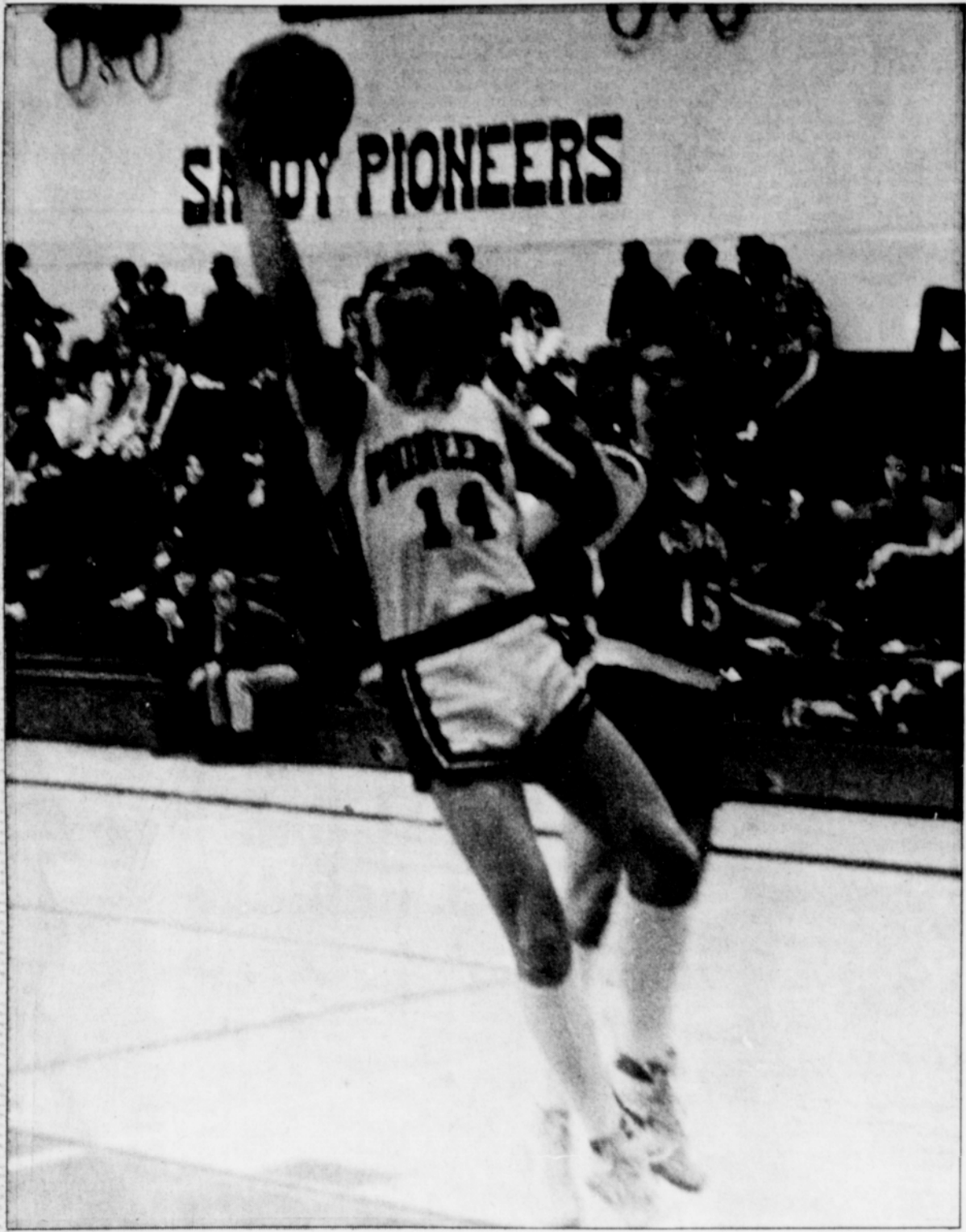


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Sports and Recreation



Tony Hale works to the hoop.

Photo by Hank Emrich

Hill's free throws cinch win

After the first quarter of Thursday's Mt. Hood Conference basketball game with The Dalles, it seemed neither team had come off vacation.

The Sandy boys team ended with a 55-53 win, largely because Tony Hale and Steve Peterson decided to pick up the pace a little after the Pioneers found themselves down 9-2 going into the second.

Peterson, above the rim on an in-bounds play, scored to start things off, and Hale started hitting the boards, grabbing some key rebounds and converting them to points for

Sandy.

Peterson, who scored 14 in the contest, swapped baskets with Hale, with Peterson hitting on a turnaround jumper from the middle of the key, Hale scoring, then Peterson hitting from the corner.

Hale, only a freshman, didn't let his youth show, grabbing four rebounds in a row at one stretch. A three point play by Hale put the Pioneers ahead 13-11. The youngest member of the Sandy team ended as the high scorer for the game, racking up 20 points.

"He still does some freshman

things," said Curtis Heath, assistant coach for Sandy, "but he is ahead of any freshman I have seen in the 10 years I have been coaching at Sandy."

Heath said tenacity is Hale's strongest asset.

"He is determined to get the job done," said Heath.

Freshman mistakes showed when Hale tried to get the ball up four times over too tough of defense in the second quarter. All four shots were blocked. Determination showed when Hale grabbed the loose ball on three of those attempts and scored, regardless.

Leading 26-22 at the half, the Pioneers were unable to spread that margin much further. The Indians were within one with one minute left, but senior Greg Hill did his part in the control game by sinking three of four free throws to preserve the win.

Recreation volleyball

12-31-84 to 1-4-85

	W	L
Castile Construction	17	0
Hoodview SDA Academy	16	2
Ron's No Place	14	4
Calamity Jane's	12	5
Mt. Hood Cleaners	11	4
Dea's In and Out	9	8
Zig Zag Rollers	6	12
Enkap	4	12
U.S. Metal Works	4	15
Inn Between	2	12
Y-Bull Trucking	1	15

Ron's No Place was the big winner in this holiday-shortened week. Ron's beat Dea's 15-4 and 15-12, then beat Calamity Jane's 15-3 and 15-7. Calamity Jane's dropped one game 9-15 to Dea's before winning the match, 15-11, 15-3.

The game between Castile Construction and Hoodview SDA Academy has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 10, following the regular 8 p.m. game.

Sandy survives Indian scare

John Smith, coach of the Sandy High School girls basketball team, says his team's narrow win over The Dalles Thursday is indicative of the prediction he made before the season started.

"I said it was going to be a well balanced league, and it is proving to be just that," said Smith after the Pioneers escaped with a 41-39 win at The Dalles.

Although missed free throws at the end made the score a little closer than it should have been, the Pioneers never had a commanding lead.

"The Dalles is a good team," said Smith, "there is no doubt they will be in the top four."

Smith said the Sandy defense, which has held opponents to just over 40 points a game, is what won the game.

"We played fairly tough defense, but those missed free throws almost did us in," he said.

The Pioneers missed the front end of one-and-one situations three times in the final 1:15. Sandy is shooting freebies at a 50 percent rate, which Smith would like to see boosted to 60-70 percent.

"When we are protecting the ball late in the game, we have to expect teams to foul us," said Smith.

"We have to make those shots if we want to hang on to a lead," he said.

Fortunately for Smith, his team has been able to protect the lead in five of its six games played. Part of the reason is Wendy Heckard's ball-handling ability. Heckard, who led the team in scoring at The Dalles with 13 points, also had three assists and three steals.

"I like having control of the ball in those close games," said Heckard, "I feel pretty relaxed in those situations."

"I can depend on the people on our team," she said.

Smith said the Pioneer's should be able to take advantage of team speed against Barlow Thursday, but he is worried about Tuesday's matchup with Reynolds.

"Reynolds is the best in the league right now," he said, "if we are going to beat them, we need to improve on a few areas between now and then."

"It will be a tough game," said Heckard, "we are going to have to make the easy shots."

Making the easy shots troubled the Pioneers against the Indians, but some things looked good to Smith.

"Our strength has been at rebounding, we haven't allowed too many second shots," said Smith.

Bowling

SANDY EARLY BIRDS

First half final standings

	W	L
Minit Mart	38	26
Alpine Hut	32½	31½
Jack's Pro Shop	32	32
Toni's	31	33
Eagle Foundry	30	34
H and L Steel Corp.	28½	35½

High team series: Minit Mart — 2,165. High team game: Minit Mart, 739. High individual series: Babe Dodson — 556. High individual game: Vi Collier, 218.

MT. HOODERS

First half final standings

	W	L
Hoodland Thriftway	44	20
Small Parts Mfg.	44	20
Walrad Insurance	37½	26½
Booth's Farm	33½	30½
Pioneer Real Estate	28	36
Sheppard's Exc.	23½	40½
Mt. Hood Dairy Queen	22	42
Prokop TV	23½	40½

High team series: Hoodland Thriftway — 2,181. High team game: Hoodland Thriftway — 785. High individual series: Barb Sullivan — 546. High individual game: Barb Smith — 207.

In a three game playoff between Hoodland Thriftway and Small Parts Mfg., Hoodland Thriftway won the first half.

When one of his main rebounders, Shanna Daniels, found herself in foul trouble early at The Dalles, Smith went to Chris Muff, and was pleased with the results.

"Chris is playing well lately, it will help us to be able to rotate Shanna, Wendy Coleman and Chris at the

posts," he said.

While Smith is thinking about Reynolds, he is not looking past Barlow.

"They match up well with us physically, and they have a quick guard," said Smith, "it should be a good game."

Hawks make changes

When age-group track meets begin this spring, there will be some new colors and a new name running with some familiar faces.

The Oregon Cinder Hawks Track Club officially changed the name of that organization to the Sandy River Hawks in its final meeting of 1984.

The club also changed its colors to red and black, the same colors worn by Sandy High School athletes.

The Hawks are not waiting for spring to begin their activities, however. A conditioning program will be held every Tuesday night, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Bull Run School gym. The class will continue through January and February. The program started Jan. 8.

Sign in meetings have not yet been scheduled for the Hawks, but practices begin March 4 at 5 p.m. at the

SUHS track.

Membership for the year is \$15 and includes the price of an Athletics Congress card. High school students may join for only \$10.

An all comers meet in April and a home season meet will be scheduled for the SUHS track this year.

Coach Darold Beymer is optimistic about the Hawk's talents this year.

"We had outstanding seasons in both cross country and track in 1984, and I think 1985 will be even better," he said.

Beymer has his sights set high.

"The Junior Olympic National Championships will be held right in Seattle, and I hope to take some good Sandy athletes to that meet," said the Hawk coach.

Beymer can be reached at 668-4053 for more information.

Cedar Ridge ends 7-2

It took a healthy dose of ice and snow to keep Coach John Rohr's seventh grade basketball team from beating every team in the league at least once. The Cedar Ridge team finished the season with a 7-2 record after its last game was cancelled due to bad weather.

Playing that game would have presented the opportunity to even the score with the Damascus school that handed them one of their two defeats early in the season.

"We had a good chance to win," said Rohr, "our kids had been practicing real hard all week."

The seventh graders had earlier avenged their loss to Orient with a last second win on their home court. Jeff Spanier sank two free throws with three seconds left to ice that game. Spanier's calmness under pressure was a bonus to the extra effort he supplied during the season, said Rohr.

Spanier's teammates agreed, voting him the player with the "Best Hustle" at the team party at season's end.

The team outscored opponents by an average 14 points a game, a good

deal of the points coming from Jesse Scheil, who scored at a 15.1 clip. Scheil was voted "Most Valuable Player."

"Most Inspirational" was Craig Ragan, who spent time both at guard and wing, providing steady play for Rohr.

Justin Rusaw played tenaciously the whole season, and was rewarded with the "Best Defense" award.

The team boasted five players over 5-8, and a wealth of ball handlers.

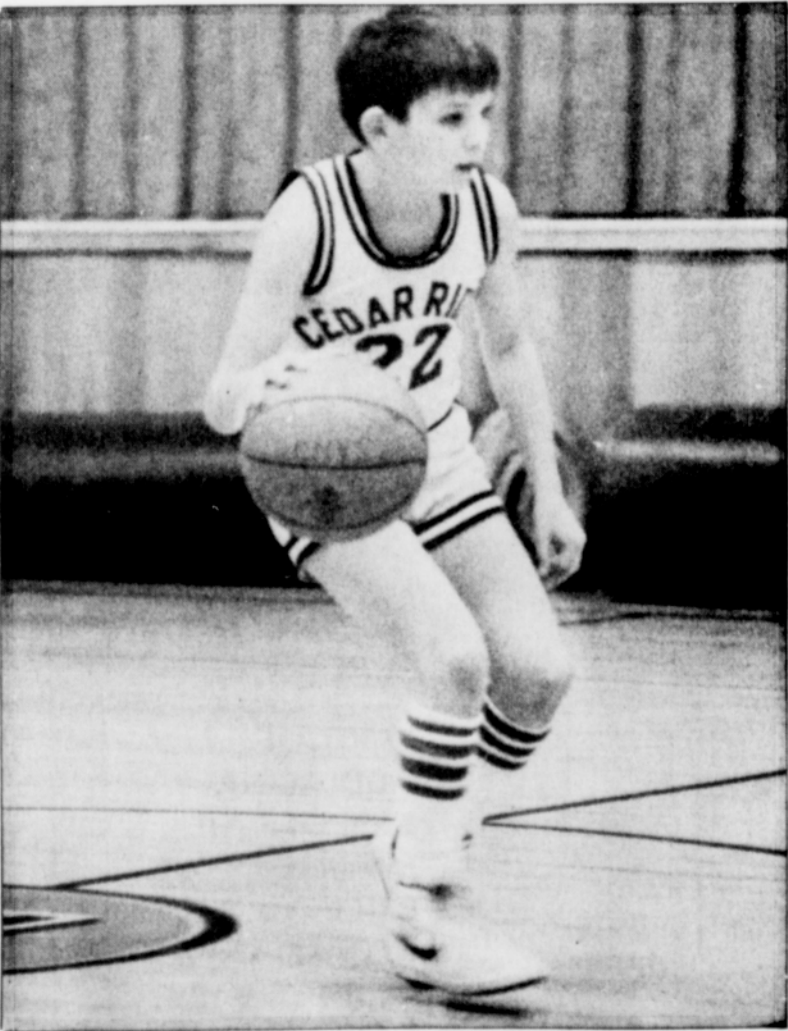
"It is the best depth I have ever had," said Rohr.

Other players included David Evans, Ty Beckley, Bruce Evans, Mike Vogel, Marty Sheppard, Charlie Zulaf, Syeve Klaus, Josh Emrich, Bryan Britton and Jeff Roden.

"The whole team just wanted to keep on working as the season went on," said Rohr, "they just kept on improving."

Rohr said future coaches can expect good things from his group.

"They know how to win," he said, "they know it takes work to keep on winning."



Jeff Spanier in control.

Photo by Hank Emrich

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PAOLA'S BARN
PIZZA

Congratulations to SARAH KRICK

Sarah Krick is prep of the week. The SUHS senior was recently selected as scholar of the month for her work in analysis, a math class.

As public relations person for the Associated Student Body, she is responsible for representing students at school board meetings. She sings with the Pionaires, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Way to go, Sarah!

Enjoy great pizzas & good times at Paola's!



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