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Sports and Recreation

State track meet calls six Sandy thinclads

Sandy track coach Randy Hutchinson estimated only one or two breaks were needed for the girls team to get a shot at first place in district.

Unfortunately, the breaks didn't come for the Pioneers, as they ended the season at third place in the Mt. Hood Conference.

"Everyone competed very well, we didn't have any letdowns, unfortunately neither did Centennial or Gresham," said Hutchinson.

Centennial was first with 117 points, Gresham second at 87, and Sandy was third with 81 points. The third place finish came on the strength of four girls who qualified for the state tournament at the University of Oregon this weekend.

Chris Muff repeated as district

champion in the javelin, and also was first in the shot put. Wendy Coleman was first in discus and second in shot put to qualify in both. Lisa Lind will compete in the high jump as the first place winner at district and Christine Schiel will go as the second placer in intermediate hurdles. Schiel also won the 400, but will not compete at state in that event.

Hutchinson said that by concentrating on only the hurdles, the junior transfer from Silverton has a shot at first in state. Her main competition will be the Parkrose hurdler who beat her in district.

Lind has been unable to match her 5-5½ high jump of last season yet this year, but Hutchinson thinks she can do so at state.

"She has been our utility performer all season, concentrating on just jumping will help a lot," he said.

Lind has competed as a long jumper, hurdler and relay team member in addition to high jump this season.

Coleman has also failed to meet last year's totals in shot or discus, but an improvement of almost 10 feet last week in discus could be a sign of things to come.

"She has everything there that she had last year," said Hutchinson.

Muff also is unable to escape the affliction, at least in javelin, where she is 10 feet under last year's throw.

"She is not satisfied with that, she will be pretty well primed," said Hutchinson.

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Muff's 38-4½ in the shot put is an improvement, however, and puts her in a position to challenge for the championship in that event.

Hutchinson said most of the girls at the district meet hit personal bests, only to see other school's competitors do just the same.

Boys District Meet

With the boys finishing only fifth and sending just two competitors to state, Hutchinson might be downhearted, but instead was encouraged by individual performances and a hope for the future.

The Pioneer coach pointed to solid performances by young athletes, in-

cluding junior Darren Ford, who qualified for state in the 400. Ford dropped 1.5 seconds from last season's time, running a 50.8 at district.

"He is ready to go," said Hutchinson.

Hutchinson expects Ford to place at state, especially if "superstar" Gus Enevala of McKay opts to drop that event for another at Eugene.

Senior John Adams came from "nowhere" last year to be the best in the league for most of the year in discus, said Hutchinson. He said that Adams would probably have won the district had it not been for a late season attack of pneumonia.

"He still has a chance of breaking the school record held by Scott Skip-

per in the discus," said Hutchinson, "he has thrown farther in district."

Another Skipper, Scott's freshman brother, Art, also fared well at district. Despite a groin pull, Art unleashed a 180' throw, just missing qualifying. Sophomores Dan Weaver and Brad Searles and freshman Mike Hogan have all hit 160' in the javelin, cause for optimism, according to Hutchinson.

"We have quite a few young kids that are looking good in the field events," said Hutchinson.

With only six competitors going to state, Hutchinson said there are positive aspects, said Hutchinson.

"The coaches can work individually with the kids, we have every event covered," he said.

Day named as first team all league

It might be said that Jeff Day stole his all-league honors. The Sandy centerfielder is a first team Mount Hood Conference all-star, largely because of stealing 19 bases in 22 tries this season.

"He is very quick, he gets a good jump when he goes," said John Rohr, Pioneer coach.

That quickness enabled the Sandy senior to steal home three times this season, something most players never do once in a high school career.

Day earned his opportunities to steal with a .398 batting average, and Rohr said he does more than just get himself on base.

"Jeff was the best hit-and-run man on the team, that is an art in itself," said Rohr.

Day finished the season tying the school record for hits in a season, tying the record for triples, and breaking the record for times on base.



Jeff Day

"He has improved over last year (when he was voted to the MHC second team) in all categories," said Rohr.

"He is always trying to improve himself. He is definitely one of the team leaders," he said.

Senior pitcher Wayne Reick was named as an honorable mention pitcher, with a school record 1.83 ERA. Reick also got the record for wins and strikeouts, as well as innings pitched.

"I knew he would help us this year, but he ended up being our ace," said Rohr.

"You couldn't ask any more of Wayne as a pitcher."



Summer baseball is well under way in Sandy. The Sandy runner got back to base safely for his Midget division team and Sandy got the win over Welches in this game.

Softball team to take all-stars to state

The strength the Sandy High softball team takes to the state tournament this week is evident in balloting for the Mt. Hood Conference all-star team. The Pioneers' entire infield received mention, with three players grabbing first-team honors.

For the second year, senior short-stop Wendy Heckard was named to the first team, joined by sophomore catcher Shanna Daniels and freshman pitcher Jamie Brittle. Fellow freshman pitcher Katie Clift was named to the second team. Second baseman Kris Maples and third baseman Judi Duff, both seniors, received honorable mention votes. Junior first baseman Jodi Dahleger rounded out the infield as honorable mention.

Sandy Coach Gary Curtis said the balloting reflected much of the suc-

cess of the league's first-place team.

"I'd put my infield against any other in the league," he said.

Curtis said Heckard and Daniels both fulfilled roles of team leaders throughout the season, with consistent play throughout the infield a real bonus. With most of the action centered around second and short-stop this year, he praised the play of Heckard and Maples.

"Maples was an outfielder last year, she did a great job of making the transition," he said.

Curtis said he was able to have the right players in the right places, pointing out that Duff's strong arm and good bunt defense killed opposing team's scoring opportunities all season.

For one team to have two pitchers on the first two teams has to be a rare

occasion, said Curtis, and for both to be freshmen has to be a first. Clift finished 6-1 and Brittle 7-2 in regular season.

"It is really something for them to get that much recognition against girls who pitched twice as much," said Curtis.

Curtis will be taking his freshmen pitchers — his young team also includes freshmen outfielders Jennifer Day and Jenny Scott — to state against Milwaukie Friday. The game will be played at Sandy at 4 p.m.

In the meantime, the Pioneers warm up with practice games. Sandy showed PIL champs Madison what they are made of last week, destroying the Senators 9-2.

"I was really pleased to see them come back from our season ending

loss to Columbia," said Curtis. "I think they are excited about playing again."

Weak hitting (.218 team average) has been a thorn for Sandy, but they

blasted ten hits against Madison.

"It has been a long time coming," said Curtis.

"We played excellent defense, but we will need to hit in state."

Soccer sign ups go on

As the youth soccer season edges closer, time still remains for boys and girls between the ages of five and fourteen to sign up to play in the Sandy Cascade Soccer Club.

Registration forms are available at Sandy Secretarial Service, 39261 Proctor and at Merit Properties Inc., in Welches. All forms must be mailed

by June 14 to SCSC, P.O. Box 102, Sandy. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be included, as well as registration fee.

Fees are \$15 for one child, \$25 for two children of the same family and a family fee of \$30 maximum. For more information, call 668-7348 or 622-3146.

Commentary

Exterminators, resuscitators are in conflict

by DAN GUNTHER

My first experience with pests came in the eighth grade when I telephoned a pest extermination agency and told an exterminator about our problem.

"We have a pest under the house," I said.

"What does it look like?" asked an intent masculine voice, the voice of a trap waiting to be sprung.

"Well, it's furry, but it's not a rat."

"Too long for a rat, is it?"

"Yes. Too long."

"Color?"

"Darkish, I'd say. Although, everything looks kind of dark under the house."

"I see. What about vocalizations?"

"Well, it squeals, but in a mean way."

"A mean squeal? You've got

yourself a mink under the house, bub. I'll be right out. What's your address?" he asked.

And then I gave him the address of a girl who had just jilted me for a ninth grader with funny hair.

That episode has colored how I perceive stories of pests and predators. For example, when I read that livestock owners in Oregon's Columbia and Morrow counties asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for assistance with "raven depredation problems on newborn lambs and calves," I automatically smell a mean mink under the house.

No doubt I should suppress this response. Probably ravens really are depredating for all they're worth on innocent lambskins. Fish and Wildlife Service seemed to think so. Its personnel, "using Compound DRC-1339, solved the problems quickly and effi-

ciently," according to the government report.

The word depredation intrigues me. Animal s that engage in this act are not just preying on other animals, as would be the case with mere predators. No, they're laying waste to a resource, and they're stealing something that belongs to us by law.

Consider, briefly, how they wrong us. Bears and juncos and mountain beavers destroy timber, either by girdling trees to get at the tasty cambium or by feeding on seeds or seedlings. Geese and elk plunder grainfields and pastures. Coyotes, of course, slaughter livestock.

Then there are the indirect but no less intolerable agents of animal damage. Ghost shrimp, as they tunnel into mudflats, incidentally bury and suffocate oysters. Pond snails

host flukes that eventually riddle the livers of cows. Starlings, en masse, are a health hazard because of pathogens dwelling in their droppings. Ground squirrels attract hawks that, in turn, endanger aircraft. (At the Ontario International Airport in California, a large ground squirrel colony is now a candidate for control after causing two aircraft-raptor collisions.)

A host of other animals keep us constantly on our guard. Rats, moles, bats, mice, cats, skunks, coons, squirrels, beavers: each a potential depraver in need of an exterminator.

There are those who say all this fervor for elimination marks us as an uncharitable species unwilling to share the planet's resources. Perhaps that's true. Yet look at the emphasis we also place on saving endangered animals. Spotted owls, sea otters,

Fresno kangaroos rats, California condors, brown pelicans, wood storks, Columbian white-tailed deer and black-footed ferrets have received everything from legal rights to sac-tuaries to commemorative stamps.

Which brings us to the wolf, our most famous, and infamous, endangered species.

Although once found throughout the continental United States, wolves in viable numbers now occur only in northern Minnesota. That may change soon. The Department of the Interior plans to reintroduce them into "recovery areas" in Montana, Wyoming, and central Idaho.

Some of the planning behind the introductions was described recently at a Wildlife Society meeting in Boise. Timm Kaminski, who has studied wolves for almost a decade, said his and others' research indicates one

wolf eats 11 to 16 elk or deer per year. Using the higher rate, he calculated that central Idaho's excess elk (those left after hunting season) could support 219 wolves. That figure might be doubled if excess deer were added to the wolves' larder. Since the Department of the Interior wants to establish only 60 to 90 breeding pairs of these endangered predators, little factual basis exists for protests by hunters.

Even so, any attempt to reintroduce wolves will be met by howls of protest not only from hunters, but from all the dark corners of a culture raised on Little Red Riding Hood and the boy who cried wolf once to often. The outcome of this struggle between exterminators and resuscitators deserves watching. If we can tolerate wolves, how close are we to coexisting with Russian bears?