

Swim club wins award in Albany

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club, a Sandy-based swim organization, earned the J.D. Penney Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Feb. 28 at the Oregon Swimming Age Group Short Course Championships at Albany.

Also at the meet, eight swimmers qualified to swim at the regional championships at Kirkland, Wash., March 13-15.

The sportsmanship award is given to a team for demonstrating outstanding team spirit, cohesiveness, enthusiasm, improvement and showing the ideal attitude towards competition.

The 9- and 10-year-old girls 200-yard medley relay team of Laurie Holbert, Sara Drill, Nikki Hanson and Shawna Stewart broke a nearly 13-year-old record. The same foursome broke another 13-year-old record in the 200 freestyle relay.

Hanson broke a 12-year-old record in the 50 butterfly and Robyn Hayball broke an 11-year-old record at the championship meet.

Out of 14 Blue Marlin swimmers in the meet, there were 44 events involved. Of those 44, 27 were personal best times.

The eight swimmers who qualified to compete at the regional championships are: Drill, Hanson, Hayball and Carrie Mills for the girls, and Beau Knight, Jason Smith, Derek Spires and Adam Hayball for the boys.

The regional championships will showcase the talents of swimmers from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and western Montana.

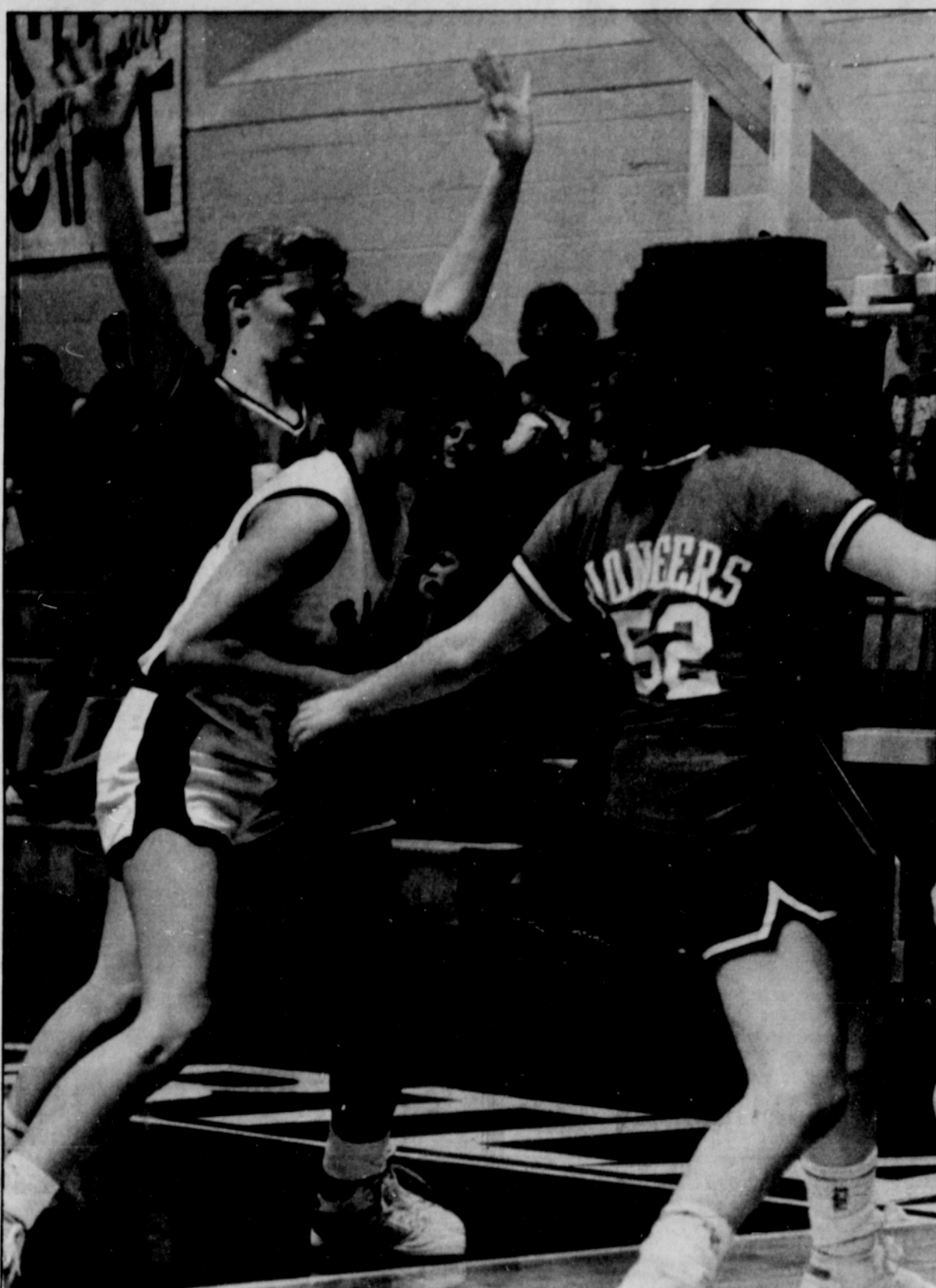
From there, swimmers who qualify will go on to the Far Western Swimming Championships in Walnut Creek, Calif. All states from the west coast will be represented at that meet.

Hanson, Smith, Spires and Robyn Hayball have each already qualified for the Far Western meet.

The spring and summer session of the BMAC season begins March 30. Youngsters interested in swimming for the age 14-and-under club should contact coach Mark Smith or assistant coach Terri Dennett at 668-4400.

Although the season begins in late March, contacts and tryouts may be made as late as April 6.

Pioneer girls 3rd at state



Senior forward Shanna Daniels prepares to send up a turn-around baseline jumper in Sandy's heartbreaking 43-40 loss to Oregon City Friday night in the state

semifinals at the Chiles Center. Sandy beat Glencoe on Saturday to claim third place in the state tournament.

by DAVE MAGNUSON
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After a controversial semifinal loss to eventual state runner-up Oregon City, the Sandy girls basketball team finished its season the state's third-best team.

The Pioneers beat Glencoe in the third-place final game of the state girls basketball tournament at the Chiles Center at the University of Portland Saturday night.

Earning third place was a tough task at times. Sandy led throughout much of the game, but Glencoe never gave up.

The Pioneers took a 12-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, as senior center Wendy Coleman scored six of her game-high 17 points in the first period.

Sandy then shut out the Crimson Tide 9-0 in the first 3:07 of the second quarter, en route to a 24-17 halftime lead. The Pioneers led by as many as 10 in the first half.

At the half, Sandy had a 24-9 rebounding edge over the Tide. Senior forward Shanna Daniels hauled in seven of her game-high nine boards in the opening half.

Slowly, the Pioneers saw their lead dwindle in the third period. With 51 seconds to go in the third frame, Glencoe's Michele Hughes, who was outstanding shooting from outside, buried two free throws to cut Sandy's lead to 32-31 to end the quarter.

Sandy managed to start off the fourth with a 6-0 run through the quarter's first three minutes, leading 38-31.

Glencoe pulled to within three points three times after that, then got to within one twice. With 1:39 to go, the Tide's Julie Girt drove baseline for the lay in, making the score 44-43 in Sandy's favor.

Just 18 seconds later, Daniels, who is destined to be first team all-state, was whistled for her fifth foul, being disqualified.

After replacing Daniels and playing a mere three seconds, sophomore Ali Lake was fouled behind the half-court line and was sent to the free-throw line to shoot one-and-one.

Lake sank both shots and the Pioneers had a 46-43 lead.

Soon after, Girt was unable to make the front end of a one-and-one and, as Sandy guard Suzee Adkins

got the rebound, she was fouled.

Adkins sank both of her free throws, as Sandy upped its lead to 48-43 with 1:01 to go.

Glencoe collected three offensive rebounds in a row before Sandy regained possession on a jump ball with 37 seconds remaining.

Later, with 10 seconds to go, senior guard Maria Rowland made both ends of a one-and-one then collected the last rebound with three seconds to go, as the Pioneers won 50-43.

"The kids played within their role," head coach John Smith said. "When Shanna went out, I couldn't have been prouder of those girls at the free-throw line; we just sucked it up. We hit it when we needed to."

The Pioneers, who prior to the final 1:18 shot only 51 percent from the line in the previous three games, made six of their last eight shots from the charity stripe.

"Shanna's the type of gal who, obviously, makes everybody else on the team look better because of her skills," Smith said. "It's a gift to have a player like that, but I wouldn't trade any of my starting five for any of the kids I see in the tournament."

Coleman, who quietly went 8-for-12 from the field, finished the game with 17 points and eight rebounds. She also finished the tournament with the fourth-highest total of rebounds (35) and tied teammate Daniels with the third-highest number of blocked shots (7).

Daniels finished with 10 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and three steals. In addition to the seven blocks in the tournament, Daniels had 17 assists, the tourney's fifth-highest total.

Daniels also was named first team all-tournament.

Rowland, who had an excellent tournament defensively, led the state in steals with 16 and had the third-highest number of assists (20).

The Pioneers finished the season 22-4 and had a 14-game winning streak before losing to Oregon City Friday night.

On Friday night, the team's hopes of winning the state title were disappointingly shattered when, with four seconds to go, Rowland

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At state championships

Ski team takes 2nd as Karsten resigns

The Sandy ski team took second place overall in the combined boys, girls, slalom and giant slalom races in the Oregon Interscholastic Skiracing Association state championship at Mount Hood Meadows.

And, as the season came to a close in the championship meet, Sandy Coach Robert Karsten called an official end to his decade-long run as the Pioneers' coach.

Karsten said he resigned his 10-year post because he felt his goals had been reached.

"I fulfilled my goals in skiing," Karsten said. "I don't think I'm doing as good a job as someone who has goals. I have fulfilled those goals and I don't think I've been producing as good a job of coaching as I should have."

In the last meet in his career, Karsten said he was pleased with his team's results, despite seeing the team make several mistakes.

"I was real happy," Karsten said of the second-place finish. "They did...as good a job as they possibly could do. We're a good, solid team and I think the solid finishes made the difference for us."

"Everybody makes mistakes and we made a lot," he added. "That's what makes it all the more exciting is knowing that not the same person is going to win every time. Mistakes are easily made."

In the girls slalom on Thursday, Holly Sarich took 17th overall, out of 101 competitors.

Sophomore Shannon Baker finished 19th and Julie Marosi finished 29th.

Randy Quiett took ninth overall, followed by Dave Seeger and Dave Quiett, who finished 15th and 23rd, respectively.

The team scores listed the girls in fifth place, while the boys finished the slalom round in fourth place.

On Friday, the teams competed in the giant slalom. For the girls, Sarich took fourth overall and was followed by Baker (25th), Liz Krenwinkel (31st) and Marosi (44th).

The top finishers for the boys team were Sean Fenwick (15th), Randy Quiett (26th), Seeger (29th) and Dave Quiett (32nd).

In the giant slalom, the girls finished third and the boys finished eighth.

The girls finished fourth overall in the combined slalom and giant slalom, while the boys finished fifth.

However, when the boys and girls teams were combined, the Pioneers took second behind Hood River, one of the Mount Hood Conference's toughest competitors.

"It was a good showing," Karsten said. "The combined (finish) shows the strength of the whole team. It seems a whole lot easier to come up with a boys team or a girls team, but to come up with both takes an all-around effort from the kids."

No coaching replacement has officially been made, but Karsten said he hopes his assistant coach of three years, Darren Ross, will take on the team for the 1987-88 season.

Karsten said he was not sure what he was going to do with his time away from coaching. However, he said there was probably only one way he would ever return.

"The only way I might come back is if they do. I have a good head coach," Karsten said. "I don't see that as happening. Darren is very competent."

The team's season comes to a festive close on Thursday, March 19 at Timberline Lodge for the team's awards banquet, scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Boys win first, lose second

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For the first time in a decade, the Sandy boys basketball team won a state playoff game, but it was eliminated in the second round.

The Pioneers traveled to Bend to take on the Intermountain League's Lava Bears in the opening round of the Oregon class AAA sub-tournament and held off a late charge by Bend to win, 62-58.

In the opening period, Bend got off to a 17-15 lead, but Sandy scored six unanswered points to start off the second quarter, taking a 21-17 lead with 6:08 to go in the half.

Both teams then were unable to fill the hoop for about 1½ minutes before Bend forward Sean Waak hit two free throws, making the score 21-19.

Forward Shane Nichols scored four of the Pioneers' next eight points as the Sandy held a 29-23 lead with 1:17 to go in the second period.

After guard Brad Searls went baseline-to-baseline for a lay-in and reserve guard Chris Palmer hit a bank shot on a pass from Searls, Sandy took a 33-27 lead at the half.

The Pioneers led by as many as nine in the third quarter, as Sandy center Tony Hale hauled in a defensive rebound, feeding Palmer for a fast-break lay-in with 1:39 to go in the third, giving the Pioneers a 49-40 lead, the widest Sandy lead at that point.

But Bend scored three field goals in the final 1:20 to pull back within three, 49-46 at the end of the third quarter.

After a scoreless opening two minutes of the final quarter, Bend forward Rich Ekman made a nice baseline move for the lay-in, Sandy's lead being cut to 49-48.

Eight seconds later, Searls made a nice play of his own, twisting the ball between the side of the backboard and a Bear defender's arm for the tough lay-in.

Bend got to within one twice, at 5:01 and again at 3:45, when the Pioneers led 53-52.

With 1:10 to go, and after Sandy outscored the Bears 7-2 in a three-minute span, when Hale scored a



Sandy guard Chris Palmer (20), although standing alone, refused to believe the message on the far wall ahead of him at Bend High School last Thursday night. Palmer scored 10 points as the Pioneers got their first playoff win in a decade, 62-58, two days before losing to McNary in the second round of the state playoffs.

field goal and was fouled on the play.

However, Hale had difficulty working his way back up off the floor as he injured his hand on the foul. He was taken out of the game and Matt Flisram replaced him and failed to complete the three-point play.

Following the injury, Sandy led 62-54 with 35 seconds to go. Bend scored two more field goals, but it was too late to regain the lead, as the Pioneers won their first playoff game since 1977.

"It felt good," Palmer said of the win over the jubilant din of the many Sandy fans who made the 150-mile trek to Bend. "All I wanted was to get the win. That's all I wanted."

"I was real happy the kids were able to hang in there," said head

coach Dan Brisbin, who coached his first state playoff game of his career. "It was good to get the playo."

Hale led a barrage of four Pioneer players in double figures with 16 points. Randy Wheeler scored 14, while Palmer and Searls each chipped in 10 apiece.

"It was such a physical ball game," Brisbin said. "I can see why he had kids get hurt over here. It was more of a football game than a basketball game, at times."

The injury to Hale's hand forced him to sit out Sandy's second-round contest at McNary High School, in which the Pioneers lost 84-58.

McNary got out to a 19-12 lead at the end of the first quarter and had a 36-21 halftime lead.

The Celtics then got red-hot in the third and blasted the Pioneers 29-11 in the quarter, taking a 65-32 lead into the fourth quarter and it was a scrimmage from then on.

Searls led the Pioneers with 18 points, as senior guard Gerald Hale scored eight. All of the available players for Sandy got to play in the season-ending loss.

The Pioneers ended their season 14-11 overall and managed to prove many critics wrong in achieving the playoffs.

It had been an uphill battle all year for Sandy. But the team had a four-game winning streak — the Pioneers' longest during the season — and had won six of its previous seven games prior to losing at McNary.