

Strong second half gets win for Sandy girls

Ranked as the tenth best team in the state and sitting on top of the Mt. Hood Conference, the Sandy High girls basketball team found that it takes more than those kind of laurels to win a basketball game.

The Pioneers barely escaped with a 52-49 win over Centennial Tuesday after posting the Eagles to a 24-12 halftime lead.

Not surprisingly, Coach John Smith was not too pleased with his team's first half performance.

"I'd like to forget the first half and emphasize the second," he said.

The Sandy team let Centennial's Jenny Mountain run wild for 14 points in the first half, while getting only two points from their point producer, 6-foot Shanna Daniels.

Daniels had three fouls in the first half, and after deciding to play basketball instead of enforcer in the second half, exploded for 18 points.

"The girls executed half-time strategy perfectly," said Smith, who saw his team shake its first half troubles with the Eagle press.

"You can't sit back and let the press dictate what you are going to do," he said, "you have to attack it to a certain degree."

"Wendy Heckard and Kenda Whitlock moved the ball and kicked it off when they had to in the second half," said Smith.

Heckard had a simpler explanation.

"We just got our heads where they belonged after the half," she said.

Assistant Coach Molly Snideman pointed out that the strong play of Daniels was a team effort.

"We had a record 15 assists in that half," she said.

With the Pioneers feeding Daniels in the middle, they ran off six quick points after the break, but then let Centennial stretch the lead to 11 again.

A Pioneer press started to pay dividends, and when Daniels found herself surrounded and kicked the ball back out to Heckard, Heckard popped a soft jumper to knot the score at 35-35 at the end of the third.

The Eagles forced two turnovers to start the third with a four-point lead, but Sandy tied it up at 45-45 and finally took control. A long pass to Wendy Coleman from Heckard resulted in a four-point lead a minute to go that held.

The turnaround means the Pioneers are still undefeated in league, as they get ready for a tough game against Reynolds, also undefeated.

The girls may have been relaxing at the first of the game because of last week's 61-33 blowout of Barlow. Heckard had a school-record 10 assists in that game.

"Added to her 13 points, that means she had a hand in 33 of our 61 points," said Smith.

Volleyball standings

Jan. 11, 1985

	W	L
Castile Construction	19	0
Hoodview SDA Academy	17	3
Ron's No Place	14	4
Mt. Hood Cleaners	13	5
Calamity Jones	12	6
Dea's In and Out	11	8
Zig Zag Rollers	6	12
Enkap	4	14
U.S. Metal Works	4	15
Y-Bull Trucking	3	17
Inn Between	2	14

Mt. Hood Cleaners started the new year right, beating Y-Bull 15-10, 15-4, then dispatching Enkap 15-12, 15-10. Y-Bull bounced back to beat Enkap 7-15, 15-11, 15-13.

Dea's beat Inn Between 15-15, 15-11 and Y-Bull continued winning ways with a 18-16, 15-8 win over Inn Between. Y-Bull put up a tough battle, but its win streak came to an end as Dea's prevailed 14-16, 15-5, 15-9.

Castile beat both Mt. Hood (15-6, 15-6) and Hoodview SDA (15-4, 10-15, 11-7) to remain unbeaten. Hoodview won over Calamity Jones 12-15, 15-12, 1-0.



Steve Kinney



Photo by Hank Emrich

Wendy Heckard contributed timely outside shooting to beat Centennial.

Boys 1-1 for week

Sandy jumped on Barlow early in Friday's game, but found the taller Centennial Eagles a little tougher to handle, ending up with a split in Mt. Hood Conference basketball this week.

Greg Hill got all of his eight points in the first quarter against the Bruins, getting things started as Sandy posted a 29-16 first quarter lead on the way to a 75-70 win.

Coach Dan Brisbin said it was a switch for the 6-2 post.

"Greg usually is playing against a lot bigger people, so his role has been defense and rebounding."

It helps when he hits a couple like that, it puts pressure on the defense and opens it up for the others," said Brisbin.

Balanced scoring and good shot selection staked Sandy to the lead. Gerald Hill had six, Tony Hale had seven, Hill had eight, and Steve Peterson, who ended with 18 points, had 6 in the first quarter.

The Pioneers were able to keep up the good execution until the third quarter, finishing the half ahead 42-26.

With more than half of its 16 turnovers coming in the third quarter, the Sandy team saw Barlow creep to within seven at the break.

Wes Wright dashed some of the Bruin's hopes by canning three of three from the field in the final, getting six of his 15 points.

"Barlow had the momentum going

into the fourth, and I was glad to see the guys maintain their poise," said Brisbin.

Barlow was forced to foul and the Pioneers showed that poise by sinking 12 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter.

On Tuesday, the Pioneers were able to stay with the Eagles until the third-quarter jinx hit. Within seven at the half, a 22-point third quarter by Centennial took Sandy out of the game, and they ended with a 69-54 loss.

"We wanted to collapse on their big men, but they were hitting from the outside too," said Brisbin.

"Still, I was pleased that we were not intimidated by their size, we scored some buckets underneath," he said.

Tony Hale had 16 points, Steve Peterson had 10 and Wes Wright had 8 in the game.

Barlow blasts wrestlers

Ovpowered by a good program in a good year, Sandy High's wrestlers lost 57-18 in a Tuesday make-up meet.

Yo Masui got the only pin for the Pioneers, wrestling in the 100 pound class.

Tony Barnes (117) won 12-0, and Casey Beaudoin won 6-4 at 148. Justin Yungberg picked up a win at 193, 13-2.

Rod Smith, wrestling against state qualifier Ty Allison, lost just 11-12.

Swimmers fall to Lake Oswego

Both girls and boys teams stand at 1-2 in Mt. Hood Conference swimming, but both Sandy teams are far from out of district races.

The Pioneers have faced the two toughest teams already, swimming against David Douglas, picked to be tops in the state, and Centennial in January.

A non-conference meet against Lake Oswego Tuesday ended with the boys losing 90-69 and the girls losing 89-63.

Lake Oswego used strength in numbers to defeat the Pioneers, pitting a large group of swimmers against the Pioneers.

Sandy will face Reynolds at Reynolds on Thursday to resume league action.

Bowling

Marlins win at home

SANDY EARLY BIRDS

Jan. 14, 1985

	W	L
Toni's	4	0
H and L Steel Corp.	4	0
Eagle Foundry	3	1
Minit Mart	1	3
Alpine Hut	0	4
Jack's Pro Shop	0	4

High team series: Toni's — 2,197. High team game: H and L Steel — 747. High individual series: Donna Wilson — 545. High individual game: Donna Wilson and Linda Hunter — 198.

MT. HOODERS

Jan. 10, 1985

	W	L
Hoodland Thriftway	3	1
Small Parts Mfg.	3	1
Walrad Insurance	2	2
Booth's Farm	2	2
Pioneer Real Estate	2	2
Prokop TV	2	2
Sheppards Exc.	1	3
Mt. Hood Dairy Queen	1	3

High team series: Hoodland Thriftway — 2,164. High team game: Pioneer Real Estate — 765. High individual series: Barb Johnson — 527. High individual game: Clarene Smith — 214.

With the holiday season behind them, the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club is back at work preparing for the championship season which begins in February.

The Marlins finished off the dual meet season with a 233-51 home victory against Vancouver and a lopsided loss to the powerful Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland. After competing at the Mt. Hood Invitational Jan. 5-6, the Marlins ended with a 4-3-1 record.

The Vancouver dual was the scene for 15 personal best times, recorded by 14 different swimmers. Blake Smith had two best times.

Seven swimmers traveled to Gresham for the Mt. Hood Invitational, breaking 12 times there. Heather Dorning broke times in three different races, Nikki Hanson, Stacey Stewart, Jason Smith and Janine Williamson all broke two times.

Though the Marlins were beaten handily by MAC Jan. 12, Coach Chris Roth was not entirely disappointed.

"I feel it had to be our most successful meet of the season," he said. "Thirty-four personal best times were achieved, and that is what we are here for, I am very pleased with the results," said Roth.

Linda Steen led the team with four best times in the 11-12 group.

"Linda had an exceptional meet, especially when one considers she was out all December due to illness,"

said Roth.

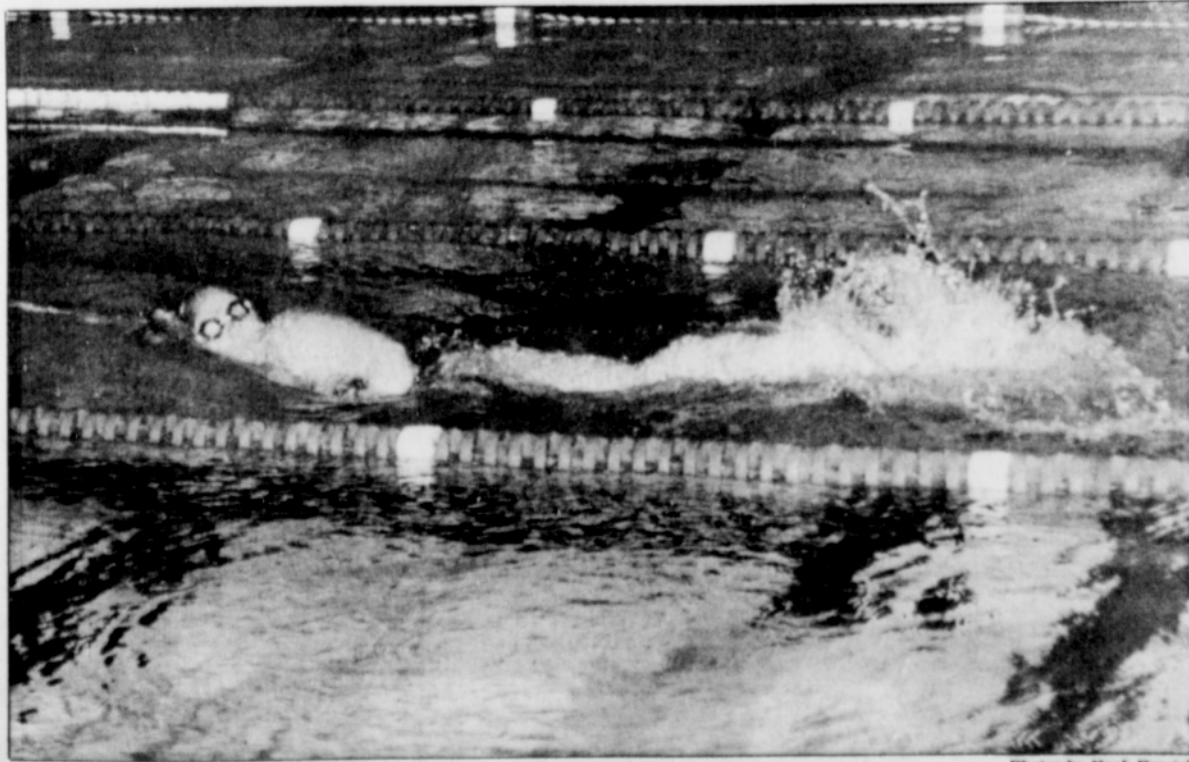
Others with two or more best times were Lauri Holbert, Teresa Kilander, Rick Davey, Jason Smith, Robyn Hayball, Rachel Snyder, Julie Snyder, Richard Montgomery and Rob Rolph.

The next meet for the Marlins will be held in Corvallis, Jan. 19-20.

The Marlins recently announced swimmers of the month for December. Lauri Holbert of the 8 and under team won the honor on the girls side. This is Holbert's first year of swimming and she has recorded two best times and seven first time standards this month. Her 20:59 clocking in the 25 backstroke is good enough to qualify her for an "A" time and a spot in the Oregon Association Championships in Albany, scheduled for February. She also has qualifying marks in the 50 back, 25 freestyle and the 50 free. Holbert is the daughter of William and Anne Holbert. She attends Welches Grade School.

For the boys, Richard Montgomery was named swimmer of the month for December. Montgomery had ten best times for the month, going six for six at the Vancouver Invitational. Roth said Montgomery has one of the best attendance records on the team, indicated by his best times record.

Montgomery turns 13 next month, just prior to the CBSL championships. He attends Cedar Ridge School and is the son of Paul and Melinda Montgomery.



Terri Hanson

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