

# The Sandy Post Sports and Recreation

## Broncos demolish Pioneers

by DAVE MAGNUSON  
Post writer

Few things went right for the Sandy High School boys' basketball team Tuesday night as visiting Parkrose beat the Pioneers 74-39.

The Broncos' victory, however, was marred by controversy.

With just 1:59 to go in the game, while Parkrose had a 38-point advantage, Bronco coach Terry Woods finally put in his reserves.

In addition, Woods was restless during the game, leaving his seat numerous times. Normally, when a coach stands up from the bench in high school basketball games, he is warned or is given a technical foul. Woods was neither warned nor received a "T" during the course of the game.

The Pioneers were unable to get into the flow of the game from the outset. Parkrose leapt to an 18-7 lead after the first period.

The second quarter was perhaps the worst eight minutes of Sandy's season this year. The Broncos got five straight points at the beginning of the quarter, all five from the free-throw line.

Sandy retaliated with four straight points coming from 6-foot-1 guards Chris Palmer and Brad Searls.

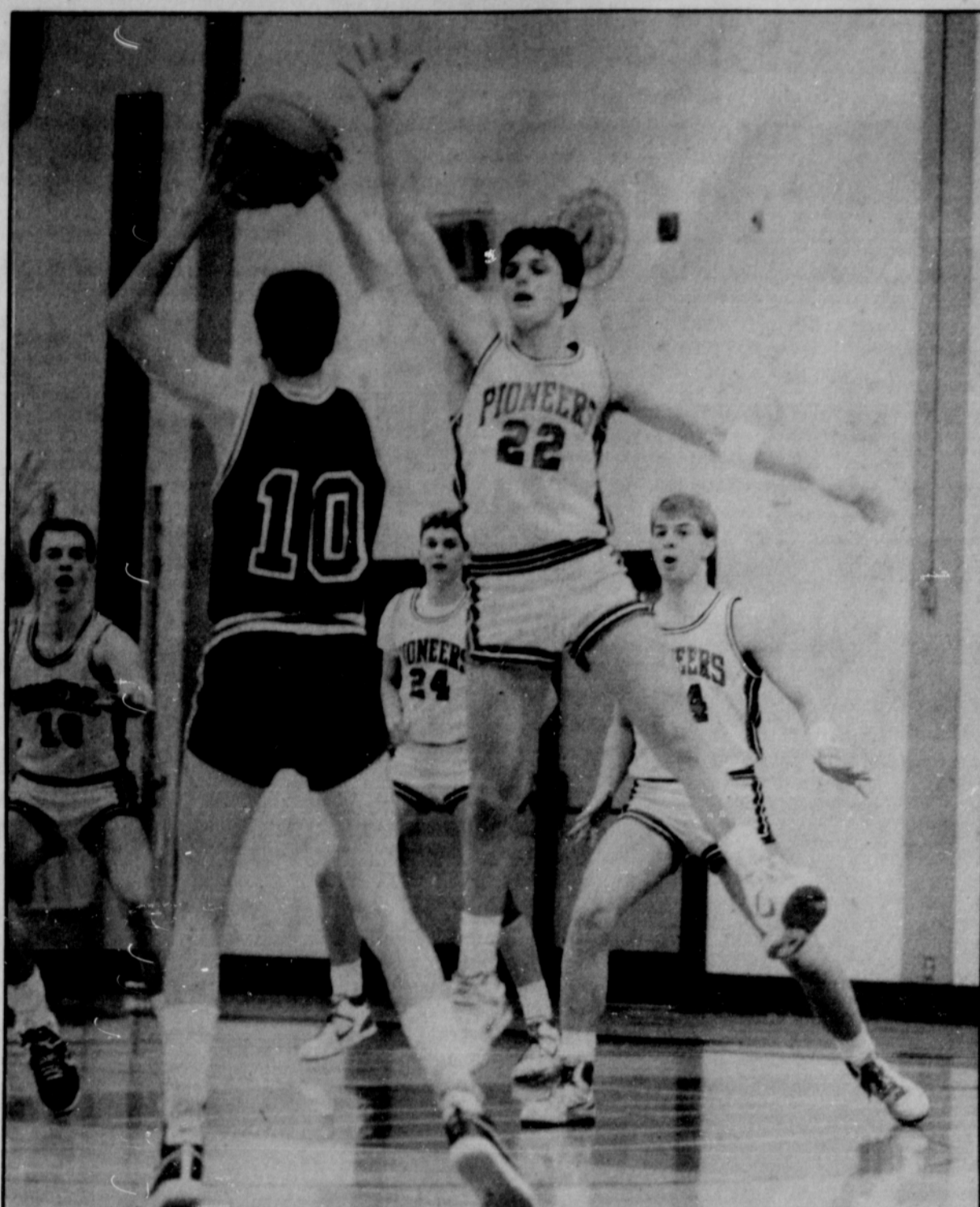
The Pioneers were able to score just two more points in the quarter, while giving up 14 additional Bronco points. Parkrose took a 37-13 lead at the half.

Bronco point guard John Bass had an incredible second half, scoring 15 points while playing only about 12 minutes. Bass scored eight straight Bronco points, most of which came on the fast break, in a two-minute span. Bass and company had a 55-25 lead at the end of three.

In the fourth quarter, the Pioneers were down by as many as 38. That is when Woods decided to finally bring in his bench.

Bass led Parkrose in scoring with 27. Searls scored 10 for Sandy, leading the Pioneers in the one-sided defeat.

With the loss, Sandy's Mount



Pioneer guard Brad Searls (22) pesters Parkrose forward Jason Taylor in the Broncos' 74-39 smothering of host Sandy. The Pioneers' record in the Mount Hood Conference slipped to 3-3 with the loss.

Hood Conference record falls to 3-3. Its overall record is 6-6.

"I see a pattern so far this season," Pioneer coach Dan Brisbin said. "If we start out with things going our way early in the first quarter, we play real well. If things don't go our way early in the first quarter, we will not do a good job in maintaining our poise." Sandy takes on Central Catholic

on the Rams' home court Friday night in another difficult contest. Central is favored by many to win the MHC title this year. How will the loss to Parkrose affect Sandy's performance against the Rams?

"It's only one game out of 16," Brisbin said optimistically. "We have to work harder if we're going to get a playoff spot this season."

In recent and more successful action for the Pioneers, Sandy defeated the Centennial Eagles at home, 72-58, behind the fine play of center Tony Hale. Hale finished the game with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Three other Pioneers scored in double figures. Palmer had 12, Searls and forward Randy Lamm each added 10.

## Crampton scores 25

# Sandy girls roll past Parkrose

by DAVE MAGNUSON  
Post writer

In the past two weeks, the Sandy girls' basketball team has shown the Mount Hood Conference that it is still something to be reckoned with.

Tuesday night, Parkrose reckoned with, but lost to the Pioneers on its home court, 55-47, despite a late charge that cut down Sandy's 15-point lead. The Pioneers are in the midst of a four-game winning streak, the longest streak of the season so far.

In the fourth quarter, the Broncos got to within six points of the Pioneers, but the Parkrose charge was too little, too late.

Forward Julie Crampton scored a career-high 25 points for Sandy, while collecting eight rebounds. During the four-game streak of triumphs, Crampton has averaged 18.8 points a game and has been solid all-around.

Crampton was 10-for-16 from the floor and 5-for-6 from the free-throw line. Teammates Wendy Coleman and Shanna Daniels also had good nights from the floor, hitting a combined 11-for-17. As a team, the Pioneers were 23-for-46 from the field; an even 50 percent.

Daniels finished with 15 points, seven assists and eight rebounds. Coleman was diagnosed just four hours before game-time as having tonsillitis and she played sparingly. But, in her dozen minutes, Coleman had eight points and ripped down 11 rebounds.

Guard Maria Rowland had six assists for the Pioneers. Sandy opened the game with a 10-3 lead, but managed to score only once more in the first quarter, while allowing eight. It held slim 12-11 lead after one quarter.

In the second quarter, Sandy took advantage of a couple of steals and hit some key shots, pulling out to a 22-17 halftime lead.

Coleman, Crampton and Daniels combined to score the Pioneers' 17 third-quarter points. Sandy held Parkrose to just 10 points in the third, finishing the third quarter with a 39-27 lead.

The Pioneers had as much as a 15-point lead, but it was whittled down to only six late in the game. Sandy then hit key free throws and was able to stave off the Broncos' late charge, winning the Mount Hood Conference game 55-47.

With the win, Sandy remains tied with Gresham for first place. Both teams share 7-1 MHC records. Gresham takes on Parkrose Friday night in a game Sandy coach John Smith hopes works in his favor.

"We're hoping for a Bronco win," Smith said. If Parkrose does not defeat Gresham, Smith added that Sandy must defeat the Gophers on its own. Gresham handed the Pioneers their only league loss of the season earlier this year at Sandy.

The next meeting between Sandy and Gresham is Feb. 6 and will be played in Gresham.

The Pioneers took their third consecutive win Friday night at Centennial, blowing away the Eagles with outstanding second-half defense en route to the 60-40 victory.

Four Pioneers scored in double figures: Coleman had 18, Crampton 11, Rowland scored 12 and Daniels had a triple-double, scoring 13 points, hauling in 12 rebounds and dishing out 10 assists.

At the half, Sandy held a slim 30-28 lead, coming off a 14-6 deficit at the end of the first. The four quarters got progressively better for the Pioneers.

"We kind of skinned our noses off the starting block," Smith said. "In the first quarter they had us on the brink of collapse."

The game within the game provided a contrast. Centennial used its bench on numerous occasions, while Smith kept the same five starters in from the beginning until 1:39 to go in the third quarter.

"When you're on a roll, it's hard to substitute," Smith said. "I guess I should be teaching science because I believe a lot in chemistry."

"Granted, I've got depth on the bench, but when we have five people working together and nobody's looking tired and nobody's getting fatigued, I have a hard time substituting," he said.

## Event this weekend

# Sandy to take part in wrestling Classic

Sandy High School will take part in one of the Northwest's premier wrestling events, the Oregon Wrestling Classic, Friday and Saturday at the University of Portland's Earle A. Chiles Center.

Sandy's team, which joins 19 other class AAA schools in the Classic, was invited based on last year's rankings. But, according to Pioneer coach Ron Calhoun, the team may have difficulty finding much success.

"It's kind of interesting," Calhoun said of the Classic. "It's going to bring together, supposedly, the top 16 teams in the state. Last year, we got invited based on what they thought we'd have coming back." The Pioneers lost several talented wrestlers to graduation.

"So, we're in for some tough competition," he said. "Our first match will be with Milwaukie, who's rated second or third in

state. I don't know who our second match is going to be with; it could very well be Benson, who's beaten us twice already (this season).

"That's pretty tough." Two other Mount Hood Conference squads invited to the tournament are Gresham and Barlow high schools.

Class AA Estacada High School also will attend the weekend invitational.

The Classic also exploits the talents of several Northwest colleges, as well. Included in the list is the University of Oregon, of which two Sandy High School graduates wrestle for: Chuck Kearney Jr. and Dan Martin.

This is the fourth year the Classic has been held. Cost of the tournament is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children 5 and under. Tickets are on sale at all G.I. Joe's ticket outlets and at the Chiles Center box office.

# Week proves successful for wrestlers

by DAVE MAGNUSON  
Post writer

The Sandy wrestling team competed for two straight days last week, successful in both, beating Columbia Thursday night and winning the Parkrose Invitational Friday.

Sandy's Marsial Herrera (123 pounds), John Skinner (130), Casey Beaudoin (157) and Art Skipper (178) each had first-place finishes in their respective weight classes.

Sandy finished with 43 points, Glencoe was second with 38, host Parkrose took third with 34 and McMinnville came in last with 16 points.

"Given the fact that we've lost an awful lot of wrestlers in the last few days — some quit and some had other responsibilities — we did OK," Sandy coach Ron Calhoun said. "We're going to have a hard time patching our lineup from now on, but we're going to give it a good try."

In other recent action, Sandy faced former Pioneer assistant coach Chris Taylor, who now coaches Columbia's wrestling program, in a head-to-head Mount Hood Conference match on Sandy's home mat.

The match was expected to be much closer than the final outcome had indicated, Calhoun said.

"(Taylor) came over a day or so before the match and we talked about



Yo Masui of the 115-pound weight category grabs hold of Columbia opponent Dave Weissenflue in Masui's 8-4 victory. Sandy pinned four Charger opponents in its 52-18 home victory last Thursday night.

the lineup and the way the matches were to go," Calhoun said. "He and I both felt that it could be a fairly close match. Lo and behold, we got things rolling and made it not a close match."

Sandy won the competition, 52-18, starting out strong and pinning four Charger opponents in the meantime. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the evening came when 98-pounder Mike

Schleigh pinned Columbia's Justin Peterson just 1 minute 25 seconds into the first period of the first match. Calhoun was impressed with Schleigh's performance.

"I guess what really got things starting out was our little 98-pounder, who got his first big win of the year for us at varsity and kind of got the ball rolling," Calhoun said. Things just started falling into place."

The Pioneers won the first five weight events of the evening, as Schleigh joined Clayton Hull, Masui, Herrera and Skinner as triumphant wrestlers. Skinner pinned Ben Tangye of the Chargers in the 130-pound class 1:37 into the first period.

Beaudoin and 191-pounder Justin Yungeberg also pinned their opponents.

# High school sports still have place in Rick Metsger's heart

by DAVE MAGNUSON  
Staff writer

Being the messenger of bad tidings to thousands of people is a difficult task.

However, that is exactly what KOIN-TV sports editor Rick Metsger had to do last week during the 5 o'clock news on Channel 6.

But before he broadcast the news that Houston Rockets stars Mitchell Wiggins and Lewis Lloyd had tested positive for cocaine use, Metsger was in Sandy at the Tollgate Inn, speaking to a group of people at the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce weekly meeting/luncheon.

Metsger, who lived in Sandy through the fourth grade, said that his career at KOIN was not something that was planned. In fact,

it was an "accident."

"I was teaching communications and coaching basketball at Lewis & Clark College," Metsger said after the meeting. "The year before I joined Channel 6, I was recruiting a kid by the name of Kevin Bryant from Sunset High School. His dad (Ted Bryant) was the news director at Channel 6 at that time. I met the family and got along with them real well."

"Then the following winter, I got a call at Lewis & Clark and called Ted Bryant," Metsger recalls. "I couldn't remember who he was off-hand and I called the number and (when they answered) 'Channel 6,' it clicked in; I knew (then) who it was."

"He said he had an opening; they were adding a weekend sports guy. They knew I was a communications

## dave's vanilla thunder

graduate, I coached basketball, so they figured I was a natural," the 1969 Centennial High School graduate said. "And they wanted to know if I was interested in auditioning."

"I figured, 'Heck, no one's ever going to ask you to audition again.' Certainly nowadays they don't do it like that and, even then, I thought that was a little unusual. But I said, 'Sure, why not?'"

"So I went out and auditioned and they offered me a job and I thought about it for a while. I came to the con-

clusion that... probably no one would offer me a TV job (again), so (I said) 'Let's go for it.'"

"It turned out to be a great thing," Metsger said of his job. "I love it."

Metsger is celebrating 10 years at KOIN this week. In that decade, Metsger has met many people, professional athletes (among his favorites are: Julius Erving, Mike Schmidt, Dale Murphy, Dan Fouts, Mario Andretti, Arnold Palmer and Peter Jacobsen), college athletes and high school athletes.

But he said, during his question and answer session at Tuesday's luncheon, his favorite area of athletic competition was on the high school level, because of its pure enthusiasm and honest love for athletics.

"Once in a while, people will ask me what I like covering the most: high school, college or professional athletics," Metsger said to the group. "Generally, my response is always the same: It's almost always high school athletics."

"I like the enthusiasm generated and the 'real' competition in that you don't know what's going to happen," Metsger added. "There's a lot of grassroots enthusiasm that we try to capture on Channel 6. We see that (enthusiasm) in professional athletes once in a while, but (it's not the same as) covering the Sandy girls' basket-

ball team in the state tournament last year; the kids are enthusiastic and they give the real meaning of sports."

Metsger is married. His wife Kay is undoubtedly Rick's first priority, but sports definitely remains high on the list in Metsger's life. So high on the list, in fact, that he has made it his livelihood.

"Sports is a real good mirror of society," Metsger said, following with examples to support his claim. "Life is winning and losing and trying to win. (Life is) always striving to succeed at something."

"You have winners and you have losers and you have rules and you have different ways to win and penalties if you don't. Above all, (sports) teaches you to pull yourself up and to keep trying," Metsger said.