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Exchange emphasizes friendship and sport

It was an exchange last Tuesday night when the Sandy Pioneers wrestling team competed against the Kahuku Red Raiders, a high school team from Hawaii.

The exchange was possibly one of culture and was certainly one of friendship as the members of both teams said their goodbyes Saturday at the bus terminal in Portland.

The match emphasized that exchange, not necessarily the competition. But the Red Raiders came from behind in the heavier weight classes to defeat the Pioneers, 43-27.

After members of the Kahuku team ceremoniously gave away T-shirts to their host families, they gave Sandy coach Chuck Kearney a hand-made wood clock. Then the competition started.

Kahuku's Dylan Souza and Athan Phillips pinned their opponents in the 98- and 106-pound classes, respectively, getting the Raiders out to a 12-0 advantage.

Then Sandy won the next two bouts. Clayton Hull won a decision over Jerame Cabiles in the 115-pound bout, with Casey Ingalls pinning Tinei Sia in the 123-pound bout. Sandy led 12-9.

After Kahuku 130-pounder Jeremy Ng defeated Sandy's Dale Calnek 6-2, Pioneer 136-pounder Rob Ingalls pinned Kela Hoe 2:40 into the bout, tying

the match 15-15.

Then Sandy's John Skinner and Rance Danielson each pinned their opponents, giving the Pioneers a 27-15 advantage.

But the Raiders won the five next bouts, including two Pioneer forfeits and pins by Lilo Aiu and Matui Paulotu. Kahuku won 43-27.

"The really nice thing that happened in this was the exchange part of it," Kearney said. "We had a terrific time."

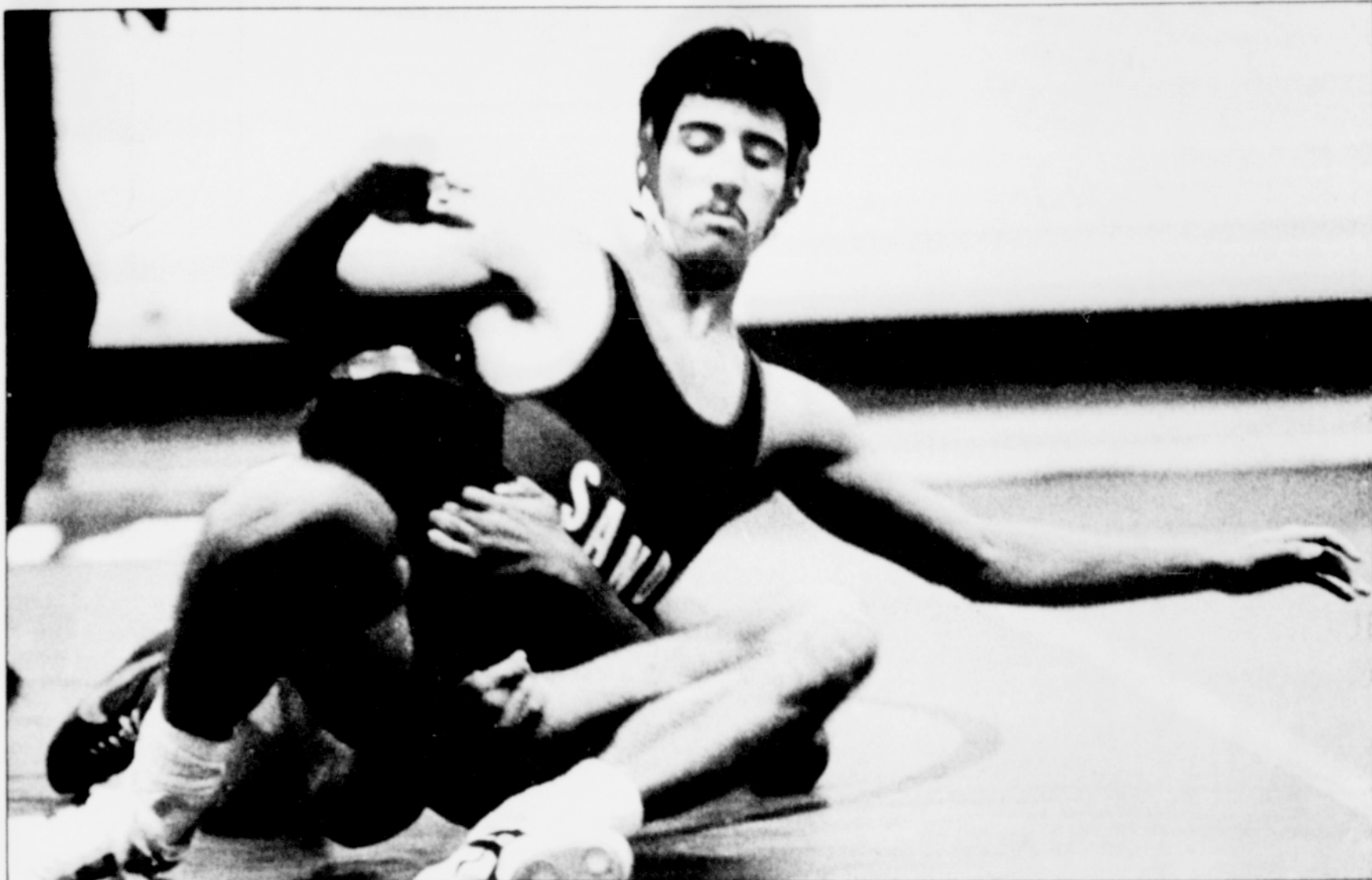
After the dual meet, Kearney's son, Chuck Jr., who wrestles at the University of Oregon, put on a mini-clinic for about 30 minutes.

After the mini-clinic, the wrestlers were still wrestling each other, trying to apply what they had learned into their styles.

"Nobody was tired of wrestling," Kearney Sr. said. "These were friends who shared a common denominator and that was wrestling."

Kearney also was pleased to have had a supportive bunch of families willing to host the Kahuku wrestlers.

"I could not begin to thank all the people who sprang up and said, 'Yes, I'll take kids in,'" Kearney said. "We even had a couple of people who didn't have people going to the school doing it. Every one of them said they want to (host wrestlers) again."



Sandy's Clayton Hull tries to outmaneuver his opponent, Jerame Cabiles of the Kahuku Red Raiders, a Hawaiian high school team.

1987: Sports year in review

Basketball squads highlight prep teams' performances

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A few peak memories in 1987 will stand out in the minds of several people in Sandy.

Some of those memories will be of entire seasons, single games or even seconds when the ultimate — or not so ultimate — feelings were unfolded.

Some of the top stories of the year included: Jack Elder speaking out on bringing the Winter Olympics to Oregon in 1998; Ben Glawe making it on the Oregon Shrine Team; the addition of a Junior State baseball team to Sandy; Robyn Hayball taking sixth place in the U.S. Western Zone Swimming Championships; Chris Palmer and Tami Tinjum making the state tennis championships; visits by current and former Portland Trail Blazers Kevin Duckworth, Charles Jones and Mychal Thompson; the Sandy golf team taking sixth place in state; and Justin Yungeberg taking fifth in the state wrestling tournament.

Although these were important stories, the following five stories were perhaps the most memorable in 1987:

1. The girls basketball team finished third in the state playoffs. Some believe the Pioneers could

have been the state champions had a questionable call not been made by the officials.

In the semifinal game with Oregon City last March, the Sandy Pioneers were down 41-40 with four seconds to go. After the ball was inbounded from halfcourt, Sandy guard Maria Rowland was whistled for a three-second violation. While the official's whistle was being blown, Pioneer center Julie Crampton sank a bank shot, which was nullified by the call.

Sandy missed the opportunity of playing in its first championship game ever.

2. Shanna Daniels, Wendy Coleman and Art Skipper each brought home championship trophies for their performances in the state track meet. Daniels and Skipper each captured first in the girls and boys javelin competition, while Coleman won the shotput title.

It was the first individual-competition trophy earned by a Sandy boy competitor since 1925.

3. The boys basketball team also managed a playoff berth, its first in a decade. But the team had to play an extra league game against Reynolds to earn the berth.

The Pioneers beat the Lancers 59-55 in a come-from-behind triumph, sending Sandy to the



The Pioneers boys soccer team slid into its best Mount Hood Conference finish this year with a sixth-place 3-5 record.

playoffs, where it defeated Bend in the opening round of the sub-tournament and was later ousted by McNary in the second round.

The Pioneers made it to the state tournament, earning second place in the MHC district tournament. Although their excellent performance in the district tournament didn't carry over into the state tournament, the Pioneers were quite satisfied to claim sixth place in state.

4. Many jobs in the athletic department were vacated and filled at Sandy High School, as wrestling coach Ron Calhoun, athletic director Mike Kostuba, girls basketball coach John Smith and football coach Mike Funderburg announced their resignations.

Filling in for Calhoun was long-time assistant Chuck Kearney. Kostuba was replaced by Randy Hutchinson. Smith was replaced by long-time assistant Molly Knudsen. Warren Johnson was hired to coach the vacant volleyball coaching position. As yet, no successor to Funderburg has been named.

5. The Pioneers lost to Barlow 34-28 in a suspenseful double-overtime football game, ending the season and Funderburg's Sandy High career on an exciting note.

Barlow went on to become league co-champions, but lost in the opening round of the playoffs to Sunset.

The following is a month-by-month look at the highlights of 1987.

JANUARY

Other than the victories amassed by the Sandy boys and girls basketball teams, the highlight of January was a visit by KOIN-TV (6) sports broadcaster Rick Metsger.

Metsger appeared as speaker of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce's weekly meeting at the Tollgate Inn.

FEBRUARY

The Sandy girls basketball team finished the season with a bang, defeating the visiting Parkrose Broncos 58-35, and finishing the 1986-87 MHC campaign with a 15-1

record and a title, including a 12-game winning streak.

Shanna Daniels and Julie Crampton were each named to the all-MHC first team, Wendy Coleman was named to the second team and Suzee Adkins and Maria Rowland each made it to the honorable mention squad.

Six wrestlers made it to the state tournament, with five healthy enough to go. An injured Jeff Davis joined Yo Masui, Justin Yungeberg, Art Skipper, Clayton Hull and Casey Beaudoin on the state tournament roster.

MARCH

March was the busiest of the months for the basketball teams.

The boys defeated the Lancers at Columbia High School in the MHC playoff game. Pioneer center Tony Hale led all scorers with 23 points, including an 11 of 13 showing from the floor.

"It feels awesome," Hale said. "The game was do or die, and we had to get it and we did."

Later that week, Sandy traveled to Bend and defeated the Lava Bears 62-58. Again Hale led the Pioneers in scoring with 16 points, but was injured late in the game. He was unable to play in Sandy's 84-58 loss to McNary two days later.

The girls proved to be the classiest team in the state tournament, swallowing their pride and accepting the fact that the official made a questionable call, losing to Oregon City in the semifinals, 53-50.

Meanwhile, the Sandy ski team was successful in the state championship meet. The boys finished fifth overall and the girls were fourth. In the girls giant slalom, Holly Sarich was the fourth-fastest skier in the state.

APRIL

Though April showers came their way, the Pioneer baseball team eventually found sunshine within their play.

Sandy was unable to claim a win in April, which is certainly no highlight. But the team's ability to go into each game with a positive outlook was doubtlessly the highlight of the season for first-year head coach Bob D'Aboy.

MAY

Sandy's Chris Palmer and Tami Tinjum each competed in the state tennis championship tournament, with Tinjum advancing to the second round.

It was Palmer's first trip to the championship event, Tinjum's second. Tinjum was a junior last year and is hoping to make it for a third consecutive year.

Also in May, the Pioneers golf team finished sixth in the state tournament, surprising teams in the MHC and a number of teams in the state.

JUNE

Although the trio won their state championships on May 30, it is inevitable that Coleman, Daniels and Skipper were still celebrating into



Some of the Sandy Pioneers softball team members were up in arms during their 5-11 season.

JUNE

Skipper had been shattering records all season long, with his best throw being a 220-foot, 10-inch toss of the javelin. His goal is to capture the national record, which is also the state record, held by Russ Francis of Pleasant Hill High School. The record toss is 259-9.

Skipper won the state crown with his 220-10 heave. Daniels won with a 144-3 throw. Coleman was first in the shot put with a 41-7 toss.

JULY

Sandy's Junior State baseball team, sponsored by Paola's Pizza Barn, got off to a start, with hopes to make baseball an almost-year-round sport in Sandy.

D'Aboy got the team on its feet, coaching the team made up of a number of players from the varsity and junior varsity programs at Sandy High.

Also in July, Kostuba left Sandy to be athletic director at Benson High School. He was replaced by Randy Hutchinson.

AUGUST

Robyn Hayball captured sixth place in her age group and event in the U.S. Western Zone Swimming Championships.

Hayball and Derek Spires qualified to compete in the 12-state event.

The zone championships were held at Mt. Hood Community College this year and Hayball took sixth in the 15- and 16-year-old girls 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 22.21 seconds. Spires competed in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke but did not place.

Hayball and Spires competed on the Oregon team.

SEPTEMBER

The Sandy Pioneers football team may have had the biggest offensive line in the state, but that's what proved to be the team's problem — the offensive line.

September saw just one Pioneer victory, a 30-7 win at Parkrose, where 5-foot-6 running back Robert "Flea" Rodriguez lived up to his nickname. "Flea" pestered the Broncos and, before they had shaken him out of their system, he had already done plenty of damage.

OCTOBER

The Sandy volleyball team remained as optimistic as its baseball counterparts in April. The Pioneers finished 6-10 in the MHC, which was an eight-game depreciation from the year before.

What many volleyball fans forgot was that the Pioneers were an extremely young team in 1987. Only two members of the team had played on the varsity team in 1986 and even then, sparingly.

The pressure of keeping the winning tradition alive at Sandy could have destroyed first-year coach Warren Johnson, but he kept it up and was seldom without an optimistic thing to say about his squad.

NOVEMBER

Coach Funderburg went out in style in Sandy's double overtime defeat to the Bruins.

It was certainly one of the most entertaining games in the Pioneers' history.

Barlow got out to a 21-0 lead before running back Rob Barrett ran 23 yards for the score, and Barlow held on to a 21-6 lead at halftime.

But the fireworks had just started. Hale intercepted a pass, then ran it 43 yards for a touchdown. After Barlow scored again, Hale intercepted another pass and again ran it in for a touchdown, this time a 55-yarder.

Later, Barrett scored another touchdown and Hale ran in the two-point conversion, tying the game at 28-28 with just under 10 minutes to go.

Sandy held the Bruins scoreless until the second overtime, when Barlow scored, despite a third-down-and-20 situation.

DECEMBER

December's highlight was not a triumph for the Sandy Pioneers. Instead, it was a victory for the Oregon City Pioneers.

The ninth-ranked Oregon City boys basketball team defeated Sandy, 61-55, in a thrilling contest that could have gone either way, all the way throughout the game.

Sandy's inability to sink important free throws showed how important each shot at the charity stripe is. The Pioneers went 7-for-20 from the line.



Even the Portland Trail Blazers visited Sandy last year. In February, alumni players from the Blazers and Sandy High School played in a benefit game.