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Sports and Recreation

Pioneers ice first half of season undefeated

by MARTY MORRISON

The Sandy girls varsity basketball squad completed the first half of their season undefeated Tuesday night, pounding the Parkrose Broncos on their home court 56-37.

Although Reynolds got the respect they sought from Sandy Friday night, it cost the Lancers their undefeated record in the Mt. Hood Conference, as the Pioneers took that game 40-33.

The duel for first place boiled down to the controlled offense, and well executed defense of Sandy that finally put the Lancers down.

Sandy coach John Smith said his team did "nothing special" to battle last years second best team in the state.

"Credit should be given to Lynn

Harris, our scouting and freshman coach," said Smith. "He did a great job helping us prepare for their offense."

Smith also attributed the win to his teams' ability to take Reynolds out of its game and shut down their sharpshooters Karin Alderton and Sue Tuggle.

"We held Alderton, who has been averaging 17.6 points per game to 10 points, and Sue Tuggle who has been averaging 15.5 per game to only 8 points," said Smith.

A dejected Jerry Warren, head coach for the Lancers, said his team was restless and too dependent on Alderton and Tuggle.

"Tonight's game was a game of opportunity, and Sandy capitalized on our mistakes," said Warren.

The turning point in the battle came with 5:12 remaining and Sandy, clinging to a four point lead 29-27, as Shanna Daniels toed the foul line. Despite a roaring Reynolds cheering section, Daniels calmly threaded two free throws through the iron to increase the Pioneers lead to 31-27.

Reynolds final blow came with 1:30 to play and top scorer Alderton drawing her fifth foul against her counterpart Wendy Heckard in the backcourt. From that point, Sandy held their poise to rattle in nine more free throws and the win.

The first half of Friday night's shootout for the conference lead began just as most fans would have expected two undefeated teams to play as both Sandy and Reynolds ex-

changed baskets to end the first quarter even at 10.

Things changed in the second quarter as Sandy outscored the Lancers 7-3 behind leader Heckard.

The Lancers were not to be outdone as they put together their offensive and defensive game plan in the third quarter to rally back to within two points of the scrambling Pioneers.

Top scorer for the Lancers was forward Debbie Hoddevik with 11 points, while both Heckard and Daniels also ended up with 11 points.

Smith said the Parkrose game was much closer than the score illustrates, praising the "consistent play" of his starters as the winning edge over a "tough, well coached" Parkrose team.

"This was a real tough game for

us, and a hump to get past after the shoot-out with Reynolds for first place," said Smith, explaining that it is tough for a team to keep the emotion up after such an intense game.

The Pioneer girls observed that lack of emotion during the first half which led to frustration, as Parkrose took command in the first quarter 13-10 and held that lead into half-time 24-25.

Although the Pioneers were struggling in the first half, Smith was pleased with the performance of Chris Muff, as she came off the bench midway through the second quarter to replace Daniels who picked up three quick fouls.

"Muff has been doing a great job coming off the bench to replace both Daniels and Wendy Coleman," said Smith.

During half-time Smith made no major alterations with his original game plan but reemphasized certain aspects which the team was not executing.

"My philosophy at half-time was to get more pressure on the ball and attempt to move into their passing lanes to force them to take longer shots," he said.

Smith's strategy paid-off in the third quarter as the Pioneers slowly constructed an eight point lead 38-30.

However, in the words of Daniels, "everything came together in the fourth quarter" as the Pioneers first got into their defense, only giving up four points, then put in 18 points of their own. Coleman had 15 points, Daniels 13, and Wendy Heckard popped in 10.

Ski team claims dual victories at Cooper

Sandy High's ski team proved to be not only faster skiers but faster hikers at the Cooper Spur dual slalom on Saturday, as both the girls and boys teams claimed victory over the rest of the Mt. Hood Conference.

"Unfortunately, the race was not a race of who could ski the fastest but who could hike the fastest," said Hood River coach Martha Capovilla. Icy snow conditions and difficult courses forced many racers to hike for missed gates.

Freshman, Jennifer Day skipped the "hiking contest" to post the fastest combined time for the day with a 80.9.

"The courses were really challenging, you had to run it just to stay alive," said Day.

Pioneer downhiller Marcy Huff came out blazing on her first run of the two-run slalom to take first with a 38.8, but was disqualified on her second run, falling victim to the icy course.

Strong finishes were also posted by Amy Lynch, capturing fourth place honors with a 88.1, and Holly Sarich timed at a 88.1 taking 22nd.

The Sandy boys ski team got a scare, edging out Barlow for first place by one-tenth of a second with a combined time of 227.3 to 227.4.

Tim Kasch, skiing fifth-man for the Pioneers picked up the pieces left from his teammates on their first sweep to nail down a fourth place finish with a 76.5 combined time.

Meanwhile, Steve Sarich took a detour on his first run, causing him to hike up for a missed gate, but redeemed himself with the fastest time on the second run.

Sarich completed the day with a combined time of 76.4 placing him in sixth place.

Eric Marter fulfilled his duty to the team, and in the process skied well enough for 11th place with a combined time of 80.1.

According to Sandy coach Robert Karsten, Marter was forced into the difficult "must finish" position because the top three skiers did poorly.

The Pioneers will put their undefeated record on the line Saturday in a giant slalom race at Mirror Mountain in Government Camp.

Top scorer draws opponent's notice

The best inbounds play for the Sandy High boys basketball team probably works more on surprise than technical expertise. With the ball inbounced above the rim, nobody expects 6-1 Steve Peterson to get "that far" above the rim to put it down, but he does.

Peterson's jumping ability is just one of the things that make the senior forward the leading scorer for the Pioneers this season. His shooting touch makes him a threat from almost anywhere on the court, and his ball handling abilities keep him from being ignored in the backcourt.

"He really should be a guard," said Coach Dan Brisbin, "but our lack of size means he has to play under the basket at times."

Smith said playing out of his "natural" position may take away some of the point production Peterson is capable of.

"He plays post at times, and at 6-1 in this league, that is hard to do," said Brisbin.

school coach at Cottrell, agrees with Brisbin.

"Even at the point, he was our leading scorer and rebounder," said Kidder.

"He has the kind of moves that make him able to just glide by you," he said.

Kidder said Peterson was the floor leader at Cottrell, not just by accident.

"He is the type of kid who spends a lot of extra time in the gym," said Kidder.

Peterson still spends that extra time in the gym, largely because he is his own toughest critic.

"Sometimes people think I am upset at the referees out there, but I am just bothered that I am doing something I know I shouldn't be doing. I don't like making mistakes," he said.

The Sandy team is a young one this year, so Peterson said he cannot spend a lot of time dwelling on his mistakes.

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Peterson, who played at the point until his junior year, recognizes the necessity of where he is playing, but still prefers the guard spot.

"I like to play facing the basket," he said.

Though Peterson enjoys playing on the perimeter, Brisbin said most of his points come underneath.

"His strongest asset is his ability to get the ball and penetrate," said Brisbin.

Gary Kidder, Peterson's grade

changed a lot more," he said.

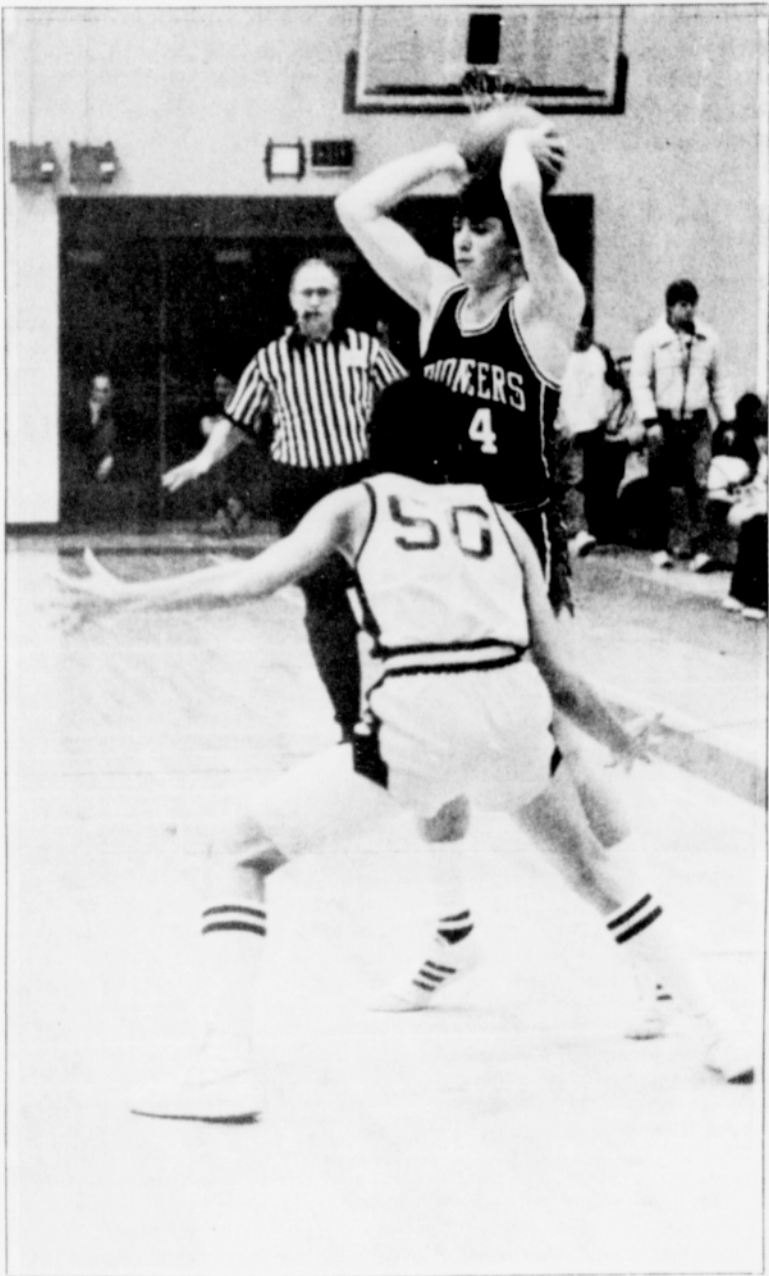
Taking charge draws attention, mostly from other teams.

"People are able to key on him, forcing us to try and make up the slack," said Brisbin.

Peterson said he just looks to make the best of that situation.

"There is hardly anytime when there is not somebody in my face," he said, "but if I can do well with that extra pressure, I like it."

A young team and lack of size add up to very few wins for the Sandy team, and it might be



Steve Peterson

Photo by Hank Emrich

assumed that Peterson would dislike playing against some teams like Parkrose (rated number two in the state) because of that. Not the case, said Peterson.

"If you just play somebody that is a pushover, it doesn't do you any good," he said.

Playing the game for the fun of it is a big factor for Peterson, but he takes basketball pretty seriously, no matter who is the opponent.

"I am playing to win everytime," he said, "even against those kind of teams."

'Sports Challenge' set Feb. 2

The SUHS Sports Challenge, the annual "war of the classes" at Sandy High, will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes compete against each other in varying events, with points awarded for sportsmanship, spirit, organization and decoration at the

events.

The Challenge is the seventh at the school, and is sponsored by the SUHS Choral department. The \$1.50 student and \$2 adult admission goes to help defray expenses in a planned trip to the World's Fair in Canada next year, said Jeanne Akesson, vice president of the Symphonic Choir.

Sandy matmen put down Reynolds 48-19

A struggling Reynolds wrestling program proved to be no match for Sandy Thursday night, as the Lancers were a 48-19 victim of the Pioneers.

Reynolds started off strong, with a fall in the first match, but that was about the last bright spot for the Lancers. Sandy won the next two, with Ernie Roberts pinning his man at 108 pounds in the second round.

"Ernie wrestled well in a good match," said Coach Ron Calhoun, "he is looking good right now."

Tony Barnes followed with a pin at 117, getting his in the first round.

"That was good for Tony, especially coming off a loss, to take control," said Calhoun.

With Richie Meckleburg fighting the flu at the same time he was trying to wrestle, Reynolds was able to grab a narrow 9-7 win in that match.

At 138, Wayne Reick bounced his man all over the mat to get a 23-9 win.

Dean Cox and Casey Beaudoin followed with draws, and Art Skipper came out to wrestle his first varsity meet. The freshman 157-pounder got

himself into trouble in the second round, but managed to hang on for a 10-5 win.

The Pioneers have had some trouble in the upper weights, but Kyle Gibson and John Adams picked up a couple good wins against Reynolds. Gibson started out slow, but had his opponent pinned about as quick as the second round started.

"He may have underestimated the kid in the first round," said Calhoun.

"Kyle has been wrestling well, his last two losses were to state champions, he has lost a few, but it is good competition," said Calhoun.

The evening was capped with John Adams dramatic win in the heavyweight class. Adams took only 35 seconds to send the Reynolds wrestler crashing to the mat for a fall.

With two meets remaining, the Pioneers have a shot at ending the season with a .500 mark going into districts.

"There are no easy weights at district," Calhoun said.



Wayne Reick bounced his man for a lopsided win.

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