

Long accustomed to eternal wettness

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Rarely in the last seven years has Terri Long been really dry. But that's the smallest price she pays as a year-around competitive swimmer.

Eternal wettness is nothing compared to eternal practicing, which she does six days a week — twice a day on five of them — in the process churning out about 40 nautical miles en route to an inactive Sunday.

Two weeks a year, she rests. "Sometimes in April after nationals, I take a week off," says Terri, a 16-year-old junior at Centennial High, "and sometimes after nationals in August. That's all."

"It kind of grows on you," she says of swimming. "When you take a week off, you get tired of doing nothing, and you want to get back into it."

Sharing this dizzying lifestyle is friend Rhonda Parker, a 17-year-old senior who hopes next fall to be accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy. Naturally, water would figure in her future.

"Terri and I are best friends," says Parker. "We do everything together. I'm the one who picks her up every morning for practice. We get up at four-thirty, I pick her up and we go to practice together and we even do weight together three nights a week. Sometimes I don't know how we have time to study."

Not to worry — her grade point average is 3.9 out of a possible 4.0.

Say what you will for so brutal a schedule, but it's getting these two Centennial standouts where they want to go.

Last week, in a meet that Eagle coach Martin McLain could only describe as "extremely good" for his team, Long broke records in two events — the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard

breaststroke — at the Mount Hood Conference swim championships and helped three teammates set another in the medley relay.

Parker also shared in the relay record and set an individual mark herself in the 100-yard backstroke.

This week, it will be more of the same at the state meet, followed by a lot more swimming in the next year, leading — well, you never know. Long has her sights set high.

"I want to go to the 1988 Olympics," says Terri. "That's my goal. My aim is to work myself up. I'm pretty sure I'll make the Olympic trials. After that, it's hard to say. Once you're in the trials, anything can happen."

Parker, who got into competitive swimming only about five years ago as something of an afterthought, can't say just now where all these hours of splash about may be leading.

"I've participated in a lot of sports, so this has just been natural to me," she says. "I picked up water polo as a freshman and I just got into swimming as a conditioner for water polo."

"But now that I'm doing pretty well," she says, "I think I should stick with it."

McLain, who has have seven state championship beginning Friday at Mt. Hood Community College, couldn't be happier with the performances of Long and Parker — both in and out of meets.

"I don't think you'll find two more outstanding individuals to work with," says McLain. "They're willing to accept anything you ask of them in terms of workouts, and you never hear a complaint."

And how well will they do in the state meet?

"I think they're capable of going faster than they did at district," McLain says. "I'm not going to predict — time or place. That wouldn't be fair to them."

Cardinal coach resigns head post

Corbett coach Tyler Smith has resigned as head baseball coach for the Cardinals, paring his workload from three head coaching jobs to two.

Smith, in his third year with Corbett, is also the head football and head wrestling coach.

"Tyler listed personal reasons for resigning," said Corbett athletic director Tom Anderson. "I think it was pretty much the fact that he has been head coach for three sports ever since he's been here. We try not to assign coaches three sports, especially head coaching jobs. That's more than anyone should have to do."

In his first year as head baseball

coach for the Cardinals, Smith took his team all the way to a state Class A championship.

He will be replaced by former Judson Baptist head coach Denny Rasmussen. Rasmussen was with Judson for 15 years before the program was cut.

"I think he needed the job," said Anderson. "And baseball is his love. He lives here in the community and is available at 3:15 p.m. That made him look real attractive to us. The other two applicants to the job had other jobs and that made it a problem for schedule changes and other things."

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Sandy falls to Eagles

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After hitting 15 of 20 in the first half, the boys ended up on the short end, 82-54.

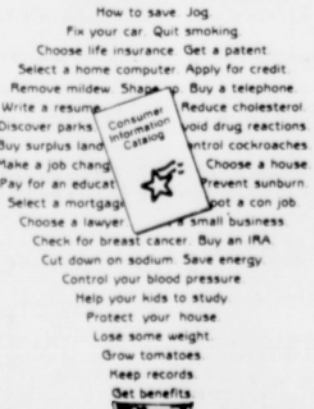
The win puts the powerful Eagles one win away from a playoff spot. Centennial was paced by Scott Montgomery's 20 points, 10 of which came in the third quarter, when the Pioneers were outscored 22-8.

The jayvee team also lost 56-45.

dashing hopes of a second straight upset. Saturday the jayvees beat Gresham 42-41 with ben Glawe sinking a short jumper with 15 seconds left. Glawe hit six free throws in the final period. Chris Palmer had 14 points for the game.

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Parkrose	13	0
Centennial	11	3
Gresham	9	4
David Douglas	8	4
Reynolds	4	8
The Dalles	3	8
Columbia	3	9
Barlow	2	9
Sandy	2	10
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David Douglas 61, Reynolds 51		
Centennial 82, Sandy 54		
The Dalles 61, Barlow 56		

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