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All-star games honor Sandy athlete trio

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The National Football League holds its annual all-pro game in Hawaii. The National Basketball Association features its top players in a game played in a usually-sold-out arena. Major league baseball teams make a gala event out of their interleague annual get-together.

These attractions give the fans an opportunity to witness their favorite players in an unusual setting and in unfamiliar surroundings. They are usually a little ragged in their play, but always entertaining.

Though Oregon high school all-star games are usually not held in Hawaii or some other exotic or sold-out locale, and are usually counted on for some raggedness, they are always entertaining and they offer fans and potential college recruiters the chance to see the best home-grown talent in a variety of sports. Baseball, basketball, volleyball and football all have various means of feting the top members of the sport.

With the successes of the girls sports programs at Sandy High School, it should then come as no surprise that three Sandy girls recently participated in State-Metro all-star series.

Judi Duff and Kendra Whitlock were both members of the Class AAA Metro all-star volleyball team, while Wendy Heckard played on the Metro all-star basketball team.

There were four all-star volleyball teams — the Metro and State AAA teams and the Metro and State AA and A teams — which squared off at Barlow High School, Wednesday, June 19, then moved south to Corvallis High School the following night for two best-of-three matches each night.

At Barlow, the Metro AA and A team swept State in two games in preliminary action. When the small schools were done, out came girls from volleyball powerhouses such as St. Mary's Academy in Portland and Corvallis High School. With Duff in the starting lineup and Whitlock coming off the bench, Sandy's colors were prominently displayed.

Graduating senior players were voted to the Metro squad by the Oregon Volleyball Coaches Association, according to Duff, who has received a volleyball scholarship to Taft Junior College in California.

Whitlock will be strutting her volleyball stuff at Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande this fall and possibly her basketball stuff, too.

Duff knew several members of the Metro team from winter volleyball, but hadn't experienced the coach, Barbara McIntosh of Dallas High School and her assistant, Juanita Arrant of Clackamas High School.

"I knew of Juanita, but didn't know her," Duff said. "It was a different experience."

Was the team as good as the Mt. Hood Conference champion Pioneers? "It was hard to tell," Whitlock said. "We didn't have much time to practice together."

"The State team practiced together more," Duff said. "They (would be

comparable to) West Linn or St. Mary's at the state tournament."

The practice time showed the first night as State overwhelmed Metro 15-5, 4-15 and 15-3.

Metro then came back in Corvallis to sweep State in two straight, 15-6 and 15-10.

Laura Earle of Gresham High School and Liane Lewis of The Dalles High School were the only two other MHC participants.

While Whitlock and Duff were spiking it out at Barlow and Corvallis, Heckard was dribbling and passing in preparation for the basketball all-star games.

The girls AAA State-Metro series was held in conjunction with the boys AAA State-Metro games in Gill Coliseum at Corvallis, Friday, June 21, and at the Chiles Center on the University of Portland campus the next evening.

Heckard pumped in six points in game one of the series, making her the third-leading Metro scorer in a 67-66 win over State. The final score was closer than Heckard thought reasonable.

"We were ahead by 13," she said, "then the refs started calling everything against us."

The following night saw Heckard's return to the Chiles Center, where she helped lead Sandy to the consolation championship of the girls AAA state tournament in March. Though it was the site of the Pioneers' top basketball performance, she still doesn't like it.

"I don't like the rims," Heckard said. "They're too tight (a basketball euphemism for a rim that has been bolted on to the backboard too tightly, allowing less give in the rim and fewer shots to go in)."

With fewer shots going in, more rebounds were out for the taking and Heckard, a point guard, grabbed as many as she could, snaring six. She averaged around three boards a game during the regular season and "that's stretching it," she says.

"That's a lot for me," said Heckard. "I was just lucky."

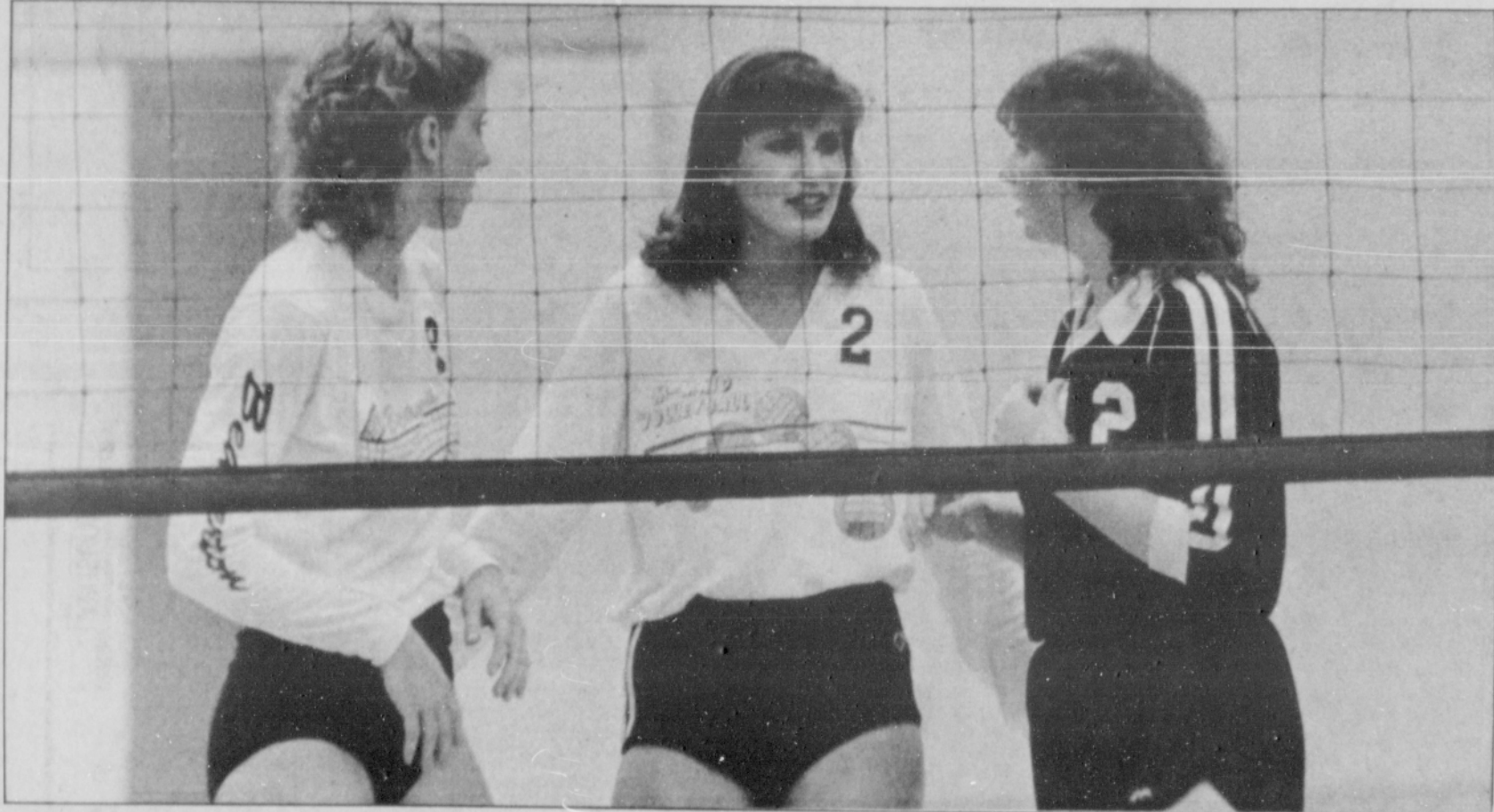
She started the second game and played between a half to three quarters of each game.

Metro held their advantage again the second night, trouncing State 78-65 behind St. Mary's star Karon Howell's 26 points.

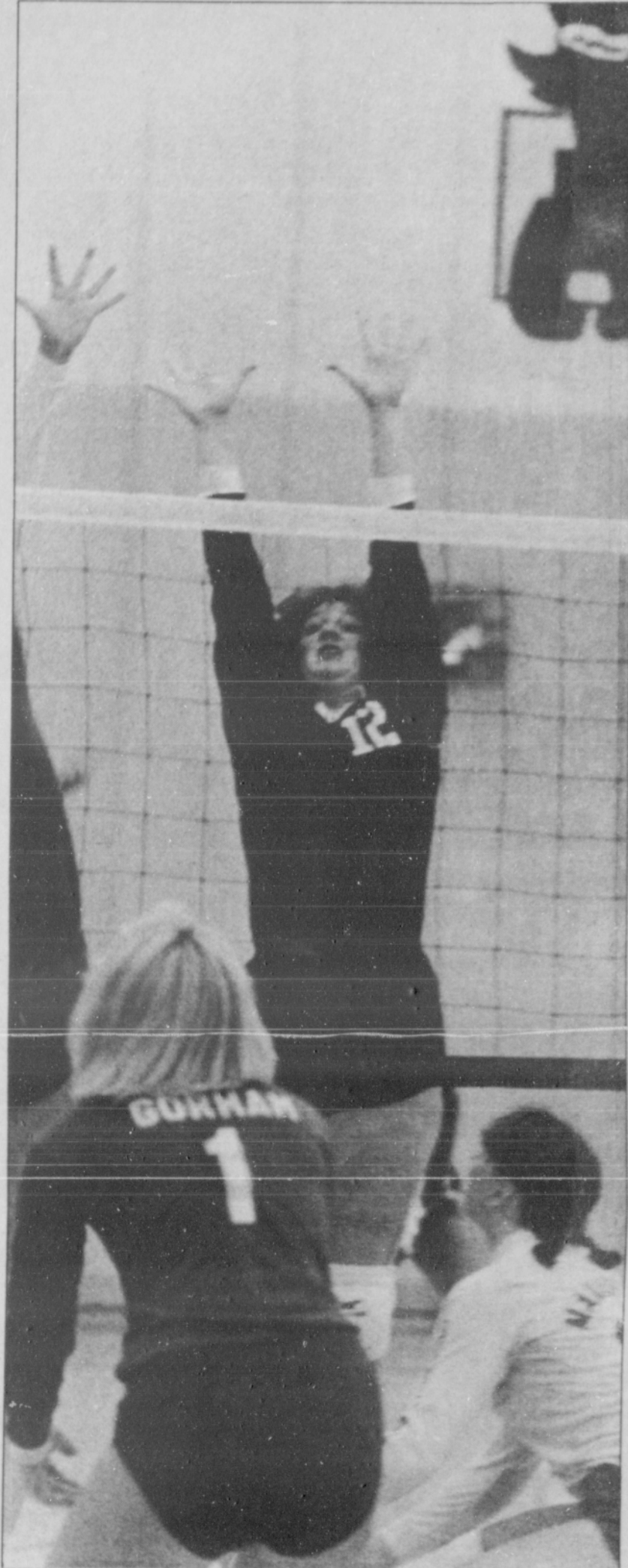
Heckard was set to attend Portland State University this fall and play softball, but her performance during the all-star series may have changed that.

A coach from Clark Junior College in Vancouver, Wash., approached her after the game at the Chiles Center and offered her a scholarship to play basketball there. What was an easy choice now has Heckard undecided about her future — "very undecided," she said.

And that's part of what these all-star games are about. The chance for those who may not be totally happy or satisfied with their plans to perform for coaches who could change their future.



MEETING OF THE MINDS — Shelley Rumberger of Beaverton (left), Rosalynn Hortsch of Marshall (center) and Judi Duff of Sandy discuss strategy during the Class AAA State-Metro volleyball series.



RIISING TO THE OCCASION — Sandy's Judi Duff lends her hand to the cause as a front-liner.

Wendler leads way with victorious swim

Josh Wendler swam his way to a first-place showing in the boys 8-under 25-yard freestyle to highlight the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club's results at the Tigard A-B-C Invitational Saturday, June 22.

Wendler also came away with two second places to finish as second-leading scorer for the Blue Marlins behind Chris Catello. Wendler gained a new state B standard with his time of 44.48 seconds in the 50 freestyle.

With 47 points in four events, Catello led the Marlins in scoring, as he came away with three thirds and a fourth.

Nikki Hanson gained a new 10-under national B standard with her 50 freestyle time of 35.90. She also came away with a new state A standard with a 50 fly time of 38.43.

Other standards set were:

- State B standards
- Sarah Drill, 8-under girls
- 25 freestyle 24.23
- 50 freestyle 51.17
- 25 backstroke 27.23
- Teresa Kilander, 10-under girls
- 100 freestyle 1:30.62
- Rebecca Cain, 10-under girls
- 50 breaststroke 51.90

The team dropped a total of 1 minute, 25.33 seconds, led by Mike Tobias, who dropped 19.15.

Results from the BMAC time trials held June 20:

- NATIONAL A STANDARDS
- Mark Rolph, 15-16, 15-18 boys
- 50 freestyle 25.25
- *also gains state B standard
- Heather Dornning, 11-12 girls
- 100 breaststroke 1:21.26
- *also gains state A standard
- Jason Smith, 10-under boys
- 50 freestyle 31.91
- *also gains regional standard

NATIONAL B STANDARDS

- Chris Catello, 15-16 boys
- 50 freestyle 26.61
- *also gains 15-16, 15-18 state B standard

- Carrie Mills, 11-12 girls
- 50 backstroke 37.72

The Blue Marlins dropped a total of 1:16.34 in the trials, led by Shawn Newell's 18.29. They achieved 34 best times and 34 first times.

Sno-park fees unchanged

Sno-park fees for the 1985-86 winter season will remain \$2 for a daily permit and \$9 for an annual permit.

Benefit car wash aids wrestlers

There will be a car wash on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sandy Fire Hall to benefit the Triple Crown Wrestling Club.

Special Olympics softball signups to finish soon

Registration for Estacada Special Olympics Softball will be Friday, June 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. to noon, at Estacada Junior High School. For more information, call 630-3407 or 630-2781.

Sandy Sluggers finish season with third-place showing



THE SANDY SLUGGERS

The Sandy Pigtail Division (8-10-years-old) girls fastpitch softball team, the Sandy Sluggers, finished their season with a third-place showing at the district tournament June 22-23.

The team played in the 15-team Mt.

Hood District and compiled a 9-5 regular season record. They were invited along with eight teams to the tourney.

The team boasts some heavy hitters, according to their coach, and

extra-base hits and home runs are the rule rather than the exception. Ten of the 12 girls on the roster hit at least one homer this season.

Leading the Sluggers in the infield were Niki Skogan, Anne Marie

Aubin, Jenny Galloway, Deanna Copher, Janelle Senn and Rhonda Bennett. On the mound were Skogan, Courtney Baker, Aubin and Sydney Lawson. Outfielders were Cori Schwartz, Alison Trimble, Stacy Cox and Theresa Skogan.