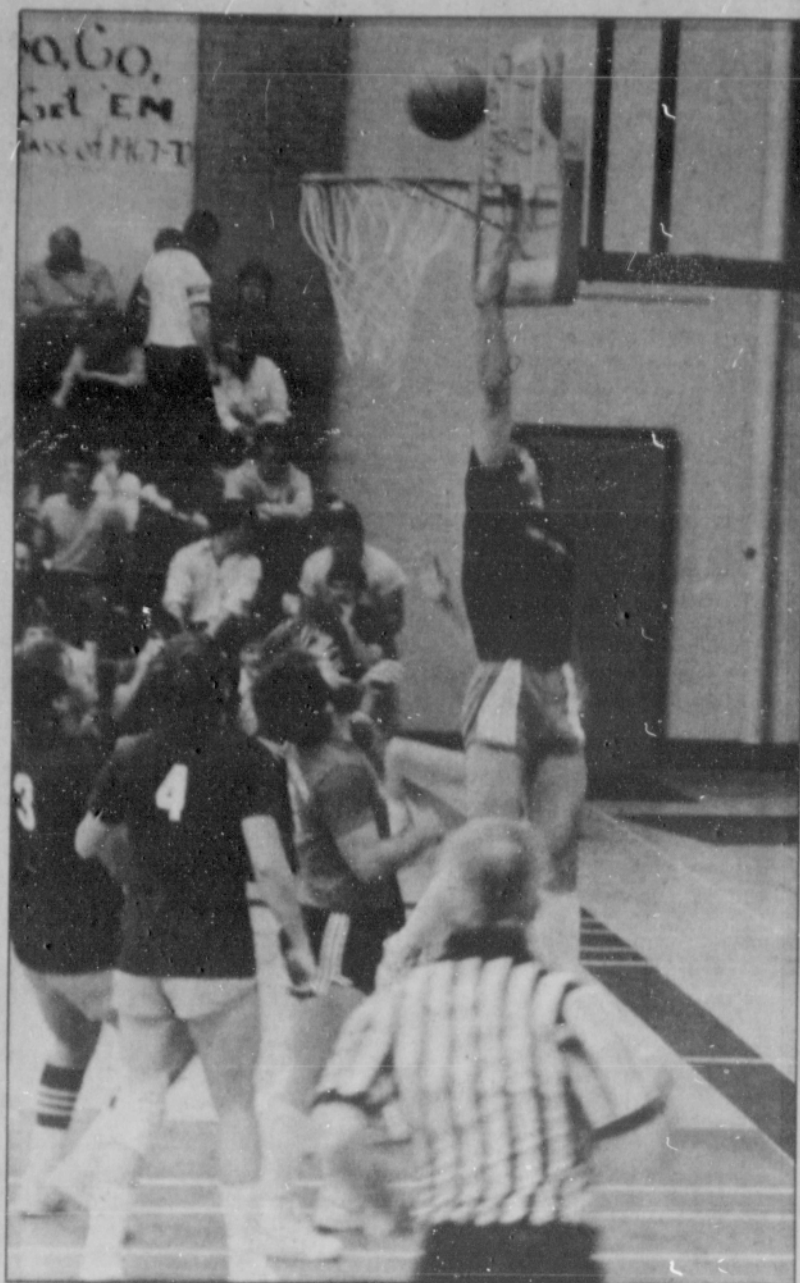




Steve Pettingill gets lay-up in Division B championship game.



Ron Jensen hits jumper in final minutes for 1977 team.

1977, 1984 win championships

Alumni tourney features tough play

by MARTY MORRISON

The class of 1977 and 1984 claimed championship titles in the sixth annual Sandy Alumni Basketball Tournament Saturday at Sandy High School.

The 1977 team scored a narrow 94-91 victory over the 1974 team for the division A championship, while the 1984 team captured the division B championship with a 80-72 victory.

DIVISION A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tension was high in the division A championship game which featured a thrilling comeback by the 1974 team.

At the 6:50 mark in the second half it looked as though the 1977 team would coast to victory on a 11 point lead but team captain Alan Nippert and the 1974 team wouldn't allow it.

Alan Nippert's 23 points and Kevin Kuzmesky's 20 points helped the 1974 team close the gap as a couple of Dan Turin free throws tied the game 89-89 with 2:22 remaining in the contest.

A Randy Keller free throw and a Ron Jensen field goal quickly reestablished the 1977 team's lead to three until Kuzmesky retaliated with a field goal at the :20 mark. Seconds later Nippert fouled out against Kevin Jensen who sank both free throws to slate the final score 94-91.

With 12 seconds remaining, the 1974 team tried two unsuccessful three-point shots to conclude the action.

Jack Paola lead the scoring for the 1977 team with 31 points while Kevin Jensen and Turin each had 14 points. Rounding out the double figures was Keller with 13 points.

In addition to Nippert's and Kuzmesky's 20 point performances, Steve Konell and Dan Turin each got 15 points while Larry Dalrens got 10 points for the 1974 team.

DIVISION B CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The 1973 team marched out to a five point lead in the first half against the youngest team in the tournament but was unable to keep

up the pace as the 1984 team strided to an easy eight point win.

The 1973 team relinquished their only lead in the game after six minutes of play but the 1973 team kept the game close throughout the first period ending the half down 33-30.

In the second half with 8:25 remaining, the 1984 team got it's biggest lead, a nine point margin, utilizing a fast transition offense. The combination of Dan Paola's speed and Steve Pettingill's strength underneath the basket powered the 1984 team.

The 1973 whittled away at the deficit with some spectacular outside shooting by J Gynther as the 1973 team got within 3 points of the 1984 team with 4:30 remaining but that was the closest the 1973 could get.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Division A all-tournament team: Scott Cravens, Dan Turin, Bob Nippert, Jack Paola, Alan Nippert and Randy Keller.

Division B all-tournament team: J Gynther, Scott Winchester, Ed Hopp, Don Schneider and Steve Pettingill.

Most valuable player: Alan Nippert (A division), Steve Pettingill (B division).

Most inspirational player: Randy Keller (A division), Gary Schwartz, (B division).

RECORD BREAKERS

Scott Winchester, 1968 alum, scored 54 points against the 1950 Black team in game 11 to break the old record of 53 points set by Pat Baird, 1983 alum.

Jack Paola, 1977 alum, scored 43 points against the 1979 team to be this year's second highest point scorer.

Ray Perkins, 1972 alum, grabbed 27 rebounds for one game in game nine to tie the mark set by Jay Hartke, 1978 alum.

The 1984 team attempted 39 (made 25) free throws in game 10 surpassing the old mark of 38 set by classes: 1978, 1979 and 1960-66.

The 1974 team shot .618 FG percentage in game nine breaking the .613 mark set by the 1979 team.

Intense showdown blemishes Sandy

The Gresham softball team got an emotional boost Wednesday with a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over the previously undefeated Sandy Pioneers.

Gresham and Sandy put their perfect 3-0 league marks on the line and fought this one out to the end.

"It was very intense and a highly emotional game," said Gresham coach Melynda Ameen.

Sandy took the early lead scoring both its runs in the first inning on four Gresham errors. Sandy got two players on with errors then scored a run off a wild pitch. The Pioneers chalked up their second run with runners at first and third. Gresham catcher Tami Miller threw down to shortstop to get the runner coming home but the throw was off and the run scored.

Miller had her share of mishaps in the game. In the third inning she saved a run but was taken out of the play in a collision with Sandy's Wendy Heckard. Heckard had slammed a double and was coming home on a single when the throw from second base reached home the same time she did and Miller was caught in the middle. Both players were able to finish the game.

The Gophers knotted the game with two runs in their half of the second inning. A walk and an error put runners on first and second and a sacrifice and an overthrow to third brought both players across the plate.

"I think four errors in the first inning gives people a good view of how nervous everyone was," said Ameen. "The key was how quickly we came back."

Gresham's come back was do mostly to the strong pitching of sophomore Kim Fisher. Fisher ended the game with only two strike outs but her statistics don't tell the whole

story. Several Sandy players grounded out in the infield and Fisher herself put out seven runners at first base.

"Kim was the strongest she's ever been," Ameen said, "she didn't fold after those errors and she had every right too."

Gresham got the go-ahead run in the third inning. Darci Stout got on with a single then moved around to third on a passed ball and a sacrifice bunt by Denyse Lightner. Debbie Adams scored Stout with her double giving the Gophers the winning run.

Pioneer freshman Jamie Brittle likewise turned in a good game on the mound striking out six Gophers while walking three others in her six innings on the mound.

"Brittle has been a pleasant surprise," said Sandy coach Gary Curtis. "she's not only a defensive threat but an offensive threat with an on-base average of .333."

Brittle showed her defensive power Wednesday stranding four Gophers on base. Fisher meanwhile, stranded two Pioneers.

While Curtis is leary of making predictions about who will be in the drivers seat at the end of the season, the mentor said he is confident his team should be a strong contender for one of the top four playoff positions in the league.

"Hey, were only out of first place by two runs, and out of a tie by one run," said Curtis.

For the season, sophomore Jackie Kunkle continues to lead the Pioneers in the batting department with a .444 batting average, while Heckard is the Pioneers "run producer," scoring seven runs on 11 trips to the plate.

On the mound, Brittle owns a .5 earned run average for the season while Katie Clift has a 1.5 earned run average.

Heckard tagged 'star'

Wendy Heckard, Sandy High School's senior basketball ace, was selected to the State Metro All-Star Team this week.

She was chosen to the team by coaches representing the Mt. Hood Conference, Portland Interscholastic League, Three Rivers League, Metro League, and by the St. Mary's and Wilson coaches who will be coaching the Metro All-Star Team.

While Heckard is honored to be a member of the All-Star Team she is more excited about the opportunity to play on the same team with St. Mary's Karon Howell, said Sandy coach John Smith upon telling Heckard of her selection.

Smith believes Heckard has a good chance of being the starting point guard on the team.

"Knowing what I do about the St. Mary's and Wilson coaches, they will utilize defensive play and the running game and that style suits Wendy perfectly," said Smith.

"It's a great honor being one of the 12 girls selected to the Metro All-Star Team, and the girls and coaches are excited about having her represent Sandy one more time," said Smith.

Smith also expressed a deep

respect for the leadership and play Heckard displayed on the team over the past three years.

"I'm personally glad to see her make it — she has worked hard on the girls basketball program for the past three years and I always think it's neat when hard work is rewarded," said Smith.

Heckard's selection makes her the third basketball player from the Sandy team to make the all-star team. Last year, graduated guard Sharon Jensen was selected to the all-star team.

Jensen continue to play basketball at the collegiate level for Western Oregon State College.

Heckard is currently scoring runs instead of points as she leads the Sandy High softball team in the scoring department with seven runs.

Reynold's senior Sue Tuggle was also selected to the Metro All-Star Team rounding out the Mt. Hood Conference winners.

The Metro All-Star Team will square-off for two games against the State All-Star Team June 21 and June 22. The first game will be played in Corvallis at Oregon State University and the second game will be played at Portland State University.

Case wins 10,000 meters

Over 100 runners "braved the elements" as cold rainy weather kept competitors cool in the second annual Spring Country Run April 21.

Billy Hewson, running in the 14-19 age category, completed the 10,000 meter course in 34:31.0 to take first place, while Connie Case, 24, took first place in the women's division with a 38:07.0 clocking.

Steve Cain, running in the 20-29 age category, had the winning pace in the 3000 meter race with a 10:10.0 clocking.

According to Scott McMullen the new course was well liked by the runners but it did slow the times down for a good 10,000 meter runner.

Female runners winning their age group in the 3000 meters were: Rebecca Simons, 13-under; Kristi

Klason, 14-19; Suzy Klettke, 20-29; Pat Wright 30-39; Mary Hewson, 40-49 and Bonnie Bayley, 50-59.

Male runners winning their age group in the 3000 meters were: Shane Cole, 13-under; Marc Brennan, 14-19; Steve Cain, 20-29; Richard Makahon, 30-39; Valdemar Schultz, 40-49; George Roth, 50-59 and Bill Bayley, 60-over.

Female runners winning their age group in the 10,000 meters were: Connie Case, 20-29; Cindie Spurgeon, 30-39; Ann Whiting, 40-49 and Barbara Close, 50-59.

Male runners winning their age group in the 10,000 meters were: Billy Hewson, 14-19; Randy Reese, 20-29; Dave Ambrose, 30-39; Jim Bailey, 40-49; Jim Mood, 50-59 and Bill Lauterback, 60-over.

Bowling

Mt. Hooders
April 18, 1985

Hoodland Thriftway	33	23
Small Parts Mfg.	33	23
Booths Farm	29	27
Sheppards Exc.	28	28
Mt. Hood D.Q.	27	29
Pioneer Real Estate	26	30
Prokop TV	26	30
Walrad Insurance	19	33

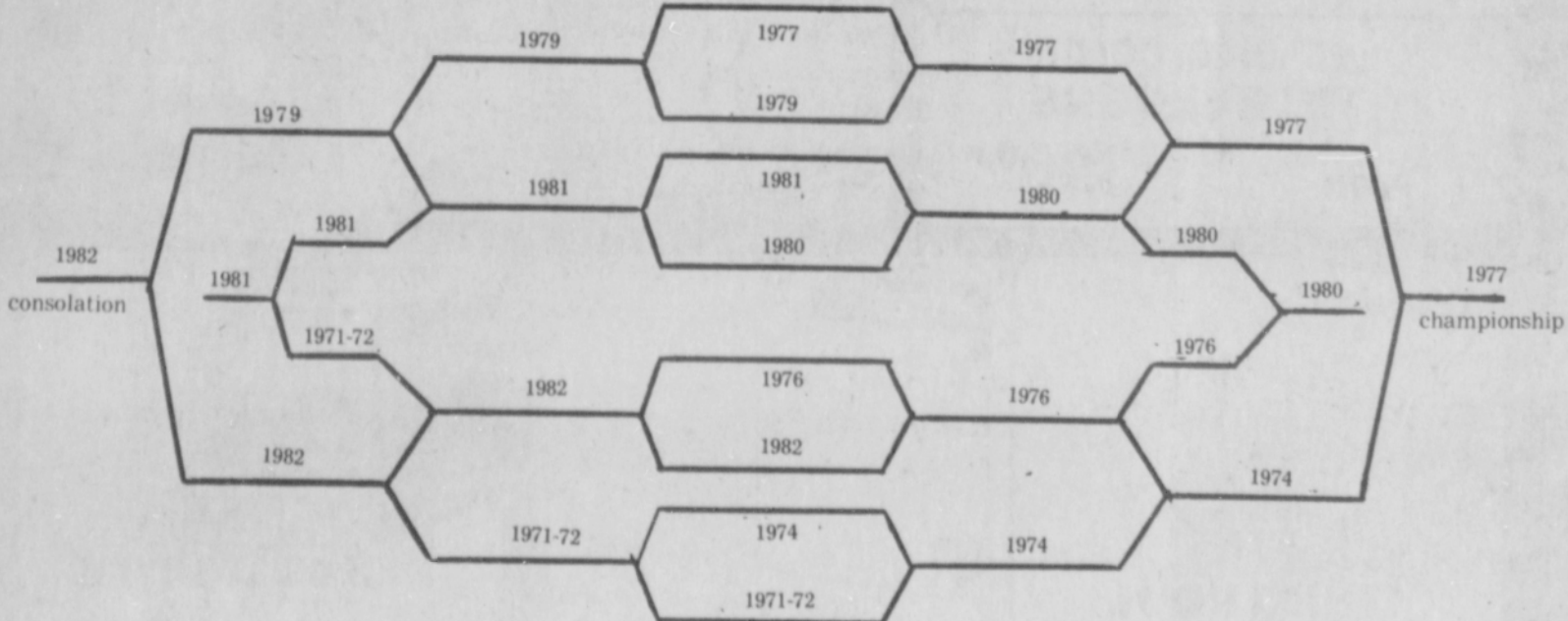
High team series: Small Parts Mfg., 2302; High team game: Small Parts Mfg., 791; High individual series: Irene Blount, 534; High individual game: Dot Weaver, 193.

Sandy Early Birds
April 22, 1985

Toni's	35	25
H.L. Steel Corp.	32½	27½
Mini Mart	30½	29½
Eagle Foundry	30½	29½
Jack's Pro Shop	28½	31½
Alpine Hut	23	37

High team series: H.L. Steel Corp., 2109; High team game: Alpine Hut, 772; High individual series: Shirley Gunter, 516; High individual game: Gloria Wagenblast, 209. Wagenblast's 209 score is the first score ever recorded over 200 by the Sandy Early Birds. The 209 score is 85 pins over Wagenblast's average.

A DIVISION



B DIVISION

