

BCI tourney calls Daniels...

But hoopster needs funding

by PAT O'HALLORAN

Just watch one practice and one thing is immediately noticeable: this girl has a gift.

The rifle pass to a baseline-cutting teammate. The slinky reverse layup that leaves spectators of the scrimmage shaking their heads with amazement. Even her encouraging words to a guard whose shooting is off just a tad. Everything this girl displays on the court not only endears her to her teammates, but makes her hopes all the more plausible.

Shanna Daniels has star quality. She is an outstanding softball player (first team all-Mt. Hood Conference catcher). She has potential as a volleyball player (honorable mention all-MHC in her first year in the sport), although she downplays it by modestly — and incorrectly — saying, "I'm a horrible volleyball player."

But Daniels won't set the world on fire with her play in either one of those sports. No, Shanna Daniels is going to be a Basketball Player — and with her ability and potential, those two words very definitely need to be capitalized.

Daniels, who will be a junior at Sandy High School this fall, rose to statewide prominence as a basketball player in March, at the State AAA Girls Basketball Tournament. She was named to the all-tournament second-team, led the tourney in scoring with a 17.5-points-per-game average and was the eighth-leading rebounder with nine boards a game. She helped lead Sandy to a fifth-place finish in their first appearance in the tournament.

The girl is gifted. She knows it, her parents know it, her teammates know it, her opponents know it. But how to keep her intensity up when faced with mediocre and sometimes no competition is a problem her father, Dennis Daniels, and her basketball coach, John Smith, are finding the solution to.

Summer basketball leagues abound. There is a Nike summer league, Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics and a high school summer league. There is the Portland State camp, the Oregon State camp and the Blue Star camp. She has played or will play in all of these this summer.

But the one Shanna wants to attend the most, the Basketball Congress International tournament in Tucson, Ariz., has a drawback — the cost.

The BCI is a national tournament which draws teams mainly from the western region of the United States. A large number of the squads come from the Los Angeles area, with others coming from states such as Nevada and Arizona.

Last summer, Shanna participated in a tryout camp for the Oregon BCI team, which Coach Smith suggested would be good for her and a couple of teammates. According to Daniels, Smith didn't think they would make the team. Daniels was the only Sandy girl who went to the tryouts, and to the surprise of everyone, herself included, she made the team. Plus...

"If she shows up (this year), she's guaranteed a spot on the team," said new BCI coach Robbie Fenk. "Since she made the team last year, that guarantees her a spot through the rest of her high school eligibility."

The tryout camp is set for June 16-23, at Willamette University in Salem. The BCI tourney will be July 25-30, at a Tucson high school.

So making the team is not a problem; getting to Tucson may be. Daniels needs to raise \$300 to pay for her trip. Her father estimates the total cost of her summer basketball endeavors, including the various camps she will attend, to be more than \$1,300. The Daniels need help to get their daughter to Tucson, and since the BCI is the only activity Daniels is participating in which is tax-deductible, the family is asking the community for its support.

Donation cans will be out by the end of the week at three area restaurants: Dairy Queen, the Country Donut House Restaurant and Paola's Pizza Barn. In addition, through June, Paola's will donate a dollar when patrons buy a large pizza and mention Shanna's name. The donation cans will be out until needed funds are raised. People wishing to get a receipt for tax purposes may call John Smith at 288-3423.

The BCI tournament is the opportunity of a lifetime for high school basketball players. According to Fenk, between 40 and 60 NCAA Division I coaches will be scouting the tournament.

"It's a summer-recruiting hotbed," Fenk said. "Our goal is to win the first couple of games," which would then get the team into the games played in the evening, when most of the college scouts frequent the stands.

To get the girls there and in front of the Division I scouts is the goal of the BCI.

"Exposure is what it's all about," Fenk stressed.

And exposure is what Daniels needs if she is to attain her goal of playing Division I ball. Either the University of Southern California, where her idol, Olympian and All-American Cheryl Miller, and former St. Mary's Academy all-stater Karon Howell play, or Long Beach State, where Cindy Brown from Grant High School and Michael Abrahams, a former coach at St. Mary's, grace the program are the schools Shanna is looking at as possibilities.

Daniels started her high school career at Estacada High School, and as the competition — and the losing — proved to be of little challenge, she transferred to Sandy High School and played in the final few varsity games of her freshman year. Her sophomore year is when she finally hit stride.

In helping Sandy to its first MHC crown, Daniels was named first-team all-league, third-team all-state, led the Pioneers in both scoring and rebounding and was second on the team in assists.

She is what aficionados refer to as a "gym rat," though a large part of her summertime playing consists of one-on-one with her dad on their outdoor hoop.

Her star quality extends into her choices of favorite players. Cheryl Miller, the premier women's player is one, while Los Angeles Laker Earvin "Magic" Johnson is another of her favorites. Of course, she knew the Lakers would beat the Boston Celtics in the recently-completed National Basketball Association Championship Series. She has no room for the non-stars, the Celtics: "I don't like Boston. I hate Larry Bird; he's a crybaby."

Shanna Daniels at this point is a big fish in a relatively little pond. She is ever-improving her skills. But if she is to become a big fish in a big pond as she dreams, she needs help; the competition that would help her make the leap to bonafide big-pond star is in Tucson. Shanna has the ability, potential and the will; all she needs are the funds to get her there.



SHOOTING FOR THE TOP — Shanna Daniels is aiming for a national tournament in Tucson, Ariz., but she can only go if she receives needed donations in time. Daniels is a member of the Sandy High School girls basketball team and has garnered numerous honors for her play on the court as a basketball player and a volleyball player, while also serving as an outstanding catcher on the softball team.



Staff photos by Pat O'Halloran

River Hawks succeed at state TAC meet

The Sandy River Hawks Track Club brought home 14 first-through-third-place medals and one state record from The Athletic Congress State Track and Field Championships in Salem Saturday.

The Hawks took 25 athletes to the meet, which draws runners, throwers and jumpers from Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Art Skipper threw the javelin 179-0 to take first place in the intermediate boys javelin and set a meet record. Skipper also garnered second place in the intermediate boys pole vault.

Stephanie Miljus hurled her way to victory in two events, winning both the shot put and the discus in the midget girls' competition.

Chris Sunseri also took first in the shot put.

Last year's regional (Oregon-Washington/California) cross country champion, Daniel Whitlock, took second in the 3,000-meter run. He has run the 3,000 in 10 minutes, 23 seconds over tough terrain, but injuries have slowed him down this year.

Barb Rivers nearly took first place in the intermediate girls 1,500-meters, but wound up second as breathing problems slowed her pace. Rivers came back to take another second place in the 800.

Running the 3,000 for only the third time in two years, Brad Schmautz set a personal best of 9:14.4 en route to a third-place finish in tough competition. Schmautz also took third in the intermediate boys 800.

Jake Simonis took third in the bantam boys 800 with a time of 2:57.1

A pair of second places was the reward for Julie Crompton, as she was runner-up in the intermediate girls discus and the intermediate girls shot put.

The midget boys 1,600-meter relay team, consisting of Chris Snow, Nathan Furr, Adam Kraft and Trent Waibel, also took second place. The team was disappointed with their showing, according to Coach Darold Beymer, but plan to rebound for the Junior Olympic meet this weekend.

Medals are awarded to first-, second- and third-place finishers in the meet.

"I thought our kids competed well on the whole," Beymer said, "but there were some seconds that should have been first places."

The River Hawks will take 28 athletes to their next meet, the Oregon State Junior Olympics at Mt. Hood Community College this weekend. Opening ceremonies are slated for 10 a.m. Saturday.

Summer Fun signups underway at rec dept.

Registration is under way for the Sandy Recreation Department's Summer Fun Program. Once again this summer the Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Sandy Elementary School District, will offer a six-week program for children who are first through sixth graders.

The program will include arts and crafts, songs, skits, sports, games, special events and field trips. Sessions run Monday through Thursday. First through third graders meet from 10 a.m. till noon, and fourth through sixth graders, 1-3 p.m.

Weekly sessions begin June 17 and run through Aug. 1, with the exception of July 8-12, when there will be a break for the Sandy Mountain Festival.

The cost for this program is \$8 per week for Sandy residents and \$16 per week for non-residents. On Fridays, the department will offer field trips for first through sixth graders. Trips will include a visit to the Bonneville Dam/Multnomah Falls, OMSI, Children's Museum, Enchanted Forest, day hike to Ramona Falls and a trip to the Washington Park Zoo. Cost of field trips varies from \$5-\$8.50.

Other classes that will be offered include beginning, intermediate and advanced tennis, which is for people age 8 to 14.

Adult tennis is being offered for people 15 years old and up. Lessons are available for all levels, and a tournament will be held in August. Gresham Coach Judy Sandovol will instruct.

Beginning and intermediate gymnastics will be offered to youngsters ages 4-14. A certified coach from the Sandy Gymnastics Center will teach the class.

The Sandy Recreation Department and the Sandy Community Players are again teaming up to offer summer theater workshops. Children ages 10-15 will be involved. Call 668-5569 for more information.

Kenz workout, which is aerobics for adults, will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. Kathy Enz is the instructor.

Wee workouts are for parent and child participation, and allow the young child to develop motor skills and self-esteem.

There is a baby workout program, toddler workout and a preschool workout. Morning stretch is an aerobic exercise and stretching program offered for the beginner and the senior citizen.

For information on any of the programs, call 668-5569.

Top Marlins announced

Nikki Hanson, Jason Smith and Chris Catello are the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club swimmers of the month for May, as announced by Coach Chris Roth.

Hanson, who competes in the 12-and-under girls category, set a BMAC record for 8-and-under girls in the 25-yard fly with a time of 17.11. She gained three new "A" standards, 10 new "B" standards, two new national "B" standards and two new regional standards. She also had perfect attendance.

Smith set a new meet record for 12-and-under-boys 100-yard breaststroke in Vancouver, Wash., with a time of 1:34.30. He had seven new "A" standards, one new national "A" standard and five new regional

standards.

In the 13-and-over boys, Catello was first on the honor-roll-points list. He set two new "B" standards.

Registration closing

Tomorrow is the deadline for registration for the 1985 season of the Sandy Cascade Soccer Club.

The club is for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 14. The cost is \$15 for one child, \$25 for two children and a family fee of \$30 for three or more children.

Forms for registration are available at Sandy Secretarial Service, 39261 S.E. Proctor, or at Merit Properties, Inc., in the Hoodland Plaza in Welches.

Sandy cagers top Chargers

by DAVID SCOTT

Action continued Tuesday in the high school boys summer league, as Sandy High School handed Columbia High School a 53-41 loss. The Pioneers, coached by Dan Brisbin and various other Sandy coaches, are now 4-2 overall.

Brad Searls led a balanced scoring attack against the Chargers with 12 points. The Hale brothers combined for 17 points, nine by Tony and eight by Gerald. Jared Paulsen and Shane Nichols also added eight points apiece.

Sandy started off the summer season by beating Cleveland and Madison high schools, but then lost to Marshall and Molalla high schools. The team then got back on track June 6 by defeating Barlow High School, a fellow member of the Mt. Hood Conference.

The summer league is comprised of Cleveland, Madison, Marshall, Molalla, Barlow and Sandy high schools.

The teams are formed of players

with high school eligibility remaining who played for last year's varsity and jayvee teams. Each game is played in the evening at Barlow High School. The Pioneers face Cleveland Thursday at 6 p.m.

Youth, wild mix in AWF

The American Wilderness Foundation's 17th summer of mixing wilderness and youth includes a variety of offerings for young people ranging from backpacking and canoeing to bicycling trips.

Minimum age for the backpacking trips is 11 and the minimum age for canoe and bicycling trips is 14. An earlier story in The Post incorrectly stated the ages.

The first backpacking trip, from June 22 to June 28, is the Mt. Hood Snow Trek. The trek consists of a loop around the mountain starting and ending at Timberline Lodge. Hikers will be taught how to use ice axes and crampons and how to traverse snow-covered slopes and streams. Axes, crampons and ropes are furnished.

A 10-day 350-mile bike tour from

Wallowa Lake in Eastern Oregon to Portland is set for July 1. Vans will transport the bicyclists, their equipment and supplies to Wallowa Lake, where they will head west for Portland. A service van will accompany them, carrying the bicyclists' supplies. The trip will mostly follow the Columbia River through the Columbia Gorge. The trip is for the average bicyclist who enjoys touring. Tents are furnished and nights will be spent in campgrounds.

A week-long canoe adventure starting on the McKenzie River at Armitage State Park will begin July 12 and end July 18. Shortly after starting, the canoeists will enter the Willamette River and head north toward Portland. The nights are spent camping on islands. The trip ends at Clackamette Park at the mouth of the Clackamas River.

The trips and classes teach map and compass reading, trail-shelter building, camp and trail cooking, wilderness foods and how to use them, foot care, rock and cliff climbing, backpacking, canoeing, cross-country skiing and bicycling.

For more information and free brochures, call 286-5902, or write to: American Wilderness Foundation, 8325 N. Central St., Portland, 97203.



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SWEET SUCCESS — Recent winners in the Sandy-Area Summer Recreation Association summer baseball/softball league candy sales fund-raising drive are: Justin Rusaw, fourth place, 11-and-over; Phil Haney, third place, 11-and-over; Kris Key, second place, 11-and-over; Richard Burns, tie-fourth place, 10-and-over; Jeremy Sieler, tie-fourth place, 10-and-over; Jason Turin, third place,

10-and-over; Mike Owens, first place, 11-and-over; Ben Durbin, second place, 10-and-over; and David Mills, first place, 10-and-over and overall. Prizes ranged from a bicycle, won by Mills, to TV sets, to radios, to baseballs and bats. In the team competition, the Red Rockets won to earn free sno-cones for the remainder of the season.