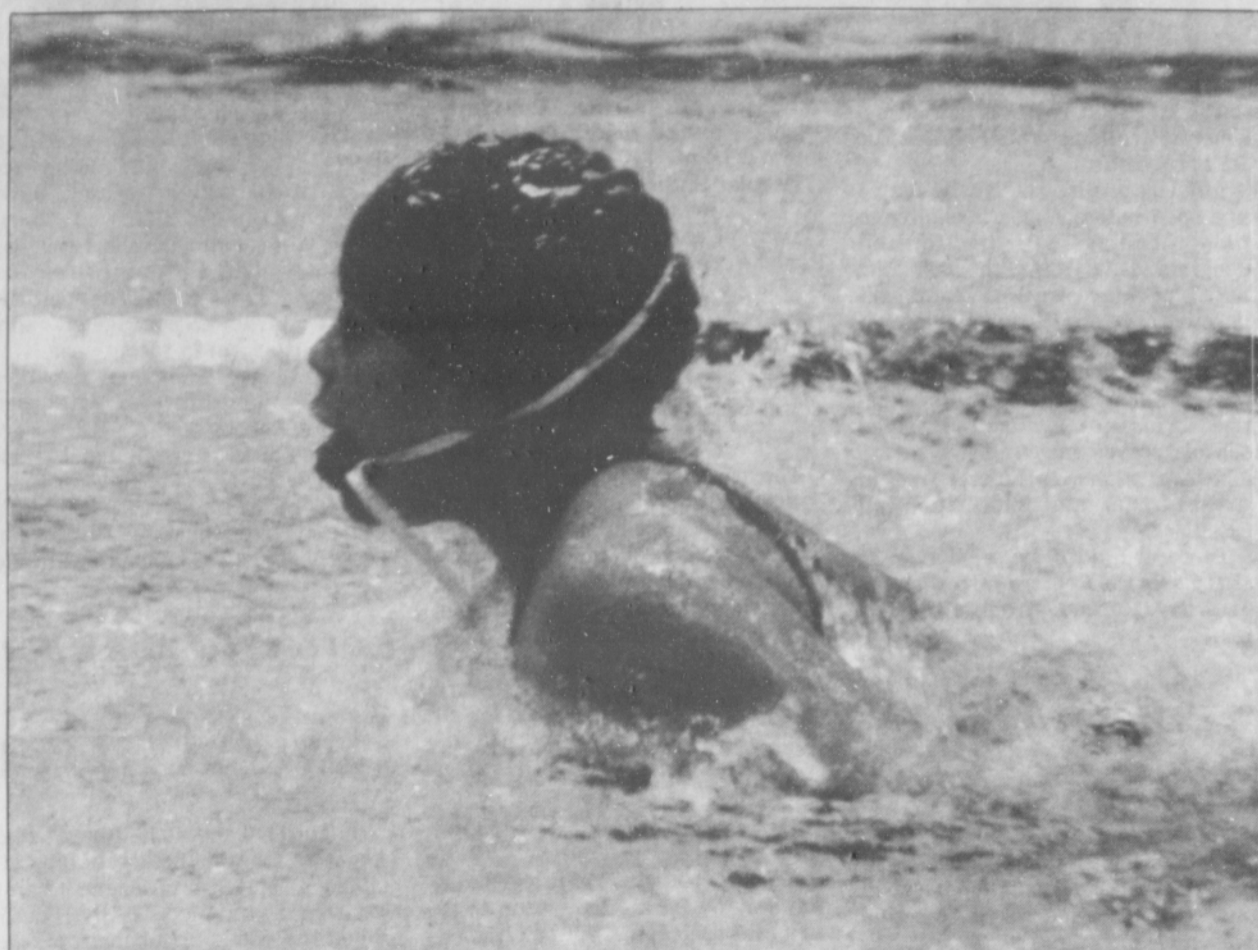




Columbia Basin swim meet

When she was getting ready to dive in (left), there was a little bit of trepidation. When her head bobbed up (above), she got a mouthful of not water, but her goggles. The Columbia Basin Swim League Championships held in Sandy this weekend brought a pool-full of

swimmers to the aquatic center. (Below) A boy waits for his teammate to reach the end of his relay leg so he can dive in. (Lower left) A steely gaze shows the concentration of this swimmer.



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Girls 4th, boys 5th at state skiing

The Sandy girls took fourth and the boys fifth in the recently completed Oregon high school championships at Mt. Bachelor near Bend.

Sophomore Jennifer Day was the top individual finisher for the Pioneers, taking third place overall, less than 10 seconds behind leader Karen Manske of Lakeridge.

No Sandy boys finished in the top 10.

The girls finished less than a second-and-a-half behind third-place Hood River of the Mt. Hood League. The boys and girls combined for fourth place overall.

The Barlow boys from the MHL took first. Mountain View won the girls competition and the combined title.

Holly Sarich was in contention for the slalom title, but fell on her second run. She took seventh in the giant slalom. Day took ninth in the same event.

Isn't it funny: How sports foibles aren't always that funny

by PAT O'HALLORAN

Isn't it funny:

How the Mt. Hood Conference had only four teams make the state playoffs in both boys and girls basketball, but none of the second- through fourth-place teams survived the two playoff rounds and Sandy, the MHC girls champs, didn't win any games either? (Don't hold your breath on The Dalles.)

How the top three draft choices from the 1984 National Basketball Association draft (Akeem Olajuwon, Sam Bowie and Michael Jordan) are all out with injuries?

How the Sandy Mountain Festival dumped choker softball and nobody complained — yet?

How everybody complains about Oregonian columnist Steve Duin, yet they continue to read him?

How hard it is to institute drug testing programs on the professional levels, but Lane Community College can start one without any problem? (Are the high schools listening?)

How the one player people want on their favorite NBA team wants is Ralph Sampson, but he is constantly being put down?

How the Sandy girls basketball team can beat Clackamas rather easily early in the season by 10, then turn around and

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lose to the Cavaliers by the same total in the state tournament (a 20-point turnaround)?

How the only National Hockey League player you ever read about in the newspapers is Wayne Gretzky?

How the easiest way to stop the controversy surrounding accusations of recruitment by St. Mary's Academy — ban all transfers after the eighth grade — hasn't been thought of?

How the only time you hear about the Cleveland State University basketball team is when it makes the NCAA Final Sixty-four?

How quickly people jump off the Oregon State University bandwagon express when the Beavers start losing?

How quickly people jump off the Portland Trail Blazer band-

wagon express when they start losing?

How the only two groups caring about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race are the people racing and the dogs?

How teams can posture a hard stand against drug use, but will take a player back with little time spent rehabilitating?

How a player named PeeWee Barber can score 22 points for a major college team (Florida State), but a 7-foot-7 player named Manute Bol can average less than four per game in the pros?

How Georgia Tech, Louisville, Duke and Kansas are all going to make the Final Four? (I had to squeak in those predictions somewhere.)

How quietly the United States Football League is treading these days? Remember last year and the Breakers?

How many teams tied for fifth in the Pacific-10 men's basketball standings (four at 8-10)?

How many games the Pac-10 is going to win in the NCAA's this year? (You can use less than one hand to count on.)

How little fanfare there was over the selection process of the National Invitational Tournament?

How much 'Marvelous' Marvin Hagler wants to fight Thomas Hearns?