

## Track team competes at district

The Sandy High School track team, completing its regular season last Tuesday, has geared its attention to the district meet now under way at Mt. Hood Community College.

The meet started Wednesday afternoon and continues through Thursday night, but initial results were unavailable at press time.

For the boys, David Douglas claimed first place during the regular season, followed by Gresham and three teams tied for third: Barlow, Centennial and Sandy.

Barlow took first in girls regular-season competition, followed by Gresham, Centennial, Central Catholic and David Douglas and Sandy, which were tied for fourth.

Coach Randy Hutchinson said the Pioneers were ready for the meet and that the boys team could surprise some of the tough teams, such as David Douglas.

"(The Scots are) not going to score as many points as they think they're going to score," Hutchinson said. "On paper, they should score 150 points, easily."

The district meet is the final meet of the season before the state meet. From district, the top two athletes from the conference in each event will go on to compete at state.

Hutchinson said that one relay team and seven individuals on the Sandy boys team have potential to go to state.

Junior Art Skipper, who has the state's longest javelin throw this year of 218 feet, 8 inches, is expected to make it to the state level.

Hutchinson said other possibilities include Marc Malek, Justin Yungeberg, Paul Wiese, Dan Weaver, Brad Schmutz, Randy Lamm and Tony Hale. In addition, the mile relay team of Yungeberg, Schmutz, Robert Kruger and Lamm has a shot at the state competition, Hutchinson said.

For the girls, Wendy Coleman (shot put and discus) and Shanna Daniels (javelin) also are solid candidates for state competition.

Sophomores Denise Toyooka and Melinda Kai each have "outside shots" at making the state finals, Hutchinson said.

On Thursday, the district meet resumes at 4 p.m. and continues through 10 p.m. at MHCC.



Ron Seyler led a consistent Pioneer attack with 36-hole tournament score of 150 in last week's Mount Hood Conference district golf finals at West Delta Golf Course. Sandy captured second overall and earned a berth into the state tournament, which will be held at Glendoveer Golf Course May 26-27.

## Sandy golfers head to state

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Unfortunately for a handful of golf teams in the Mount Hood Conference, only the top two squads are eligible to compete in the state tournament.

The MHC was a tough, if not the toughest, league in the state this year. As many as five teams had strong shots at making it to state competition.

One of the most overlooked teams, the Sandy Pioneers, will be vying for a trophy in the state golf championships, to be held Tuesday and Wednesday at East Portland's Glendoveer Golf Course. The Pioneers were runners-up to David Douglas in the MHC district tournament, held at West Delta Golf Course last Wednesday and Thursday.

David Douglas and Sandy will be strong competition in the 16-team field. The Scots and Pioneers used consistent scoring in the two-day district tournament, ousting such powers as Centennial, Reynolds and Central Catholic from the state tourney.

The Scots won the 36-hole tournament shooting 602. Sandy was close behind with 609. But the Pioneers had an early seven-stroke lead over David Douglas going into the second day of competition.

Sandy's Russ Loomis shot an opening-day two-under-par 70. He was outstanding on the front nine, shooting 34, while maintaining par on the back nine, shooting 36. Only Centennial's Terry Blake and Gresham's Shaughn Belmore shot better than Loomis.

But Centennial and Gresham did not have the consistent depth that Sandy had.

Seniors Ron Seyler, Tony Jensen and Scott Shields shot rounds of 73, 74 and 75, respectively, rounding off the scoring four.

The Pioneers' score on Wednesday of 292 was a school record through 18 holes. In fact, Sandy's in score of 147 was a school record through nine holes. That record was quickly broken when the Pioneers shot a 145 for their out score.

Sandy coach Dan Brisbin was impressed with his players' first-day performances.

"I thought we'd play well (going into the tournament)," Brisbin said, "but we played extremely well."

The Pioneers were not nearly as

impressive in the second day, but, as Brisbin said, they didn't need to be.

"Our first-day score was the real key for us," Brisbin said. "When we came back the second day and we'd had that seven-point lead (in the standings), we were pretty well assured of a state shot after day one."

"So it was a matter of us going out and winning district," he added. "David Douglas had a round the second day which was really the equivalent to our first day."

On Thursday, the second day of the tournament, David Douglas outpaced its nearest competitors by shooting well from the back tees.

On Wednesday, the tees were placed closer to the holes, making the accumulative first-day scores lower than second-day scores.

The Scots claimed first place with a second-day round of 303. Sandy and Centennial each shot 317, making the second day's runner-up race more interesting than the winner's race.

Overall, Seyler finished with a 150 score, followed by Shields and Loomis with 152 and Jensen with 161. Senior Casey Beaudoin played but did not figure into the scoring with a 184.

Loomis was pleased his opening-day performance and was instrumental in helping his team claim runner-up honors.

"I don't know what got into me," Loomis said. "I was just hitting the ball so good that I hit about 16 greens. And when you do that kind of stuff, it's not that hard to shoot. I didn't feel any pressure."

Loomis is confident going into the state tournament.

"I've got a lot of confidence in the team right now," the junior said. "Everybody's playing good."

"I think the state title is what we want," Loomis said. "We're not holding back. We're going for the state title."

Seyler, who finished the district tournament tied for fourth-best individual performance, is eager to do well in the state match, but says he'll take things in increments.

"I'm not really thinking of what to shoot, I'm taking it shot-by-shot, hole-by-hole," Seyler said. "I'm not going to worry about bad shots and just come back from that."

Personally, Seyler said he wants to finish the state tournament as one of the state's top five individuals.

"It's my senior year and I want to make it happen," he said.

## Sandy JV players look to next year

Sandy High School's junior varsity baseball team finished the season with a .500 record and many of the players are looking forward to the "major leagues" of varsity baseball next year.

Sandy's varsity team will have at least eight openings next year, as eight seniors from this year's team will graduate.

The JV team finished its regular season recently with an 11-11 overall record and 8-7 record against the Mount Hood Conference JV teams.

Several of Sandy's JV players had some noteworthy statistics this season.

It is not certain that these players will make the varsity next year, but their numbers cannot be ignored.

Rob Barrett led the JV Pioneers with a .474 batting average and was flirting with .500 throughout the season.

Sean Peterson batted .353 for Sandy, while Robert Rising had a .307 batting average.

Pitching was a strong point for the JV squad, coached by Mike Vanoudenhaegen. Jason Nall was

5-2 on the year, with a 2.59 earned run average. Nall had a 76 to 16 strikeout-to-walk ratio, which, through 54 innings pitched, helped the Pioneers' cause.

Barrett had a fine year on the mound as well. He went 4-5 on the year, with one save. Barrett had a 2.97 ERA and struck out 1.1 batters per inning.

As a team, the Sandy JV pitching staff struck out 58 more batters than it walked.

The Pioneers were 6-11 at one point of the season, then came back to win their last five contests against Centennial, Barlow, Parkrose, Central Catholic and Columbia.

"A lot of these guys did come through at the end of the season with some big plays and the team really started to play together," Vanoudenhaegen said. "All of them are potential varsity candidates."

The regulars for the team were Barrett, Lee Buchanan, Doug Cassidy, Wes Kelley, Nall, Sean Peterson, Joe Platz, Rising, Rodney Schilperoort and Mike Senn.

## Palmer earns berth at state

### Tennis player makes it to semifinals at district meet

Making it to the state boys tennis tournament tasted sweet for Sandy's Chris Palmer, who competed in the Mount Hood Conference district tournament at Cascade Athletic Club last Thursday and Friday.

Palmer was defeated in the semifinals Friday by Yugoslavian transfer student Igor Vuletic of Reynolds, 6-0, 6-0. Before the match with Vuletic, however, Palmer already had achieved the pinnacle of his tennis career: a shot at state competition.

Palmer won a place in the state tournament by defeating Centennial's Dan Adams in the Friday morning quarterfinals, the winner of which automatically went on to state. Palmer defeated Adams in straight sets, 6-2, 7-5.

On Thursday, Palmer defeated Rich Hires of David Douglas, 6-1, 6-0, and Columbia's Craig Peterson, 6-4,

6-3. Palmer was the No. 4 seed in the MHC going into the district tournament.

"It's sweet," Palmer said Tuesday of making it to state. "It's all I wanted to do, throughout the whole year."

Vuletic, who went on to win the MHC singles crown, was simply too tough a competitor for Palmer, according to Palmer.

"(He's) a little above everybody," Palmer said. He added that just making it to the state tournament is trophy enough for him. "I'd like to win, but it'd just be extra."

Palmer, who will be attending Pacific University in Forest Grove next fall, competes in the first round of state Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton. His opponent has not been determined, but Palmer says he

will play his best.

Wes Williams, Palmer's and Sandy's coach, had nothing but praises for his first state entry in his two-year career at Sandy.

"I thought (Palmer's season) was great," Williams said. "It was neat because you could always rely on him to play good and he tried. He's very dedicated and that's why he did so well."

"He played a lot of tennis. It pays off," Williams said.

In other district action for Sandy, Ben Fisk defeated Jim Lowes of Barlow in the first round, 6-3, 6-1. But Fisk had difficulty with Centennial's T.J. Dyar, who beat the Sandy junior, 6-3, 6-0.

In doubles action, senior Marc Schipper and junior Zoltan Dubrawsky made it to the quarterfinals, but lost to their David Douglas opponents, 6-4, 6-4.

Schipper and Dubrawsky had earlier ousted duos from Columbia, 6-4, 2-6, (8-6), and Barlow, 6-7, 6-3, (7-4).

Meanwhile, the Pioneer team of Aaron Jones and Jeff Klaus defeated their Barlow opponents, 6-0, 6-1, but lost to competitor from Reynolds, 6-1, 6-1.

As a team, the Pioneers managed seventh-place honors in the MHC, but Williams was not disappointed with his team's performance.

"I thought they did really well at the district tournament," Williams said. "We played as well as we could play, whereas during the season, there were some matches when, I feel, we didn't play to our potential."

"It's OK if you play to your potential and lose, but when you play halfway and lose, that's pretty aggravating," Williams said.

## Tinjum in state meet despite injury

Sandy High School Junior Tami Tinjum earned a berth in the state girls tennis tournament in a painful way Friday during the two-day Mount Hood Conference district tournament at Cascade Athletic Club in Gresham.

In her quarterfinal match against Reynolds' Tracy Davies, Tinjum injured her ankle while celebrating a key point.

Tinjum went on to defeat Davies in a four-hour match, 3-6, 6-3 and 7-5. It was a win that Tinjum was pleased to get.

"She had beaten me twice already (in the season)," Tinjum said, adding that she wanted to gain revenge for Davies' two wins in as many meetings this year.

After Tinjum defeated Davies, she

was scheduled to face Lori Mildrexler of Parkrose in the quarterfinals. But Tinjum's sprained ankle prevented her from playing, and

final match with Davies. The winner then would have an automatic berth in the state competition, which will be held at Mt. Hood Community Col-

lege Thursday and Friday. Tinjum and Davies went at it for four hours and Tinjum, despite the injury, handled Davies and earned her second consecutive state berth.

"I hope to do better than last year. I want to go to at least the second round."

In other Sandy district action, senior Teri Buss defeated Buffy Ogle of Centennial, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5. Buss was not as successful against Teresa Toenjes of Columbia, losing 4-6, 2-6.

In doubles competition, sisters Jenny and Amy Sah defeated their opening-round opponents from Columbia, 6-2, 6-3. They then were ousted from the tournament by Barlow's Teresa Carlson and Tami Russell, 6-1, 7-6.

The Pioneer pair of Haruko Inoue and Tracy Buss lost to Centennial's Sogene Mah and Mindy Hash, but it took a tie-breaker to do it. Inoue and Buss won the first set, but could not hold on, as Mah and Hash won, 3-6, 6-1, 13-11.

## Sandy High junior wins state powerlifting title

Sandy High School junior Robert Rodriguez won the 145-pound division of the Oregon State High School Powerlifting Championships on May 9.

Rodriguez's total in the three-event

weight lifting competition was 740 pounds.

Another Sandy High School junior, Kenny Ouderkerk, took fourth in the 132-pound division with a 565-pound total.