

Coach expects exciting team

Girls team has experience; boys young, with potential

by DAVE MAGNUSON
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In athletics, young teams are seldom considered tough competition.

However, Sandy cross country coach Darold Beymer said his 1987 squad may be that rare exception in athletics.

"It's a young, feisty team," he said Tuesday while his team was undergoing an eight-mile practice session. One of the obstacles Beymer sees during the course of the season is "getting our young runners a little bit of maturity, which is probably going to come later."

The Pioneers' girls team has three seniors returning: Danielle Jordan, Kris Kruger and Barb Rivers. Also returning to the varsity is junior Kim Yankauskas, who will be joined by fellow juniors Michelle Closner and Becca Simons.

Additionally, there are a number of sophomore and freshman girls who have shots at being a part of the varsity.

In all, there are 14 girls each shooting for making the varsity. Half of those will wind up participating in varsity competition this year.

For the boys so far, the bulk of the team is sophomores. There are six second-year runners on the team, with four juniors and one senior, Tom Romey, whom Beymer is "looking for a lot of leadership" from.

Other strong contributors on the boys team are juniors Reed McIntosh and Lance Conger and sophomores Jeff Thompson and Toby Chapman, who went to the Class AA state cham-

pionships representing Hood River prior to transferring to Sandy.

"They're going to help us an awful lot," Beymer said.

Beymer added that, depending on cuts in athletics due to a failed levy in the Gresham High School District, the shape of the Mount Hood Conference may change.

Beymer, who is entering his fifth year as a coach at Sandy and his third as head coach, predicted that Gresham and Barlow are each strong contenders for the MHC title. However, both schools are affected by the cuts and cross country may be eliminated from the budget this fall. There has been no confirmation.

Centennial will also be tough, Beymer said. Sandy's first head-to-head meet will be against the Eagles Sept. 23 on Sandy's course. On Sept. 16, the Pioneers will host the Sandy Invitational, a non-league meet.

The first pre-season meet is the Mount Hood Conference Relay meet on Sept. 10 at Fernhill Park.

The attitude and turnout of the runners, Beymer said, have never been better. He said he expects at least 30 students turning out. Morale is unusually high, he said.

"It's really going to be an interesting season," Beymer said. "I don't know what's going to happen. It's just going to be up to these kids, how badly they want to be varsity and how badly they want to win."

"The attitude is just great. I just love the bunch of kids we've got — a great bunch," he added. "I think, actually, it's the best bunch, attitude-wise, that I've had since I've been here."

Golf tourney benefits Mount Hood Hospice

The Dick Link Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Gresham Golf Course, 2155 N.E. Division St. The tournament benefits the Mount Hood Hospice program.

Cost of the tournament is \$35 for non-Gresham Golf Course members and \$23 for members. All net proceeds go to the Mount Hood Hospice program.

Hospice offers a program of care for people with terminal illnesses, usually cancer.

The Dick Link Memorial is an 18-hole tournament, which includes prizes, dinner and refreshments.

Dick Link died of liver and prostate cancer Dec. 31, 1986. He was a well respected member of the Gresham and Sandy communities, according

to friend Daran Dauble, who is head pro at Glendoveer Golf Course.

"The Hospice Program played a major role (in Link's life)," Dauble said. "They did a real good job with him. The more people we get involved (with the tournament), the more money we can raise for Mount Hood Hospice."

"It's important to support local charities."

Dauble, who is organizing the tournament, said he hopes to make the Dick Link Memorial an annual event. Approximately 50 people have signed up to compete in the tournament.

To enroll in the tournament, call Dauble at Glendoveer at 252-0384. He will be able to answer questions regarding the tournament.

Winter Olympics

President of WOO works for support of Oregonians

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Jack Elder of Sandy is on a mission. A mission he says is not impossible and, in fact, quite possible. He wants to bring the Winter Olympics to Oregon.

"There's no other place that's a winter sports training facility in the U.S., except Lake Placid (N.Y.), the site of the 1980 Winter Games," Elder said. "We have it all."

Elder, 46, is president of Winter Organization Oregon, a program designed to help bring the Games to the Beaver State in 1998. He has been involved with the program for three years.

He said he became interested in bringing the Games to Oregon because "it was the right time." The 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles had just been completed and the country's morale was high.

Elder competed in the 1972 Winter Games at Sapporo, Japan, as part of the U.S. luge team, which was the United States' all-time best in the event at the time. However, the '72 squad did not win any medals. Elder believed it was because the sport was relatively new in the Olympics and because the emphasis in this country was not on luge tobogganing.

If it weren't for his active role in the 1972 Games, Elder said he would not work so hard on bringing the Olympics to Oregon. However, he says the support has to be there in order to bring the Games here.

"It's an effort by all Oregonians," said Elder, "whether you're a Duck or a Beaver, a Democrat or Republican."

"I'm an Oregonian and I (work on bringing the Olympics to the state) because I think it's good for Oregon. On a long-term basis, I think it's excellent for Oregon."

Elder hopes to help create a high-spirited, optimistic attitude in Oregon by bringing the Games here in 1998 or, secondarily, 2002.

"People ask me all the time: 'What is the real chance? What are the chances of bringing the Games to Oregon?' And the chances are very good," Elder said. "On a national and international basis, we are viewed more favorably than we are inside of our own state borders. That comes from the natural pessimism of Oregonians."

"We seem to be pessimistic by nature. We seem to be more like Missourians — 'Show Me,' " he said. " 'Prove it to me first and I'll believe you later.' But the odds are extremely good."

"If I could sit down with an audience and they would give me 30 minutes, I'll give them the facts."



Staff photo by Dave Magnuson

Although helping to bring the 1998 Winter Olympics to Oregon is a time-consuming task, Jack Elder still finds time to sit with his son, Nicholas.

At the end of that time, they'll generally say, 'Gee. I didn't realize that.' "

The people Elder talks to about bringing the Games to Oregon go through three stages: the pessimism/skepticism stage, the I-didn't-know-that stage and the what-can-I-do-to-help stage.

Elder has been living in Sandy with his wife, Meri, and 3-year-old son Nicholas for 20 months. He admits his rapport with the Sandy community is not as thriving as he would like it to be. However, he

would like to see Sandy's residents become interested and involved with his cause, because of its unique claim as the great way to the winter playground on Mount Hood.

Elder said that people need to become aware that Oregon actually has the assets needed to host the Olympic Games. He listed those assets as: mountains, snow on those mountains, population, a good transportation system, security, lodging and food.

"We do have those and we have them in abundance, in comparison to other places which have held the Games," he said. "That's the key. The key is that it's not the first time the Olympics will ever be held. It's been done before."

"They're going to be held somewhere — why not here?" Elder said. "The end of a millennium is going to create a worldwide party for probably a couple of years. How about a kickoff (of that party)?"

Dave Magnuson

Football season means new starts

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It's getting to be that time of year again. Enjoy it or not, football is here and soon will be in full swing.

What does this mean? Well, first, it means another season of passing and rushing, kickoffs and handoffs, fourth downs and touchdowns, cheers and jeers, quarterbacks and defensive backs, goal-line stands and Kansas Plans.

Second, it means brand new hopes. At the beginning of the season, everybody is in first place. Each team is neither better nor worse than the other. Everybody is equal.

Along with football comes an assortment of sensations. Football season is autumn's athletic debut. And, along those same lines, football is the beginning of the athletic calendar, the beginning of a new year.

And it's about time. We haven't had a decent holiday since the Fourth of July. Maybe that's why football is perhaps tied as the preferred sport of Americans. Baseball is the other, but the seasons are long and games are played daily. Football is a now-you-see-it, now-you-don't type of game. So much can happen in just one game.

Since it is a new football season, we may be rusty as to the basics. Let us examine some of the basic aspects of football, so as to refresh ourselves for the ensuing gridiron season.

First, a curious question: Why is it that any personal foul committed on a successful extra point is assessed on the kickoff following — especially if it is a penalty on the defense? Kicking off from the opponent's 45-yard or the 50-yard line, depending on what level of football you play, is not too much of an advantage. You know the ball will be kicked deep in the end zone, therefore creating a touchback and a net result of a 25- or 30-yard kickoff.

Next, how come we don't see more intentional grounding flags thrown? For example, on most every third-down passing play, the quarterback is going to be pressured by the defense more than on other downs. If one of the defenders gets past the QB's offensive line, the QB scrambles and quickly jettisons the ball as soon as he can find an "intended" receiver.

Let's be honest. How many times, when a quarterback is pressured, is an "intended" receiver prepared to catch the ball. Half the time, he is about seven feet below the pass and his eyes are directed the opposite way. Although the waterboy caught the ball deep on the sidelines, there is still no flag.

Believe it or not, there is no penalty for having too few players on the field. Of course, if you have a dozen on the grid, a flag will be thrown. In

Scoreboard

FALL ATHLETICS

SANDY HIGH SCHOOL

1987 VARSITY SCHEDULES

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	vs. Reynolds at MHCC	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Parkrose	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	COLUMBIA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	at David Douglas	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	x CLACKAMAS	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	GRESHAM	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Centennial	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	BARLOW	7:30 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	at David Douglas	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	x at Corvallis Jamboree	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 17	GRESHAM	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Reynolds	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	BARLOW	6 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Centennial	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Parkrose	6 p.m.
Oct. 1	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	MOUNT HOOD INVITATIONAL	8 a.m.
Oct. 6	COLUMBIA	6 p.m.
Oct. 8	DAVID DOUGLAS	5 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Gresham	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	REYNOLDS	6 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Barlow	6 p.m.
Oct. 27	CENTENNIAL	6 p.m.
Oct. 29	PARKROSE	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	x Corvallis Tournament	9 a.m.
Nov. 3	at Central Catholic	6 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Columbia	6 p.m.
Nov. 7	District at Centennial	3 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	x at Madison	4 p.m.
Sept. 15	x FRANKLIN	4 p.m.
Sept. 18	x at Benson	4 p.m.
Sept. 22	x GRANT	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	x at Marshall	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	at David Douglas	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 1	x MOLALLA	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	GRESHAM	4 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Reynolds	8 p.m.
Oct. 13	BARLOW	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Centennial	5:15 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Parkrose	5:45 p.m.
Oct. 22	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	COLUMBIA	4 p.m.

Oct. 31	District playoffs	1 p.m.
Nov. 2	District playoffs	4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	x MADISON	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Clackamas Jamboree	1 p.m.
Sept. 15	x at Franklin	4 p.m.
Sept. 17	x BENSON	4 p.m.
Sept. 22	x at Grant	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	x MARSHALL	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	DAVID DOUGLAS	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	x at McKay	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Gresham	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	REYNOLDS	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs. Barlow at MHCC	6 p.m.
Oct. 15	CENTENNIAL	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	PARKROSE	4 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Central Catholic	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	vs. Columbia at MHCC	4 p.m.
Oct. 31	District playoffs	1 p.m.
Nov. 2	District playoffs	4 p.m.

Cross country

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 10	MHC Relays at Fernhill Park	4 p.m.
Sept. 16	SANDY INVITATIONAL	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	x at Forest Grove Invitational	10 a.m.
Sept. 23	CENTENNIAL	4 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Columbia	4 p.m.
Oct. 5	BARLOW/C. CATHOLIC	4 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs. Reyn/Gresh at Blue Lake	4 p.m.
Oct. 14	at David Douglas	4 p.m.
Oct. 21	PARKROSE	4 p.m.
Oct. 28	District at Blue Lake	3 p.m.

x — non-league
Home games are in ALL CAPS
All events are subject to change

FOOTBALL

MOUNT HOOD CONFERENCE

1986 STATISTICS

FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Barlow	7	1	.875	222	60
D. Douglas	7	2	.778	306	106
Gresham	7	2	.778	211	77
C. Catholic	6	3	.667	175	142
SANDY	5	4	.556	183	191
Reynolds	4	4	.500	134	85
Centennial	2	7	.222	143	224
Columbia	1	8	.111	91	261
Parkrose	0	9	.000	19	384

TEAM STATISTICS

RUSHING

Rushes

1. Reynolds	383
2. David Douglas	368
3. SANDY	336
4. Gresham	331
5. Central Catholic	318
6. Barlow	316
7. Columbia	285
8. Centennial	283
9. Parkrose	209

Yards gained

1. David Douglas	2392
2. Central Catholic	2196
3. Reynolds	1906
4. Gresham	1719
5. Barlow	1697
6. SANDY	1400
7. Centennial	1043
8. Columbia	909
9. Parkrose	321

Average gain

1. Central Catholic	6.8
2. David Douglas	6.5
3. Barlow	5.4
4. Gresham	5.2
5. Reynolds	5.0
6. SANDY	4.2
7. Centennial	3.7
8. Columbia	3.2
9. Parkrose	1.5

Touchdowns

1. David Douglas	21
2. Barlow	22
3. Central Catholic	19
4. Gresham	19
5. SANDY	16
6. Reynolds	15
7. Centennial	11
8. Columbia	9
9. Parkrose	3

PASSING

Attempts

1. Columbia	179
2. SANDY	171
3. Centennial	164
4. Parkrose	157
5. Gresham	123
6. Barlow	102
7. David Douglas	63
8. Central Catholic	50
9. Reynolds	34

Completions

1. Columbia	73
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2. SANDY	66
3. Centennial	54
4. Gresham	47
5. Barlow	44
6. Parkrose	44
7. David Douglas	32
8. Central Catholic	17
9. Reynolds	8

Completion Pct.

1. David Douglas	50.8
2. Barlow	43.1
3. Columbia	40.8
4. Centennial	39.0
5. SANDY	38.2
6. Gresham	38.6
7. Central Catholic	34.0
8. Parkrose	28.0
9. Reynolds	23.5

Yards gained

1. SANDY	959
2. Gresham	945
3. Centennial	925
4. David Douglas	760
5. Columbia	696
6. Barlow	689
7. Parkrose	426
8. Central Catholic	246
9. Reynolds	189

Touchdowns

1. Gresham	12
2. SANDY	9
3. David Douglas	8
4. Barlow	7
5. Centennial	6
6. Central Catholic	3
7. Columbia	3
8. Reynolds	2
9. Parkrose	0

Had intercepted

1. SANDY	17
2. Centennial	16
3. Parkrose	14
4. Barlow	10
5. Columbia	10
6. Central Catholic	7
7. Gresham	7
8. Reynolds	7
9. David Douglas	5

TOTAL OFFENSE

Plays

1. SANDY	507
2. Columbia	454
3. Gresham	464