

State playoffs

Girls face Crater in second round

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Head coach John Smith and his Sandy girls basketball team will probably not miss seeing another sunset.

The Sunset girls basketball team, that is.

The Apollos became the Pioneers' 13th straight opponent to go down to defeat. They played Tuesday night at the University of Portland Earle A. Chiles Center in round one of the Oregon Schools Activities Association/U.S. Bank AAA girls basketball tournament.

The Pioneers' performances in the two halves were as polarized as Dr. Jekyll's personality.

Sandy's defense had nothing to "Hyde" in the first half as no Apollo player grabbed an offensive rebound. The Pioneers' offense was nothing overly spectacular, but the team had a 13-point halftime lead.

However, the second half was quite another matter. Six of the Apollos' first eight points in the third quarter came on second-effort shots.

Sunset made a run late in the fourth, but the Pioneers managed to hold on and win, 47-42. Sandy, ranked fifth in the Associated Press poll this week, goes on to play the state's No. 9-ranked Crater on Thursday at 3 p.m. in the tournament quarterfinals at the Chiles Center.

Sandy got out to a 6-0 lead before taking a 12-2 lead with 3:08 to go in the opening period.

The Pioneers finished the first period with a 16-9 lead. Forward Shanna Daniels finished with eight points in the quarter.

What could have been a blow out by Sandy in the second quarter was not. The Pioneers held the Apollos scoreless in the eight-minute period, but only managed six points of offense in the second quarter.

Sandy went into the locker room at the half leading, 22-9.

Despite playing so well defensively and making some pretty shots, the team was unsuccessful from the free-throw line. The Pioneers went 0-for-8 from the line in the first half and would miss its next two before finally making its initial charity shot.

Sandy finished the game making just 11 of 29 free throw tries.

The third quarter was little less than a nightmare for Sandy as it saw its 13-point lead being whittled down to three points late in the quarter.

In a string of just 32 seconds midway through the period, Sandy was whistled for four consecutive personal fouls, the first three being Daniels' second, third and fourth personals in the game.

With seven seconds to go in the third, Sunset center Marie Mead laid the ball through the net to pull the Apollos to within three points, 29-26.

Fortunately for Sandy, a freak foul was called on Apollo guard Pam McNelis with one second to go in the third and Sandy guard Maria Rowland hit both ends of her free throws, a feat which none of her teammates had done in the game. The Pioneers' one-time commanding lead was snuffed into a restless 31-26 advantage at the end of the third.

Not only was the five-point lead restless, but so were the Apollos in the fourth period.

Sunset made a slow yet consistent attack in the final frame. The Apollos cut away at Sandy's lead before eventually tying the game 36-36 with 4:37 to go.

The Apollos took their first lead of the ball game 1½ minutes later as Sunset's Hyde — Jennifer Hyde — hit a lay in. Sunset led 38-37 with 3:09 to go.

The lead did not last long for the Apollos as Daniels made use of a Julie Crampton screen and drove the baseline for the score.

Later, Crampton hit one of two free throws to put Sandy up 40-38 with 2:05 to go.

With 1:52 to go, Rowland stole the ball away from Sunset, which eventually led to two more points by Crampton.

After Sunset's Hilary Brown got a score after getting an offensive rebound, the Pioneers held a 42-40 lead with 55 seconds to play.

Just five seconds later, Sunset's defense forced a Sandy turnover on the inbounds play. Fortunately for the Pioneers, Daniels corralled a defensive rebound and Rowland was eventually fouled.

Rowland made one of her two free throws and eight seconds later, forward Wendy Coleman was fouled and made two free throws to give the Pioneers a 45-40 lead with 21 seconds left.

Each team scored a field goal apiece as Sandy won 47-42.

The Pioneers go up against the Crater Comets of the Southern League. With their win over Marshall Tuesday night, Crater's record went to 20-4 overall.

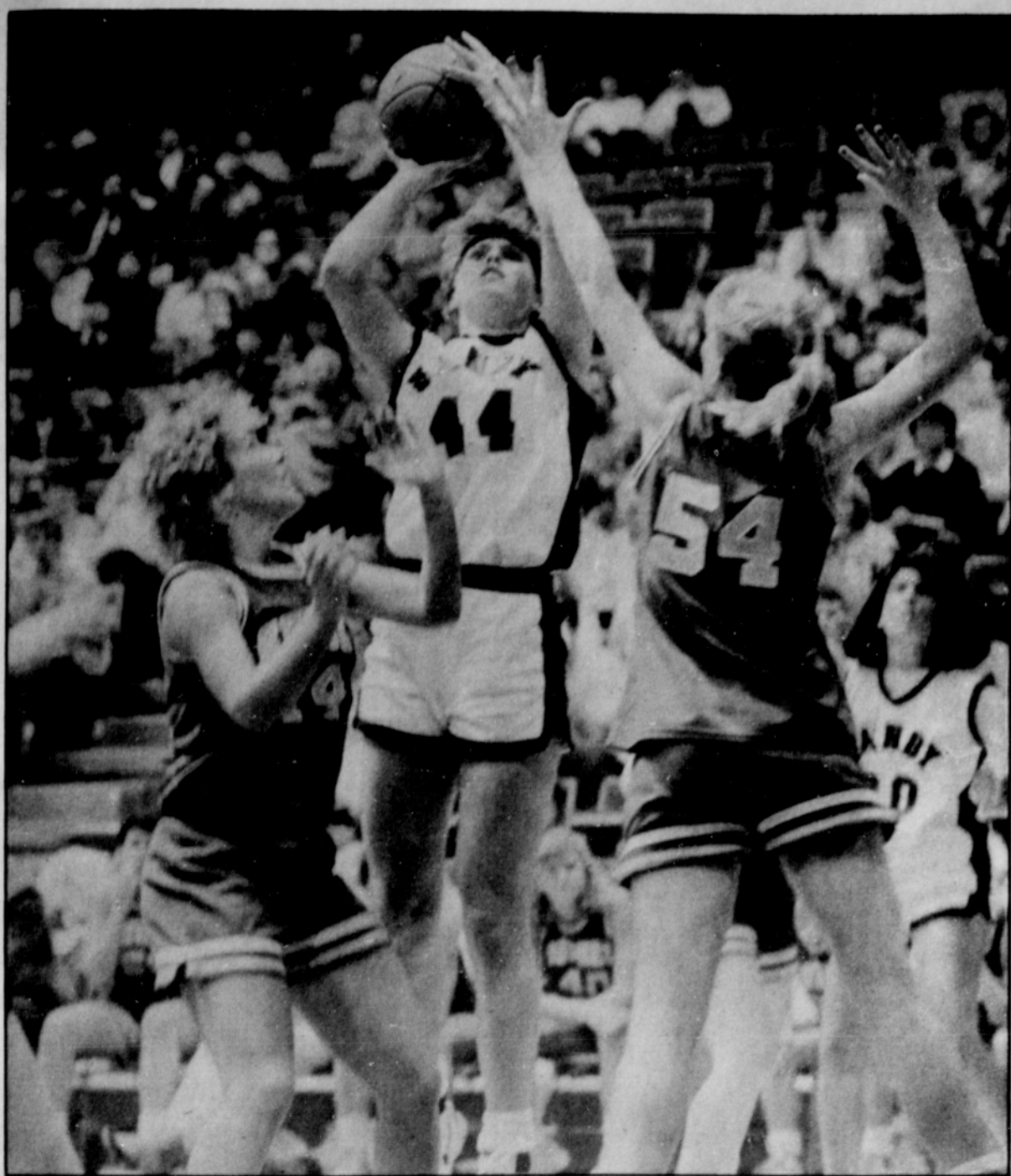


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Sandy forward Wendy Coleman (44) puts up shot over Sunset's Pam McNelis and Marie Mead (54) in the Pioneers' 47-42 win over the Apollos Tuesday night at the Chiles Center in the state girls basketball tournament. Coleman hit two free throws near the end of the game to help solidify Sandy's first-round win.

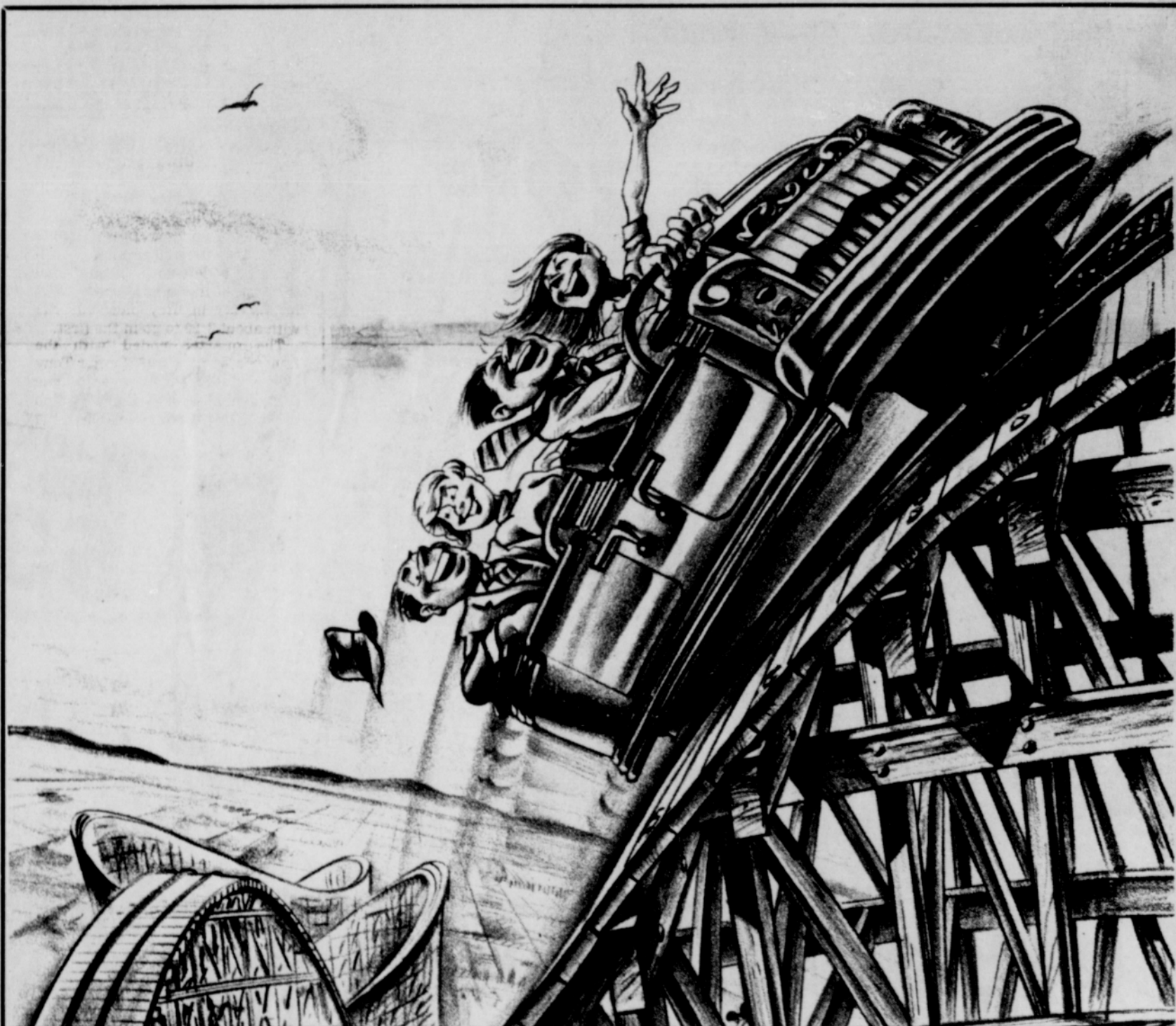
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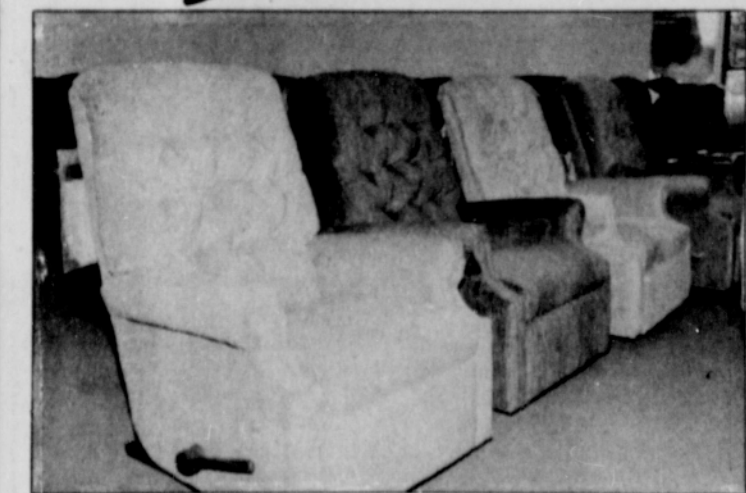
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