

The Sandy Post

Sports and Recreation

Extra points surprise Pioneer track coach

The Sandy boys surprised Coach Randy Hutchinson last week.

"Our boys scored 16 points more than I thought possible. I don't know where those guys came from," he said.

"I just can't say enough good things. I'm pleased."

The Pioneers (60 points) finished second to Gresham (76), and ahead of Reynolds (45).

Gresham has "the best team in the league," Hutchinson said. Reynolds is also strong, but was without hurdler Randy Huserick.

Sam Romey doubled in the 1500 and 3000, and Scott Skipper won the javelin, discus and shot put. Skipper's upset of Gresham's Steve Belmore in the javelin was "totally unexpected," Hutchinson said. Belmore threw 222-11 in the Sandy Invitational. Skipper won last week with a cold wind in his face, throwing 212-1, which Hutchinson said was good considering the circumstances.

Russell Fork ran down "a really super field" in the last 20 meters to win the 400. Running only his second 800, he finished second in 2:03.8, picking up more unexpected points.

Brian Reick knocked 13 seconds off his previous best time in the 3000, placing second in 9:21. He also finished third in the 1500. "That was an excellent effort," Hutchinson said.

"Tim Pullen did a great job for us," Hutchinson said. Pullen turned in personal records in the 300 intermediate hurdles and the 110 high hurdles, finishing second and fourth, respectively.

Mark Beck and freshman Darrin Ford broke up the field in the 200, with Beck third and Ford fourth.

Steve Pettingill and Mike Marleau threw well in the discus, Hutchinson said, taking second and third and giving Sandy a sweep.

In the 100 Bryan Prosser took second, turning in an 11.3. Beck finished fourth with an 11.5. "Those guys

really turned things around for us," Hutchinson said. Prosser was also fourth in the 400.

Phil Burks finished fourth in the 1500 and 3000. "The times weren't what he'd like, but point-wise he really helped us out," Hutchinson said.

Rod Edwards was second in the pole vault, and Hank Grenier was fourth in the high jump.

For the girls it came to the mile relay and "we got a-ced," Hutchinson said, with Reynolds and Gresham both turning in top times. A strong Reynolds squad won with 76 points. Sandy was second with 60 and Gresham third with 45.

Paige Daugherty came through with firsts in the shot and discus, and took second in the javelin.

Shelby Dries was credited with having performed well. She finished second in the high jump with a five-foot jump, and was third in the 800.

Lisa Lind set a personal record in the high jump, finishing third with a five-foot jump.

Crystal Calkins came through with a 13.1 in the 100, good for second. Freshman Wendy Janzen ran a 13.3 and finished fourth.

Carrie Watt set a personal record in winning the javelin, leading a one-two-three sweep with Daugherty and Chris Muff also contributing.

Sandy had a one-two-three-four finish in the shot, with Daugherty, Denise Proctor, Muff and Watt crowding out the other competitors.

Lisa Hassett was credited with turning in good performances in the 200 and 400. She finished third in both.

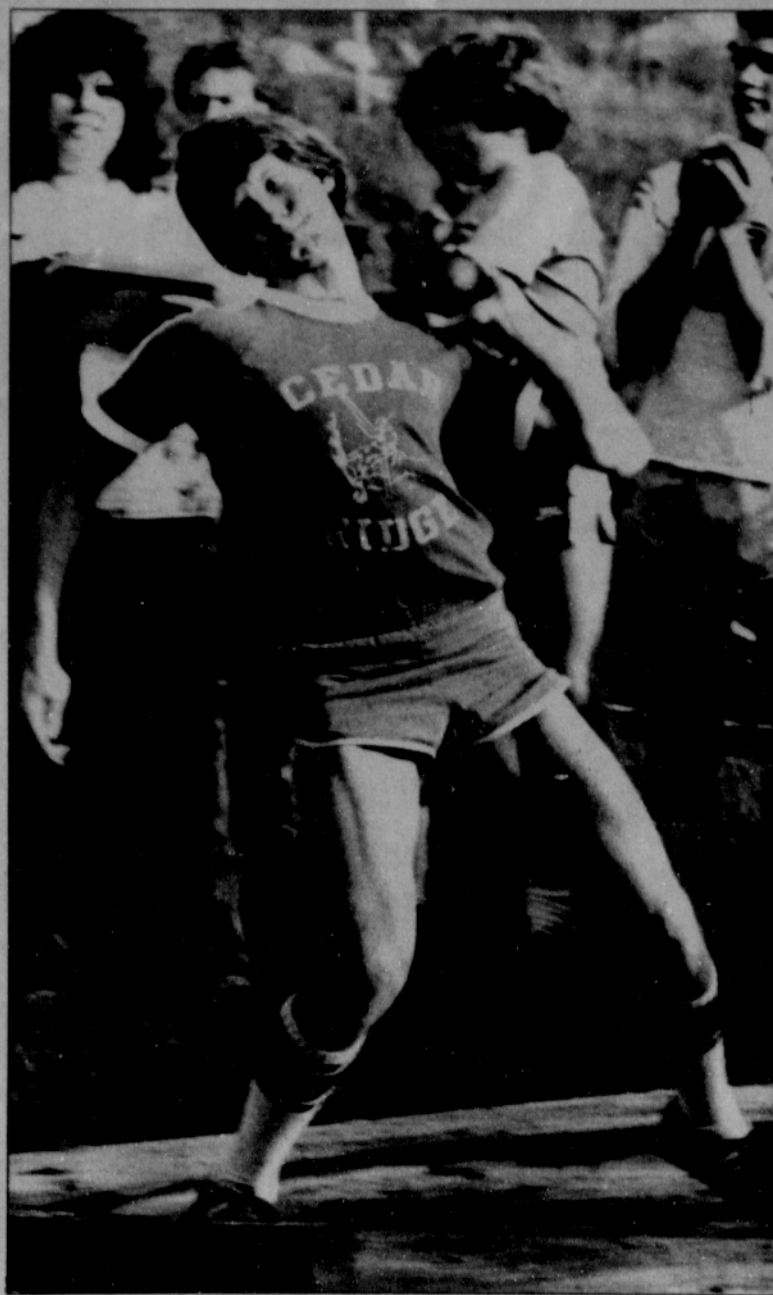
Sharon Jensen won the long jump, was second in the 1500 and fourth in the 800.

Donna Nelson was second in the 3000.

Laura Stringham was fourth in the 1500, and Tamee Lindsay was fourth in the 200 and 400. Amy Lynch was third in the 300 hurdles and Margaret Blackburn was fourth. Blackburn was second in the 110 hurdles.



Barbara Rivers breaks the string in the 800 for Cedar Ridge. Becky Hewgley, center, and Ronda Heckel, left, are also pictured.



Todd Bartrug prepares to toss the shot in a Cedar Ridge track meet last week. See results on Page 11.

Pioneers rally in seventh for win over Barlow, 9-6

Moe Contreras kept his place in the spotlight last week by hitting a three-run triple to get Sandy past Barlow.

Contreras went on to score on a throwing error, making the final score 9-6. The Pioneers were down 6-1 going into the seventh. In the top of the seventh Alan Jensen fanned three straight batters for the save after Brad Pearson gave up two hits.

"We battled for six innings and then we started to play some good, aggressive baseball in the seventh to get us going and pick up the win," said Coach John Rohr.

Monday against Centennial the Pioneers fell 12-3. "At the first of the ball game we didn't take advantage of the opportunity to score off (Mark) James, which set the tone for the rest of the game," Rohr said.

The Pioneers had the bases loaded in the second inning with no outs, but were unable to score. That was "a deciding factor," Rohr said.

Centennial scored three runs for a 3-0 advantage in the top of the second.

James pitched for five innings, with Stu Hoffman hitting a home run off him, and Contreras hitting a double.

Contreras currently leads the league in batting by a .254 percent margin. He was 16 of 22 as of Monday for a .727 average.

Mike Lund is leading the league in stolen bases, having taken seven.

Lund is the ninth-leading batter in the MHC with a .381 average, and Jason Kern is 10th with a .333 average.

Tuesday the Pioneers fell 5-1 to David Douglas, with the Scots turning in a no-hitter. David Douglas is at the top of the MHC standings. The Pioneers are 2-7 in the conference race.

"Brad Pearson, at times, threw pretty well for us," Rohr said.

Koepke, AIA team set for Japan trip

Being on the short end of the score isn't something that Athletes in Action teams are used to.

But the 1983 women's Volleyball Tour Squad, of which Rebecca Koepke is a member, will very likely get a taste of that experience, quite possibly over and over again.

AIA International Women's Coordinator Barb Bernlohr is well aware of the fact, but is still excited to send the team into these volleyball-powerhouse countries, particularly Japan.

"Our athletes learn a lot from the best collegiate teams in the world in this situation, and they will become better players because of it," she said. "I guess that we don't mind getting beat, although it is a humbling experience."

Actually, the tour is designed to involve more of a training atmosphere than direct competition. For the second consecutive summer, an AIAI volleyball team will spend time practicing with five different university clubs in the Tokyo area, with actual matches against those schools only a possibility.

The AIAI team, comprised of collegiate all-stars from across the country, will gather in Fort Collins, Colorado, on June 19 for training camp and will depart from Denver for Tokyo on June 30.

The team will spend three weeks there, and will then journey to Hong Kong on July 24 to play a match in that city, and will finish the tour in Canton with several contests. They will return to the United States on July 31.

Seven of the 15 members selected for the team played on college squads that qualified for the NCAA Division I playoffs this past fall. Included in that group is Arizona State's Heather Forbes, an AIAI tour veteran from last year, and Becky Winsett from Purdue. The Boilermakers finished their season with a 33-1 record. Elaine Hardy was a member of the USC team that placed second in the NCAA tournament.

Koepke, the daughter of Frank and Joan Koepke of Sandy, played at Portland State for two years before transferring to Arizona State in

Tempe. The Sun Devils finished in the top 16 in the nation both years Koepke was on the roster. They were 36-15 last fall.

Koepke is a defensive specialist. The invitation for a return trip was

issued by the Japan Amateur Volleyball Association. This tour will mark the first time that an AIAI team has traveled to China, contingent on acceptance from the Chinese Sports Federation.

Pioneer girls tennis team scares number 1 Lancers

The Pioneer girls at least gave the Reynolds tennis team a little scare Tuesday. Sandy fell 3-2 to the number one team in the Mt. Hood Conference.

The second and third doubles teams "did great," said Coach Jeanne Rossos.

The number two team, Heidi Lamer and Angie Conibear, won 6-2, 6-3, and the number three team, Charisse Flatt and Kendra Rowland, won 6-3, 6-0.

"Overall, I think the team played better than they ever have. They were noticeably improved," Rossos said.

Darcy Bagley played the number one singles player in the league, undefeated Jill Donnelly, and Rossos feels she played her best match of the season.

Bagley, number two singles player Valerie Masters, and number one doubles team, Elizabeth Heckel and Christine Pettingill, lost.

The Reynolds tennis team is undefeated in MHC play.

The Pioneers fell 5-0 to Centennial Monday. Rossos said it seemed all the tie breakers and split sets went Centennial's way.

Field development underway at 3 local sites

by SCOTT NEWTON

A number of people in the community have taken the initiative to deal with the problem of a shortage of recreational areas.

The Sandy Area Summer Recreation Association is developing a Sandy High School lot behind the Mormon Church, the Sandy Area (Adult) Softball Association is developing two fields behind Firwood School, and the Welches Baseball-Softball Association is developing an area behind Welches School.

Currently groups are competing for areas in which to practice, but hopefully regular season schedules have been worked out.

Said Will Abshire, president of the SASA, "The last couple of years everybody was getting on the fields at the same time going, 'Hey, we were here first.'"

"We're cooperating 100 percent now," he said. "It's great to sit down with Glenn Abbott (president of the SASRA) and Bob Espenel (representing the adults and the Cascade Soccer Association). We all want the same thing. We're going to have to share these fields."

Two fields are expected to be ready by summer at Firwood School. Backstops and portable toilets will be set up, along with a "nice dirt infield." The adults will be sharing the Firwood area with the farm league, the youngest group of players in Sandy.

The fields at Firwood School will suit the adults better than one they had been playing on. The short right field at Cedar Ridge, about 220 feet, made it "kind of easy" for good left-handed hitters.

The season opens Sunday, May 1

for the adults. All the men's teams will be playing, with the first game at 10:30 a.m.

For the season, eleven men's teams and eight women's teams are signed up, and Abshire said the Firwood fields should alleviate the problem of playing space for them, at least for now.

In the last three weeks volunteers have been putting in extra time to develop the field. Merchants have chipped in to help pay for a backstop, and fuel and heavy equipment have also been provided.

Work behind the Mormon Church has also progressed steadily. An area large enough for four diamonds was about half cleared by the high school, and the SASRA has cleared another third of the remaining area, according to Abbott. The SUHS board of directors has agreed to let the Summer Recreation Association use the wood from the lot to help pay for development. Abbott said he hopes the money raised will pay the bill for diesel fuel.

Dawson Hubert, spearheading a drive in the Hoodland area, has reached an agreement with the Welches School board of directors to use funds from the clearing to help pay for field development.

Abshire worked with the Sandy Elementary board of directors. The field was already in grass. If the SASA should purchase property at a later date for fields, however, he said they'd leave behind the equipment they've now got in place as their part of the agreement.

Hubert feels the development at Welches, where three fields will eventually be added next to the two fields now being used, is simply a case of volunteers stepping in and do-

ing the work in lieu of doing it with tax money.

He said there are six adult teams and "a good number of youth teams" in the Welches area. One estimate earlier this year put the size of the youth program at about 100 participants.

By June 18 a rough grade is to be established at Welches, or a wide open area.

Then a fund-raising effort will get underway for backstops, grass seed and other necessities. They hope to have two extra playable fields this summer, both without grass. Grass seeding will take place in the fall.

Hubert said the project is backed by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Welches Baseball-Softball Association.

Much volunteer labor is going to be needed, Hubert pointed out. "It looks like the enthusiasm is growing," he added.

He thinks double the number of adult teams would play if they didn't have to travel to Sandy (some Hoodland teams play in the SASA) and Gresham to get in their games, and an adult league in Welches next summer is a possibility, he said.

The outfields in the Welches School area will see double duty as soccer fields if all goes according to plan.

About 350 youngsters participated in Cascade Soccer last fall, some of them being from the mountain.

Espenel expects the program to grow to about 450 to 500 players this fall, and currently three adult teams are using the one regulation-sized field at Kelso School.

The three adult teams, men's, women's and coed, are sanctioned by three different governing bodies,

which creates additional problems, such as a variety of rules and regulations.

For example, Espenel said that if they move a game to another field at the last moment in one league, even if that field is near by, they have to forfeit the game as well as pay a fine.

He's therefore happy with the cooperation that seems to be enjoyed currently in Sandy.

"With good planning we can compromise so that all groups can use these areas," he said.

He added, "We're going to make it

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this year on this one field at Kelso. Next year, probably not."

The Kelso playground can be divided into six different fields for youth soccer, but there is only one regulation field.

If the growth Espenel expects occurs, a "crunch" is inevitable. He expects more adults to start playing soccer, in addition to the increase in youngsters.

He said the field at Kelso has been holding up well, despite the use it gets.

One advantage the soccer leagues have is that developing fields basically only requires large areas of grass.

Hubert pointed out that that is the problem they face on the mountain—a lack of open fields.

Perhaps the most extensive development planned currently is on the SUHS lot. One diamond is currently being used on the lot behind the Mormon Church on Bluff Road, and three more are planned for next summer.

When completed, four diamonds with the infields all to the center are planned.

Lights are a long-term goal, as well as a stockade-type building in the

center, and perhaps log dugouts—all in keeping with the Pioneer theme. Fencing the area is a more immediate goal, and a parking lot is also planned.

The fields, which are to be seeded this fall, will accommodate groups of all ages, from varsity baseball teams that need 90-foot base lines to Pigtail girls, who require 45-foot base lines.

Twenty-four teams are under the jurisdiction of the SASRA, with 16 baseball teams and eight softball teams set to play. "We would have more softball teams, most likely, if we had more coaches," Abbott said.

A "conservative estimate" of the

final cost is \$250,000, Abbott said. With lighted fields, state tournaments at all levels could be held in Sandy. "A tremendous amount of money could be brought into the community," he said.

Abbott realizes a facility of this magnitude will require a tremendous amount of volunteer labor. Fund raising for a project of this size has been under consideration, Abbott said, preferring not to go into further detail at this time.

"That's something that's important," Abbott said. "There's no cost to the taxpayer. The school is putting no money into it as far as I know."

The high school retains control of the area, and Abbott said he doesn't anticipate any problems, although it's important that they maintain discipline in the area.

For now there's a lot of alder to cut. Abbott said they've got about 11 orders in for cords of wood.

Abbott, Abshire and Hubert all stressed the importance of volunteer labor.

With three fields at the high school (the varsity boys field is reserved for Babe Ruth), two at Cedar Ridge and one at Kelso, Abbott said they're at least in better shape than last year, when they played all their games on four fields.

"Some of our teams won't be able to play on quality fields," he said. "We're not really home-free."

Not all conflicts for use of local fields have been worked out. However, Abbott currently feels good about the level of cooperation and communication that's been occurring.

"It's going to help all of us to keep working together," Abbott said.