction. Fritz Engdall scored 12 for Williams Thriftway.

In the "A" division Alan Nippert

chess tournament. Forty-eight competed.

The Mighty Mite ski racing team won over 14 others to take the 1982 PNSA Buddy Werner Championship.

Duane Bridge of Sandy is co-founder and co-director of the Mighty Mites, a Mt. Hood ski racing club. Holly Sarich of Government Camp was the top finisher for the girls. She won the slalom and was third in the giant slalom.

In late March Scott Skipper, then a junior, set a school record in the shot put with a toss of 51-2 and a half. The record was previously held by Lyle Schwartz, with a 50-9 toss in 1960.

State Farm Insurance won the Sandy Recreation League "B" tournament.

Joe Kern and Harold Worcheck each scored eight points as Ron's No Place won the Sandy Recreation "C" tournament, downing Williams Thriftway 43-30.

The third time wasn't a charm for the class of 1977 as they again fell to '71-72 in the Sandy Alumni Basketball Tournament, 71-70.

It was the closest game, with '71-72 winning on a short jumper by Rick Zimmerman with two seconds left on the clock.

Jack Paola of '77 set four alumni tournament records. He broke his own scoring record (87 points in 1981) with 102 points in three games. He had the most three-pointers in one game, with five, and he had the most field goal attempts in one game, with 29. He had the highest single game with 46.

In the "B" tournament, the classes of '67-70 won with 13 points from Dick Moffet and 12 from Scott Winchester. Mick Hoffman had 20 for '60-66 in a 68-55 losing effort.

The 1971-72 basketball team downed Central Catholic's alumni team 83-79, with Rick Zimmerman slam-dunking one in the closing seconds to ice the game. He scored 28 points in all.

Paola scored 36 points in the second game that evening, but the

Oregon City's last man birdie in the district golf meet, giving them a 660-661 win over Sandy and the district title.

Then-freshman Kevin Beaudoin finished fifth, behind four seniors, thus missing a chance to go to state as a medalist. Beaudoin still made the all-league team (top five). Rich Castle made the second five, finishing seventh at district, and Rick Lambert finished eighth.

Scott Skipper set the school record in the javelin throw with a toss of 205-2.

Canby dashed the girls softball team's hopes of going to state, handing the Pioneers a 9-2 loss.

Still, Wendy Heckard, then a freshman, and senior Patty Gray, were named to the second-team all-star squad.

Gray, valuable as a pitcher, also led the team in batting with a .317 average. She also had an .860 fielding average.

The Pioneers played competitively after the first three innings against Canby were out of the way. "The playoff jitters, if you will," said Coach Gary Curtis.

When Scott Skipper throws the javelin he lets out a clear, concise scream. And does that scream help? "Oh yeah," Skipper told The Post. "It scares it out there another 20 feet. That's what this one lady said."

Skipper's not kidding. He set the district javelin record with a toss of 212-6.

Steve Metelak broke the formerly-elusive two-minute barrier at the district meet, winning the 800-meter run.

Also qualifying for the state track meet was Gayle Roth. She set school and district records with her 2:25.7 finish in the 800. Roth also won the 300 hurdles and anchored the winning 1600-meter relay team.

Others to qualify for the state meet were Sam Romey, district 1500 and 3000 champion; Stephanie Hagstrom; Paige Daugherty, the district shot champion; Denise Proctor; Chris Crabtree; Richard Doering; Polly Kelley, 400-meter champion; Lisa Hassett and Sharon Jensen.

Kelley, Jensen, Hassett and Roth set the district 400 relay record with a 4:02.2.

About his second place finish in the javelin, Doering said, "Sometimes I chew gum. That gives me really good rhythm. It helps my footing, really."

Paige Daugherty finished second for Sandy at the state track meet, tossing the shot 40-3. Hagstrom was fifth in the javelin, as was Metelak in the 800.

On May 21 Lester Wolf was playing golf with his brothers when he hit a hole-in-one on the 155-yard hole 10 at Mountain View. "They about fainted," Wolf said. "They've none of them ever had one."

Bob Nippert scored 15 points in two games as the State All-Stars downed the Metro team, once in Portland and once in Eugene.

"Finally!" That was Kim Rasmussen's reaction when she won the girls cow cutting competition at the Oregon High School State Finals Rodeo in Redmond. She was the reserve champion the year before.

Rasmussen, and her horse Dribble Chick, took a perfect 30 score into the State Finals Rodeo. She also served as cutting horse director, an honor voted upon by her fellow competitors.

Also in mid-summer, Skipper broke his javelin record again.

This time it was with a toss of 218-7 in the Oregon Junior Olympics.

Clackamas County Bank earned a 15-0 record and the district title with a 9-6 win over the Sandy Red Hots in July in Junior Ponytail softball.

The next weekend both Sandy teams made Sandy sports fans proud. CCB, coached by Rex Brittle, won the state 9-12 girls softball title. The Red Hots, coached by Cheryl Schwartz, were third. Said Schwartz, "We had a great time with the girls. It was just a fun year."

The Dodson's Bargain Store womens slowpitch team is the undisputed champion of Sandy city league play.

"The girls pulled together and played as a team," said Dodson's Coach Joe Kern. "That was definitely our strength." Lori



Mike Sheppard

Kuzmesky's performance on the mound was also cited as an important factor.

The family connection is obvious. Dodson's Bargain Store, with more members of the Dodson clan than a person could shake a stick at, won the mens city league title in August. The feeling of a family unit goes beyond bloodlines for this team. "I'd take any of them for my own," Coach John Dodson said.

The Cinder Hawks, with girls from Bull Run and East County, won the 11-12 Oregon Junior Olympics title. Kim Yankauskas, Shawna Patterson, Karla Harrison, Danielle Jordan and Nicole Galvin comprised the team. Darold Beymer was the coach.

The Oregon City Steelheads lost only one game, the most important one. The Steelheads lost the Northwest Football Alliance championship game this fall. Allen Fry, along with father-son combination Cal McKinnis Sr. and Cal Jr., played on the team. "We lost the wrong one," Fry admitted. "But there's nothing wrong with a 12-1 record."

Sam Romey finished 15th at the state cross country meet. Brian Reick was 68th.

Chuck Kearney rushed for 1,320 yards for the football team, which was 4-5. Scott Skipper averaged almost 11 tackles per game.

Mike Sheppard, 17, was named the state's Most Outstanding Junior Racer at the Oregon Cycling Association's banquet earlier this month. Sheppard received more state medals than anyone at the banquet, including the gold medal for pursuit, a three-kilometer race.



Dawn New

ly individual to win all three games.

The boys basketball team had a crazy week in February of 1982. They downed Sweet Home 56-55 in two overtimes on a Friday night, and then fell to Oregon City 53-47 in four overtimes the following Tuesday. Mitch Paola scored 28 points in the two games.

Meanwhile the SUHS girls ski team was on a roll. They won the Valley League by a whopping 25 seconds, a margin of victory almost unheard of. The top six skiers for the Pioneers all finished in the top 11 overall. "That's all six, boom, boom, boom. That's really nice," said Coach Robert Karsten. "I giggled. I loved it."

Gayle Roth finished second at the state swim meet in the 50 free, and was sixth in the 100 free. The boys 200 IM team finished ninth. Overall, the girls were 14th out of 42 teams at the state swim meet. The boys were 26th out of 40 teams.

The girls swim team had a 6-1 dual-meet record, the boys were 5-2.

It was billed as the toughest district tournament in the state, but seven Sandy wrestlers got through it as the Pioneers took third.

Larry Topliff, at 106, took first, as did 157-pound Dan Martin and 168-pound Chuck Kearney. Kearney beat teammate Cal

averaged 13 points per outing but the league coaches didn't even put the seventh-leading scorer in the TVL on the second five.

Dawn New was an all-TVL selection for the girls, having averaged 17 points, nine rebounds and six blocked shots a game. The four-year starter also owns a school record with a game-high 32 points.

In early March the Pioneers wrestlers took sixth at the AAA state tournament. Sytsma had to beat Jackson's 320-pound heavyweight twice to finish fifth. Topliff had to forfeit twice and settled for sixth.

Kearney won the state title, of course. He pinned his opponent in the finals 40 seconds into the match. The most exciting match came in the semifinals, when Kearney downed a Montana state champion 4-3.

Kearney earned a 31-0 record, and later won the freestyle and greco-Roman titles.

Kearney was one of six to ever to win a triple crown as a junior.

Dan Martin, a returning state champion, injured his shoulder and lost out second round in the AAA state tournament.

Meanwhile, then-junior Sue Sarich guided the ski team to the Mt. Hood championship.

"It's got to be one of the ugliest trophies I've ever seen, but I enjoy having it," Karsten said.



Chuck Kearney

scored 24 and Dan Turin 20 as Schoppert's Loggers went undefeated with a final 76-63 win over Castile Construction. The Loggers earned a 15-0 record.

Tim Zimmerman finished 22nd at the OMSI Oregon Chess Federa-

Blazer Oldtimers still edged the Sandy all-stars, 106-103.

Alan Nippert did get Sandy within two with 1:50 to play.

During the spring of 1982 the boys golf team was a birdie away from the state meet.

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