



Sandy's Kirk Benson won another 50-yard freestyle sprint recently at Reynolds, one of seven firsts for the undefeated Pioneer boys in their 68-45 win. The Sandy swim team hosts Parkrose Thursday.

Pioneer swimmers' perfect season on line Thursday against Parkrose

The Sandy High boys swim team splashed past Reynolds 68-45 recently to boost their perfect season record to 9-0.

Meanwhile, Sandy's girls lost a close one to Reynolds swimmers 60-54 to bring their season mark to 2-7.

Coach Mark Smith figures the Pioneer girls "are starting to come on strong and showed more competitiveness" against Reynolds, missing firsts in many events by seconds.

He sees his league-leading boys, however, peaking toward a Jan. 27 high-stakes showdown with David Douglas—odds-on favorite to win the state title.

Smith speaks respectfully of David

Douglas with terms like "strong," and "very likely to take state." Sandy's league rival, of course, is a perennial stronghold for swimmers and recently won a prestigious meet up in Washington at Wilson High.

Sandy's boys will put their perfect season on the line 4 p.m. Thursday when the Pioneers host Parkrose.

Last meeting was 1976, when Parkrose beat Sandy. Parkrose this season, however, ranks middle of the pack.

Against Reynolds, Matt Roth paced the Pioneer boys with firsts in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly.

He also played a role on the winning 200-yard medley relay with Richard Rolph, Jamie Tuttle and

Kirk Benson.

Rolph won the 200-yard freestyle for Sandy, while Benson won the 50-yard freestyle.

Mark Gunderson won the 100-yard freestyle, while Tuttle won the 100-yard breaststroke.

"Matt needs to work just a little harder," coach Smith said of Roth. He's hitting state-qualifying times now.

Sandy's boys swim team is almost an international pool of swimmers, with three foreign exchange students.

Javier Herrero, senior from Spain, is bettering his times weekly in the 100 fly and 100 breast.

Meanwhile, German Velez from Columbia is swimming the 100-yard

backstroke in 1:30.8, while senior Victor Martinez swam on the A team freestyle relay that placed second against Reynolds.

Sandy's girls took second and third in all but two events against Reynolds, while winning the 400-yard freestyle relay in 4:32.8.

Eight Sandy girls, nonetheless, bettered their personal times.

They include Kim Howell in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, Shelby Dries in the 50-yard freestyle, Lisa Sheppard in the 500-yard freestyle, Patti Meeker in the 500-yard freestyle, Terri Hanson in 100-yard backstroke and Donnie Terrill in the 100-yard backstroke.

No. 2 rated grapplers on a roll

The Sandy High wrestlers are on a roll.

On the heels of their third tournament title of the season, the Pioneer wrestling team found itself rated second in the state this week by an Associated Press poll. But there will be little time to rest on those laurels.

This Friday the Pioneers head into a showdown with the fourth-rated Barlow Bruins, a team that handed the Sandy team its only loss this year, 29-28.

Last Saturday, the Pioneers captured the Rex Putnam Invitational, defeating David Douglas 48-12, Forest Grove 54-13, and Rex Putnam 66-3.

In the process the first varsity captured championships in eight of the 13 weight classes, rolling up 246 points. David Douglas earned 196 points to take second.

John Cox "looked really good," said Pioneer coach Ron Calhoun. He captured the 100-pound title, pinning both opponents. Forest Grove fielded no competition in the class.

Larry Toppliff earned the 117-pound championship with a shutout victory over a good David Douglas wrestler, whom he had defeated 7-3 earlier in the season. Hui Choi (125 pounds), Robert Paul (143), Dan King (150), Loren Bateman (178), Chuck Kearney (193) and Scott Skipper (heavyweight) also captured first- varsity titles.

"Probably the outstanding wrestler for us was Dan King," Calhoun said. He was making his first varsity appearance of the year, replacing Mike Rohweder who dropped to 138 pounds. King won all three matches, including a victory over a David Douglas grappler who competed in the state meet last year.

The Pioneers also captured the second-varsity title, crowning six champions: Rod Smith (100), Destry Frey (132), Dave Gibson (138), Brent Kearney (150), Bob Wantowski (170) and Kyle Gibson (193).

The varsity team is now 4-0 in Mt. Hood Conference competition, heading for its showdown with Barlow for what could be the league championship, according to Calhoun.

The wrestlers are paced by Toppliff and Chuck Kearney with 15-0 records; Paul is 14-1 in the 143-pound class and Cox is 13-1-1 in the 98-pound division.

Before tomorrow's Harvey Meyer Invitational and the date with Barlow on the Bruins' home mat at 3 p.m., the Pioneers must travel to The Dalles tonight for an encounter with the Indians. That's a prospect Calhoun doesn't particularly relish.

"It's not good. It's a long, late trip," he said. "It's going to be a real inconvenience to make that trip."

With the focus on tomorrow afternoon's showdown, the Pioneers can't look past two other teams in the in-

vitational—Newberg and North Salem.

For Sandy wrestling fans, however, all eyes will be on the battle for first place in the tough Mt. Hood Conference which placed three

teams in the top 10 this week. (Gresham's Gophers ranked 10th after knocking off previously top-rated Oregon City.)

Calhoun sees the match as too close to call.

Girl cagers dump Reynolds, face league-leading Barlow

The Sandy High girls basketball team broke out of the blocks fast Friday night and held on to grab a Mt. Hood Conference victory over Reynolds High School.

Paced by senior Linda Mosbrucker's 20-point performance, the Pioneers controlled the pace from the outset and dumped the Lancers 47-38 in the Sandy gymnasium.

"That was one of our better games of the season," admitted Coach John Smith. "We were able to dictate the tempo better than we have in the past. Our game is a running game and we were able to do that."

Aided by the aggressive defense of junior Sharon Jensen who came off the bench in the second quarter to make two steals and drive the length of the court for easy hoops, the Pioneers kept the Lancers at bay after jumping out to a 12-7 first-quarter lead.

But it was clutch shooting by Mosbrucker, who drilled three straight eight-footers as the half ran down, that boosted the Pioneers from a 21-18 margin at 1:40 to a 27-18 lead at halftime.

"She's starting to shoot with more confidence," Smith noted. She hit 9-18 from the field against Reynolds. For the season Mosbrucker is averaging 14 points per outing and has failed to score in double figures just once for the 4-7 (3-5 in league) Pioneers.

The Lancers, 3-4 in MHC play,

came out of the locker room after halftime and chipped away at the Pioneer lead, cutting the gap to 29-28 with 3:39 left in the stanza. But junior Crystal Calkins popped in two straight jumpers from the free throw line area to offset two Reynolds' tallies and Mosbrucker capitalized on a breakaway pass from Jensen to go into the final quarter nursing a 35-32 edge.

Smith credited the rebounding of Calkins (7) and Tamee Lindsay (10) with making the Pioneer running game go. The two also tallied some key buckets as Calkins finished with 14 and Lindsay scored 6. Jensen rounded out Pioneer scoring with 7 points.

For the game, the Pioneers had one of their better shooting nights of the season, hitting 20-50 from the field. At the line, however, it was a different story.

The Pioneers suffered a scare with :18 left on the clock when Mosbrucker went down with a recurring ankle injury. Coach Smith, however, is used to the injury jinx.

Jensen and regular starting point guard Wendy Heckard are also nursing ankle injuries and the coach is grateful for a week's rest before this Saturday's contest with the Barlow Bruins. All three are expected to be ready for that game.

"If we can get rid of the ankle plague, hopefully we'll be able to knock off some of the league leaders," Smith said.



Senior Linda Mosbrucker drives for two of her team-leading 20 points as the Pioneers dropped Reynolds 47-38 in Mt. Hood Conference play.

Pro wrestlers set Feb. 14

Pro wrestlers will clash in Sandy High's gym in a "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" to benefit Sandy Soap Box Derby, card sponsor.

Featured event will match the Shiek against Hacksaw Sawyer in an "Iranian death match."

Also on the card will be Billy Jack against Rip Oliver and the Assassin.

In all, approximately a dozen Portland-area wrestlers will appear here 8 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Barry Fretz, who's working to establish a soap box derby here during Mountain Festival, is organizing the event.

Wrestling great Dutch Savage will serve as announcer.

Some 200 ringside seats will sell for \$7 each, while general admission will be \$6. Prices for children 14 and under with identification will be \$4.

Advance tickets are available at Ferguson's Power Equipment in Sandy's Pioneer Plaza.

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