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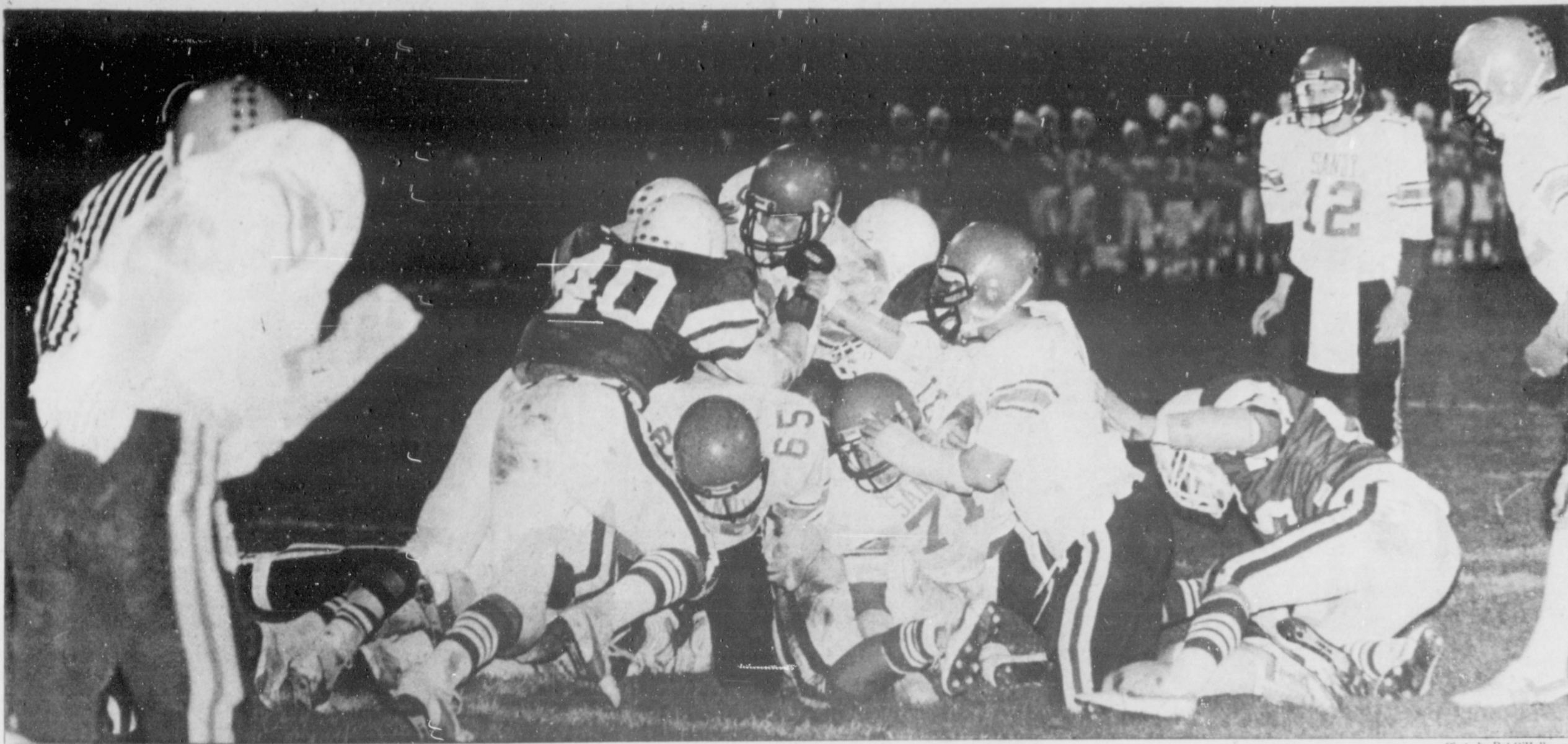


Photo by Pat O'Halloran

Three in a row

Quick quiz:

1. Which Mount Hood Conference football team scored the most points in a single game during the 1985 season?
2. Which two MHC teams had the longest winning streaks to end the regular season?
3. Which MHC team was only 18 points away from taking third place, and 38 away from tying for second?

Answers:

1. Sandy High School, with 54 points against Reynolds in the final regular season game Thursday.
2. Gresham, which won all of its games, and Sandy, which won its last three.
3. Sandy. The Pioneers lost to fourth-place David Douglas by seven points and The Dalles by nine. Those two wins would

have given Sandy a 5-3 record and third place. The Pioneers also lost to Centennial by 12, in which a victory would have given them a 6-2 record.

Pictured above is Sandy's Aaron George (center, top) as he is piled up trying to score one of his four touchdowns against Reynolds Thursday.

Spikers top Barlow, open at state Thurs.

by PAT O'HALLORAN

The Sandy High School volleyball team capped its season comeback Saturday, defeating Barlow in the league playoffs to earn a berth in the state tournament.

Nine games into the Mount Hood Conference season, the Pioneers were in a tight battle for third and fourth places. They sported a 5-4 record.

But they won their last seven league games — and the playoff against Barlow — and vaulted into the state tourney for the second straight year.

Sandy closed out the regular season with a two-game sweep over Centennial to take a tie with Barlow for second. The Pioneers won the coin flip for second place, forcing Barlow into a hole.

The Bruins had to take care of David Douglas in the league playoffs, which they did, then come back an hour-and-a-half later and face Sandy. The winner of that match went on to the state tournament. It was too much for the Bruins.

The two teams battled through out the first part of the opening game. Barlow held a 10-9 lead before Sandy made its run.

The Pioneers scored four straight points, capped with Shanna Daniels'

ace, to take an insurmountable lead.

Barlow got a side-out, then scored when Wendy Coleman's spike was out. Coleman got some revenge on the next serve, this time making sure the spike was in for a Sandy side-out.

Liz Krenwinkel ached to make it 14-11, then the Pioneers won it when Carrie Courturier spiked into the net.

The second game was also close early on. But with the score 4-4, Sandy scored the next five points, and nine of 10, to move ahead 13-5. Points 11, 12 and 13 were on aces by Melissa Lenchitsky.

It looked like the Pioneers would take an easy win, but Barlow, though drained from its earlier win over David Douglas, fought back.

Sandy coach Ron Grantz has cited a lack of "killer instinct" among the Pioneers and as Sandy started reverting to early-season form, Barlow ripped off five in a row.

Sandy players were letting balls drop as they waited for other players to hit them. The Barlow crowd started coming alive as the score reached 13-10, but after a Sandy time-out, the Pioneers regrouped to put the match away.

Coleman hit a powerful spike for a side-out. Krenwinkel ached again for a point, then Barlow hit the net and Sandy was in the state tourney.

In the second game, Sandy's serv-

ing was overpowering. Of the Pioneers' 15 points, nine came on aces.

"We did what we needed to do to win," Grantz said after the game. "We missed very few serves. It's a matter of hitting the ball in the court."

On the down side, though, "offensively, we didn't hit as well," he said.

One of five second-place teams to receive a bye in the first round of the state playoffs, Sandy will face ninth-ranked Ashland. While the Pioneers are not rated among the state leaders, their match against the Grizzlies may not be as one-sided as it seems.

In Sandy's Mount Hood Invitational Tournament in early October, the Pioneers defeated Ashland two straight, 15-8, 15-13. The Grizzlies went through the regular season in the Southern Conference at 14-2, finishing in first place for the fourth consecutive season. They have gone to state eight of the last 12 seasons under their long-time coach, Betty Kimball.

This could be the battle of the front lines, with 6-foot junior Shanna Daniels and 5-10 junior Wendy Coleman matched up against Ashland's 5-foot-10 seniors Jodie Kollanda and Danica Thomas. All four were first-

team all-league selections in their respective conferences.

Kimball's teams are sound fundamentally and the players' average height is around 5-foot-7 or 5-foot-8. They boast no superstars, but have a handful of good all-around players. In last year's state tournament, Ashland made it to the consolation semifinals before losing to Mountain View.

Another player, one of the most reliable players on the team, is senior setter Linda Wright. She was picked to the second-team all-league.

If Sandy wins against Ashland Thursday, it will play the Marshall-Corvallis winner Friday at 1:30 p.m. If the Pioneers lose Thursday, they will play the Marshall-Corvallis loser at 5 p.m. Thursday.

In the all-league selections announced Saturday, Sandy placed three on the first team, more than any school. Coleman, a repeat selection, Daniels and Melissa O'Malley were all picked as first-team all-MHC. Hitter Julie Leamon of Gresham was the only unanimous pick.

Setter Melissa Lenchitsky was named to the second-team and Liz Krenwinkel was received honorable mention status. All five Sandy players are juniors.



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THE RUSH IS ON — Sandy's Tanya Schwartz tries to evade the block attempt by Centennial's Michele McDonald.

SANDY UNION HIGH SCHOOL 1985 VARSITY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	NAME	POS	HT	EXP	YR
3	Melissa O'Malley	BR	5-03	11	JV
4	Liz Krenwinkel	S	5-04	11	TR
5	Amy Frost	BR	5-04	11	JV
6	Teri Buss	S	5-03	11	JV
7	Melissa Lenchitsky	S	5-04	11	1V
8	Wendy Lake	H	5-07	12	1V
9	Wendy Coleman	H	5-10	11	2V
10	Shanna Daniels	H	6-00	11	1V
11	Tanya Schwartz	H	5-11	10	FR
12	Jana Collins	S	5-04	12	JV
13	Tina Sitser	H	5-08	11	JV
14	Sandy Roberts	H	5-08	12	JV

Head Coach: Ron Grantz Assistant Coach: Debbie Hunter



ALL-LEAGUE — (Back row) First-team Wendy Coleman, first-team Shanna Daniels and first-team Melissa O'Malley. (Front row) Second-team Melissa Lenchitsky and honorable mention Liz Krenwinkel.

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Congratulations to Howard Bickle!
SUHS senior Howard Bickle is prep of the week.
He was a second-team all-Mt. Hood Conference selection in soccer, playing center-stopper for the Pioneers, a defensive position.
Way to go, Howard!

Enjoy great pizzas & good times at Paola's!

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