

Girls roll past Parkrose, 69-50

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The Parkrose Broncos were a one-player show for much of the first half Tuesday night as the Sandy Pioneers girls team rolled to victory.

Parkrose was paced by the 28 points of forward Linda Waters, but the Pioneers came out on top, 69-50.

The Pioneers led by as many as 25 points, but they also saw Parkrose make a 15-4 run at the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth quarter. That run cut Sandy's lead to 9.

However, play-making guard Suzee Adkins buried a 17-foot baseline jumper with 5:11 to go in the game, which seemed to revive the Pioneers' momentum.

Sandy had a 25-7 lead at the conclusion of the first quarter, with 9 points coming from center Julie Crampton, who finished with a team-high 25. Waters had scored all of Parkrose's points.

With 2:08 to go in the second quarter, Crampton dug out an offensive rebound from

a mass of bodies and hit a short jumper to make the score Sandy 37, Waters 13.

Finally, with 1:48 to go in the half, a Parkrose player other than Waters scored, as Bronco center Renee Rank made a short jump shot. Sandy had a 37-18 lead at the halftime intermission.

In the third, Sandy was up 47-27 before Parkrose made an impressive move. In a 4½-minute span that bridged the third and fourth quarters, Parkrose outscored Sandy 15-4, cutting the Pioneer lead to 51-42 with 6:10 to play.

Almost exactly 1 minute later, Adkins connected on her 17-footer, which helped her team pull out of the hole it was in. From there, Sandy had no problems containing Parkrose and held on to win.

During the 15-4 run, Parkrose had 7 points from Waters. However, the Broncos had a lot more firepower in the second half than just their sharpshooting 5-foot-9 forward. Sandy coach Molly Knudsen said Waters was tactically used primarily as a diversion.

"They used her as a decoy and she just hit

everybody else," Knudsen said. "Their other guards just had a real good shooting night. They are definitely pretty well-coached."

She added that if it weren't for Sandy's excellent first-half play, the Pioneers may not have been so fortunate.

"I was real pleased in the first half, how we kind of jumped on them a little bit (and) took an early lead," Knudsen said. "But I kept cautioning the girls that Parkrose isn't a team that just rolls over and dies. They just keep coming at you."

In addition to Crampton's 25, forwards Renae Aschoff and Brenda Swart combined to score 29 for Sandy.

With the win, Sandy's record went to 11-3 overall and 7-2 in the MHC. Additionally, it was the Pioneers' fourth straight triumph.

Four of the Pioneers' next five games will be on the road, including Friday's game against the Central Catholic Rams. In an earlier game, Sandy beat the Rams by 9 points in a game held at Sandy.

SANDY 71, CENTENNIAL 41 (Friday) —

Swart had a career-high 23 points, as the Pioneers avenged a 1-point loss to the Eagles at Centennial Dec. 12.

Sandy played consistent basketball, outscoring Centennial in each quarter.

The Pioneers led 18-10 at the end of the first quarter and 36-18 at halftime.

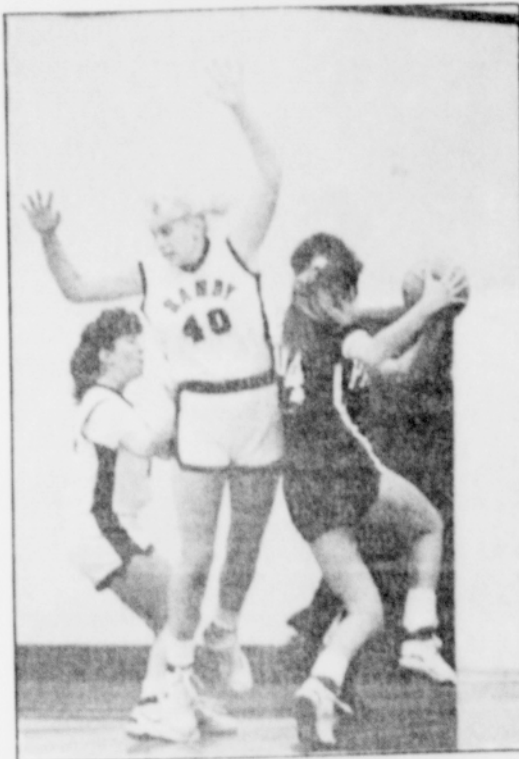
As Sandy took a 53-27 lead into the fourth quarter, the Pioneers rolled easily to the 30-point win.

Swart explained that her scoring surge was caused primarily by "Renae Aschoff, because of her passes to me. I felt great. It just kept flowing to me."

The bulk of Swart's scoring came from underneath the basket where Aschoff, who also scored 23 points, could pass her the ball.

"That was sweet," Knudsen said of winning the grudge match. "I was very extremely nervous for that game, just because it was a real important game for us."

"I think the girls had a lot more confidence and weren't nearly as worried about the game as I was. But we took it to them."



Sandy's Julie Crampton (40) aborts an attempt to block Parkrose's Lara Poirier's shot.

Wrestlers knock off the Scots

Sandy Pioneers wrestling coach Chuck Kearney wasn't expecting the unexpected last Thursday, when his team knocked off wrestling powerhouse David Douglas, 39-36, in Mount Hood Conference action at David Douglas.

But the unexpected happened and the Pioneers rose to the challenge.

"My pregame talk all week was we had to pin four of them," Kearney said. "But now, all of a sudden, we had to pick up five of them and we did it."

Kearney's 115-pound wrestler, Clayton Hull, who was expected to win his individual match, was the victim of a freak incident. Hull leaped over his opponent, got tripped up and found himself on the bottom of his opponent and pinned.

However, Sandy already was leading the Scots 12-0, on a forfeit to 100-pounder Brian McMahan and a pin by 106-pounder Tony Blanco.

After the Hull match, Sandy maintained its lead, 12-6 and went on to earn wins in each of its next four matches, taking a commanding lead going into the bigger weights.

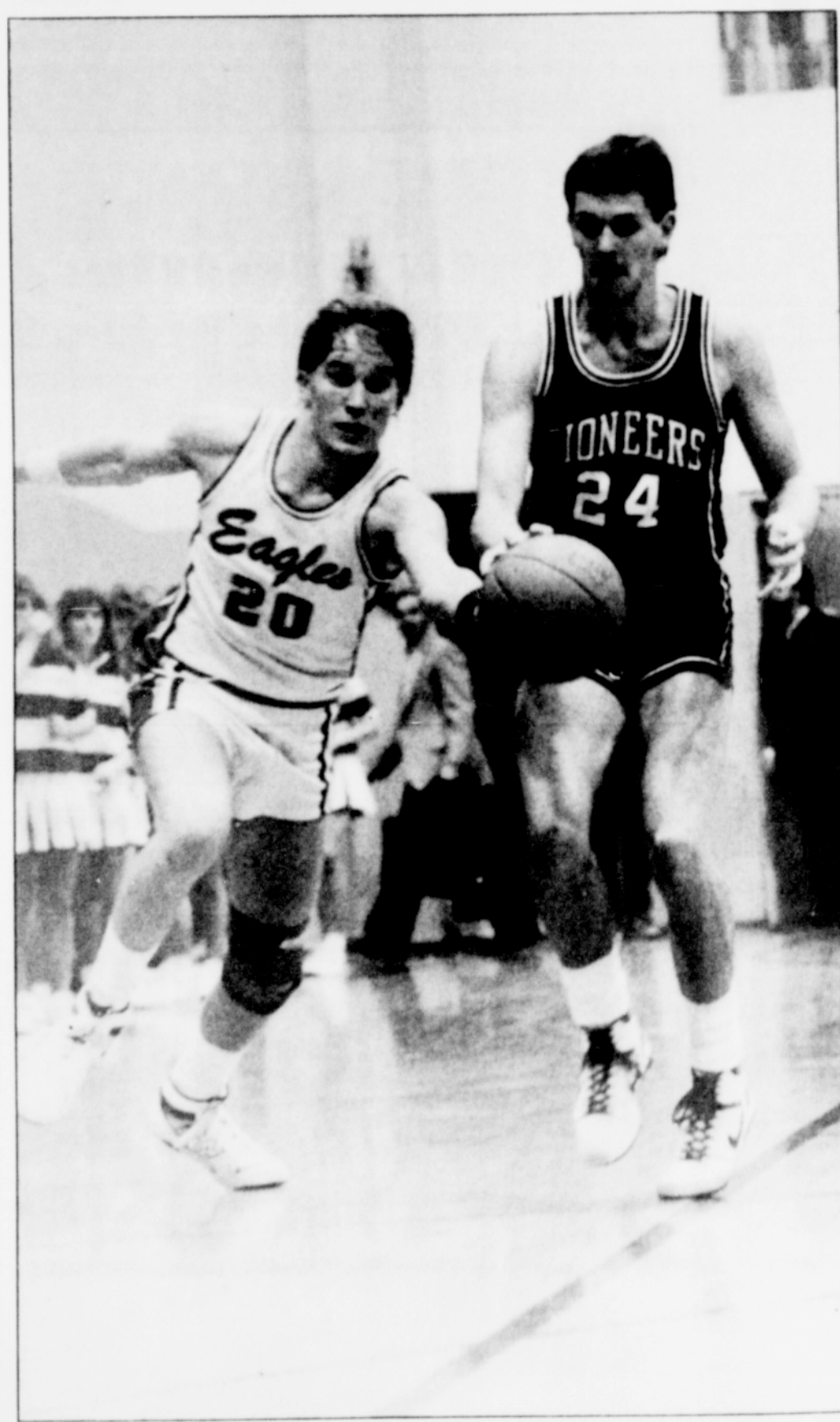
At 123, Casey Ingels pinned his Scot opponent in 1 minute, 7 seconds. Dale Calnek won the 130 division, 8-5.

Ingels' brother, Rob, also pinned his opponent in 1:29 at 136 pounds. Then, at 141, John Skinner pinned the David Douglas wrestler he competed against in 31 seconds, the quickest fall of the evening.

Going into the 148-pound division, Sandy had a 33-6 lead. At 148, Rance Danielson lost to his opponent, but still "wrestled probably as good as he's wrestled all year long," according to Kearney.

At 157, the unexpected occurred again. Sophomore Andy Phillips came through with the fifth pin of the night, a fall 2:31 into the match, giving the Pioneers a 39-12 lead.

Sandy was unable to win any more competitions, mainly due to the fact that the Pioneers couldn't field competitors in half of the remaining four matches.



Forward Randy Wheeler (24) finds an unpleasant surprise as Centennial forward Bryan Walls steals the ball in Friday's contest at Centennial.

Boys lose tight game to Broncos

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The odds have it that Parkrose coach Terry Woods was not the one who awarded the Sandy Pioneers boys basketball team two votes in the Associated Press coaches poll this week, as his Broncos handed Sandy its first Mount Hood Conference loss Tuesday at Parkrose, 56-51.

The Pioneers earned two votes in this week's poll, which has two possible explanations: two coaches felt Sandy was the 10th best team in Oregon or one coach thought the Pioneers were the No. 9 team. Either way, due to Tuesday night's circumstances, it is doubtful Sandy will make a return appearance to the poll next week.

Although receiving votes in a semi-scientific poll can earn respect from other teams, being considered one of the state's top teams is not Pioneer Coach Dan Brisbin's concern.

Said Brisbin in the preseason: "Polls are nice to look at, but you've got to go out there onto the court and actually do it."

Despite a season-high 21 points from Pioneer forward Randy Lamm, Sandy couldn't "do it" against the tough Parkrose offense in the late stages of Tuesday's game.

Sandy had the lead throughout the bulk of the game, taking a 20-12 lead after the first period and a 32-24 lead at halftime.

In the third, the Pioneers led by as many as 13, but their ability to get the ball through the hoop was limited in the latter portion of the period.

Sandy managed to get out of the third quarter still maintaining the lead, 41-40. Throughout much of the fourth, the Pioneers alternated 2- and 4-point leads before Parkrose caught fire.

With about 2 minutes to go, Sandy still had a 1-point lead, but the Broncos recovered the ball and scored, taking a 1-point lead of their own. Soon after, the Pioneers were unsuccessful in blocking out a Bronco player on a Parkrose 1-and-1 free-throw opportunity, as that Parkrose player made a lay-in with about a minute left.

Sandy simply could not regain control and the Broncos held on to snatch the triumph away from the Pioneers.

"We had control and we just got tentative with the ball," Brisbin said. "We played a

pretty good ballgame. We outplayed them for 2½ to three quarters and they made a good run on us."

Center/forward Tony Hale had 16 points and forward Brad Pankalla had 7.

The loss leaves Sandy 8-4 overall and 5-1 in the MHC. Parkrose and Sandy are now tied for first in the league. However, since the Broncos have the head-to-head edge on the Pioneers, Sandy is theoretically one-half game behind the Broncos.

Next for Sandy is a trio of home contests. But perhaps the most difficult game is Friday night against the Central Catholic Rams.

The Rams are a well-balanced team and have been playing well of late. The teams could be the league's most comparable: both are playoff-bound, are well-coached and have above-average speed and size. The difference could be in experience and depth.

SANDY 75, CENTENNIAL 65 (Friday) — In each of the four quarters, different Pioneer players had moments to shine.

In the first, forward Randy Wheeler scored all of Sandy's opening 7 points to Centennial's 1, as he demonstrated versatility, hitting outside jumpers and dunk shots within a 2:50 span.

The Pioneers surrendered the lead once in the quarter, as Eagle forward Todd Montgomery converted a 3-point play with 2:33 to go in the period.

Sandy guard Colby Matney then scored 4 points, added to a pair of freethrows by Wheeler, giving the Pioneers a 15-13 lead at the end of the period.

From then on, the Pioneers held the lead. In the second quarter, Hale scored 12 of his team-leading 19 points. Also in the second, backup center Jesse Schiel scored 6 points and played superior defense, as Sandy had a 39-32 halftime lead.

It was Lamm's turn to score in the third quarter. The senior guard scored 10 points in the 8-minute span, all of his scoring done on breakaway lay-ins and free throws. The Pioneers went into the final period with a 60-42 lead.

Then everybody got into the act in the fourth quarter, as all Sandy players got the opportunity to play at least 2 minutes in the game.

With most of Sandy's reserve players in throughout the quarter, the Pioneers held on to defeat the Eagles, 75-65.

Sandy swim team loses close meet

The Sandy Pioneers swim team was pleasantly disappointed Tuesday against the South Albany Rebels in Sandy's second straight non-league meet.

The girls lost to the Rebels 85-74, but the boys came closer than anticipated by Sandy coach Mark Smith — perhaps too close, as the Pioneers lost 83-82.

"That's a hard one," said Smith, who had the Sandy boys scored to within 6 points prior to the meet. "It was a good, competitive meet for our boys. It's disappointing to lose the close ones."

The Pioneer boys took first in only four events, but the highlights were Troy Hilstad's first-place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley (2 minutes, 12.49 seconds) and the 100 butterfly (56.96 seconds). The 200 medley relay team also took first. Joe Cejka won the diving event, in which no South Albany competitor was entered.

The girls had five first-place finishes. The 200-medley relay team won with a time of 2:10.02. Since South Albany entered no divers, Robyn Jones won the uncontested event.

In the 50 freestyle, Michelle Barber won with a 28.1-second time. Carrie Mills won the 100 backstroke by .05 seconds, with a 1:09.72 clocking. Robyn Hayball was first in the 100 breaststroke at a 1:11.92 pace.

From the South Albany point of view, the Rebels were somewhat surprised by Sandy's performance.

"I think (Sandy) bloodied our nose a little bit," said Rebel coach Gus Arnsner, a friend of



Robyn Hayball gets off the block in the 100-yard breaststroke event in Tuesday's dual meet against South Albany.

Smith's. Since the two coaches are friends, the non-leaguer was more of a competition of the minds of the coaches.

Also, Smith said the Sandy/South Albany non-league meet may become an annual event.

SANDY AT REDMOND (last Thursday) —

All members of the boys team broke their individual best times in at least one event at the Kiwanis Cascade Aquatic Center in Redmond. However, they still lost to the Panthers, 94-78.

The girls also lost to Redmond, 111-60, despite having set a new school record in the

200-yard medley relay.

The medley relay team of Mills, Hayball, Michelle Crane and Barber took first in the event with a 2:17.48 clocking in the metric pool. Converting their time into yards, the relay team completed the race in 2:01, beating the old record, held for 11 years, by 1.4 seconds.

Other first-place finishes for the girls were Hayball in the 200-meter individual medley and in the 100 freestyle, Janine Williamson in the 400 freestyle and Mills in the 100 backstroke.

The boys finished first in five events, with Pat Crappa taking first in the 50 and 100 freestyle swims. Mike Malchow also earned firsts in the 200 and 400 freestyle events. Hilstad was first in the 100 butterfly.

"They went real strong on us," Smith said. "They have an outstanding team, a very strong team (with) a lot of depth. I would say that they should be up pretty good in the state meet."

Sandy returns to Mount Hood Conference competition Thursday, when it takes on the Gresham Gophers at the Gresham High School pool. The Gopher girls are perhaps the toughest team in the league and the boys should provide enough opposition for the Pioneers.

The meet with Gresham will be Sandy's third in eight days.

"They've got to be a little tired, but there's still high morale," Smith said. "We had an optional workout (Monday) night, due to the fact of the snow and school was closed. Everyone showed up except for two swimmers. So I was very pleased with that."

Records fall for Marlins

Jason Smith, 12, of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club, earned a club record in the 100-yard backstroke Saturday in the Corvallis A/B meet, with a new time of 1 minute, 7.59 seconds.

The record was previously held by Matt Roth, who now attends Lewis and Clark College, in 1979. Smith beat the record by 11 seconds.

Additionally, the 11-12 girls 200 freestyle relay team of Nikki Hanson, Teresa Kilander, Stacey Stewart and Tammy White set a new BMAC record with a time of 2:00.72.

Derek Spires, 14, broke the club record in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:06.63 time.

In the 11-12 girls 200 freestyle event, Hanson also broke a club record with a new time of 2:19.78.

Smith earned a first place in the meet in the 50 backstroke, finishing with a personal-best time of 29.22 seconds.