

## Girls clinch tie for first place

*A victory over Parkrose would bring league title*

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Only 32 minutes remain in the Sandy girls basketball team's regular season.

Anything can happen in those 32 minutes and the Pioneers know that. The team will be spending that time with Parkrose, a team that will make post-season play, but also could be the spoiler for Sandy's hopes of winning a Mount Hood Conference crown.

The Pioneers easily defeated Centennial at home Tuesday night, 69-37, and also smothered Barlow on the road Friday night, 66-26.

In addition, with the victory over the Eagles, Sandy clinched at least a tie for first place in the MHC.

The game with Centennial may have been expected to be a somewhat close one, but Sandy quickly made a yawner of it.

The score was tied only twice during the game — once at 0-0 and another time at 2-2.

But that's the closest the Eagles would come as Sandy had a 6-4 lead, then overwhelmed Centennial with a 12-point barrage in just less than three minutes. Converting Eagle turnovers into points was a main factor in the blitz of a dozen unanswered points.

Forward Shanna Daniels scored 10 in the first quarter alone as the Pioneers rolled out to a 20-8 lead.

From then on, it was all Sandy. In the second quarter, the Pioneers had led by as many as 21, which is where they were at halftime, 36-15.

Sandy led by as many as 26 in the third, as sophomore forward Renae Aschoff took a Daniels pass for a layup in with two minutes to go in the quarter. Aschoff led Sandy's third-quarter scorers with six points off the bench as the Pioneers led 49-25 after three quarters.

In the fourth, forward Julie Crampton scored eight of her 13 points, despite playing with four fouls. Daniels scored six more in the quarter, to finish with a game-high 26 points on 11-for-19 shooting from the floor.

Daniels' 26 points was a career high. But her presence on the floor against the Eagles was more than

just scoring. Daniels finished with six assists, four rebounds and handled the ball well.

Daniels strongly believes the Pioneers will perform well in the state tournament.

"If we play like this, we should do awfully well," Daniels said.

Not to be overshadowed by Daniels' performance, guard Maria Rowland also had a good game, scoring eight points, collecting a team-high nine rebounds and dishing out six assists. She also had four steals.

Crampton also was pleased with the end result.

"This is the best feeling game I've ever played in," Crampton said of the team spirit and cohesiveness on the floor. "We got the feeling."

Assistant coach Molly Knudsen agreed.

"It was probably one of the best team games that we've played all season," Knudsen said. "We worked together, we communicated. I just hope that this is the first of many (team-oriented games) throughout the rest of the season."

Starting center Wendy Coleman, who finished with nine points, is confident the Pioneers will beat Parkrose on Friday, in which case Sandy would win the MHC title for the third consecutive season.

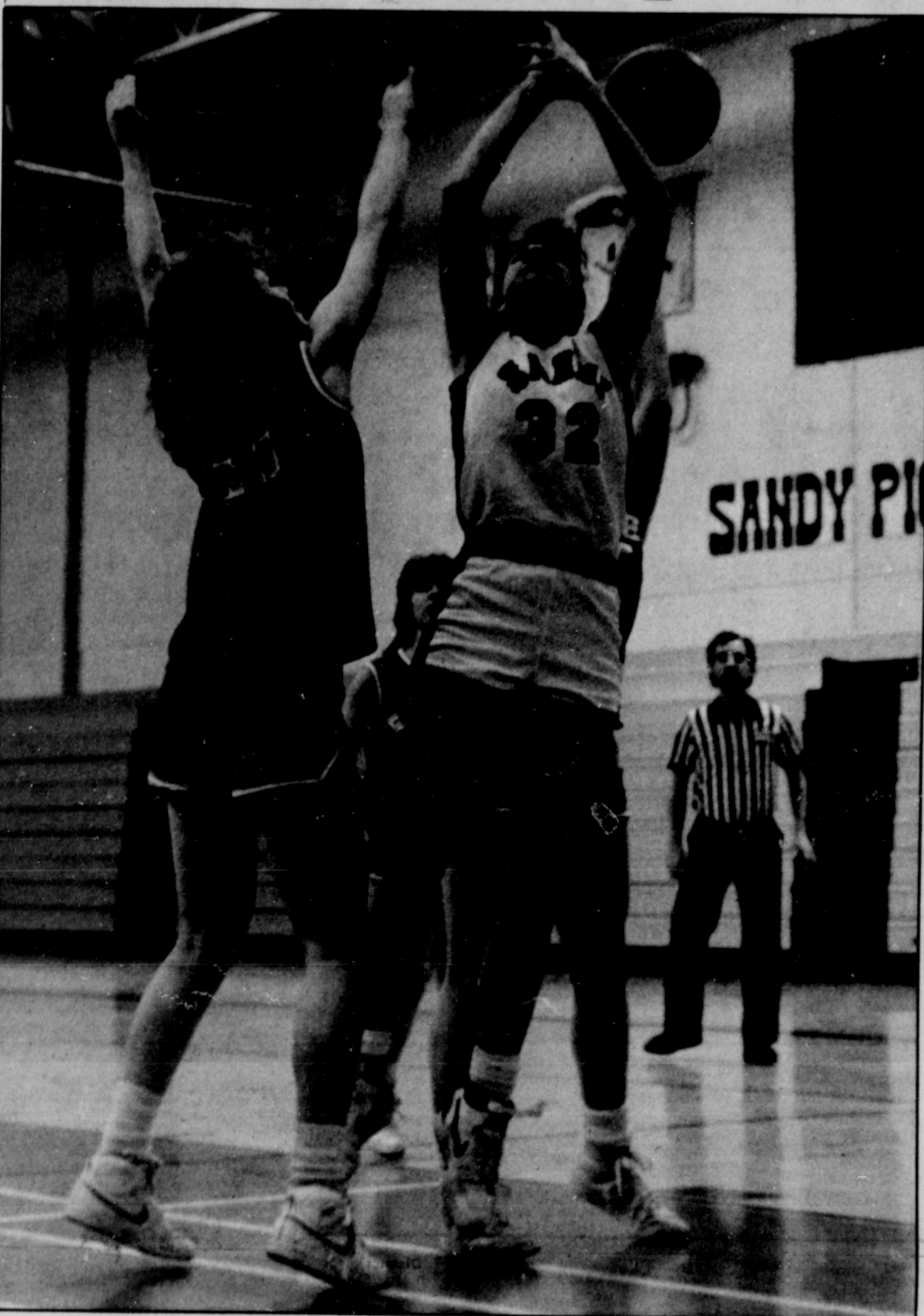
"I think we'll beat (Parkrose), especially if we play like we did tonight," Coleman said. "We're just going to go out and hustle and beat them."

With the win over Centennial, the Pioneers increased their winning streak to 12 games and brought their MHC record to 14-1. Sandy is 18-3 overall and ranked seventh in the statewide Associated Press poll this week.

In that undefeated span of 5½ weeks, Sandy has outscored its opponents by an average of 23.8 points per game.

Against Barlow, Sandy had a 33-6 lead at halftime en route to a 66-26 rout of the Bruins.

Daniels had 15 to lead all scorers, and Coleman and guard Suzee Adkins added 12 and 10 points, respectively.



Sophomore forward Renae Aschoff (32) finds her shot blocked by Centennial's Trish Wilson in the Pioneers' 69-37 demolition of the Eagles Tuesday night. With

the win, Sandy has clinched a tie for first place in the Mount Hood Conference.

Photo by Dave Magnuson

## Ski teams finish 3rd in slalom

It was a "bad" weekend for Sandy's ski team and its coach Robert Karsten as the boys team finished fourth and the girls finished third in the giant slalom at Timberline.

"I'm very disappointed with the results (of the weekend), as much as the kids are," Karsten said. "By observing our racers go through the course, we should've had as good a times as (the opponents) did, which we didn't."

No Sandy skier finished in the top five Mount Hood Conference individual performances. In fact, the top finishers for the boys and girls both placed ninth.

Liz Krenwinkel was ninth overall for the girls team. Holly Sarich finished 11th overall and Rhonda Young had the third-best time for the Pioneers.

The girls went into the meet in second place in the MHC and, despite the third-place showing, remain in second place.

The boys team went into the meet in first place and stayed in first place, despite the fourth-place finish.

Sean Fenwick was ninth overall. Brothers Randy and Dave Quiett were Sandy's second and third finishers, respectively.

Although the teams' positions in the standings remained unchanged, Karsten wishes the teams could have performed better, to strengthen their chances of clinching first place.

"All in all, it's not what I wanted to have happen," Karsten said. "I wanted to put a little icing on the cake and I sort of got frosted myself."

Barlow finished first in boys competition, followed by Hood River, The Dalles and Sandy. The Pioneers, who finished with a time of 3 minutes, 5.17 seconds, were a mere 12 hundredths of a second behind The Dalles and only 14 hundredths of a second behind Hood River.

In girls competition, Hood River led the way with a time of 3:12.32, followed by Parkrose and Sandy, which had a 3:23.31 clocking.

"We probably will never place that low again," Karsten said. "I don't see us placing that low again."

"We're not in as strong a position now as we were last week, but that's how the racing goes," Karsten said. "We can always make mistakes like everyone else."

## Boys' playoff hopes still alive

*Team holds 4th with wins over Barlow, Centennial*

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The Sandy boys basketball team is concentrating on each individual game as it comes, and the tactic seems to be working in its favor.

In recent Mount Hood Conference action, the Pioneers ousted the Barlow Bruins from Sandy's home court Friday night, then defeated Centennial on the road Tuesday, thus giving them sole possession of the coveted fourth place in the MHC.

Each win is vital at this point of the season for Sandy. The Pioneers are vying with four other teams for the third- and fourth-place spots of the MHC. No team below fourth place will make it to post-season competition.

With three regular-season games remaining, Sandy has one more road game at Parkrose Friday night before finishing the season with a two-game home stand against Central Catholic and Columbia.

In Tuesday night's game at Centennial, Sandy managed to overcome a six-point deficit in the fourth quarter, pulling ahead and winning 64-61, upping the Pioneers' league standings to 7-6.

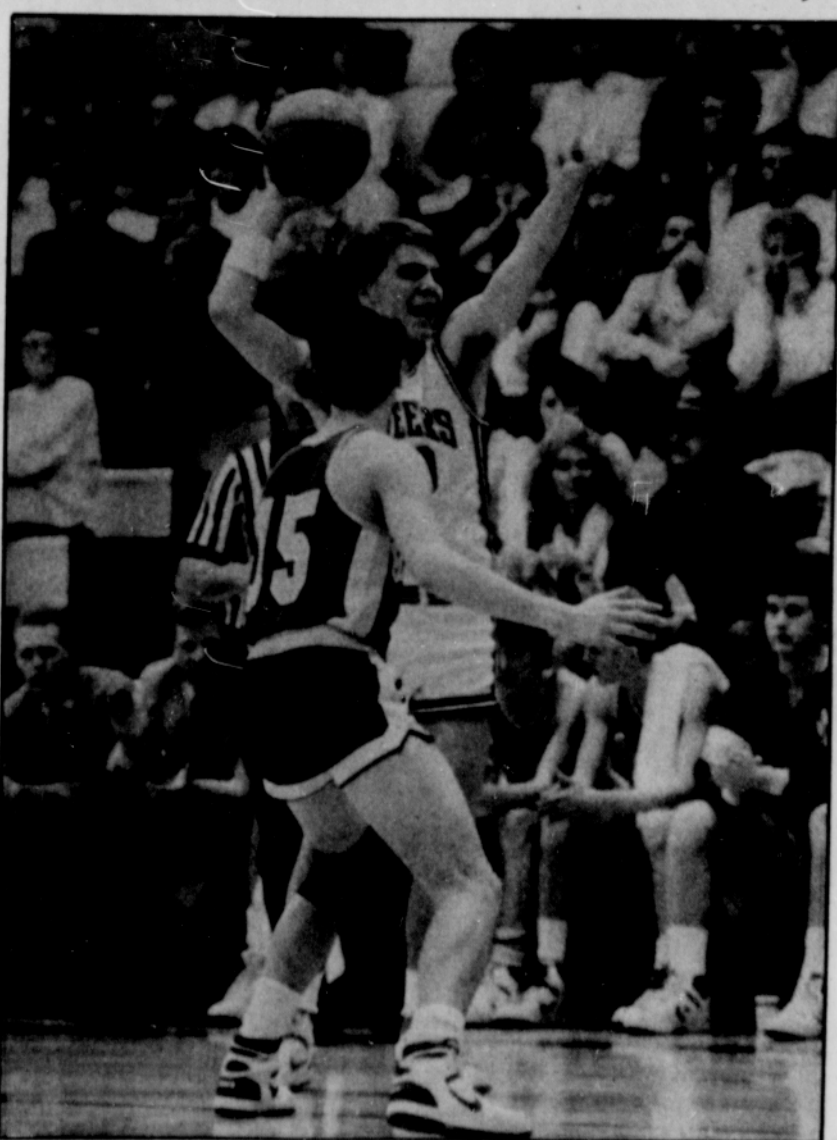
Both teams had a difficult time getting their offenses going in the opening minutes of the game, but Sandy took an 11-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Pioneers got their fast break going and pulled away from the Eagles with an 11-point advantage. Then, with about 1:30 to go in the first half, Centennial got to within five.

Sandy had a 30-25 lead at the half. Centennial then had a hot third quarter, leading by six at one time. The Pioneers pulled to within one at the end of the third, 47-46.

Going into the fourth, Sandy was controlling its offense. It took advantage of Centennial fouls and made several of its fourth-quarter points from the free-throw line.

Toward the end of the game, Sandy had a three-point lead when the Eagles' bench took its final timeout of the game with three seconds to go.



Sandy's Shane Nichols holds ball up with one hand while calling out a play with the other in the first quarter against Barlow. The Pioneers came from behind to defeat the Bruins Friday night, 60-51.

Since the Pioneers did not want to chance a three-point play, they simply allowed Centennial to score.

Then the Eagles tried to call another time out. Since they did not have anymore, they were whistled for a technical foul.

The free throws were made and Sandy won, 64-61.

All of the Pioneers who scored had

at least eight points. Guard Brad Searls led the way with 16, forward Randy Lamm had 12, center Tony Hale had 10. Chris Palmer and Randy Wheeler each added nine and Gerald Hale had eight.

"Centennial is a much improved team," Pioneer coach Dan Brisbin said. The Pioneers defeated the Eagles earlier this year at home

72-58. "This was a big one for us because (Centennial) had beaten Reynolds and Barlow." Both Reynolds and Barlow are in the running for the two available playoff spots.

On Friday night in Sandy, Barlow gave the Pioneers a scare, but none of Sandy's players were willing to give up.

The team also had added incentive in that it was Tony Hale's birthday. Hale, who finished with only six points on the night, made some key defensive plays late in the game.

Barlow took a 12-0 lead, however, at the opening of the contest. Sandy found itself down 14-6 after the first and closed to within five, 25-20, at the half.

Barlow then got out to a 33-26 lead in the third before the Pioneers hit some key shots.

After Searls converted a three-point play, the 6-foot-1 Lamm hit a shot from 14 feet, buried a lay in and made a nice pass to Gerald Hale for the 10-foot jumper, as Sandy took the lead for the first time 35-33.

As the third quarter came to a close, the score was tied at 37-37.

In the fourth, the score would be tied only once more at 39-39 before the Pioneers scored six points, while taking 3:46 off the clock between Bruin scores.

While the fans were wishing Tony Hale a happy birthday, Sandy unwrapped the 49-43 gift of victory.

"Our attitude was so high because we pretty much got humiliated over there," the 17-year-old Hale said, referring to the Bruins' 61-41 smashing of Sandy earlier in the season. "We wanted this one so bad. We came out so intense. We never quit."

Lamm, who was instrumental in turning the game around, said the win was most important in staying alive in the playoff race, but he thought that the win was special in another way.

"It was a such a sweet victory because we needed this one," Lamm said. "But because it was Tony's birthday made it that much sweeter."

## Sandy wrestlers win over Barlow

Wayne Owens was the man of the hour as the Sandy wrestling team upset league co-champion Barlow 30-27 in Mount Hood Conference competition last Thursday night.

Owens, the Pioneers' heavyweight who had never won a match on the varsity level, finally got that first win in a climactic way by pinning his opponent and deciding the team's final MHC dual meet of the year.

Going into the final match, the heavyweight competition, Sandy trailed 27-24. As Owens got his first win of his career, the Pioneers earned six additional points, winning 30-27.

"It was quite a win for us," coach Ron Calhoun said. "It was a case where neither one of us fielded a terrific, full lineup." He added that both teams were plagued by injuries.

Going into the meet, Barlow had lost only two dual meets in the 6-year history of the MHC. The Pioneers handed Barlow one of those two losses.

However, Sandy gave the Bruins their third MHC loss, which made Barlow co-champions with Centennial. Both the Bruins and Eagles finished with 6-1 league records.

The Pioneers finished tied for fourth place with David Douglas at 4-3.

Sandy had a 6-0 lead through two matches against Barlow, as Mike Schleigh and Yo Masui each got wins.

Then Sandy lost three straight matches, including one pin. Going into the 136-pound match, Barlow had a 12-6 lead.

Junior Donovan Buhl then pinned his opponent to tie the meet 12-12. The tie lasted just six minutes, as 141-pounder Jeff

Davis lost a close match 8-6, as Barlow regained the lead 15-12.

The Pioneers had to forfeit the 148 match, thus giving Barlow six "free" points. All year, Sandy had had problems filling the 148-pound category.

Sandy then came up with two wins in as many matches. Casey Beaudoin defeated his 157-pound opponent 18-9 followed by 168-pounder Troy Freeman, who won 5-2. The Pioneers closed the gap, but the Bruins still led 21-19.

At 178, Art Skipper was pinned, as Barlow upped its lead to 7-19. Justin Yungeberg made up five team points by annihilating his opponent in the 191 class, 16-2.

Then Owens pinned the Barlow wrestler as Sandy upset the Bruins 30-27.

The district finals take place this weekend at Barlow High School. At least four Sandy wrestlers have a good shot of being successful at the district meet.

By win/loss percentage, the four winningest Pioneers wrestlers are Masui (who finished 20-3), Yungeberg (19-4), Beaudoin (18-4) and 123-pounder Marsial Herrera (15-4).

How will the Pioneers fare at the district finals? Calhoun is not quite sure, because anything can happen.

"I remember two years ago, we had five kids (in the conference) at 115 who had gone to state before," Calhoun recalls. "And, of course, only three of them (got to go)."

Calhoun added that this year's 178-pound class is no different in the MHC. There are five wrestlers at 178 in the MHC who Calhoun calls "tough." Sandy's Skipper is one of those five. Only three wrestlers at each weight get to go on to state after district finals.