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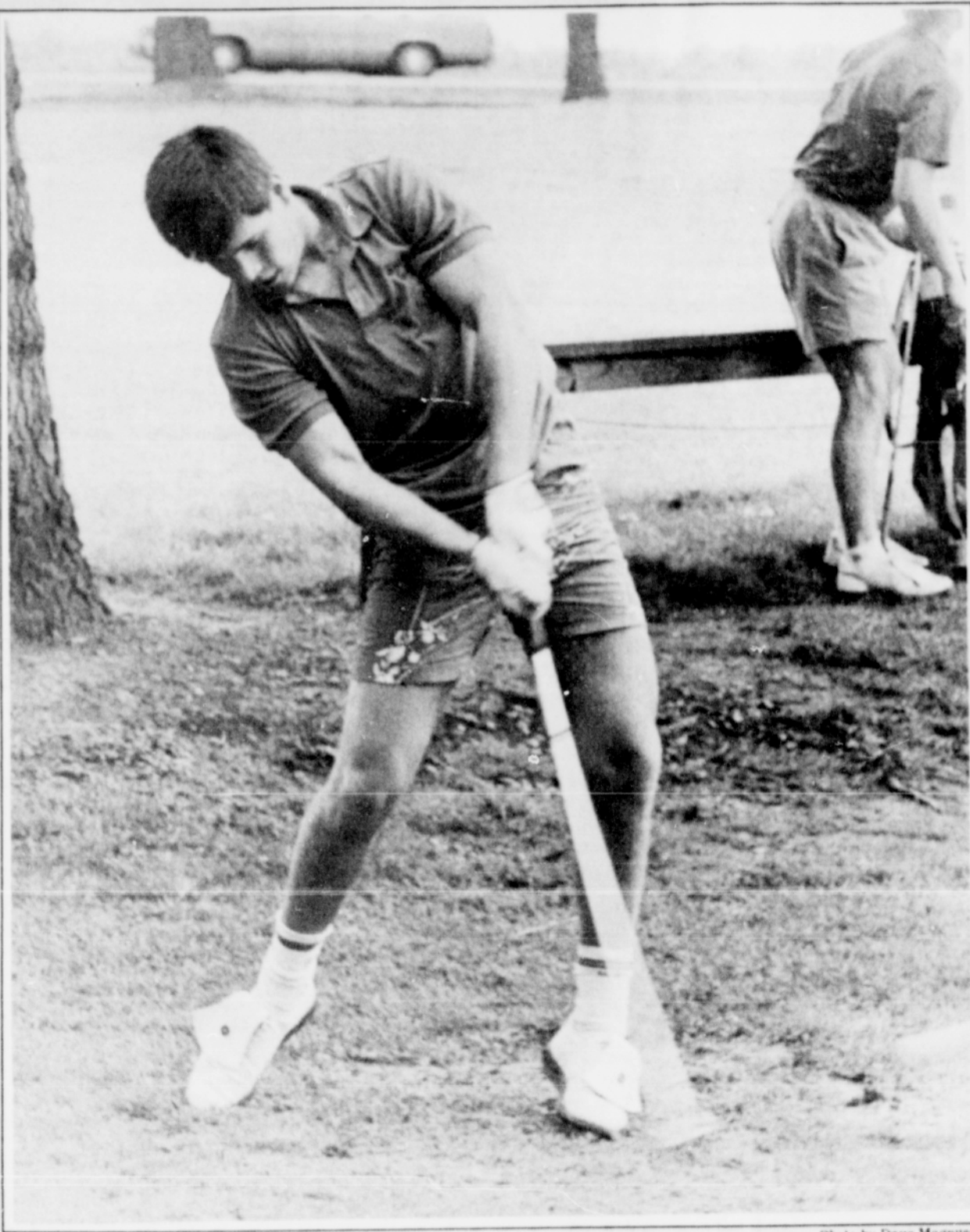
Ski event will raise money for SOAR

Twelve local celebrities will take part in the first Celebrity Sit-Ski Challenge, sponsored by Shared Outdoor Adventure Recreation (SOAR), Saturday at Mount Hood Meadows. SOAR helps disabled persons participate in outdoor sports, such as skiing. Sit-skis are special equipment built for people whose legs are paralyzed. The 12 celebrities, who include Elaine Busby (PM Magazine), Jim Bickel (KXL Radio), Jonathan Nicholas (The Oregonian), John Callahan (Portland cartoonist) and Kim Sherwood (KOIN-TV), will be racing in these special sit-skis to help raise funds for SOAR. Proceeds will benefit SOAR's outdoor instruction courses for disabled people.

The 12 personalities are each sponsored by financial contributions to SOAR from area businesses. Skiers and others interested in adventure opportunities can watch the fun and cheer on their favorite racers at 11 a.m. at Mount Hood Meadows.

Alumni basketball tourney continues

The Sandy High School Alumni Basketball Tournament will run through Saturday, April 25. Finals will be at 7 p.m. in the SUHS gymnasium. The first round of the tournament was Wednesday. Games will be played Thursday, April 23, at 7:15 and 8:15 p.m. Games will be played Friday, April 24, at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Games will be played Saturday at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. The finals in the "B" division will be at 5:30 p.m., and in the "A" division at 7. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge. Proceeds go to the Richard Meyer benefit fund.



Sandy senior Casey Beaudoin drives the second hole of the Pioneers' dual match with Columbia Tuesday at Mountain View Golf Course. Beaudoin shot a 42 round, en route to a 162-177 Mount Hood Conference win over the Chargers.

Photo by Dave Magnuson

Golfers still shooting low

Pioneers defeat Columbia, improve their record to 5-1

The Sandy Pioneers seem to be doing the next-to-impossible on the golf course — shooting low numbers at will. As their opponents lower their scores, the Pioneers just shoot lower. Their latest triumph came Tuesday as they defeated Columbia 162-177 in Mount Hood Conference dual match action at Mountain View Golf Course. Scott Shields and Russ Loomis led Sandy with rounds of 39 apiece. Meanwhile, seniors Tony Jensen and Casey Beaudoin each scored 42, to round out the scoring four. "I was glad to see we won," coach Dan Brisbin said with a matter-of-fact laugh. "It was good to see we had a confidence in our swing and were doing what we ought to be doing on the course." With the win, the Pioneers are 5-1 and remain tied for first place in the MHC. But David Douglas has played two more matches than the Pioneers have and, taking percentages into account, the Scots have an advantage. In non-league competition last Wednesday, Sandy slipped past Clackamas at Top O'Scott Golf Course, 155-160, in a low-scoring affair. Shields again led the Pioneers, shooting a 37. Senior Ron Seyler shot 38, Jensen shot 39 and Beaudoin shot 41. Brisbin was impressed with the way his team has been able to shoot low enough to win when the opposition is also shooting low.

"They seem to get in a pattern," Brisbin said. "If they can get by with a little bit less, they'll get by." Brisbin also was pleased to see the team adjust to "foreign" courses. Top O'Scott is more of an up and down course than the Pioneers are used to playing on, but Sandy was able to compensate effectively.

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— Dan Brisbin

On Thursday, Sandy will travel to Glendoveer Golf Course, site of the state championship, to take on Centennial and Parkrose, which should prove to be one of the Pioneers' toughest matches this year. "We will have to play real well to beat Centennial on their home course," Brisbin said, adding that Parkrose will not be a pushover, either. He said he keeps expecting the Broncos to shoot in the mid-150s soon. "I hope it won't be Thursday," Brisbin said. Then on Friday, the Pioneers meet Beaverton at Rippling River Golf Course in a non-league match.

Girls tennis team comes out on losing end at Centennial

The Sandy girls tennis team split sets in three of its matches Monday, but came out on the losing end as host Centennial snuffed the Pioneers in Mount Hood Conference action, 4 matches to 1. Only the third doubles team of sophomores Katie Tooley and Amy Brewster managed to win their match, beating Eagles Claire Davis and Buffy Ogle, 6-2, 6-3. First singles player Tami Tinjum won her first set, but dropped her next two to Centennial's Jenny Onchi, a sophomore, 6-4, 0-6, 2-6. Haruko Inoue and Tracy Buss, who comprise Sandy's first doubles team, gave the Eagles a run, but lost to Centennial, 2-6, 6-4, 4-6. In second doubles competition, sisters Jenny and Amy Sah lost to Eagles Sogene Mah and Mindy Hash, 7-5, 4-6, 4-6. Only one Pioneer player failed to win a set. Senior Teri Buss lost to Eagle junior Linda Lui, 5-7, 2-6 in second singles action. Sandy is 1-7 overall and 0-7 in MHC action. However, Pioneer coach Michelle Abma is seeing an improvement in her young team. Noted Abma: "We are at mid-season this week and I expect to finish the season up with some very strong and intense tennis. "The girls will have some very good games coming up win the latter part of this season," she added. Last Wednesday, the Pioneers were beaten by visiting Gresham, 3 matches to 2. The Pioneers travel to Parkrose in another MHC match Friday. The Broncos beat Sandy on April 8 in Sandy.



Photo by Dave Magnuson

Senior Teri Buss attempts a backhand return to her opponent, Centennial's Linda Lui, in second singles action Monday. Buss lost to Lui and the Pioneers lost to the Eagles, 4 matches to 1.

Boys defeated in 2 matches

Coming close in two Mount Hood Conference matches this past week, the Sandy boys tennis team is looking forward to taking on visiting Parkrose Friday afternoon. The Pioneers dropped matches to Centennial and Gresham by the same 3-2 score. Sandy was consistent in the two matches, as the same players for Sandy won their matches against the two opponents.

Against visiting Centennial Monday, senior Chris Palmer defeated his Eagle opponent, 6-4, 6-2, in first singles competition. The first doubles team of Marc Schipper and Zoltan Dubrawsky eased past Centennial, 6-2, 6-2. Second singles player Ben Fisk split sets with his opponent, but came out on the losing end, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, which proved to be the difference for the Pioneers. "I really thought we could beat

Centennial," said Wes Williams, Sandy coach. "I feel we're playing a lot better tennis. We're improving a little bit each day." At Gresham last Wednesday, the Pioneers won the same matches and went to split sets in the same match. Palmer won by default in his match, while leading 4-3 in the opening set. Palmer's Gopher opponent was not present. Turn to TENNIS, Page 2.

Baseball team still winless in Mount Hood Conference

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The Sandy Pioneers baseball team finished the first half of its Mount Hood Conference season winless as it dropped a 2-1 decision to Centennial Tuesday. Sandy played its best ball of the season but could not counter two solo home runs by Centennial's Todd Montgomery and Jon Stuart, the Eagles' pitching and catching battery against Sandy. In the top of the sixth and after Sandy starting pitcher Randy Wheeler had struck out two straight Centennial batters, Montgomery smacked a shot between the Dairy Queen and Suburban Ford signs in left field — about a 330-foot shot. After obtaining the third out immediately after that homerun, Sandy trailed 1-0. The Pioneers had zero hits through their five innings at bat. Then in the bottom of the sixth, third baseman Nick Phillips nailed a shot to right field, getting on at first. First baseman Darren Pullen then bunted into a fielder's choice, reaching first safely, but forcing Phillips out at second.

As second baseman Ken Ouder Kirk struck out, Pullen stole second. Then Bob Dougherty, pinch hitting for center fielder Stacey Pearson, walked. Pearson then replaced Dougherty at first. On a wild pitch by Montgomery, "It's just too bad that two of their hits happened to be solo home runs. If they're not home runs, we win the game." — Bob D'Aboy

Pullen moved to third. Centennial then made a throwing error and Pullen scored, tying the game 1-1, while Pearson moved to second. Pearson then stole third, but was later left stranded as Pioneer right fielder Randy Gifford struck out. With no one out in the top of the seventh, it was Stuart's turn to com-

plete the "Battery-ing" of Sandy. Stuart smashed another solo shot to left field, just a few feet to the left of Montgomery's sixth-inning shot, this one directly over the Dairy Queen sign. After Sandy got the next three players out, it had its last chance to tie or win. Shortstop Gerald Hale led off the inning, sending a routine grounder to Montgomery, who fielded it and threw it to first, getting Hale out. In the process, however, Hale accidentally stepped on Centennial first baseman Eric Wadsworth's leg with his metal cleats. The Eagles were slow to be convinced it was an accident and hurled words toward Hale, the Pioneers' ball club and Sandy High School itself. The minor verbal altercation was controlled quickly. Wadsworth appeared to be OK and Centennial got out the next two Pioneer batters, as the Eagles won, 2-1. Sandy's MHC record dropped to 0-8 and its overall record went to 3-12, including a 10-game losing streak. Centennial remained tied for first.

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Girls, boys win at Parkrose

Track team makes sweep

Sweeping four boys events and four girls events, the Sandy track team came away from Parkrose High School with triumphant Mount Hood Conference wins last Wednesday. The Pioneer girls won, 69-56, as did the boys, 84-61. Shot putters Justin Yungeberg, Marc Malek and Art Skipper went 1-2-3 in the event, as Yungeberg won the shot with a 47-foot, 6½-inch heave of the steel ball. In the javelin, Skipper was 30 feet ahead of his nearest competition, teammate Dan Weaver. Mike Hogen took third. Skipper, who holds Oregon's longest throw (212 feet) this year, tossed the spear 195-3, giving him the sixth-longest throw in Oregon this year, as well. The Pioneers swept the high jump, as sophomore Mike Hutchinson and junior Tony Hale tied for first with jumps of 5-8 each. Junior Russell Becker took third with a 5-4 jump. Pole vaulters Eric Sarich, Jason Nickila and Darren Buckner swept

the event, as Sarich took first with an 11-foot vault, while Nickila and Buckner each had 10-foot vaults. Meanwhile, senior Brad Schmautz took first in the 1,500 (4 minutes, 18.55 seconds) and 800 meters (2:02.52), while sophomore Chris Keyser took first in the 300 hurdles (44.27). The 1600 relay team of Skipper, Yungeberg, Randy Lamm and Schmautz won the event, crossing the tape 3:32.61 after the starting gun had sounded. The girls team swept the 1,500, 3,000, shot put and discus against the Broncos, while winning the 1600 relay and javelin events. Junior Kris Kruger led the 1-2-3 finish for Sandy in the 1,500 with a personal-best 5:36.52, as she was followed by freshman Shawnee Sumner and sophomore Michelle Closner. In the 3,000, junior Danielle Jordan won (3:12.38), while freshman Robyn Jones, the only other competitor in the event, took second.

Finishing with a time of 4:32.09, the Pioneers' 1,600 relay team of Shannon Tafoya, Heather Frank, Robyn Hayball and Denise Toyooka won the event. Senior Wendy Coleman took first in each of the other two sweeps for the Pioneers: the shot and discus. Coleman was first in the shot with a 35-0½ toss, followed by sophomores Brenda Swart (33-7½, a personal best) and Melissa Schwartz (30-4½). In the discus, Coleman again led the way with a 110-9 distance. Following her were junior Julie Crampton (89-6) and Swart (80-4). Senior Shanna Daniels pummelled all competitors in the javelin with her 150-4 toss, a state class-AAA best this year. The javelin is the only event in which the year's best AAA marks come from the same school in boys and girls competition. "We were in a lot better shape than the first meet we were in," said head coach Randy Hutchinson.